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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Monday, March 7, 1864.

The House met at 3:15 p. m. Members present: Messrs. Young, DeCosmos, Franklin, Powell, Tolmie, Trimble, Street, Carswell, Bayley, and Dennis.

THIRD READINGS.

The Indemnity Bill, and the Chief Justice Pension Bill passed their third reading.

INCORPORATION ACT.

The House went into committee on the bill to regulate the Incorporation Act, 1862, Mr. Bayley in the chair.

Dr. Trimble moved that after the word "repealed," all the rest of the clause be erased, making the clause read "That the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and all by-laws therein enacted, be and are hereby repealed."

Mr. DeCosmos objected to the amendment of the hon. member for Victoria District. We were now called upon to deliberate on a subject which if not treated with sound judgment and discretion, may do an incalculable injury to Victoria.

The hon. member for Victoria District's amendment proposes not only to repeal the Act, but also all the by-laws. The city is now in debt to the amount \$20,130. On looking at another department, the total taxes received by the Trades License by-law is \$15,000. If we annul all these by-laws all parties who have paid taxes under this law can compel the Corporation to refund this amount.

Mr. Young said that he had been waiting to hear some arguments or additional amendments by the hon. member for Victoria District, but having heard none, he had come to the conclusion that his object was simply to disincorporate the city of Victoria. (Hear, hear.) He thought that it must be plain to anybody in this House that this would injure the credit of the city to a degree which is incalculable.

Mr. DeCosmos was still in favor of bringing in his amendment as first proposed, but he was willing to harmonize it so far as possible with the views of his hon. colleagues and other hon. members.

Mr. Powell had also been waiting for some argument from the hon. member for Victoria District, but was sorry to say he had not heard any. This was simply a question of whether we shall have an incorporation or not. He (Dr. Powell) was in favor of the amendment of his hon. colleague, although he thought it would be better to come in as a second clause.

Mr. DeCosmos said in favor of facilitating business he would propose to withdraw his amendment, and bring it in a distinct clause.

Mr. Dennis said he would certainly support the amendment of the hon. member for Victoria District.

Mr. DeCosmos said the hon. member was opposed to any incorporation, a fact which his amendment showed; the hon. member knew well that if this bill were thrown out, we could introduce no new bill this season, and the city would be left unincorporated.

Mr. DeCosmos said the hon. member wished to care bad by-laws, which had been declared by the highest legal authority illegal.

Mr. Young said the hon. gentleman's remark carried its own answer. He would ask the hon. members if it were not their special duties to care bad laws?

in certain trades, callings, or professions, in the City of Victoria, were declared to be liable to pay license moneys to some person appointed by the said Mayor and Council, is hereby enacted and confirmed; and that all license moneys paid in conformity with the provisions of the said By-law by any person, corporation, or body politic, are hereby enacted and declared to be and to have been lawfully paid; and that the Mayor and Council for the time being for the City of Victoria are hereby authorized and empowered to collect, in conformity with the provisions of the said By-law, all arrears of license moneys which any person, corporation, or body politic, shall have declared, in the said By-law, to be liable to pay to some person appointed by the aforesaid Mayor and Council to receive the same.

Mr. Dennis said we had no right to delegate power to the corporation to make By-laws. He would therefore oppose the amendment. The amendment was passed as read, Mr. Dennis only in the negative. Clause 3, of the printed bill was passed with some trifling amendments, and with the addition of the following amendment by Dr. Helmecken: "Provided always that no money or arrears of money shall be collected under this section, unless the said moneys or arrears of moneys shall have arisen and have become due and payable, in conformity with the provisions of said by-law, before the 31st day of December, 1863, and provided also that the penalties mentioned in the said by-law to be enforced in case of default, shall not be enforced until 30 days after the passage of the Act shall have elapsed."

In regard to clause 4 of the printed bill, Mr. Young said the words incorporating the inhabitants as a city were simply nonsense, it was impossible to make human beings a city; he proposed to leave out the words "inhabitants residing thereon."

Mr. DeCosmos looked on it as a sort of legal fiction, which was perhaps necessary, for the satisfaction of every one. The clause was passed with a few immaterial amendments. The committee here rose and reported progress.

The House will again go into committee on the bill to-day (Tuesday).

House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 11, 1864. House met at 3:15 p. m. Members present, Messrs. Young, DeCosmos, Powell, Franklin, Trimble, Jackson, Foster, Street, Carswell, Bayley, Dennis.

The private bills committee reported in favor of the telegraph bill being accepted by the House.

The Speaker said the bill would be read a second time and committed to-morrow.

INCORPORATION ACT. The House went into committee on this bill, Mr. Bayley in the chair.

Clause 6, dividing the city into three wards, and defining their boundaries, was passed.

Clause 8, providing that the council shall consist of nine councillors (three from each ward), and that out of the number they shall elect by ballot as Mayor the councillor having the greater vote, was taken up.

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giving them too good a show. Although he believed in the Americans, as they were two to one on the British, still he thought they should not have the exclusive privilege of talking over the line.

Dr. Helmecken said he would not have the slightest objection to the telegraph line going through his house provided they would give him an office; it would be a great advantage. As to the use of the line in time of war, he did not see why we should look after the interests of Britain in this matter, they had done nothing for us in regard to mails or telegraphs of anything else.

Mr. Street did not like to hear so much said about American enterprise; when Victoria was as large and wealthy as San Francisco we might hear something about Victorian enterprise. (Hear, hear.)

Clause 2, providing for the carrying of the line across any private land by the consent of the owners.

Dr. Helmecken said his opinion was that the company should have the right to carry their line over private land, whether the owners were willing or not; (hear, hear.)

Mr. DeCosmos said the President of the Company had said that they expected to finish the line in eight months from the passage of the Act, but if the legislature insisted on the work being completed in eight or nine months, the company would wish a proviso to provide for accidents.

Dr. Helmecken said he thought the time of 18 months quite short enough; it was certainly shorter than we might have expected.

Clause 5, provides that upon completion of the line the Company shall have the exclusive privilege for twenty years of telegraphing between this colony and the United States west of the Rocky Mountains, but not to interfere with the construction of the projected line across the continent through British Columbia and the Canadas; provided that no other company shall have the right to telegraph between this colony and the said United States, so as to impair the aforesaid rights.

Mr. Young moved that instead of "the projected line," etc., the words "any line through British territory" be inserted.

Amendment carried, and clause passed.

Clause 6, provides that the Governor of Vancouver Island may terminate the exclusive privilege of the Company at the expiry of twelve years, by giving six months' notice. Clause passed.

Clause 7, provides that the telegraph line shall be run from the City of Victoria to some point on the limits of the colony between Nanaimo and Sooke. Passed.

Clause 8, provides that if the Company shall fail for six months to keep the line in working order, unless in case of war, they shall forfeit their exclusive privilege.

The committee here rose and reported progress, to sit again to-morrow.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. WEDNESDAY, March 9, 1864. The Council met at 2:30 p. m. Members present: Hon. Chief Justice Cameron; President of the Council, Hon. Alexander Watson Colonial Treasurer, and Hon. Roderick Finlayson.

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