

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

*Ordered*, To be read a third time forthwith.

Read third time accordingly.

On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General, *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Customs Amendment Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being again read for the committal of the Bank Note Bill.

The Council went into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted presently.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

After the lapse of half an hour the Council resumed its sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the Bank Bill in Committee be resumed.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments made and new clauses added.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Read third time accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,

*Resolved*, That this Bill do now pass, and that its title be "The Bank Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the resumed consideration in Committee of the Patents Bill.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments made.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, To be read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly.

On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

*Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Patents Ordinance, 1864."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Black, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, the 4th inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 1864.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Black.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia, &c., &c., having been announced, entered the Council Chamber, and being seated in the President's Chair, made the following Speech to the Council:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

The period of the year has now arrived when most of you would wish to leave New Westminster, to attend to the duties of your offices or to the interests of your business, and I am happy to think that I can, without detriment to the public welfare, release you from further attendance in your Legislative capacities.

2. The Session which closes to-day has been productive, in my opinion, of considerable benefit to the community. It would probably have been even more useful, had not a change in the administration of the Government occurred during its progress. On entering office—not yet a fortnight ago—I found myself obliged to consider a measure involving the whole financial arrangements of the Colony; another proposing to regulate its paper currency; a third affecting the internal Navigation of the Country; together with several others of minor importance. In addition to these projects of law, there were awaiting my decision more than