THE VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1896.

may do in Grea not adapted to British province. mefit societies pro il and dance at ncan's, on Friday the benefit of the d district. Two lies have met with that have crippled ng them helples families and the e old adage, "Stretch te a brother." "Ro but a span," etc. American cousins mills won the on the timber be well for our me to ventilate it a little blame lies, with the smuirs or the govern

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

ELEVENTH DAY.

hair shortly after 2 o'clock.

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Mr. Booth, Speaker pro tem, took the

Hunter presented a report of the

ding orders had been complied with

the following petitions referred to the

ne tonowing per Columbia Southern

the Nelson Electric Light Co.,

elephone Co., the Vernon and Nel-

Telephone Co, New Westminster

Vancouver Short Line Railway Co.

veying a statement of bonds furnish-

Westminster and Burrard In-

Col. Baker presented a return

provincial employes in positions

Southern act, and Mr. Kellie

incorporate the Nelson Elect-

Smith introduced an act to amend

Light Co. Both bills were read a

t time and set down for second read-

Rithet moved: Whereas a reso-

is before this house pointing out

argent necessity for a vessel to ren-

issistance to vessels and their crews

ase of shipwreck on the west coast

Vancouver Island; and whereas in or-

in order to render such service of

greatest utility it is desirable that

graphic communication should be

ssible; and whereas the telegraph

armanah Point, on the west coast of

Vancouver Island, is maintained and

operated by a private company, and

mmunication is frequently interrupted

r long intervals on account of the

res being down; and whereas this

e now existing between Victoria and

tained with as little interruption as

g at the next sitting of the house.

CARMANAH TELEGRAPH.

bills committee stating that the

Monday, Feb. 10.

Duncan's are expect. on at any time by our e for the common ow the Conservativ fight. No more Mc. ruption. We want a peedily 12, 1896.

RAIL. reek News. rrived in Trail Thurs Butte, and will remain of next week. He r his smelter and Frail creek. In a talk an last evening. My everything about railroad was progress entirely satisfactory that the threaten C. Corbin and other about blown over; that getting closer togeth and that in all proba ld be no more dispu or terminal ground ew in" Saturday mor been running regular all new enterprises. moothly as it will whe are worn off, yet th atisfied with the show Ore is coming from anid rate, and is piled lter grounds. governor of this prov o Mr. Heinze the right work on the narrow rom Trail to Rossland is well advanced. Rail 'rail to the water's edge will be hauled as fas track men. Workmen or the foundations which the track will

AMLOOPS.

and Sentinel. are under way which operation of the Homeouis creek, during t

the Crown Point, and

the line is being pushed

two years or so Mrs Naughton, of Quesnelle. ng a history of the early British Columbia, with r days. probability that qui

ica will be taken from Cache next summer East Lillooel espondence, Powell ealers, of Montreal, hav ition drawn to that taken

the "Development of Quartz Guillaume

commercial.

ently maintained.

of it at once.

resolution was passed.

satisfaction of the several judgments of time was the best to discuss its scope. Hon, Mr. Turner said that it was unthe Exchequer court and the Supreme usual to discuss the bill at this stage. court of Canada and the costs thereof. and the Dominion government shall The procedure of the house was to disthereupon issue patents in fee simple cuss the bill at its second reading. Mr. Semlin replied that if the governto the parties named or their successors. The provincial government to pay the ment would take the house into its con-Dominion for these \$1 per acre, the pur- fidence now the members could discuss chase money already received by the the bill more fully. When the bill province. This arrangement is not to came up for its second reading a memaffect the Sumas dyke lands, which are ber could only speak once. Col. Baker repeated the premier's to be conveyed by the Dominion to the

province as provided by the act. Mr. Macpherson asked the hon. the house. The principle of the bill could provincial secretary: 1. Are there any be discussed on the second reading and physicians receiving government aid in committee matters of detail could where more than one practise in the be attended to, while upon report the its first reading. same district? 2. If any, how many? bill could be further amended. Mr. Cotton disagreed with Hon. Col. 3. If any, name and district. 4. If any, at whose request were such grant or Baker. Mr. Kitchen thought the house should grants, and appointment or appointhave some reason why they should rements, made? If by petition from residents of district, give names on such port such a bill. If there is no unusual

cause for such a bill it should not have petition. been broght down in any form like this. Hon. Col. Baker answered: 1. Assuming that the question means, "Are It is now for the government to give the house the reason why they should there more than one physician in any electoral district receiving government report this bill to the house. The house aid?" the answer is "Yes." 2. Five: never acknowledged the practice of retwo. 3. A. M. Sutton, Nicola; E. J. commending such bills without sufficient Offerhaus, Spallumcheen; J. R .Wil- information.

liams, Ashcroft; B. F. Boyce, Okanag-an Mission; and R. W. Jakes, Midway that this matter had been repeatedly re--all in Yale district. 4. M. Callanan ferred to by the opposition when mesand H. Watt, 150 Mile House, lower sages have been brought down. At part of Cariboo district. 4. A. M. Sutton | each session they have made the oband A. R. Williams by petition. In an- jection that it would be better to discuss the bills at this stage, but it has swer to 5 several pages of names are always been found more convenient, giv Mr. Macpherson asked the hon, the and, as a remark of respect to His Honminister of finance: 1. Is it the intenor, to report such bills at once to the house. There is plenty of opportunity

tion of the government during the present session to amend section 26 of the for any member of the house to discuss Assessment Act, as amended by section this bill, and it is unnecessary to have ments by fire, received its second readthe discussion over twice. S of the Assessment Act Amendment Mr. Sword said that the finance min-Act. 1891? If yes, what will be the ister looked upon but one side of the nature of such amendment? Hon. Mr. Turner answered: No. question when he argued that it would

rvice is one which is of the greatest ortance and necessity; and might The house then took up the considerathe second reading before discussion. nade of greater utility and efficiency tion of the report on the Mischevious nanaged and controlled by some of Animals Act, which was considered and departments of the Dominion Govfurther adjourned. nent at Victoria instead of as at pres-

EDUCATIONAL FUND. e it resolved, that a respectful ad-Hon. Mr. Martin presented a message be presented to His Honor the from the Lieut.-Governor conveying a bill to provide a fund for educational Gov., requesting him to press the Dominion government the depurposes by the sale of public lands. be debarred from further remarks. The lity of placing the telegraph line The standing orders were suspended service between Victoria and Carand the bill then read a first time. he could answer all questions. Point under the direct manage-BILLS ADVANCED.

and control of some department The Notaries bill was committed with Dominion government at Victoria, Mr. Stoddart in the chair. Hon. Mr. view to its greater, efficiency and Eberts moved that the committee rise in the public interest, humane as and report the bill complete without amendments.

Mr. Sword said he understood it was It is said that the proceeds are to be adjourned. Rithet wished it to be understood bringing forward this resolution not wish to interfere with any priright. The object was one purely tion of providing for the examination of iblic interest. When the public recandidates for notaries.

sed that no benefit was derived from Hon. Mr. Eberts said he had made service they will appreciate the nesuch a promise, but on looking at the for having the service placed diold act he had found that provision in the control of the government. was made for the Lieut.-Governor in the country. council to make rules governing these service, to be of any use, must be examinations. Mr. Eberts, however, Hon. Mr. Turner said the resolution changed his motion to one that the comup for its second reading. with a matter of much interest, mittee rise, report progress and ask seemed to be of such a nature that leave to sit again. Dominion government should take The report of the Royal Inland Hospi

tal was adopted and the bill set down for third reading to-morrow. Mr. Semlin moved: That an order of WAGES BILL.

e house be granted for the report of Mr. Kellie moved the second readinge provincial auditor in reference to acof the wages bill, which, he explained. of the road superintendent of provides that employes shall have three months' preference claim for wages, and come in with the other creditors for any

Ion. Col. Baker introduced an act to balance. The bill was read a second fime. and amending Act.' The line fences and water courses act | education. which merely corrects a mistake in the should know now what the intentions on the Cariboo wagon road. present act, was also read a second time. of the government are. The Cattle Bill was also read a sec-Hon. Mr. Turner remarked that the

received its first reading. PRIVATE BILLS.

Nelson Telephone Company's bill and the bill incorporating the Ashcroft and judge should reside in Vancouver. The Cariboo railroad. They received their first reading. The Pacific Gold & Silver Mining Company's bill, introduced by Mr. Hunter, received its first reading.

The New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Company's bill introduced statement as to the practice of the by Mr. Adams, received its first reading. The Nelson Electric Light Company's

bill, introduced by Mr. Kellie, received NOTARIES' BILL.

The house went into committee on the Notaries bill with Mr. Stoddart in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendments. It received its third reading and finally passed. INFEROR COURTS.

The Inferior Courts Practitioners Act received its second reading. The bill will amend the act so that all agents appearing in the county courts | It seemed wrong in appointing a man to in outlying districts, shall be required to the position of Supreme Court judge to register upon the provincial voter's list. | say to him: "You must live in this town Exception is made in the case of West or that town." It seems contrary to Hon. Mr. Turner said it was true Kootenay, which district will in future reason to make such a condition in the that only qualified practitioners can practice in the county courts.

The Quartz Mines bill, repealing the act providing for the bonussing of quartz properties received its third reading and finally passed. The Langley Municipality bill, afford-

ing relief to the municipality, -consequent upon the destruction of assessment rolls and other municipal docuing. The bill was committed, but the committee rose and reported progress. On a motion to adjourn Mr. Semlin discussed the return brought down to be more convenient to pass the bill into the house in connection with the dismissal of the Salmon Arm teacher. He He held it would be much more conveni- said that reference was made in the re-

ent if the government would explain turn to letters received by the chief why they had advised His Honor to commissioner of lands and works which bring down the measure. The minister had a bearing upon the case and which of finance knew that, when the bill had not been brought down. The incame up for its second reading, and he complete returns provoked considerable had made a speech upon it, he would discussion

Hon. Mr. Martin stated that the lettime for the explanation was now, when ters referred to were private and that would not produce them unless or-Mr Semlin pointed out that the bill dered to do so by the house. He inis opposed to the land and the timber formed Mr. Semlin that if he wished to laws and was making inroads into all see them he could do so in the office of

the established laws of the province. the commissioner of lands and works. Is it intended that the proceeds of such The debate upon the second reading of the Fire Insurance Policy bill was Mr. Sword said he understood to in-the Attorney-General's intention to in-used for educational purposes, but the Mr. Kitchen secured the second readgovernment does not pretend to show ing of the bill respecting co-operative how it will be applied for the purposes associations. He said his object was to of education. There are proper and take the best portions of similar acts nproper methods of securing such ends, in Ontario and Manitoba and some por-

and the proposal before the committee tions of the Industrial Associations Act is an improper one in the interests of and embody them in one for the benfit of the farmers who might wish to in-Hon. Mr. Turner said every explana- corporate as co-operative associations tion would be given when the bill came and secure the advantages of co-operation in getting their produce to the mar-

Mr. Macpherson said the only conclukets of the cities. sion he could arrive at is that the gov-Mr. Graham withdrew the line fences ernment have annihilated the credit of and watercourses bill. The debate upon the second reading the province and now wish to annihilate the assets of the province by squanderof the cattle bill was further adjourned.

ing them away. Why do they wish to sell 500,000 acres in one year, which at the, lowest figures would return \$500.-000, when the educational expenses are only \$180,000? What do they wish to chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. W. do with a surplus like this? It must L. Clay.

be that they are going to use this mon- . Mr. Rogers presented a petition signcy for some other purpose than that of

Dominion government in discharge and ed out, and considered that the present carried on a party division and the bill reside in Vancouver, but there would be act temporarily; 6, the act does not cona judge appointed shortly to fill the va-cancy caused by the retirement of Sir by persons employed temporarily as scal-Mr. Rogers introduced the Vernon & Henry Crease, and it should be made a ers,

Mr. Sword asked the minister of finance: Did the government receive any judge should reside in Vancouver. The appointing power had certainly the pow- intimation that they could have the er of imposing the condition that the amount of the loan of £420,000 subscribjudge should reside where it might be ed in Victoria? If so, what was the desirable. There could be no doubt that | rate offered, and what would have been the net amount received by the govern-Vancouver was entitled to a resident judge. The legal requirements of that ment?

city are such that there should be a permenent Supreme Court judge to attend to the wants of the city. Mr. Williams did not know any reason why the resolution should be opposed.

Hon., Mr. Turner looked upon the resolution as a childish one. The hon. gentleman says that the legislation passed by the house was quite ineffective, and yet he proposes the same sort of legislation again. Setting that aside Mr. Turner imagined that the Supreme Court, or the administration of justice for the province, must have a central place. If so: where is the head office to be? Where is it at the present time?

be classed with the several cities so appointment of a judge. If such a system is adopted we shall have to have similar resolutions for every town in

the province. The mover of the resolation gives no argument which should help the house to pass the resolution. Mr. Semlin endorsed the principle of the resolution. All were aware that the city of Vancouver has come into great prominence in the last few years, Now, as far as the objection with respect to the efficiency of past legislation is con- so offered. I did not advise the trustees. cerned, the non-success of past efforts this resolution. It sometimes requires

may require. argument of the premier. The govern- and any allowances made him for exment, of which he was a member, has penses? been passing just such resolutions, and

have even put such laws upon the statute books, requiring judges to reside in upon the whole principle. He would province to get on as it can-attended

County Court judges or else travelling miles to secure attention to Supreme Court matters. The judges are created, not for their own convenience, but for the convenience of the people. If the city of Vancouver, a place of a cial capacity?

great deal of consequence, is in need of a judge, one of the judges should reside there, and not leave it unattended in appropriated by J. C. Prevost have been judicial matters. Mr. Kellie introduced an amendment

seeking the placing of a Supreme Court | al: Does the government contemplate judge in Kootenay instead of Vancou-Ver. Messrs. Walkem and Huff also spoke

against the resolution. Mr. Helmcken said the resolution came to the house under a different set of circumstances than those which were presented to the house upon the last occasion. The power of appointing the judges rests with the Governor-

General. Mr. Helmcken held it would be contrary to the dignity of this house that they should be compelled to Wednesday, February 12, 1896. Mr. Booth, speaker pro tem, took the its object the compelling of a judge to reside in any particular part of the prov

Hon. Mr. Turner-No, the government received a proposal in Victoria for subscription in London. The rate offered was 921/2, less five-eighths of one per cent. commutation tax, for inscribed stock' delivered; from this a further deduction had to be made of one-quarter per cent. brokerage, and one-quarter per cent. bank of issue, and some incidental expenses for completion of inscribed stock. Not knowing the amount of incidental expenses I cannot state the net amount that would have been received. Mr. Sword asked the minister of finance: Did you state in Montreal, as reported in Colonist of 2nd October last. that parties went on the stock exchange in London and offered British Columbia bonds at a lower rate than they were selling when you arrived there? What amount of bonds were so offered? Did you call the attention of the trustees for the sinking funds of the province to this opportunity of making a profitable investment of any funds in their hands? Hon. Mr. Turner replied-I stated that I was informed, a short time before the issue of the B. C. loan, that parties were endeavoring to depreciate the credit of the province by bearing the stock, and that offers were actually made of the stock at a decline from previous rates. I cannot say the amount

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Mr. Cotton asked the provincial secis no argument against the passing of retary: 1. Has the government appointed any person as an immigration agent repeated action to secure that which we to Eastern Canada or the United Kingdom? 2. If so, what is the name of Mr. Kichen was sorry to hear the such person; the amount of his salary,

> Hon. Col. Baker replied in the negative to each question.

Mr. Williams asked the attorney-genercertain places, and to-day he goes back al: 1. Was not the attention of the government, and the attorney-general's have five Supreme Court judges reside | department in particular, drawn to the in one town and leave the whole of the irregularities in J. C. Prevost's office: if so, when was such attention first drawn to such irregularities?

2. Does the government propose to make good to the private parties the amounts lost to them by the defalcations of said Prevost acting in his offi-

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied:-1. Yes; August 16th; 1895. 2. All court funds eplaced by the government.

Dr. Walkem asked the attorney-genertaking any steps towards testing the constitutionality (under the supreme court reference act, or otherwise) of that section of the coal mines regulation Act, which prohibits the employment of Chinese in the underground workings of the British Columbia collieries?

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied in the affirma-

The inferior courts practitioners bill was considered in committee and reported complete. The discussion all hinged upon the section which placed West listen to any resolution which has for Kootenay in the same position as the several cities in that all agents appearing in the inferior courts shall be reince. On the last occasion the fact ouired to be duly qualified practitioners. ed by Vancouver property owners in was withheld from the house that Mr. The only change with regard to other

or two for Montreal, tak m to sell. In case th able, and there is little it will be, that firm from 75 to 100 tons best will pay transpor distance by pack tean will be arranged to hav up as far as the Sti it will have to be packe imphrey and MeIntyr

prospecting on the w orth Thompson river, ive found some good go at the second gulch, abo m the ferry. R. station are seven pipe, manufactured Birmingham, Eng., fold Fields, limited, awa red at customs. The pi and very strong. are placed within at the seven cars make The company is obtain for the pipes as minin ut it was with difficul cession was obtained, coast claimed they cou pipe of similar quality, b at Ottawa that they ha

have lately been prepar citizens of Kamloops, by people living north ompson rivers, asking vernment to make an o build a bridge across ver where the ferry is no uncil of Kamloops has the government to This public work, tho insiderable expenditure, year more necessa increasing number of T vould serve. West of npson all land is taken for 25 miles, while ma ns will be engaged at Tra heretofore. Should the fin made in that part turn able, as they give promise e need of the bridge will felt this year than at a in the past. vill apparently show more

the coming summe uesnelle Forks the Caribo working; at Keithley Po Co. is ready to begin on as the season perm les below the Montreal working before the se nd twelve miles below own as the French syndica ospecting their ground. mpany is also about re while the dredging compa operations. At Barkervi company will resume on its tunnel, and the tuni outh of Nelson creek will Carib The tunnel on the ds property is in 1.800 have to go 800 or 1,000 fe while much of its pipes are Six cars of additional d at Ashcroft for the Ho Lillooet mines will al reat deal of work and no dou od results.

lon. Mr. Eberts introduced the folg bills: An act to further amend Supreme Court act, an act for the of the municipal corporation of ond time. wnship of Langley, an act to furamend the Fire Insurance Policy and act to further amend the Sheract. All were read a first time and ed on the orders for second reading

NEW LEGISLATION.

OUESTIONS AND RETURNS. Semlin asked the hon. minister nance: 1. At what expense was the of each case. of mining recorder removed from field to Barkerville (i.e. to winter ters)? 2. Was there any opposition uch removal on the part of the peoliving there? 3. Why was this of- tions given to Messrs. Woolston and so removed? 4. Is the assayer em- | Beeton. d at Barkerville competent to asrefractory ores? 5. Has this as port of the provincial auditors in referever passed an examination for ing? 6. At what cost were the and James Charles Prevost. ination works erected? 7. Does on Island Mountain? If so, have been leased to any parties, and rental is to be paid; also the term

which the lease is to be held, and on. Mr. Turner replied that the exwas \$300. The government did have the amount of the loan of £420,000 ar of any opposition on the part subscibed in Victoria. If so, what was

more convenient to the residents been the amount received by the governally to have the office at Barker- ment? the principal business centre. The has passed an examination for The reduction works on 1s- ported in the Colonist of 2nd of Octo-Mountain are leased for \$100 per and three per cent. royalty on exchange in London and offered British res taken out. Hon. Col. Baker presented a supple-

return relative to the appointcommission to revise the This comprises simply the the trustees of the sinking funds of the on to the Hon. Theodore uppointing him sole revisor to and revise the statutes of their hands? ovince and the statute law of relating to this province. Col. Baker also presented a regarding the settlement of the dis-

twen the Dominion and Provinernments as to the titles to ary and any allowance made him for exwithin the railway belt, contains penses? hat was not made public at the the settlement. The terms forproposed by the Dominion were d of by a committee of the ex-

council of British Columbia, chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by the Rev. the 6th day of December, 1895, W. L Clay. recommending procedure to Mr. Rogers presented a petition in faeffect to the agreement, and among vor of the use of traction engines upon things as follows: the Cariboo wagon road. province shall by order in council

provision under which Dominion A counter petition protesting against the use of traction engines upon the road was read and received. The lathall be registered in the land reoffices of the province. provincial government obtaining ter was signed by 450 residents of the rthur Stanhope Farwell, Gustavdistrict. n Wright, Simon John Tunstall EDUCATIONAL LANDS. The house went into committee to conmes K. Callbreath, George Boartin and James Charles Prevost; Edward Perry, George Byrnes, land for educational purposes, transmit-McEwen Eberts, James Mc- ted by message on the previous day, to whom grants have been issu- Mr. Stoddart in the chair.

he provincial government on the Hon. Mr. Martin moved that the com-January 1885), or their succesaccompanying bill to the house, and retitle, releases and surrenders of nd within the railway belt sev- commend its introduction.

government cannot use the money in any other way than that voted by the NOTICES OF MOTION. Mr. Adams-To introduce a bill to preserve the trunk road between Ash-Mr. Kitchen said it appeared that the government, after making a loan of \$2,croft and Barkerville. 000,000, find there is not more than private bill. hat the application of the Mr. Sword-For a retrn showing the ees obtained for log scaling up to 31st \$500,000 to their credit. They cannot December, 1895; the localities where go on doing the business of the country with this balance and a deficit of more such logs were scaled, and particulars

Mr. Sword-For a return of all papers pledged not to borrow any more money for two years; therefore they are going in connection with the floating of the recent loan of £420,000, including a copy to override the land laws in this manner in order to work off the assets of the of the prospectus and of the instrucprovince. The proposal is that the gov ernment will sell the crown lands at a

Mr. Williams-For a return of the reence to the accounts of W. H. Falding

Mr. Helmcken-To introduce a bill to government own the reduction amend the distress for rent act, 1895. QUESTIONS TO BE PUT. Mr Sword-As to the names of offi-

cial scalers, their salaries and the bonds they have given. Mr. Sword-Did the government re-

a very unfortunate thing to have to ask ceive any intimation that they could to put the lands of the province upon the market in this state of agricultural e people of the district; it was the rate offered and what would have depression.

TWELFTH DAY.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1896.

Mr. Kennedy said the carrying out the bill will mean the surrendering of that restriction upon the sale of land Mr. Sword-To ask the finance minis ter-Did you state in Montreal, as rewhich the people of this province have been striving for so long. There is nothing in the bili to provide for the acber last, that parties went on the stock Columbia bonds at a lower rate than principle that he objected to, and he they were selling at when you arrived would vote against it in any form whatthere? What amount of bonds were so ever.

offered? Did you call the attention of Mr. Williams thought the opposition were asking for nothing unreasonable province to this opportunity of making This bill is of vast importance. There a profitable investment of any funds in can be no question but that it subverts the policy of the government and that Mr. Cotton-Has the government apit places the crown lands in a more obpointed any person as an immigration jectionable position than before. agent to Eastern Canada or the United asked that the government explain the Kingdom? 2. If so, what is the name bill. The opposition are not taken into of such person, the amount of his salconfidence, and they think in this matter that they should be. He thought

they should have the views of the minster who introduced the bill. Mr. Kellie said the explanation of the Mr. Booth, speaker pro tem., took the | fact that there was an opposition caucus on the previous evening-that the opposition merely wished to draw the government out.

Mr. Rogers defended the method of treating Crown lands as proposed in the bill, and expressed the opinion that the present policy of withdrawing land for sale was not a wise one. The land was useless in its present wild state. Mr. Semline made another attempt to get the information sought. The member from Kootenay had referred to this as sider the bill providing for the sale of a trap. Large as he is he is apparently afraid of being caught in a mouse trap. The member for Cariboo would like to give the information, but he is in the same position as the opposition; he does not know. All they ask for is mittee rise and report the message and the reason why they should recommend

this bill. The motion of Hon. Mr. Martin re-

He thought the people favor of the use of traction engines up-

THIRTEENTH DAY.

ROUTINE BUSINESS. Mr. Hunter presented the report of y this resolution. the private bills committee stating that the standing orders had been complied with in respect to the application of the Rossland Water Company for a

Anglo-Western Provincial Syndicate had not had sufficient notice, but the same was recommended to the house. The application of the New Westminsthan \$1,000,000 in one year. They are ter and Vancouver Short Line Railway had not received sufficient notice. Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return especting licenses and fishing statutes. Hon. Mr. Turner presented a return containing a copy of the instructions 's-

sued with respect to the conversion of time when there is no demand for land; at a time when no private owner provincial loans. of land puts his land in the market save Hon. Mr. Martin presented the annual when compelled. The only effect of the report of the chief commissioner of bill will be the getting rid of the timlands and works.

ber lands of the province. You will Mr. Rogers introduced the private bill find very little demand for agricultural of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Carilands, though it may be that the chief boo Gold Fields Company, which recommissioner has his eye upon some of ceived its first reading. the agricultural lands recently discover-

VANCOUVER JUDGE. ed in East Yale. It seems to me to be Mr. Williams moved: Whereas this legislature, on the 30th day of March, 1894, by resolution, expressed the opinion that it was highly desirable and necessary that one of the Supreme Court

judges should reside in Vancouver judicial district, and that the Dominion government should be urged to direct, in case another supreme court judge should be appointed, that he should be appointed to reside in Vancouver judictual settlement of the lands. It is a lial district: And whereas this legislature, at its session of 1894-5, passed a resolution that the government should

introduce legislation for the purpose of enforcing the residence of a Supreme Court judge at Vancouver city: And whereas, in compliance with the last recited resolution, legislation was intro duced and passed: And whereas doubts exist as to the efficacy of such legisla-He ticn: And whereas a vacancy now exists in the judiciary of the Supreme Court of this province: And whereas it is desirable that the judge to be ap pointed to fill such vacancy should be required to reside at the city of Van-

couver: Therefore be it resolved that this government urge upon the Dominwhole matter was to be found in the jon government the desire of this legis lature that the judge to be appointed to fill the vacancy in the judiciary of the Supreme Court of this province should be compelled to reside at the city of

Vancouver, or in the immediate neighborhood thereof. Mr. Willams said that the preamble gave a history of the case. The house has expressed an opinion upon the subject upon more than one occasion-that it was desirable that the city of Vancouver should have a resident judge. an object. It has been held that the reside at Vancouver, that the only way

urrenders shall be accepted by the ed to know how the act was to be work- commending the bill to the house was expected that the chief justice should question 5, only when authorized so to past year were \$20,025.50.

Justice McCreight was a resident of Vancouver. Mr. Helmcken was sure that Mr. Justice McCreight will answer all the purposes intended to be covered

Mr. Semlin said he was not opposed to considering West Kootenay's claim to have a resident judge, but he considered that the amendment offered by Mr. was also shared by Mr. Kitchen. Messrs, Pooley, Mutter and Hunter poke against the resolution, and Mr.

Cennedy spoke in its favor. The debate was adjourned on motion of Mr. Williams.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

Mr. Sword moved that an order of direct the attention of the Dominion the house be granted for a return of all government to the paramount obligation papers and correspondence in connection which devolves upon them to enforce the with the floating of the recent loan for most stringent quarantine regulations £420,000 in London, including a copy of on this coast, and to turn to the utmost the prospectus on which the loan was possible account the splendid facilities issued, and copies of all instructions afforded at William Head for he examgiven to Messrs. Woolston & Beeton. | ination and disinfection of all the bag-Mr. Williams' resolution, asking that | gage of Orientals who may seek to enter an order of the house be granted for a | the Dominion by way of this province; return to this house of the reports of and be it further resolved that the de the provincial auditors in reference to partment of agriculture be memorialized the accounts of W. H. Falding and on the subject of the leper colony at James Charles Prevost, was agreed to. Darcy Island, the maintenance of which Mr, Adams introduced a bill intituled An act to preserve the trunk road be- ful attention of the federal authorities. ween Ashcroft and Barkerville. It reeived its first reading.

Major Mutter introduced the Rossland Water Company's bill for incorporation, which received its first reading. Mr. Helmcken introduced the Consolidated Railway and Light Company's bill, which received its first reading. Mr. Rogers introduced the Inland Fransportation Company's bill, which received its first reading.

Mr. Kellie asked the Attorney-General Why were Moore and Wrong refused their application for a hotel license at Sandon last year? 2. Were there any objections raised by any person that prevented Moore and Wrong from receivng a license? 3. Who was the party, f any, who raised the objections? Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that the license was refused on account of the protest of the owners of the property, G. M. Sproat and J. M. Harris. Mr. Sword asked the commissioner of

lands and works:

1. What scalers have been appointed for the province under section 4 of the 'Official Scalers' Act, 1894?" 2. What are their names and salaries? 3. What

bonds have been given for each? 4 What precautions have been taken to secure that logs on which royalty is

ieviable are measured on the official scale by the official scaler? 5. Are the various timber inspectors official log scalers? 6. If so, have they all passed the examinations required of others? Hon. Mr. Martin replied-One for district No. 1; and two for district No. 2, as defined in proclamation in British Co-The only point at variance has been as lumbia Gazette. They are J. Warren to the means by which to secure such Bell, T. B. Tiffin and G. W. De Beck; salary \$100 per month; bonds \$500, with present judges cannot be required to London Guarantee and Accident Com-

pany. The timber inspector issued in. to compel a judge to reside at Van- structions to the official scalers to carry conver would be to make it a condition out the provisions of the "Official Scalwith respect to those who may be sub- ers' Act, 1894," and the scalers have

sequently appointed. It could not be each subscribed to the oath of office. To The Nanaimo pilotage dues for the

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ing in the courts must be registered upon the provincial voters' lists.

The Langley municipality bill was further considered in committee. The committee rose and reported progress. The house went into committee on Mr. Kitchen's co-operative associations bill. The committee had reached the Kellie was merely a trap. This view | twentieth clause when it rose and reported progress.

The house rose at 5:30 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

. Mr. Kennedy-That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to

> should have the most serious and care-Mr. Rogers-To introduce a bill respecting the Royal Cariboo Hospital.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT.

Mr. Huff-1. Is the department ands and works in possession of any correspondence in relation to the improvement of the Cowichan river or protection of the banks thereof? 2. Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation at the present session on the subject?

Mr. Helmcken-1. Has the government succeeded in bringing the conflicting judgments as to the constitutionality of the small debts act before the full court? 2. If so, when was the matter argued? 3. When will the proposed amendments to the act be submitted to the house? 4. Is it the intention of the government at the present session to so amend the said act as to eliminate section 52 and the schedule passed in pursuance thereof?

Mr. Semlin-What amount was expended in opening the road on the west side of the Bonaparte in section 3 of T. Barton's superintendency?

FISHING LEASES.

The return respecting fishing stations presented to the legislature yesterday shows the leases granted to be as followa

British Columbia Packing Company, Limited, 120 acres at Rivers Inlet, for 21 years from 1st April, 1895, at an annual rental of \$12.

British Columbia Canning Company, Limited, 34 acres at Rivers Inlet, for 21 years from 6th July, 1895, at \$3.40. Robert J. Woods, 32 acres at Rivers Inlet, for 21 years from 6th January. 1896. at \$8.

George J. Wilson, George W. Dawson and Alfred J. Buttimer, 38 acres at Rivers Inlet for 21 years from 9th January, 1896, at \$9.50.