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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

RAILWAY QUESTION WAS ABLY HANDLED

Leader of Opposition Shows How Profits to Country Follow Construction of Lines.

Victoria, April 3rd. Prayers were read by Rev. G. K. B.

New Bills. The following bills were read a first The following bills were read a first party, Mr. Ross contended that the time: By W. R. Ross, a bill to amend the platform was inconsistent. The Liberal Woodman's Lien for Wages Act, and by Hon. Charles Wilson, a bill to amend the Special Surveys Act, 1889.

Committee Appointed. J. Oliver moved the following resolu-

"That a select committee of five members of this House, consisting of Messrs.

Macgowan, Gifford, Ross, Brown and the nover, be appointed to inquire into all matters pertaining to the issuing of crown grants Nos. 1915-155, 1917-155, 1788-147, 1916-155, 1843-155, 1919-155, 1951-163, 1844-155, and also all matters and documents and to take evidence untheir findings to the House."

resolution carried.

A. H. B. Macgowan.

Macgowan congratulated the Finance ed the Finance Minister from any blame connection with the way in which the accounts of the Shuswap & Okanagan, the V. & S. and the Nakusp & favorable to British Columbia in Slocan railways were kept. The former governments had initiated this system, and the present minister had but continued it. He made reference to the say that the question would be consider-The Laurier government had been in power eight years, and had had time to settle it.

He thought something should be done to afford better protection to the timber by-laws preventing fires. The expenditure on schools was a very wise Education should be fostered, especially practical education. He hoped to see something done towards furnishing school books at cost; if not free of cost.

The government should render every assistance towards making the Don exhibition at New Westminster a success. It would be a grand advertisen province. The government deserved great credit for appointing an asessment commission, and then following the recommendations of that body. The right system of taxation was the in-

Mr. Macgowan referred to railway building. He said that lines could not be built without money. The govern-ment was going about this subject carefully. The interests of the people of the province had to be protected when capital was to be introduced. He believed that a satisfactory policy would be in-

In referring to better terms, he stated that Geo. H. Cowan had prepared a case for the province which ha ended that in the building of the C. P. R. the interests of British Columbia ad not been looked to properly. The Conservatives should have known bet-The cause of better terms should be kept alive. If the government at Ottawa refused to listen to the demands because it was a greater power, then an appeal should be taken to the throne it-

were acts of the government which required criticism. The prophecies of the opposition with respect to the Assessment Act had come about. A commission had sat. The object was good, but the country at large had not reaped the benefit it should have got. The constitution of the commission was not good. Members of the government sat on it, and to some extent trammelled the commission. He did not find fault with the two men who sat on it outside of the members of the government. The lumber, farming and fishing industries were left out. The manufacturing industry, except in one line, was passed over, and the commercial interests were overlooked. The government had given no attention to the mining industry at all. He found fault with the fact that the wild land tax was reduced. There was no reason why this should be done The amendments to the School Act in-creased the machinery, which was a bad The people were prepared to bear their share in the keeping up of

the schools. The government Loan Act of last year had been an ill-timed one, and the prov-ince had been forced to pay 5 per cent. on the money required for the future This money might have been obtained at

a much lower rate. The laws respecting tax sales were very unsatisfactory. A simple law should be brought in covering this. He agreed that too much respect was shown to the owner of the land, who became

uent with respect to taxes. He called attention to the fact that a bill introduced by the Premier respecting Fernie was now giving trouble. Too many laws were being passed he thought

W. R. Ross. Mr. Ross expressed his satisfaction with the showing of the Finance Minister. While he would have liked to have seen a more liberal outlay of money, yet the finances were not available for this. He praised the Minister of Finance for readiness which he always showed

rage, Mr. Ross said that this subject had een carefully avoided by members of the opposition. Since the last sitting of the legislature he had had the opportunity of meeting the electorate and laying this before them. He did so in company with the leader of the opposition, who showed a strong disposition to avoid it. It was with the greatest reluctance that

Mr. Macdonald referred to this at all. J. A. Macdonald, rising to explain, said that on the occasion referred to his recolwas that Mr. Ross preceded him. Mr. Ross expressed a hope that the subject would not be referred to. Out of respect to this request he (Mr. Macdonald) did not refer to it. Mr. Ross proceeded with his speech as

though this explanation had not Mr. Macdonald contended that his ex-

planation was a correct one.

Mr. Ross evaded this by saying that the leader of the opposition would have the opportunity of following. Taking up the question of the Conservatives violating the platform of the

party in the House had on three sions put itself in opposition to the Liberal party at Ottawa. These occasions were the King Lumber Resolution, the Premier's Better Terms Resulution and the Bowser resolution on Provincial Rights. The opposition had not lived up to its platform by any measures brought up during the life of the legislature.
... Referring to the question of railway

legislation, Mr. Ross said that the province was prosperous, compared with what it was in the past. But it was not enjoying the share of prosperity that the Northwest was enjoying. It was up to the government of this province to bring in reference to pending applications, with power to call for persons, papers should do something towards aiding railways. The government in considering railway legislation had to consider the aiding of these railways. It was per-W. R. Ross asked to be relieved from haps wise to go slowly, as many things acting on the committee.

Hon. R. F. Green submitted the name of W. J. Bowser, instead of Mr. Ross.

Hon. R. F. Green submitted the name and to be considered in this work. He referred to the Grand Trunk Pacific, and said that a good deal of provincing This was accordingly done, and the had been stirred up in connection with it. Perhaps in consequence of that the Conservative party did not look upon the scheme, as they would otherwise On the debate on supply, A. H. B. the scheme, as they would otherwise have done. A letter from Mr. Hays to Hon. Senator Templeman had come up Macgowan congratulated the Minister upon the growing strength of That letter was written on July 12th, the finances of the province. He defendelection. It was not given to the public until about October 22nd or 23rd. That letter did not constitute an agreement way. The letter, he did not think, could be construed as being written for elec-

lumber industry, contending that it was be wise for the government to an insult for the Ottawa government to take steps to aid in the early construction of the line if it were at all possible to reacn a fair agreement for this work. The correspondence between Mr. Morse and the Premier would, he understood, be produced if called for by

a member of the House.

He hoped that negotiations would continue which might lead to a satisfactory said that in Fernie Mr. Ross had referred ettlement in the way of aiding the line. to an unpleasant incident, not mention-There was a proposition open to the gov- ing the ballot box question by name, and ernment to carry on further negotiations. saying he hoped reference would not be If a land grant could not be given then made to it. The audience showed that he favored some scheme by which the it understood what was meant. Followgovernment would enter into some kind ing that, Mr. Macdonald said that he of partnership with the railway getting and not taken, up the subject. The returns from the sale of land. The early member for Fernie had been treated with immigration policy. It would also aid of treating an opponent who showed him in settling an all-Canadian road to the Yukon. The argument was put up that ber pretended that he represented the the Dominion government already assisted the line and that further aid by this province was asking too much. The aid of the Dominion was in the way of heart although he was only a rancher; guaranteeing bonds which it would not mecessarily be called upon to pay.

Was counted out by a law partner of Mr. Ross, although he got a majority of He held no brief for the Grand Trunk | the votes. Pacific, but would like the people of the

rought the timates proposed to grant \$8,000 on r leader of one party in the Dominion to recognize the claims of the province. He a large part of the roads which would get nothing. Lillooet got \$10,000. He did not know why old Cariboo had been forgotten unless it was that Lillooet was represented by a syndicate of the govnot think that the minister was surely as small as to do this. The Premier had promised that the district would not be nunished because of electing Liberal numbers. Cariboo paid \$50,000 to the W. G. Cameron.

W. G. Cameron contended that there 0000. Cariboo was not yet dead. In a few years it was expected that the gold tion would be in the millions instead of thousands. Cariboo needed a railway, but with so many seeking railroads it was hard to satisfy all. He hoped that if a railway policy was in-troduced that old Cariboo would not be forgotten. He would not like to have all the land given away for a railway, however. After next election, the oppo sition expected to come into power, and wanted some land to dispose of. He wished the government would do something to aid the miners who had small capital. It was proposed that the government should give a small supply of water for mining purposes at a reduced rate. The prospector should be encouraged to go out and explore the country. He did not wish to say anything against the government. Some said it was a weak government. Well, he always sym-

with the weak. (Loud applause.) Hon. R. G. Tatlow said that while the appropriations were put down at \$8,000 or Cariboo, yet there was \$22,000 put down for the Cariboo road.

R. Hall. R. Hall reminded the House that when Premier McBride came into power it was heralded abroad that something would be done. But the government was quite as bad as the predecessors in doing nothing. The taxes should be carefully collected and the rates kept down. government had a fictitious surplus. The Kootenays. Did that outlay not repay school act had really increased taxation. the province? "Hear, hear," said Price chool act had really increased taxation. The government will collect just as much | Ellison.) The Kootenays last year conn taxation as before, and auditional has | tributed one-third of the taxable revenue been thrown upon the municipality. The of the province. There was \$2,600,000 government should seriously consider the of a revenue; of this \$1,000,000 was iving of bona fide ratepayers the vote made up of Dominion government suband thus the control of the expenditure.
While he had sympathy with the British Columbia lumbermen and would like the Kootenay \$530,000. to see a duty imposed upon United States Kootenay was about umber coming into the country, yet the

Referring to the Fernie ballot box out- give British Columbia lumbermen control of the Northwest markets.

The legislation of the House consisted ments of amendments.

He noticed that while the Premier always went with Socialist leader, yet the Minister of Finance did not. The government should go the whole hog or nothing. They should united support the cialists or united vote against them. When the amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, introduced by himself (Mr. Hall) came up the test would be applied. If a single member of the govment voted against his amendment it would be because the government was under the control of the Socialists, for it was understood that if the amendment lid not pass, industries on Vancouver

Island threatened to close. Mr. Hall opposed the attitude taken by the government on the Indian reserve question. It was contrary to the land act. If this principle was put in force what was the use of the legislature meeting? There was never a word raised against New Westminster of Vancouver getting reserves, but when this application came from Victoria the Attorney General raised the question, where is the province to come in?

The Dominion government had stepped in and aided the province by giving the lead bounty.

J. A. Macdonald. J. A. Macdonald same he was not going to say much about the estimates. The Finance Minister reminded him of a liquidator for a bankrupt estate making liquidator for a bankrupt estate making been done for a fee of £50 or £100. There had been nothing done this session.

Attorney-General instead of that minister taking a trip to England in order to get an appeal which work might have been done for a fee of £50 or £100. There had been nothing done this session.

Mr. Bowser drew a picture of John Oliver going about the country with an old grey mare holding public meetings.

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What had the provincial government done to alleviate the lumbermen's condi-tion in the province? An additional tax was put on the lumbermen last year. Compare the treatment of the Dominion government and the provincial government in the matter of leases on their respective lands.

Referring to the Fernie ballot box mat-ter, Mr. Macdonald said that the Liberal onstruction of the line would solve the consideration. It was surely a poor way

He took up the reference of Mr. Ross province to wake up to the importance of this matter.

H. Jones.

Trunk Pacific.

to the question of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Did the member mean by his speech that the Grand Trunk Pacific. H. Jones said that it was in the esdress in reply to the speech from the asked too much? When moving the adthrone the member for Fernie said that the Grand Trunk Pacific should get nothing except with respect to terminal and right of way. This member said he did not hold a brief for the Grand Trunk Pacific. The member said nothernment and Cariboo was not. He did ing with reference to the Kootenay Central, which affected his own constituency. He was not found urging that it should be constructed, but devoting all his ener-

gies to getting aid for the Grand Trunk This government had done nothing re specting railway legislation. Was it that railways were not needed or that the government failed to rise to the occaion. The speeches of the members of the government before election all pointed to railway legislation. Mr. Cotton had furnished the most striking condemnation of the government. Mr. Sotton in the News-Advertiser said that the said ' government would formulate a definite railway policy and call a summer session in May. What had the Premier done since last session to redeem the like policy of the government by support pledges given that railway legislation would be introduced? At the end of moved: ast session, when the supporters who had been pledged a railway held him up he promised a summer session. Getting the House prorogued, nothing more was heard of the railway legislation. What would the members who gave pledges to their constituents do when they went back now? What would the members for Similkameen, Grand Forks, Okana

gan and Fernie say to their constituents? If the Premier could not formulate policy for a summer session what could be said of his year's preparation? The Premier could only treat railway legisation as a joke. The excuse was offered that the Premier did not want an more paper railways. Was the V., V. & E., the Coast-Kootenay and the C. P. deemed unable by the Premier to go for

ward with railway building? Look at the aid given in the past to railways. It was nearly all given in the sidies and miscellaneous sources. Of the remaining \$1,600,000 there was paid by

Kootenay was about the same size as Yale. The mines of Yale, he believed, his own expenses. The Attorney-General lumber men had not acted wisely in letting a combine get control of the lumber.

He believed that yet the Ottawa government which the country of riches only returned about the province had ever had had travelled to give good government to the country. This was not a Conservative government. Had it been so the

to help the newer members of the House. ment would solve the question so as to \$178,000 as compared with \$630,000

from the Kootenays.

In Lillooet, very large in area but rich in farm lands, etc., contributed only of amendments on amendments to amend- \$30,000 a year; Cariboo only gave \$50,was because the small portion in the southeastern part was opened up by railways. This showed that where the country was opened by railway revenues were got which far exceeded the outlay

for building.

The Dominion government had done its duty in aiding the construction of roads. It only awaited the province to do its part to insure construction of the necessary railways. Roads like those from the Coast to the Kootenays and the V., W. & Y. into Northern British Columbia were essentially provincial roads. It was fair to have expected the province to have given aid first. But instead it was found that the Dominion first g'ves the aid. The Premier did nothing but give promises, which were in turn bro-He called upon the Premier to waken up from the comatose condition in which he was in

If the Finance Minister, instead of poring over the estimates, regarding this appropriate the spectacle of the Chief Commissioner rising over the estimates, regarding this appropriation and that one, had taken an ing and throwing the responsibility for these irregularities upon an official. The member for Fernie should know that public acts could only originate from

It was well known that too much legis- would be fully endorsed lation had been introduced into the House during the last few years.

rectly affected the province. The lumber duty was taken off by the Conservative party because a combine existed to the detriment of the consumer in the Northwas expected that something would be done this session. The opening up of the province by railways will pay for the cost by returns to the government cost by returns the government cost by the government cost by the government cost by the government cost by the government cos cost by returns to the government treasury. While the aid given in the past to railways had perhaps not been the wisest, yet it had assisted the country.

first Conservative government resented being known as having any parentalism. It was so Conservative that it proposed to leave the province as found it. This government asked what the opposition would do. The calibre of the present government was

Promoters for weeks had been waiting upon the members of the government. The government knew what these com-The government knew what these companies proposed to do. The opposition did not know what they wanted. The President of the Council and the Minister of Finance knew what the C. P. R. proof Finance knew what the C. P. R. proposed. Members of the government knew the same in connection with other companies. The opposition did not know ese things, yet the government had the assurance to ask the opposition what it would do. Give the opposition the information which the government had and the latter would soon be told what the former would do. This request: "What would you do?" was characteristic of this government. Did the parental governments of other days ask what to do.

He hoped he would not again hear the Attorney-General stand up and say that the aid of the province it would be impossible to carry on affairs.

The opening up of new districts would not burden the province. The returns would be greater from these districts if

these were opened up.

He corrected Mr. Ross with respect to the three resolutions to which he had referred. The better terms resolution was jointly agreed upon by himself and the Premier; the timber resolution was introduced from the opposition side; the other resolution was one which should not have been brought into this House. He supposed the members on the gov

nment side would be satisfied to hear of Dominion politics discussed instead of anything being done by the government with respect to railway legislation.
Individually naming some of the memers, Price Ellison and L. W. Shatford

Mr. Macdonald said these members would have a practical way of putting on ecord their opposition to the unbusiness ing the following resolution, which he

"But whereas the Premier, at the last session of this legislature, intimated that his government would submit to this House proposals of a definite character

way matters: "And whereas, failing to submit such proposals, the Premier subsequently stated on the floor of this House that a summer session would be held to deal exclusively with railway and transportation matters in this province

"And whereas said session was not held as promised: "And whereas the government has as yet submitted to this House no proposal uring the present session looking to better transportation facilities: "Therefore this House regrets the in-

lecision of the government and its re

peated failures to deal with an urgent

public question." W. J. Bowser:

W. J. Bowser took exception to the rambling character of Mr. Henderson's The members of criticism. were all glad to see Hon. Mr. Tatlow take a trip in which he combined business with pleasure. During the nine weeks the Finance Minister was absent a good part of it was spent in interesting capital in this province, in attending to the fruit exhibit and in consulting with financial men. Yet on that trip the minister paid

conducted. The convention at Revel-the opposition had asked for a chance stoke had selected Mr. Wilson as leader to appeal to the people in a bye-election, A chance was given, and the leader of When Mr. McBride was called upon to small amount. He had before called at-000 to the treasury, and Vancouver Island contributed about \$430,000. This the opposition came to Vancouver, where the majority was increased from 500 to expected of him, and selected a government he did not do as was the international contributed about \$430,000. This the majority was increased from 500 to expected of him, and selected a government he did not do as was the international contributed about \$430,000. the majority was increased from 500 to expected of him, and selected a governover 1,000. Then Lillooet went disasment from the men who had stood loyaltrously against the opposition. The leader of the opposition did not want to between the so-called Conservative govover 1,000. Then Lillooet went disasment from the men who had stood loyaltrously against the opposition did not want to between the so-called Conservative govover 1,000. Then Lillooet went disasment from the men who had stood loyaltrously against the opposition. These
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over 1,000 to build a road to give these people an outlet to talk of Dominion politics. No, because ernment and the Socialist party. These the record was too bad. He alluded to parties so antagonistic to one another the fact that Dominion ministers did not sank their principles to form an alliance. stay at Ottawa and attend to their busi-

The member for Delta had denounced ing had been done in order that the the aid to railways in the Kootenays, so Premier and the members of the government of the sound of the

Mr. Bowser said that he was sorry to grapple with this question. learn that Mr. McInnes might leave the House. He also was surprised to see the done the greatest good for the industry. Mr. McInnes and Ralph Smith.

in which he was in.

The House rose at 6 o'clock until the evening.

Waited to hear an announcement. The Liberal government at Ottawa was pledged for the enfranchisement of Chinamen and Japanese. In support of Chinamen and Japanese. In support of University of the lead bounty, and was the second largest producing lead mine in the work. this he said that Hon. C. Fitzpatrick, Upon resuming his address in the evenng Mr. Macdonald alluded to the fact tion to the act passed by the legislature sired. tion to the act passed by the legislature sired.

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reflect upon the minister. Without a government which could evolve a comprehensive policy that minister had simply to follow the example of previous governments. The government was ingovernments. The government was in active. After two years in power, what advance had been made by the province? allowing irregularities to be carried out. brought down it would mean contracts

After roing into Ontario politics Mr. Bowser contended that the country should feel proud of this first Conservacountry tive government. When an appeal was taken to the country the government

L. W. Shatford.

L. W. Shatford said that the principal legislature the necessity for opening up on railway matters: railway communication between Kootenays and the coast. The similkaof farm and fruit growing lands. The only drawback to the country had been the lack of transportation facilities and the holding of large tracts. These latter were being divided up, and he made alluion to the block in which he was interested, and which was to be opened up. Not only would one line of railway pay, but he believed three lines would pay divi-dends. He believed three lines would calibre of the present government was to sit still and ask for suggestions from at once. The Similkameen could not wait. He had hopes that before the sessoon be built. But one line was needed sion closed railway legislation would be introduced. (Loud applause.)

J. N. Evans. seen passed through the House was the seen passed through the House was the Songhees Indian Reserve Act. The present government had discharged School Inspector Netherby. He was an old servant who had done his work well. Mr. Netherby should have either been resuggested some system of civil service. Hon. Mr. Tatlow showed a
He gave an instance of a man being to hurry over these without killed by the carelessness of the govern-ment, a widow and orphan were left, yet order by the chairman, who ruled that

being investigated on Vancouver Island the game laws. He contended that there He objected to two or three amendments to the same bill coming in. The debate was adjourned on motion

of Dr. King at 11.15.

The House then proceeded to the der paper for the day when a number of bills were advanced a stage before

Victoria, April 4th. Prayers were read by Rev. J. P. West-

Reports. The private bills committee recom ended that the standing orders should be suspended so as to admit of the pe-Royal Canadian Life Insurance Company to be presented.

The municipal committee reported that two bills had been prepared, one to amend the Municipal Elections Act and the other to amend the Municipal Clause

A. H. B. Macgowan presented a petion from T. C. Livingston and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to ncorporate the Royal Canadian Life In surance Company.

On the adjourned debate on the motion o go into supply, Dr. King said he was surprised at the action of members of

about the country more than this admin- country's affairs would have been better be kept in their native land.

lack of energy. For seven weeks nothhad Mr. McInnes.

Mr. McInnes said he had many a time lation. Nothing had been done after two denounced this form of aid, but never the years' time towards framing a railway opening up of the Kootenays. (Applause.)

Policy. The Premier should step down belta, said that after office and make room for others, who would would be paid that there would

great results in the revenues of the prov- \$500 for the North Vancouver ferry. The question of protecting the timber from fire was one which demanded attention. He advocated also a road into Association, tha complaints were urged

was done. Parker Williams rose to speak after ernment for alleged negligence of this he division bell rang, and was not per-

feated. The motion was as follows: reason why he came to the House was to urge upon the government and the House proposals of a definite character

> "And whereas, failing to submit such proposals, the Premier subsequently stat-

"And whereas said session was not "And whereas the government has as yet submitted to this House no proposals during the present session looking

peated failures to deal with an urgent public question." The division was as follows:

Yeas-Messrs, McInnes, Drury, King, Brown, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson Munro, Paterson, Hall and Cameron-15. Nays Messrs. Davidson, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Cotton, Elli-

In Committee. The House then went into committee, In taking up the votes under civil ser-

Hon. Mr. Tatlow showed a disposition

the explanations should be given.

J. N Evans thought the officials who Mr. Henderson pointed out that this

registration of voters was one of the duties of a government agent. A vote being taken the item carried. On the item of \$13,000 for the fish hatchery at Seton lake, J. R. Brown called attention to the report that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had assured the government that the Dominion would take over the expenditure for fishery propogation. He wanted to know if thus was correct.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow explained that the minister had promised to take this subject up and submit a proposal looking to a settlement of this question. This had not vet been done.

Mr. Henderson wanted to know if there was any understanding by which the Dominion government would reimburse the province in case this department was taken over.

The Premier explained that this subject was not settled. The government would endeavor to get the Dominion authorities to reimburse the province if the fisheries were taken over. He hoped that all this would be settled. The Dominion had given a great deal more attention to the industry in British Columbia since the province took up the question. The Dominion might take over the whole management eventually. Mr. Prefontaine had spoken very highly of Mr. Babcock, and expressed a desire to have him enter the Dominion service. Mr. Henderson wanted to know if anything had been done with respect to the complaint that citizens of the United States were employed about the works

The Premier said that the man in charge of the hatchery at Seton lake, Mr. Ledgewood, was described as a very efficient officer, even though he was citizen of the United States.

Parker Williams thought that as the introduction of fish traps meant a large eduction in the cost of taking fish that the government should collect some tax. The Premier said that it was propos to collect a small royalty in return for the issue of foreshore rights.

The vote carried. Mr. Evans on the item for education of he deaf and dumb, called attention to

The vote carried. On the vote of \$1,500 for Chilliwack, tional boundary line. These people were

other parts of the province. Hon. Mr. Green said he had not forgotten the representations of Mr. Munro. On the item of \$7,000 for Columbia

W. C. Wells said that he was glad that an increase had been made over last year's appropriation. These items passed.

would be paid that there would be little left for public works.

Mr. Henderson classified the ridings represented by government members as

John Oliver, on an item of \$2,300 for

'sympathetic districts." Mr. Brown thought that a better appropriation could have been made for Greenwood. Grand Forks got \$5,000 as J. Murphy objected to the system of

voting \$10,000 to Lillooet and only \$8,000 for Cariboo had one-eighth of He expected to see the Dominion gov- the length of roads and one-sixth of the ernment assist the lumber men as de- length of trails in the province. Lillooet had not one-half that length. Yet Lillooet got back practically all it paid into the treasury. He did not see why Car-

The vote carried Mr. Oliver raised the point in connec-Association, tha complaints were urged ages being threatened against the gov

official. Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he was sorry to hear further complaints against the official. He had called upon the association to inquire into the affairs.

On the vote of \$8,000 for the Royal Agricultural & Industrial Society of British Columbia, in aid of an exhibition, Mr. Tanner raised the point that while he did not oppose the vote for the exhibition, yet he thought it would be unwise to cut off the vote to the district shows. The presence of good district exhibits at New Westminster would be essential. He thought if the vote to the districts was given it would aid much in getting the exhibits prepared.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Evans also spoke along similar lines.
C. Munro wanted to know if this course was taken because of the district associations recommending it? The Finance Minister/said he believed

many districts favored it. The vote passed. On the vote of \$750 in aid of the nilitia, Mr. Williams held that in a country like this there was no need for militia. It was obnoxious to trades unions because of the use which the militia was put to in suppressing strikes.

The vote carried. The vote of \$100 to the ethnological society was criticised as being really a vote to one individual who gave no re-The vote passed.

J. A. Macdonald brought the attention of the government to the fact that there were many complaints with respect to the conduct of the coal miners' examination on the vote for that purpose. The item passed On the vote for fighting forest fires. W.

C. Wells wanted to know what system would be employed. He was in favor of the taking of action to prevent fires. At 6 o'clock the committee rose and

asked leave to sit again. The House then rose until 8.30. EVENING SESSION

Upon resuming in the evening the House again went into committee to consider the estimates.
On an aditional vote of \$4,500 for Richmond, T. W. Paterson wanted to know how it was that a vote of \$2,000 made for the Islands two years ago had not been expended by the government. When an over-vote like this occurred in another riding it prompted a disposition

to want an explanation.

Premier McBride complained that Mr. Paterson did not come over and plead with the government as to the expenditure. Mr. Paterson said that this was the most foolish statement he had ever heard in the legislature. Did the Premier mean to say that every member had to come appropriations expended. Moreover, last year while the appropriations were being

voted the defeated candidate for the Islands had his seat on the floor of the House. The Premier had promised last year that the money would be expended. The Premier said that he while in ing for aid. He advised the member for the Islands to come over to the Chief

Comissioner when he wanted anything or the constituency.

Mr. Paterson said that the Premier apparently wanted to make him bel that the word of the Premier should not

be taken. The Premier had agreed with him (Mr. Paterson) to let the residents of the Islands select their own road boss. Shortly afterwards the best road boss in the Islands was dismissed, and a man put in who had not been long enough in the riding to have a vote. The Chief Com hissioner had promised to expend \$3,000.

Hon. R. F. Green explained that the expenditure in Richmond had been exceeded because there had been two sales in that riding, and it was necessary to

pen up the country.
Mr. Paterson asked the Chief Commis sioner if he had not expended money on a road in the Islands which had been built in to a farm owned by the defeated candidate only, and before the road was mpleted the owner had moved out. The government had no right to withhold the money voted by House. The Islands roads required all the expenditure

The item of \$7,000 as compensation to these pupils in some parts of the Dominion than in the United States, where they were sent. He thought the they were sent. He thought they should dated back many years. A mistake had

friendship which had sprung up between The putting of a tariff duty on lead would not have accomplished the results The opposition had said nothing yet on expected. The St. Eugene mine would a subject concerning which he had long itself produce far more than all that was waited to hear an announcement. The consumed in Canada. The St. Eugene compared with \$3,000 for Greenwood. Liberal government at Ottawa was had started up as a result of the lead J. Murphy objected to the system

Attorney-General instead of that min
not disallowed the act because the enactince. Yet last year only \$5,000 was passed over.

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ment was similar to the laws of former spent on roads, trails and bridges. He H. C. Tanner object.

the Flathead valley. This had been advocated by him last year, but nothing plaint with respect to an action for dam-

mitted to address the House. The motion of J. A. Macdonald was de-"But whereas the Premier, at the last session of the legislature, intimated that

harshly on the government. After too harshly on the government. After too the Dominion. With proper shipping facilities there would be many producing facilities there would be many producing sively with railway and transportation

to better transportation facilities:
"Therefore, this House regrets the indecision of the government and its re-

with Price Ellison in the chair. vice, Stuart Henderson wanted informatained or given a superannuation. He | tion relative to some of the increases.

nothing was done to give any aid. Referring to the question of better On the item of \$2,500 for registration terms Mr. Evans thought the Dominion of voters, J. D. McNiven wanted to might take over all the expense of maintaining wharves. The police might be efficient, but he had his doubts. He did remuneration for the registrars of not know of a single case of a bush fire votes. last year. The police should look after | did this work got good pay without this should be more system in the legislation.

Question of Privilege W. W. B. McInnes rising to a question of privilege said that with reference to a eported criticism by a clergyman in the city respecting the member for Nanaimo. he wished to correct an idea which prevailed in some quarters that he (Mr. Mc-Innes) was the member for Nanaimo. He was the member for Alberni

adjournment until to-morrow.

tition for leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a bill intituled The The report was received.

The bills were read a first time. Petition.

Laid on the table. Budget Debate.

tention to Dominion matters. It was only a few months since the government at Ottawa was endorsed by the people The ministry of the province had sig-

the government in avoiding questions per-taining to local affairs, and diverting at-