## HOUSE SAT LATE ON MANY BILLS

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT GOT A SECOND READING

Government Working on Pension Scheme for Teachers.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 1. Although the House worked hard through two sittings to-day the prospects of prorogation this week are not so bright as they were a few days ago. The government have three or four bills which will take some little time, in addition to the Water Act, which is good for a couple of days to

all appearances. It was a hotch-potch of business which was done to-day, some twenty

Hon. Dr. Young, in moving the secsaid the service was now what might many in the service who had been or some such reason. There was in the Dominion and the older provinces, as well as here, a class of men in the public service who, while there was no doubt of their integrity or willingness, were by their early training unfitted to erform their duties. More particularly in British Columbia the public serwas overloaded with old men. No country. China alone excepted, had so many old men in its service as this province, where there are 57 per cent. over forty, 11 per cent. over sixty and only 3 per cent, under 20. This condition was one that had to be met in view of the increased responsibility of office and the fact that although they were doing their best the men over a permit, and next thing some sixty could be counted on as diminishefficiency by 25 or 30 per cent.

Old Men in the Service. Too many old men in the service had been placed there under the patronage system, and the object of the bill was to substitute for this a system founded upon efficiency and merit. While last year's bill had been placed on the statute book to get the principle there and provide for regrading the staff, the government desired to take advantage of the experience of the Ottawa government and of the reports of the civil service commissioners and the debates in the Commons. Upon regrading a great deal depended for the efficiency of the service and the government intended to appoint not more than three persons to carry this out. If any clerk found his salary reduced by this or was dissatisfied with he was given he could appeal to the civil service commission

It was the desire of the government to pay the service a fair remuneration and encourage young men to join the service as a career. The increases in throughout. By means of the civil ser- other accident in any mine. vice commission much annoying im- The premier raised the point of order would be found a broad and compre- to make less expensive the examina hensive basis for the best service the tions for certificates of competency government could devise. In it sound and the further point that the first service would ensure a man a splendic

Superannuation

sideration of members. The govern- \$50,000 or more. ment could not afford to extend the The Speaker took the matter into present system materially without some consideration and will give a decision contribution from the members of the to-morrow. service. The present system was costing more than a system of superannua-, and it would go on increasing men in the service. In the matter of superannuation for teachers, mentioned by the member for Chilliwack, the government had been endeavoring to arrive at some conclusion but found many difficulties. One was the indifference of teachers. There were \$50 in the schools of the province, to all of whom he had sent a card but only had.

To-morrow Ald, Turner, chairman of the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, and in the city to erect a fire hall there. Now that the city had put up a permanent building it desired a surer title to the lot.

John Oliver asked if the lot was to of deciding how it is adopted for Victoria, stated that an order in council the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, and in the city engineer, C. H. Topp, will leave for Portland, Ore., to inspect the bitulithic paving there with the object of deciding how it is adopted for Victoria, stated that an order in council the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, and in the city engineer, C. H. Topp, will leave for Portland, Ore., to inspect the bitulithic paving there with the object of deciding how it is adopted for Victoria, stated that an order in council the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee, and in the city engineer, C. H. Topp, will leave for Portland, Ore., to inspect the bitulithic paving there with the object of deciding how it is adopted for Victoria, stated that an order in council the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the streets committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the finance committee; Ald, Henderson, chairman of the street in the city and the city whom he had sent a card, but only had a return from 47 per cent. Twelve to fifteen per cent at the outside remained in the profession care at the outside remained in the profession care at the cutside remained in the profession care at the outside remained in in the profession as a life-work. The average term of the others was four to be for municipal purposes only. now trying to arrive at a basis for an idea, but the conveyance was to be on controls the rights in it and by others. educational pension system. The soan independent pension fund.

Still Unworkable John Oliver said that if any justification was needed of the act of the option bill last year, it was furnished by Dr. Young's speech. It was not that there was a technical objection to it; the truth was that the government was not ready with its scheme last year, nor was it ready yet apparently. An expert from Yorkshire had been brought over-there was \$500 in the esites last year to meet the costand his services were still in requisition by the government. The superannuation bill last year had been withbecause the provincial secretary himself did not understand it.

Parker Williams insisted that teachers would have to be better paid than they are now if the ranks are to be kept filled. At the present rates of educational salaries it was no wonder ments to that special act came up in that teachers got out. A good teacher committee, A. H. B. Macgowan, get \$50 a month while a girl of far less give the city of Vancouver the right to held in the city hall on Wednesday, of hearing claims and determining ability or training could get \$560 a operate a telephone system.

Warch 10th. A large myear or more as a stenographer in the W. R. Ross, chairman of the private fers will be considered. year or more as a stenographer in the government service. As for the pres- bills committee, pointed out that the ent superannuation system there was committee had thrown out this propono reason why the province should re-tain it or pay any superannuation. It did not think it was wise to have two systems in one city, and papers and magazines, wish to thank with absolutely. Civil servants were no more, and no less, entitled to old-age pensions than phones would probably come up some Gore, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. McDowell, were best able to make provision for House was to understand that govern- bella.

hemselves were the ones who got the

J. H. Hawthornthwaite had no objecon to a man who had spent his life in the public service receiving a super-annuation allowance, but only if workers in every other line were superannuated also. He was certain, he said, that there were many men in the pub-lic service of British Columbia who should have been got rid of years ago. One reason the province had not advanced more rapidly was that these nen were in office, men with mossgrown ideas who did not carry out the intention of the legislation passed by the House. Mr. Hawthornthwaite championed the cause of the teachers, and remarked that the fact that so few replies were received by the minister of education was an unpleasant vote of want of confidence in the gov-

systems.

this way.

rates of the B. C. Telephone Co.

Mr. McGuire replied that the rates

vere not particularly out of the way,

Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton told the

House that the business men of Van-

couver did not want the city given

this power. Personally, as a large rate-

payer, he did not believe in giving the

puncil power to run a telephone sys-

The amendment was defeated, the

only members voting for it being Mr.

Macgowan, Dr. McGuire, Dr. Kergin,

John M. Yorston, C. W. Munro, J. H.

Hawthornthwaite and John McInnis.

Bills Advanced.

Several small amending acts were

advanced a stage. That to the Jurors' Act stands for third reading. One to

the chair. With Thomas Gifford in the

chair a bill to simplify titles was taken

up. It provides that in the completion

of any contract of sale of land the

rights and obligations of vendors and

purchasers shall, subject to any stipu-

lations in the contract to the contrary.

be regulated by the rule that recitals

of twenty-year-old facts shall be taken

as prima facie evidence of their truth,

and that inability of the vendor to

produce and furnish copies of docu

ments of title shall not be an objec-

tion to the title in case the purchase

will, on the completion of the contract

have an equitable right to the pro-

Second readings, in addition to those

mentioned, were given to a bill to

amend the Metalliferous Mines Act. a

hospitals, a bill respecting the official map of Alberni townsite, a bill to in-

corporate the Portland Canal Short

Line Railway Co., a bill to incorporate

Bills incorporating the Prince Ruper

& Port Simpson Railway Co., incorporating the Graham Island Railway

Co., and amalgamating the water rights

of the Coldstream Estate Co. and the

White Valley Irrigation & Power Co.

bill was put through committee.

The resolutions adopted in committee

of supply on February 24-25-26 were

read a first time at the afternoon sit-

ting, and a second time in the evening.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite objected to the

third reading being taken until to-

John Oliver had protested two or three times against being forced to keep

such unseemly hours, far removed from

those observed by the inhabitants of

H. B. Thomson to-night gave notice

of the amendment to the city water

W. H. Hayward also gives notice o

an amendment embodying the Oak Bay proposals for the treatment of that

municipality and Saanich on an equal-

TO PORTLAND TO-MORROW

Aldermen Turner and Hender-

son and City Engineer Will

Inspect Paving.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The paving referred to has been

strongly urged upon the council by the

representatives of the company that

paving than most of the other systems.

The agents have offered to bear the

visit Portland, but the offer will not

the city's expense, being entirely inde-

expenses of the city's delegation to

be accepted. The delegation will go at

ouncil, and while the formal appoint-

-The first quarterly meeting of the

-The Aberdeen Society, which ap-

CIVIC DELEGATION GOES

ity with Victoria citizens

evening.

delegation

works bill to carry out the city's de-

Vancouver & Northern railway

the B. C. Permanent Loan Co.

were reported.

bill to provide for the inspection

duction of such documents.

but the citizens were not satisfied with

the way it treated the public.

"However, it is wise for the teachers to hold their tongues in view of Agnes Deans Cameron's case; the less they have to say in these matters the better," he added

The bill was read a second time.

Clearing Land by Fire. Debating the bill to provide greater safeguards against bush fires, Parker Williams pointed out the difficulty a which was done to-day, some to bills, public and private, being distills, public and private, being discussed in one shape or another, and cussed in one shape or another, and tish Columbia from any of the officials mentioned in the act. He, himself, mentioned in the act. would not care to take such a responsibility. There should be some arrange ond reading of the Public Service Act, ment whereby five wardens could get sufficient assistance to watch these be called unbalanced. There were too fires when it was necessary to set them out. And certainly there was no way placed there for their party allegiance of clearing the land in much of Vancouver Island except by a liberal application of fire.

H. C. Brewster spoke along the same ines. He urged that those who would not improve their holdings otherwise should at least be compelled to keep them from becoming fire traps.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite asked for sympathy and help for the settler who had to clear bush land, and suggested that the government should provide powerful logging engines to assist them. W. H. Hayward agree with the member for Nanaimo, and expressed his doubt whether any good would be ac-complished by the bill. People getting would drop a match and set fire to the bush they wanted cleared.

John Oliver advised the House to confine itself to a common-sense proposition, whether it was better to let settlers go on clearing the land in the best way they could, as they had done for years, or whether the interests of preserving the timber was greater and the settlers be prevented from clearing in dry seasons. He had yet to learn that the government or the House was able to devise any means of overcoming wether conditions.

The bill was given its second reading. Fortnightly Pay Days.

A fortnightly pay day for underground employees of coal mines was advocated by J. H. Hawthornthwaite as an amendment to a bill of the Premier's amending the Coal Mines Regulation Act which was up for third reading. He referred to the fact that for several sessions he and the member for Newcsatle had endeavored to get a similar bill adopted, and he saw no reason why it should not become the various classes would work auto- law. Another amendment he wished to matically, conditional upon the clerk's see made called for an inquest on the merit. Merit would be the test

portunity would be saved ministers that the amendment was not within the and members. In the bill, he believed, scope of the bill, which was intended ducation, keen intelligence and loyal named matter was dealt with in an other bill before the House.

The bill referred to by the premier i one introduced by W. R. Ross (Fernie) give a fortnightly pay da vincial secretary said he would lay the receiving \$4 a day or under in indus proposed bill on the table for the con- trial works with a monthly pay roll of

Kingstone Street Fire Hall Site. The commissioner of lands, on the very rapidly with the number of old the granting of lot 921, the site of Kingmen in the service. In the matter of ston street fire hall, to the city of Victorian council

Hon, Mr. Fulton replied that it was

years, the women leaving to marry as Mr. Oliver inquired if it would have a rule and the men to get into other any power to sell the lot. walks of life. The government was Mr. Fulton said that was not the

lution he thought most feasible was hall purposes that the government in following out the English system of tended to give the land. The bill passed second reading.
The bills amending the Municipal Act

and Municipal Elections Act, which have passed the municipal committee

John Oliver pointed out that som sections of the former purported to amend the New Westminster act of incorporation, which was a private act. He did not think it good policy to amend a private act by a public act. The attorney-general agreed that this

was right, but excused the breach in this case by stating that next year. he was informed, New Westminster intended to come under the general act. "I would suggest to the attorneydrawn because it was unworkable and general that he have every municipality come under the general act,"

> city in the province with a special act. A Midnight Breeze, When a bill containing some amend-

WATER ACT WILL ment telephones were likely to con Although it was after midnight and members were jaded, quite a livel TAKE MUCH TIME argument sprang up. A. E. McPhillip

led in an attack upon the amendment and was followed by several member: on both sides, Mr. Macgowan and Dr McGuire, with the aid of the Socialist HOST OF AMENDMENTS members, upheld Vancouver's right to run a telephone system if it wished. ON THE ORDER PAPER Both sides cited the case of Seattle with its two systems, as proving either

the advantage or disadvantage of dual Opposition Leader and Com John Oliver pointed out that if the missioner of Lands Dis-Vancouver were too high they should be got at by way of a body similar t cuss Clauses. the railway commission, rather than in

> Legislative Press Gallery, March 1 That the Water Act, the most important item in the sessional programme is not going to get through the committee stage as quickly as was expected, is apparent from the first go at it. The commissioner of lands, who is not the author of the draft measure-that is the work of Charles Wilson, K. C .has a batch of fifty-five amendments which he thinks are necessary to make the bill as perfect as the members all wish to make it. Individual members on both sides are understood to have great many more to bring on as the

oill progresses To-day only one-half of the sections taken up were finally disposed of, the others being laid over for further con-sideration. Some of the sections, and the Ditches and Watercourses Act was considered in committee, Dr. King in proposed amendments, will provoke a good deal of discussion. The sections taken up to-day dealt with the board of investigation which the government proposes to appoint to deal with the question, and did not touch the clauses dealing with water rights and privil eges, on which members from districts especially affected as regards mining and irrigation will want to be heard Cool Mining Rills

On the third reading of the premier's bill for the amendment of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, the member for Nanaimo had two amendments on the order paper, one providing for fortnightly pay of men employed underground in coal mines and another mak ing it compulsory to hold an inques the bodies of all persons whose deaths may have been caused by ex plosion or accident in any mine. The bill was allowed to stand over.

The premier introduced a bill to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act in the direction of providing for an alteration of the code of mine signals to suit conditions which may arise. Any amendments made by the lieutenant-governor-in-council shall not become effective until after being published for two months in the British Columbia Gazette, and the amended code must be laid before the legislature within fifteen days of its opening.

The provincial secretary introduced vides that by order-in-council it may be designated what hospitals, orphanbe inspected, and to carry this out the surrounding the house on three sides. lieutenant-governor-in-council may appoint one or more inspectors. "shall from time to time visit and inspect every such institution and make all proper inquiries as to the patients under treatment and their well-being generally, and upon all such matters shall make report to the lieutenant governor - in - council." Persons in charge who obstruct the inspector shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$50

and costs. The Water Act An hour and a half was spent in com acted as chairman in committee of the

To-morrow Ald. Turner, chairman of a large enough spring to become a tion of the act, but to include springs chairman of the finance committee, and in the definition would take in all the city engineer, C. H. Topp, will leave springs, no matter what the intent of of deciding how it is adopted for Vicland." and "municipal purposes."

As the commissioner of lands had some amendments to propose he consented to the interpretation clause standing over.

Board of Investigation

words and would be much better if more simply phrased. He considered that the legislature should fix the number of members of the board instead of leaving it to the lieux lant-governor-in-council, should fix their remuneration, how many should form a quorum, by the C.P.B. is forthcoming from any land the country of the building of wheat elevators by the C.P.B. is forthcoming from any

This met the general view of the allowed the clause to stand. Section 18 provides for the board havment of the delegation was left over ing measurements made of water on every stream, which Mr. Macdonald until to-night, the three named were notified that they would compose the remarked would be a most costly business. He objected to giving the board power, after making a personal ex-amination, of any streams or works, to In addition to the general instrucions to look into the paving question, marked Mr. Oliver, as a sly dig at the delegation is likely to have a long determine rights and claims upon that "Billy Bowser's Kids," the only other list of civic work to inspect. Ald, Mable examination, to the exclusion of any admonished them to pay attention to evidence that might be brought before a new system of lights that Portland them. This was a power given to no

other court nor to a jury, This defect was remedied.

The amount of notice the board is March 10th. A large number of trans- rights, was denounced by the leader of

The section stands over.

publication of notice of the sitting and the opening of the sitting. section was amended so as preclude this.

Not Governed by Forms. Section 29 declares that "no spacial or particular form shall be necessary in the conduct of proceedings, anteced ent to the hearing, on or before the board, or in the conduct or manage. N st of the board business.'

Mr. Macdonald thought it strange that any court should be constituted without being surrounded with the forms which centuries of experience had shown to be necessary. This board would be handling the most importan problem British Columbia had, dealing with interests of vital concern and clothed with powers greater than any existing courts. It was very necessary that its proceedings should take place n proper form, and that in the taking of evidence, for instance, the board should not be able to take it any wav perhaps admitting illegal evidence. The commissioner of lands said the lack of form did not apply to the pro-

ceedings of the board, but he consented the section standing over. At the request of the leader of the opposition the committee rose and reported progress, to give him an opportunity to go into some of the clauses Some time was spent in committee on the commissionesr of lands' bill to amend the Coal Mines Act in certain particulars as to the holding of lands. J. H. Hawthornthwaite and Parker Williams made a protest against Japanese being allowed to take up mining claims

## COME DOWN IN LIFE LEADS TO SUICIDE

New York March 2.-Humiliated and despondent by being forced by business reverses to sell cheap eye-glasses from a stand on Park Row, Isaac Samuels, formerly an optician in Prussia, his native country, and later in this city, locked himself in his room in Bronx borough to-day and drank a quantity of acid. He was found dead when his room was forced open. Illhealth had recently aggravated Samuels' despondency, his wife said. He was 47 years old.

HOUSE FOR HOO-HOOS

Work Has Commenced on Building Yukon-Asaska-Pacific Fair.

Wash., March 2.-The site for the Hoo-Hoo House, which is to be by the lumbermen on the been formerly accepted by the Hoo-Hoo exposition management.

The club house will be located between the Washington and the Forestry buildings. The work of construct tion is already under way. The cost of the house, its furnishing

his Hospital Inspection Act. This pro- and maintenance will be \$15,000. It will be of the bungalow type covering a ground space of 72 x 52 feet. ages, sanitariums, maternity homes or other institutions where persons are rooms for ladies and smoking rooms for

BOYS ENTERTAIN.

Members of Y. M. C. A. Classes Give Extion of Work in Gymnasius

On Monday the boys' department of any purpose. arents and friends. The parents came out in large numbers.

At 7.80 o'clock an exhibition was given An hour and a half was spent in committee on the Water Act. Out of the thirty clauses read, half stand over, one was dropped as being redoundant, and of the fourteen passed five were the serior boys, F. Elliott, G. Elliott, C. Baker, G. Rojnson, J. Cameron, E. Chave, R. Donaghue and R. Brewster, and of the fourteen passed five were the serior boys, F. Elliott, G. Elliott, C. Baker, G. Rojnson, J. Cameron, E. Chave, R. Donaghue and R. Brewster. Water for Domain of the fourteen passed five were the serior boys, F. Elliott, G. Elliott, C. Baker, G. Rojnson, J. Cameron, E. Chave, R. Donaghue and R. Brewster.

> BIG DEALS IN BURNABY LANDS. Stave Lake Power Company Buys Over Seven Hundred Acres.

Vancouver, March 2.-The Stave Lake Power Company has just purchased 746 acres of land north of and adjacent to and powers contained a surplasage of railway purposes, will be sub-divided and would be much better if placed on the market. J. W. Horne, of

The object was brought up last evening by Ald. Turner, who said that he felt that the city's representatives should go at once in order to decide this question before the time arrived for starting work on pavements.

This met the general view of the content of the general view of the content of the general view of the content and not of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the content of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that general view of the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings officials who are here to-day on an inspection trip, the fact that the winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcoming from any of the Winnings of wheat elevators by the C. P. R. is forthcomin company has the elevator question well in hand.

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT.

Vancouver, March 2.-The body of man named David Esler was found early yesterday morning in a clump of under brush in Stanley park by one of the caretakers. The throat was cut from caretakers. The throat was cut from ear to ear, but as a large amount of money was found on his person, the theory of murder is scouted by the police, and they are of the opinion that he company was described by the police, and they are of the opinion that he company was described by the police. and they are of the opinion that he com-mitted suicide. The body had evidently country was thought lucky to charge of it, wanted the committee to board of license commissioners will be to give, not less than ten clear days, been lying in the brush for several days.

-February, with 24 working days the opposition as less than a debtor was a record month at the public liowing \$5 would get, whereas here most brary. The number of books taken out important water rights, affecting the during the month established a record value of a man's land, were to be dealt of 4,901 books, with a daily average of 204.2, as against 196 for the month of The section stands over.

Stuart Henderson pointed out that, were 360 and 363, as against 330 and 338 any workers in the body politic. It day.

Was noticeable that the men who got C. W. Munro, who supported Mr. the largest salaries in the service and Macgowan's motion, asked if the Mrs. McKeon and Mrs. Mess, Rocca
Miss Devereaux, Mrs. Lubbe, Miss as the bill stands, while licenses are not to be issued after the board begins to deal with a stream nothing would be not been added to the service and have been added to the service of books. prevent the issue of one between the on the counties of England.

## BOWSER BEATEN ON MEDICAL BILL

PROPOSED KEEPING DOWN THE STANDARD

Water Act Keeps on Developing Difficulties as it Advances.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 2

The young Napoleon of the prov incial Conservatives, Attorney Genera Bowser, essayed to strike out a provi- tleman in question (Chas. Wilson, sion in the medical bill to-night against | C.) had been some 42 days engaged. the opinion of the only medical man in the cabinet and other university me on the government side. He was defeated in this and, while only a skirmish, he appeared to be nettled at the result. It was a clause designed to raise the standard of medical training in British Columbia in line with the five-year course now being adopted as a necess ity by the important universities this continent. Hon. Dr. Young declared nimself strongly in favor of British Columbia abreast of the best and Conservatives as well as Liberals lined up behind the bill. Two of the Socialist members who were in the House materially helped out the attorney-general's corporal's guard.

objections from other sections of the healing profession, and with the pany letting the supply of water go on exception of Mr. Bowser's protest the to an occupier for a year in the abbill went throungh committee with lit-tle trouble. It will be finished up at it as a charge on the land, leaving it next sitting of the committee.

ulties as it progresses in committee. the section should be further consid-While it was prepared by a leading lawyer and a former member of the provincial government, members find innumerable points of objection in it. water. Some companies were very in-In three sittings of the committee 109 sections out of the 311 in the bill have water had been shut off so arbitrarily been gone through. Of these 46 have as to do serious harm. been passed, 60 stand for further discussion, 2 have been struck out, one has been superseded by an amenda two new sections have been added.

Whole Divisions Stand Over. Taking up Part VI of the act, which leals with the procedure necessary io licensees taking and using small quantigrounds of the A.-Y.-P. exposition, has some discussion as to the procedure by House committee and ratified by the ties of water on their own land for other than power purposes, ending in the holding over of eight sections. These provide that after receiving a more than four cubic feet of water per second the licensees shall forthwith survey and lay out the works, sending a plan to the Water Commissioner, who must write his approval on the plan and fix the time for completing the

Trouble was also experienced on the first section of the other division of this ray of clauses which have to be taken part, that dealing with the procedure up again, and the committee rose by licensees taking and using water for

J. A. Macdonald pointed out that

companies were being incorporated with all sorts of powers, and if any question of arbitration or expropriation in the gymnasium. Twenty-two members question of arbitration or expropriation of the junior class took part in a dumbarose it would be very difficult to sebell drill and fancy marching, which they gregate a company's rights in regard on the committee, was so rapid as to make one puff to keep up. did in excellent style. The next was an to supplying water from the many The bill is contentious, in a sense, but

Water for Domestic Use. and of the fourteen passed five were they first gave in creation and of the fourteen passed five were passed amended and several of the others were exhibition on the horse, which was later. The next part dealt with the general without comment until section 28 was amended and several of the others were amended and several of the others were purely formal. A. H. B. Macgowan acted as chairman in committee of the whole.

On the definition of "water" or t sproule and T. Baker. The performance, which places upon the supplier of water on the register, men duly registered in these boys surprised the audience, the duty of laying service pipes up to the United Kingdom under the Im-On the definition of "water or "stream," J. A. Macdonald protested that to include springs which arose on a man's land and the water from a man's land and the water from which was used by himself or his neighbors was going too far. If it was a large enough spring to become a large enough spring to become a tribute it as he may desire throught the that from any applicant premises," keeping them in repair. J. H. Hawthronthwaite objected to the legislature stepping in between the

municipality and the consumer and for making this demand. The council whether he wanted water on the premises or not. Mr. Macdonald looked upon the sec-

acres of land north of and adjacent to
Burnaby lake in connection with its project for building electric railway lines
between New Westminster and this city.
Burnaby Lake will be a junction point
for a branch line to Port Moody. The
deal expression of the word "shall," Board of Investigation.

Regarding the board of investigation, the leader of the opposition pointed out that the section setting forth its duties this area, exclusive of requirements for

> Section 100 read: "Any person supplied with water by the municipality or company may be required to place leges. and use only such taps for drawing and shutting off water as are approved by John Oliver protested against a sec- be equal to any others in its stand-

of the day on the wharves and along the a man what class of tap he should use, colleague. The object of the bill was or compel him to buy from a certain person? the member for Delta asked. oerson? the member for Delta asked.

The commissioner of lands thought exacted in Manitoba and Toronto unithe clause all right. The consumer the clause all right. The consumer wersities, and British Columbia could might use a tap which was very detri-well afford to try to meet the advance mental to the company.

"I don't understand what the comissioner means," returned Mr. Mac-

books and he had not heard one word British Columbia to-day who had of complaint from the consumer. "If any gentleman here can show me

how this section is a protection to a that has not adopted a five-year mpany I will say, let it stay," said course?" asked Dr. Hall,

Rates Should be Controlled. ing that companies may fix rates of leges in Canada had adopted a five-payment for water, urged that it year course. should be in the power of the lieut .- "All of them," replied Hon, Dr.

governor in council to control these

not better info Mr. Hawthornthwaite told the govof the states ernment it was mixing up the powers for registration of municipalities in those of a company have come from Mr. Macdonald pointed out that in ity, and that is a later clause power was given to regamalgamation ulate the rates when the profits of a that have bande standard in all company should exceed twenty pe cent, but he thought it would be found very difficult to find when a company cine by a five-y was earning a profit in excess of that

nung. "I am

and again declaration should be

selves if they

"They have

provincial secre

four or five tim

The attorney

his own univers

A. E. McPhill and in doing so

were more libe

United States

British Columbi

admit a physic

States if he pas

On being put

general was det

bers voting with

Thomson, T. Giff J. Manson, Park

Dr. King's ar

made, placing

naths in the sar

as to the right

presenting a dip

examination con

chool appointe

subjects of exa

and these are

All the section

were passed, It

members, repre

The Vancouver

Atlin and Skee

triot and elect t

ver city will

districts around

elect one, the Y

Kootenay riding

H. B. Thomson

reading of the

Act said it wa

the working o

committee he

amendment to

the city of Victo

The fellowing

An act to ame and purchaser as An act to en Estate Co., Ltd.,

Irrigation & Por gamate their ws Second reading supply bill, False

Sound Railway

solidation of m

rights of John

Permanent Loa

APPROPRIAT

Provision Ma

Terente, Ont.,

the change in th

for the ten mo

first of year to

laid on the tabl

partment. The

\$6,948,661. while amounted to \$7,

expenditure for

Among the n

\$1,000 set aside fo

trial arts in ru

vincial police tra

is described as stable," whose i

and his duties ur

ment of the four

Hamilton, Pet

North Bay, a t

increase in the c

of education of

lowing new app

\$4,000; Kincardi

Louis hospital, itoria Industrial andra Industrial

new wing to be

ment buildings, estry, \$10,000; co

age caused to the

limits by fire fro & N. O. locom

In regard to

ked for, while

ONTAR

Duties

act of 1873.

stitution and

colleges freque

Other Sch

Carter-Cotton,

medical coll

requirements of Mr. Fulton expressed willingness to let the clause stand for further constates. sideration, as his only wish was to have the bill made as perfect as pos-All Leading Dr. King read sible. But this provision had been in course, which is leading colleges The attorney-

the old act. "I understand the government had an eminent lawyer employed for fortytwo days drafting this bill," remarked Mr. Oliver. "If so we are entitled to expect something better than a mere

copy of the old act."

Mr. Fulton admitted that the genbut he repeated that as the sections had been in the act for twelve years without a word of complaint to the government or any member, there ould be no reflection on the gentlaman who drafted the bill. "Because it has been on the statute

books for twelve years is no reason why we should not get rid of it now," said Mr Oliver The clause stands over.

Worse Than Landlordism The next clause makes arrears of water rates a charge on the land and buildings where supplied, recoverable by civil process, the supply of water

to be shut off. Mr. Macdonald said this was going The amendments which Dr. King has further than ever landlords went in prepared to the bill appear to have met England in the collection of rent. There was nothing to prevent a comto him to pay for water he never got The Water Act developes new diffi- The principle was utterly wrong and

Mr. McPhillips said there should be ample notice given of shutting off of considerate in this matter. In Victoria

This clause also stands. "I think the commissioner of works had better withdraw this bill and consider it for 42 days longer, or 42 years," said Mr. Hawthornthwaite after a couple more sections had been allowed to stand. "He is trying to obtain approval of works, there was give the province over body and soul to corporations. If many more such

> take a tumble and put an end to the farce. In regard to supplying non-residents section 106 gives municipalities or companies power to supply water and make such agreements as they see fit

with persons or corporations outside. Mr. Macdonald objected to such unrestrained power. It would be possible that non-residents might get water on better terms and at lower rates than residents of the municipality. undergoing medical or health treatment, whether public or private, are to
be inspected, and to carry this out the works diligently and uninterruptedly to be fixed and controlled by the lieut. siders, as well as those inside, should

One more was added to the long arafter spending two hours on the bill.

Attorney General Objects. After the slow passage through committee of the Water Act the treatment of the medical bill, with C. W. Munro the amendments to be made to meet Fifteen sections under this head were objections did not come in until nearly thirty sections had been disposed of. As Mr. Munro read these

tory examination. A proviso followed college after January 1, 1912, a five-

year course shall be The attorney-general saw no reason would have the admission of physicians absolutely under their control, and had a stringent examination, so that profession was amply protected. He moved to strike out the proviso. Dr. King (Cranbrook), who is in

charge of the bill, pointed out that all the leading colleges were fixing the medical course at five years. Mr. Bowser still saw no need British Columbia to jump from a four to a five-year course. There would be lots of colleges which would keep to the four-year course Dr. King instanced Yale. Harvard.

McGill, Toronto and Manitoba col-Dr. Hall (Nelson), spoke of the likelihood of an interprovincial agreement, and British Columbia would want to

Colleagues Do Not Agree. Hon. Dr. Young said he could not in medicine in the same way. There

would be no hardship on anyone. Mr. Fulton said the section was nec-should be. Let the universities settle essary to protect a company, it had it if they wanted a five-year course, been for twelve years on our statute. There were men in the profession in taken only a two or three-year course. "Do you know any college in Canada

"That has nothing to do with the The section was allowed to stand question," the attorney-general replied. He repeated his point about men in practice here who had had a short col-Mr. Macdonald, on the section provid- lege course and asked how many collast year's vote) ans' memorial, pany employs 50 You canno .

A delicious dri food. Prages aintains the health, and o