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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Fifth Parliament.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 22, 1889.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 P. M. Prayers were read by Ven. Archbishop Sorin.

Mr. Beaven rose to correct a report of his remarks upon the artesian well question published in the DAILY COLONIST. He said that he never used the phrase "a nigger in the fence."

Col. Baker presented the petition of G. McKay and others in reference to a wagon road in Kootenay district.

The petition of the National Electric Tramway Co. was on motion received.

The committee standing orders for private bills reported that the standing orders had been complied with in the petition of the Canadian Western Railway Co. asking for incorporation.

Mr. Higgins asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to prevent the indiscriminate sale of Poisons." Leave granted. Bill read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Higgins moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence, if any, between the Imperial and Dominion Governments, and between the Provincial Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any other persons or persons, in connection with the calling of the Oriental steamships at the ports of Victoria and Esquimaux, in accordance with the request contained in a resolution of this House of March 28th, 1887." The resolution carried unanimously.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Vernon, "That the speech of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present session, be taken into consideration on Monday next." Mr. Beaven had no objection to the resolution, but would like to know when the public accounts were to be placed in the hands of the public accounts committee.

Mr. Turner said that the accounts were not presented owing to the press of business at the printing office. They were ready some time ago.

The resolution carried unanimously.

Mr. Semlin moved, seconded by Mr. Humphreys: "That a select committee, composed of Messrs. Beaven, Baker, Higgins, Cowan, and the mover, be appointed, to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report to this House upon all matters connected with the artesian well experiment, together with any conclusion that may be arrived at as to the work done, the implements used, etc., etc." The hon. mover drew the attention of the House to the great expense to, and trouble caused residents of the rural districts, especially in the neighborhood of Victoria City, by careless or malicious persons, or persons, who had been and were destroying their growing crops. Sportsmen frequently came into a farmer's land, bringing with them their dogs, and many cases of death were caused by their depredations. He considered that the existing law on trespass was not sufficient to protect the rights of the farming community.

Mr. Beaven was sorry to be the first to oppose a bill presented by the junior member for Victoria district, especially as it was that hon. gentleman's first bill. He would like to see the bill, and to see the hon. gentleman on the legislation which he proposed. The present statute in regard to trespass was a very good one and he would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill. He would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill. He would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill.

Mr. Higgins opposed the bill in toto. He considered that the bill was a very bad one and he would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill. He would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill. He would like to see the hon. gentleman's bill.

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for the next general election. Not an elector in the province who wanted to have a vote by proxy has registered. He has his name registered. It cost him nothing. The government was doing well to bring in the bill, and now was the right time for its introduction. If government proposed to introduce such a bill next session he should probably oppose it, as it would not then allow the electors sufficient time. The electors did not have a register at all, and he had plenty of time to have their names placed on the roll.

Col. Baker thought that the suggestion made by the hon. member for Cariboo should meet all the objections of the hon. member for Comox. If the different officers of the province were instructed to collect the names of the voters, it would make a large addition to the list, and accordingly enable the members of the House the better to represent the views of all the people.

The hon. Attorney-General reviewed the necessity of purveying a great many names on the voters list of persons who had died or moved out of the province, and stated that he was willing to consider any suggestions thrown out in regard to procuring the names of electors. He thought the people to-day were sufficiently interested in public affairs to apply for re-registration.

Mr. Allen could see no difficulty whatever in re-registration. The tax collector in the district which he represented would be asked, he thought, to assist in collecting the voters' names.

Hon. Mr. Robson thought that if the electors were left to themselves to register, many cases of death would be caused by their depredations. He considered that the existing law on trespass was not sufficient to protect the rights of the farming community.

The House went into committee, with Mr. Cowan in the chair, on the Medicine and Surgery Bill.—(Mr. Anderson.) The committee reported that the bill complete with amendments. The report to be considered on Tuesday.

Mr. Beaven moved the second reading of the Magistrates' Bill. The bill complete with amendments. The report to be considered on Tuesday.

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for Comox in regard to the appointment of a special committee. Mr. Nason seconded Hon. Mr. Humphreys' motion. He said that coming into the House with the member for Victoria district, he took a great interest in its measure, the principle of which met with his approval. The bill was referred to a select committee to consist of Lader, Fry, Anderson, Thompson and Tolmie. House rose to sit again on Tuesday at the usual hour.

Mr. Turner: That the public accounts presented on the 5th inst., be referred to the select standing committee on public accounts.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 P. M. Prayers were read by Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A.

Mr. Speaker stated that the petition presented by the hon. member for Kootenay, asking for an appropriation for a road, was out of order.

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at the time, and subsequently, of the money so received by the Lands and Works Department? What acreage of land has the survey been completed, and how much has been accepted in cash received, under sections 30 and 59, during the above-mentioned period, and what is the maximum and minimum acreage granted to date by the Government? How much money has been forfeited to the crown under sections 30 and 59 of the "Land Act, 1884," since the 18th February, 1884? That acreage of land has been granted by the crown, and how much revenue paid into the Treasury, under section 10, of the "Land Act, 1884," since the 18th February, 1884?

Answer:—(1) Under section 30, 80,896 acres; under section 59, 178,239 acres. (2) The deposit was made at the time of the purchase of the land. (3) The monies so received have been duly paid into the treasury. (4) The survey has been accepted for, and the balance of the purchase money paid, under section 10, of the "Land Act, 1884," since the 18th February, 1884. (5) The maximum acreage granted in one lot is 685 acres, and the minimum 3 acres. (6) The section of the act referred to relates only to timber, and as there was no distinction made between timber and agricultural lands prior to the date of that act, no distinctive grants have been made.

(Note) The above areas do not include lands applied for or granted under the Esquimaux Warrants.

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a new clause in Bill No. 15, entitled "An Act Respecting the Re-Registration of Voters." Providing that during the year 1889 any person who is temporarily absent from the Province who may be named on any list of voters for members of the Legislative Assembly, now in force, and who is possessed of the qualifications mentioned in section 30 and 59 of the "Land Act, 1884," may, by any person acting as his agent send in his claim to vote to the collector, or to any other person named on such agent before a magistrate or the collector in the form named. (Here follows the form of declaration.)

Section 1.—That when Bill No. 9, entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act," as amended by the committee of the whole is considered by the House, he will move (1) To amend Sec. 51 of the Public Schools Act, Vol. 1 of the Consolidated Acts, 1888, as amended by striking out the words "and inserting '25' in lieu thereof; and by adding at the end of the subsection, the following words: 'Candidates must obtain 40 per cent of the marks attached to the written Arithmetic and to the Grammar papers.'"

Section 2.—By striking out the words "and inserting '25' in lieu thereof; and by adding at the end of the subsection, the following words: 'Candidates must obtain 50 per cent of the marks attached to the written Arithmetic and to the Grammar papers.'"

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BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY. Report of the Warden for the Year Ended 30th June, 1888.

Sir—I have the honor to submit to you my annual report on the management of this penitentiary, with the returns for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1888.

On the 30th June, 1887, there remained in the penitentiary 24, 241; 113. Discharged during the year by expiration of sentence, 30; by pardon, 6; by death, 3; insane convicts sent to Kingston penitentiary 4; on sentence reduced, 1—which left remaining on 30th June, 1888, 68 convicts.

With sincere regret I mention the death of C. N. Trow, M. J., surgeon of this penitentiary, which occurred on the 28th of October last, after a lingering illness. He attended to his duties at the prison until he could no longer leave his house. He was connected with the institution since it was first established, and is sorrowfully missed by the officers and convicts, to whom he was always kind and attentive.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has obtained possession of the whole water frontage of the penitentiary reserve, with the exception of the wharf water frontage, which is reserved for the use of the penitentiary. It is proposed that the Government purchase the land to the north of the prison, known as Mr. Coulthard's and Hon. O'Reilly's property. A portion of this ground, fully two acres, is covered with thick brush and heavy timber. This will be a source of danger to the penitentiary, offering a means of escape to the convicts, and I am glad to inform you that the Public Works Department have commenced to build a house for the single guard, and to erect a house for the married guards. A house for the accountant should be provided. At present he occupies one of the buildings for the married guards. Nothing has been done yet toward building a house for the Warden.

The stable, cow and cart-house, which is so very much needed, has not yet been commenced. The workshops require general repairing, in order to make them habitable for the convicts, who must work there during the winter months. The roof of the main building, which I have so often complained about, has received no attention from the public works department. The basement floor is in a rotten state, and unwholesome enough to be taken up and replaced by a concrete floor. The whole outside of the building requires painting. The wharf is in a dilapidated condition. This should be attended to immediately.

A more plentiful supply of water must be brought to the guard's house, and proper water-closets built, with drain leading into the river. The dry-earth system in use there is not suitable in this climate. Each of these several wants have repeatedly called attention to, but as you are not trivial.

A number of solitary cells should be constructed immediately. This can be done easily by altering some of the cells in the basement.

There is no hospital accommodation here. This, I believe, is the only penitentiary in the Dominion without a place apart for the sick. No matter how much pain or suffering a man is afflicted with, there is no place for him but the common cell.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the company is now formed here for the purpose of supplying New Westminster with water from the Coquitlam Lake. It will be necessary to lay the pipe for this through or very near the penitentiary reserve. When this is being done, I hope you will recommend that the penitentiary and the cottages be supplied with water from the main water pipe, and be forced over any of our buildings. This is a matter of much importance. The baker instructor is not yet appointed, although the contract has been made. A carpenter trade instructor should be put on the staff, and if appointed will be a great saving to the Government.

The laundry lately completed a boiler, engine and mangle are provided. They are of no use in the laundry at present. The main building and workshops can be heated by steam; if another boiler is put in the laundry, then the services of an engineer will be required. I hope to see this done before long, as the stove in use is very inefficient, neither do I consider them safe.

I am glad to report that the insane convicts were removed to Kingston. The conduct of the convicts in general has been good. Of course, there are a few exceptions. The inspector's visit, I find, has proved of great benefit, and encouragement to all. I sincerely hope the Government will no longer deprive the penitentiary from regular visits from him.

As usual, I am able to report favorably on the management of the school, which has been regularly and carefully attended by Mr. Keary. Again I beg to remind you that the duties performed by him as schoolmaster are deserving of more attention than a few words in my annual report. The school is well managed, and the children are under his tuition, giving valuable knowledge during their confinement here.

The deputy warden works as hard in the interests of the institution as though all his labor were given for his own personal benefit; every detail about the work in general, comes under his care. A year or two since one keeper was appointed. This officer performs the duties carefully and with great satisfaction. Still, he is only receiving the pay of a guard, though his duties are far more responsible; therefore, I pray you will recommend an increase in his salary.

Dr. DeWolf, acting surgeon during the last nine months, has been attentive to all duties coming under his care. The Chaplains have attended regularly. On the 19th August last we had the pleasure of a visit from the Hon. the Minister of Justice. He went over the buildings and ground, and kindly interviewed all the convicts who requested to see him.

Before closing this report I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the kind and valuable assistance received from you, and many trying occasions throughout the year. I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

A. W. MOTT, Esq., Warden, Inspector of Penitentiaries.

MARINE. The Wallington passed up to Departure Bay yesterday afternoon. Steamer Idaho called at the outer wharf last evening bound north. C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Maude is advertised to sail for Alberni on Thursday. The Commodore and ten other ships are reported as being off Cape Flattery.

Schomberg General. One is shortly expected to be advertised for sale. The Commodore and ten other ships are reported as being off Cape Flattery.

The night clerk of the Naden Hotel at Los Angeles has been arrested for obtaining money by false pretences, his pecuniations being over \$3,000.

The city of San Diego, Cal., is greatly excited by the discovery of the remains of the last California, regarding which the striver there. One man took out \$100 on Thursday and \$70 on Friday. Two Mexicans took out \$12 in four hours and \$70 in two hours. Every man in San Diego who can get away is leaving for the new gold fields.

Odor Hill Entertainment. A big 'bus load of Victoria young folk attended the entertainment given in the Cedar Hill school-house last evening, and returned home at about half past ten. The best of music, and pronouncing the affair a thorough success. Refreshments were served during the evening, and the following excellent programme presented:—Col. W. S. Song; choir; recitation,