

PREFATORY REMARKS.

Subsidies by the Dominion Government	- -	212,908 00
Total revenue of British Columbia	- -	383,358 00
Amount at present appropriated by B. Columbia Government	- -	235,073 00
Balance in favour of British Columbia yet unappropriated	- -	147,285 00

[B.] THE CONSTITUTION ACT, 1871.

Comprises 49 sections and a schedule.

By Sec. 3, the Executive Council shall not exceed five persons such as the Governor shall think fit, including in the first instance, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney Gen. and Commissioner of Lands and Works. By Sec. 4, in case of vacancy by death, resignation, etc., the Governor may appoint substitutes during pleasure, and prescribe their duties. The duties of present Executive officers shall be those of the new Council so far as not repugnant to this act. Sec. 5. By Secs. 6 and 7 a Legislative Assembly may be established consisting of 25 members; all of whom shall be elected from 12 electoral districts (*see above*) all legislation shall be subject to the "British North America Act, 1767," or to any order of Her Majesty in Council or any act of Parliament passed to effect Confederation with Canada. No person holding any office of emolument shall be eligible as member of the Assembly, but members of the Executive Council not disqualified for Assembly, provided elected while holding such office. Secs. 8 & 9. Any disqualified member sitting and voting shall forfeit \$2000 each day, recoverable by action of debt or information. Secs. 10, 11, 12. All existing laws with respect to voters and members, unless absolutely repugnant to this Act, shall remain in force. Sec. 13. In the absence of dissolution by the Governor, members shall hold their seats during four years and no longer. Sec. 16. Secs. 23, 24 and 25 provide that nine members including the Speaker shall constitute a quorum; the majority of votes present shall carry any measure, a casting vote by the Speaker in case of tie. Secs 38 to 42 provide for the payment of mem-