

EDUCATION

Department of the Year End-30th.

Relating to the Teaching of English.

of the education- ment to the house- n that the num- ber during the past- schools, 20 grade- schools, 6 ward- of teachers and- was 319, an increas- the previous year- 18,824 pupils en- gaged was 13,482, an- that for the preced- average actual daily- 0.31, an increase of- period.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

SEVENTH DAY.

Monday, February 3rd, 1896. Mr. Booth, speaker pro tem, took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Bishop... Mr. Hume presented a petition on behalf of the New Westmaster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Company for a private act.

Mr. Semlin presented a petition on behalf of the residents of Granite Creek and neighboring districts with reference to road accommodation. Mr. Rogers presented two petitions for the consolidation of mining interests in the Cariboo district.

Mr. Walker moved for a return showing the terms upon which the settlement of the railway lands question between the provincial and Dominion governments was completed.

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and fairly to examine the work, which so far as we have seen, seems fully to justify the statement in the report, that whilst many of the more important of the provincial acts have been re-drawn and re-arranged, objectionable features removed, and such changes introduced as experience, the altered condition of the country and judicial decisions show to be necessary...

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commissions, removing old buildings, fixing up grounds, etc.? 10. What loss, if any, will be sustained by the government by the failure of the late Frederick Adams to carry out his contract, or in connection with said contract?

Hon. Mr. Martin replied as follows: 1. One. 2. Electric wiring and telephones. 3. The value of the work done is the amount paid to each contractor, plus the percentage retained by the government as security for completion.

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to claim as an exemption any of the goods and merchandise which form a part of the stock in trade of his business." NINTH DAY.

Mr. Booth, Speaker pro tem, took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. J. H. Sweet. Mr. McGregor presented a petition praying for the incorporation of Sandou Water & Light Company.

Mr. Hunter—For the Rossland Water & Light Company praying for a private act. Mr. Rogers—For W. H. Armstrong and others for the privilege of operating traction engines on the Cariboo wagon road.

Mr. Graham moved for a return of all reports for the year 1895 made by Mr. Burry with regard to explorations in East Yale.

urged to direct, in case another supreme court judge should be appointed, that he should be appointed to reside in Vancouver judicial 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 introduced...

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS. Mr. Williams asked the Hon. the Attorney-General: Is it the intention of the government to introduce at the present session, legislation referring to the transfer of real estate and the registration of titles to lands?

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that the matter is now under consideration by the government. Mr. Williams asked the Hon. the minister of finance: 1. What was the date of payment of \$7,500 to the Commissioner appointed for the revision and consolidation of the statutes?

Mr. Helmecken asked the Hon. the Attorney-General: 1. Is it a fact that during the recess of this house any County Court appeals have been heard at the city of New Westminster before a court constituted of one Supreme Court judge and the judge of the county court of the district?

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On the 11th day of December last and two following days a grand potlach was given at the Tzawenth Indian reserve, four miles above Chilliwack. The potlach was given by an old Indian named Bill Uslick, who had been studying medicine, according to Siwash methods...