

Ratification Endorsed

Government Bill Cancelling East Kootenay Grants Unanimously Approved.

Premier and Chief Commissioner Make Clear the Government's Position.

Opposition Leader Gives Assurance of His Party's Cordial Co-Operation.

The passage of the second reading yesterday of the bill to ratify the... The bill was passed by a vote of 38 to 10.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

On the motion of Mr. Staines, the bill of the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley railway was introduced.

Mr. Private Bills committee duly reported the bills of the Kootenay Develoement and Tramways Co., and the bill to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies' Act.

On the motion of Mr. Staines, a return was ordered to all correspondence received by the Hon. Mr. Staines during the week ending April 22, 1908.

- 1. Has your engineer reported on the cost of the construction of a bridge at... 2. If so, how much does he report as the necessary cost of the work?

2. \$25,000. This is for a substantial wooden bridge 681 feet long, comprising three spans, 254 feet each.

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. What is the estimated total cost of the bridge across the Fraser river at... 2. How much has been paid on account of the cost of the bridge?

THE RATIFICATION BILL.

In rising to propose the second reading of the bill to ratify an order-in-council approved on March 18, 1902...

pany, the Hon. Col. Prior said that it was one of the most important pieces of legislation ever brought before the legislature. At the same time he was convinced that when he had explained the reasons of the government for its introduction, the House would agree that there was absolute justification for the presentation of the bill and for its passage.

Mr. Oliver went at considerable length into criticism of the government's course through the entire transaction leading up to this act being necessary. He pointed out that there was no authority for cancelling Crown grants by order-in-council.

Mr. Curtis held that the Premier, while admitting that an error had been made, should have dismissed his colleagues interested in the railway matter. He pointed out that the government was in a position to make good its mistake.

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MINING MATTERS

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ELEGANT LANGUAGE.

"English as She is Spoken" by Nannimo's Representative. The following heading is a specimen of choice diction which from time to time the respectable elements of Nanaimo present for public consumption.

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CONCERNING PETS.

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