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the dealer for Amherst Solid Shoes.

Legislative Assembly

Long Session Only Passes Three Clauses of Dewdney Disincorporation Act.

Opposition's Obstructive Tactics—Oliver and Hawthornthwaite Exchange Amenities.

A Forecast in Order of Day of Business at This Afternoon's Session.

Monday, Jan. 29. IN THE House, after prayers by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, the following private bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the railway committee:

By Mr. Bower—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Northern Railway Company."

By Mr. Garden—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company."

The petition from Arnold E. Kealy and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the municipality of North Vancouver (No. 25) was received.

Hon. Mr. Green presented a return of all correspondence between any member of the government and any member of the opposition, in relation to the Victoria and Nanaimo trunk road within the municipality of North Cowichan.

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Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite—I ask the Premier, can the claim of the Sun Life be maintained in law? Mr. Macdonald—Yes, I have not the slightest doubt. As to the allegation of Mr. Macdonald, he declared that the municipality had been worked on a single poor man by tax sales. Not one bona fide settler had been sold up.

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Hon. R. F. Green said he could not speak as an engineer but he understood that reconstruction involved filling up an old river channel which would be a very difficult task. If, however, this were done, the people would have to borrow more money, and incur heavy taxes, and his followers would try to get either of the loan companies had any mortgages in this section.

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