

whereas the country lying to the north of British Columbia, by virtue of its geographical position, is closely related to this province and widely removed from other organized portions of the Dominion of Canada; and whereas the natural lines of communication by land and water are north and south by way of and through the province, and render the resources of that country almost wholly tributary to the trade and commerce of British Columbia; and whereas large areas of the territory are unoccupied, more particularly the Yukon country, are highly mineralized, containing rich quartz ledges and placer diggings, and are attracting a large mining population, with prospects of becoming richly thickly settled and prosperous by reason of such mineral wealth; and whereas it is desirable and in the interests of the province of British Columbia that said territory should have a settled and effective form of government and a civil code similar to that in force in this province; and whereas the distance from the seat of the Canadian government renders it difficult to satisfactorily enforce any laws or regulations enacted for the unorganized territory of the Northwest.

Therefore be it resolved that negotiations should be opened with the Dominion government, having in view the enlargement of the boundaries of British Columbia so as to include the territory northward as far toward the Arctic ocean as may be deemed feasible, and provincial jurisdiction and particularly in regard to the prosecution and control of the mining industry.

By Col. Baker: To move on report on game act section 12 of chapter 22, 1896, an insert in lieu thereof. Section 12. No person shall use or employ any explosive, or poison, net, seine, drag net, or other device, other than hook and line, nor use salmon as bait for the purpose of taking trout under a penalty of \$250, but this section shall not apply to any person duly authorized by license to fish with gill or drift net for salmon trout or whitefish in particular lakes. Licenses persons must, however, liberate all spotted trout taken accidentally in nets. No one shall catch or sell any brook trout, lake or speckled trout between November 1 and March 31, both days inclusive, and no one shall at any time catch or sell such trout under 6 inches in length.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.

By Mr. Hume:

1. Did the C.P.R. Co. agree with the government to do certain street improvements in the town of Nelson?
2. If so, what amount did the C.P.R. contribute towards such improvements and in what years?
3. What amount, if any, did the C.P.R. Co. contribute towards Ward Creek sewer?

Tuesday, March 30th, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock; prayers by Rev. W. D. Barbe.

PETITION.

Mr. Kellie presented a petition from R. G. Daniel, president of the Trail Water & Power Co., in which he denied allegations made by the committee by certain residents of Trail. The petition was referred to the private bills committee.

NEW ACTS.

Mr. Kennedy introduced a bill to amend the Fish Act, and Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to amend the Fish Act, 1893. Mr. Kellie also introduced a bill to amend "The Tramway Company Incorporation Act, 1896." All these bills were read a first time.

DELAYED REPORTS.

Dr. Walken rose to a question of privilege and said that there were three departments which had not brought down reports this year and it was certainly treating the house like a machine to ask the house to vote supply without informing the members of the condition of these departments.

RECOMMENDED.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Co. bill coming up for third reading. Mr. Forster moved that the order be discharged and the bill recommitted for the purpose of striking out the anti-Chinese clause.

Mr. Kellie wished to point out that the company granted extraordinary powers of expropriation. The company were granted power to take any land they chose without any restrictions whatever. His attention had only been called to the matter, and he considered it in the public interest that the bill should be amended.

The order for the third reading was discharged, the bill was recommitted, and then the committee of the bill was further adjourned until Friday in order to allow Mr. Kellie or any other member an opportunity to give notice of amendments.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Nanaimo-Alberni railway bill was considered in committee with Mr. Rogers in the chair. The committee reported the bill complete without amendment.

The Cariboo Railway bill was again considered in committee with Mr. Graham in the chair. The bill was again reported so that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council instead of the legislature should approve of the point of departure of the road. Such point must be determined within two years.

Mr. Eberst moved to strike out this clause: "The company shall, within six months from the passage of this act, deposit with the provincial government of British Columbia a bond for the sum of two thousand dollars, not as a penalty, but as liquidated and ascertained damages, due to Her Majesty in the right of the province of British Columbia, in case of default in the construction of the line of railway hereby authorized within the time specified."

Mr. Williams protested against striking out the clause. The company had been before the legislature for six or seven years and it was time that the company put up some guarantee that they intended to do something.

Mr. Booth supported the striking out of the clause. The company should not be hampered.

Mr. Stoddart said that the fact that the charter being over the district for six or seven years was a drawback to the province. It was time that the company's driving committee should cease and the company be compelled to do something definite.

company had fooled the legislature long enough and the house should no longer encourage them in having the charter about the country without any intention of building the road.

Messrs. Rogers and Adams supported Mr. Eberst's amendment and Messrs. Semlin, Sward and Dr. Walken strongly opposed the amendment.

The clause was then struck out by a vote of 12 to 11.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

The Vancouver-Nanaimo Railway Transfer Company bill was read a third time and finally passed.

The Victoria, Vancouver and Westminister railway bill was reported complete without amendments by the committee of the house, of which Mr. Rogers was chairman. The house also went into committee with Mr. Stoddart in the chair, and after consideration reported the Delta, Westminister & Eastern railway bill complete without amendment.

The Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Co.'s Tax Inlet-Techin Lake Railway bill was read a second time on motion of Capt. Irving.

TRAIL WATER.

Mr. Kellie, rising to a question of privilege, referred to the answer given by the minister of mines that 1,500 inches of water had been granted to Auguste Heinz in Trail. He would like to know if the interests of the people and the Trail Water Co. had been safeguarded.

Hon. Col. Baker replied that it would be more satisfactory if Mr. Kellie had put his question on the correct paper. It would be a dangerous practice to allow members to ask ministers questions on the spur of the moment. If Mr. Kellie were to ask him privately, however, he was sure that he would give him the rights of the people were entirely protected.

COMPANIES CLAUSES.

The house went into committee with Mr. Smith in the chair for the purpose of considering the Companies Clauses Consolidation bill. Hon. Mr. Eberst stated that the bill was copied from an English measure and that it would save time if its 197 clauses and schedules were taken as read.

Mr. Semlin said this was a very dangerous measure to pass, but if the Attorney-General was willing to assume responsibility for the measure he would offer no objection.

All sections were then passed and the committee reported on the order program.

ANSWERS.

Mr. Kidd asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Is it true that the government have made, or promised to make, some modifications in the terms and conditions in the leases of the Burnaby small-holders?
2. If so, what modifications have been made or promised to be made?

Hon. Mr. Martin in reply said: "The government has the matter under negotiation."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Minister of Education:

1. Is there a school called "Campbell's" in the town of Nanaimo, between Kamloops and Ducks?
2. Has there been any trouble in getting teachers to take charge of such school?
3. Has such school shown an actual deficit attendance of ten, as required by the act?
4. If not, why has said school not been closed?

Hon. Col. Baker in reply said:

1. Yes.
2. Not to my knowledge.
3. No.
4. Being an assisted school the average daily attendance of ten is not demanded by the school act.

Mr. Hume asked the Minister of Mines:

1. Did the government instruct the gold commissioners of East Yale or West Kootenay not to grant any water rights in the above districts?
2. If so, what dates were such notices sent out?
3. Has the government or any of its agents made any water grants in the above districts?
4. If so, to whom, and the amount in inches and the date of such grant or grants?

Hon. Col. Baker replied as follows:

1. Yes; without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.
2. Yes; in the district of West Kootenay.
3. To the Reco and Noble Five mining companies, 500 inches each on March 15th, 1897, and 1,200 inches each on the 29th of March. Applications by the aforesaid were made to the gold commissioner for this district several months previous to the 8th of March.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Mr. Hume—For a return of any correspondence in regard to the application of the Reco Mining Company and Noble Five Mining Company and A. Heinz & Co. for record of water in West Kootenay, together with particulars of conditions upon which any such record has been granted and the extent of same, and any correspondence as to any such applications from any other person since January 1, 1897, and any reports in regard to same or any other applications or in regard to the general question of water records from any government official or any other person.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Forster—To ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following:

1. Has any action been taken by the government since the date of April 16, 1896, of the return dealing with the matter presented to the house in case of default in the construction of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company for a grant of 86,246 acres of land lying between the mouth of Courtenay river (Comox) and Seymour Narrows; if so, what?
2. Are the dwelling houses and buildings used in connection with the operation of the Union Coal Mines situated on lands comprised within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway land grant? if so, are the said dwelling houses and buildings, and the land on which they are situated, assessed for taxes? If not, why not?
3. Is it a fact that No. 5 shaft at the Union Coal Mines (Comox district) has been abandoned? if so, is he aware that there are twenty persons employed on each shaft?
4. If more than twenty persons are employed per shift in the said shaft, are the same persons being given by the Minister of Mines for the employment in such shaft of more than twenty persons? if so, under what section, or sub-section

of the Coal Mines Regulation act has such persons been employed? What is the assessed valuation of the railway plant and coke ovens of the Union Coal Company, Comox?

INSANE ASYLUM.

Dr. Bodington's annual report of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum was presented by Hon. Col. Baker yesterday. The superintendent states that during the year ended December 31, 1896, there were treated at the asylum 228 patients, of whom 165 were males and 63 females. There remained in residence at the end of the year 171, of whom 142 were males and 29 were females. The new admissions during the year were 64, which was two more than in 1895. The patients discharged numbered 48, of whom 23 had recovered—being 35.94 of the admissions—22 were discharged as improved, 6 were still on probation and 8 were unimproved. The superintendent mentioned that five patients were sent home to their friends in England, and he remarks: "All these were illustrations of a practice too much in vogue in Great Britain of shipping off to the colonies weak-minded young persons who are unmanageable at home and unable to make a career for themselves."

He remarked that if patients of their kind were unable to steer a straight course in the old country with the assistance of their friends, but only when it was that when they themselves they would be unable to cope with the struggles and difficulties of colonial life. The five cases mentioned were of the following nature: a farmer, who was sent out to be got rid of, was totally unfit for the battle of colonial life, and another, a young man, who, in the asylum, swelling the ranks of the already too numerous lunatics, and adding to the pecuniary burden of the province, was sent upon the colonies, that the mother country should ship off those "waifs and strays," those victims of "borderland insanity," to become confirmed lunatics, and to be maintained at the expense of the community. The question of the feasibility of sending such patients back to their own parishes in the United Kingdom was one worthy of serious consideration. There were nine deaths during the year, but no suicides. Several patients tried to escape, but were retaken. A padded room was now almost completed. The monthly cost per head last year was \$135.84, and the average for the past seven years is \$146.76. The total expenditure for the year was \$34,065.50; \$3,741 was received from patients.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. Kellie's act to amend the Wild Tract Act, 1893, provides that no wagon or vehicle carrying a load of more than 2,000 pounds avoirdupois may be drawn or driven on any highway in the province unless the tires on the wheels are at least four inches in width. Further, it provides that no person shall be allowed to drag logs over any of the highways in British Columbia. The act specially applies to the district of West Kootenay and east of the Cascade range of mountains.

Mr. Kennedy's act to amend the Poisons Act provides that any vessel or wrapper used to contain poison for sale shall be labeled with the name of the article, and the word "poison," and the name and address of the vendor; and that no liquid poison shall be sold except in a blue glass bottle with a rough stopper, and the name of the vendor, and the name of the article, and the name of the keeper of the store, and the name of the poison, but it states that its provisions do not apply to sales by wholesale to retail dealers, nor medicines for internal use supplied by qualified medical practitioners, and that medicines must be labeled with the name and address of the vendor, and the ingredients of the same entered in a book kept by the vendor. The act is not to apply to "nootums."

NO AVAIL.

Adam Soper of Beck's Falls found All Remedies For Kidney Disease No Avail Until He Used South American Kidney Cure—To-Day He Is Well and Gives the Credit Where It Is Due.

"For years I have been a great sufferer from disease of the kidneys. The pains I suffered were the severest. I had all kinds of remedies, but all to no avail. I was persuaded to try South American Kidney Cure, and I took one-half a bottle, and I can confidently say I am a cured man, and can highly recommend this great medicine to all sufferers from kidney trouble."

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

The British ship Dudgeon, Capt. Lowy, left Chemainus for Liverpool yesterday with a cargo of lumber. The day before sailing a ship by the name of the Intosh was missing, and the captain concluded that he had fallen off the wharf and was drowned. Shortly after the ship sailed the boy turned up at the right, and the police at Chemainus telegraphed Superintendent Hudson to hold the ship here until the boy could be sent down. The telegram was received too late, as the Dudgeon had reached the cape before its arrival.

Know that Cod-liver is a fat-forming food because takers of it gain rapidly in weight under its use and the whole body receives vital force. When prepared as in Scott's Emulsion, it is quickly and easily changed into the tissues of the body. As your doctor would say, "it is easily assimilated." Perhaps you are suffering from fat starvation. You take fat enough with your food, but it either isn't digested, or you need fat prepared for you, as in Scott's Emulsion.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Blending of City and Provincial News as Usual.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. Kellie has given notice of a motion to be introduced in the legislature pressing the government to enter into negotiations with the Dominion government to extend the boundaries of the province so as to take in the Yukon district.

The spring assizes throughout the province will commence with the Nanaimo assizes on May 4. New Westminster will follow on May 11th; Vancouver, May 18th; Victoria, 25th; Clifton, 31st; Kamloops, June 7th; Vernon, June 14; Nelson, special, June 21; Donald, special, June 28.

As two more of the soldiers of the Salvation Army have expressed their intention of becoming man and wife, another hallelujah wedding will take place next Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. Macrae, who has been an extra attraction after the ceremony will be a coffee supper. Adjutant Clarke will perform the ceremony.

Adam Weir, of Metchoin, died this afternoon in a Spring Ridge car at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. He had been suffering from typhoid fever for some time and was staying with friends in the city while under treatment. An inquest will probably be held to-morrow. Deceased was a prosperous and well-known farmer.

R. H. M. Williamson, the young man of the State of Washington, who was killed by the explosion of a dynamite charge, was buried in the city yesterday. He had been in the city for a short time, and was a member of Mr. King's Canadian-Alaska survey party. His brother has a ranch near Calgary, Alberta, and the mother country should ship off those "waifs and strays," those victims of "borderland insanity," to become confirmed lunatics, and to be maintained at the expense of the community.

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William O'Brien, of Forty Mile, Yukon, is crossing the frontier of the Yukon mines. Mr. O'Brien said they were almost sure to be short of provisions next winter. The men can only take in sufficient to last them through the summer, and the statement at present on the river will not be able to handle enough goods to supply the men during the winter. Mr. O'Brien has been in the Yukon for ten years, and he has received his offspring, dropped all proceedings against him.

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