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"On the question being put the Council divided."

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OF  
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FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
BEING THE YEAR 1870, 33° VICTORIAE.

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Land Registry.....	Hon. Attorney General.	February 21	March 7	March 30, April 5, 6, 6,	April 20	June 1	Recommitted and amended by the Gov- [ernor.
Medical Practitioners .....	Do.	" 22	February 22	March 7 [7, 8, 11	March 9	March 24	
Crown Grants.....	Do.	" "	March 7	" 29, 30	April 4	April 13	
Supply.....	Message from Governor.	March 7	" 9	" 9	" 10	March 24	
Supplemental Supply.....	Do.	" "	" "	" "	" 10	" "	
County Courts.....	Hon. Mr. Drake.	April 6	April 11	April 19	" 19	April 22	
Common School Amendment.....	Hon. Mr. Alston.	March 28	" 7	" 12	" 13	" "	
Nanaimo Incorporation.....	Hon. Mr. Ring.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Courts Jurisdiction.....	Hon. Attorney General.	March 28	March 28	March 28	March 28	" "	Lapsed.
Customs Duties.....	Message from Governor.	April 11	April 12	April 12	April 13	" "	Lapsed.
Game.....	Hon. Mr. Dewdney.	" 6	" 11	" 11	" "	April 20	Referred to Select Committee. Lapsed.
Crown Costs.....	Hon. Mr. Ring.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Thrown out.
Bills of Sale.....	Hon. Mr. Alston.	" "	" "	" "	" "	May 11	Thrown out.
Water Supply.....	Hon. Mr. Drake.	" "	" "	April 20, 21	April 21	" "	Lapsed.
Fire Companies, Aid.....	Do.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Lapsed.
Land.....	Hon. Mr. Trutch.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Reserved for Her Majesty's Assent.
Municipal Fines.....	Hon. Attorney General.	" "	April 13	April 19, 20, 21	April 22	June 1	
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Supreme Court Merger.....	Do.	" "	" 20	" 21	" 21	" "	
Cemetery.....	Do.	" "	" 19	" 20	" 20	" "	
Supreme Court Fees.....	Do.	" "	" 20	" 22	" 22	" "	
Customs Amendment.....	Do.	" "	" 19	" 20	" 20	" "	
Merchant Ship Desertion.....	Do.	" "	" "	" 19	" 19	" "	
		" 20	" "	" 22	" 22	" "	

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ANTHONY MUSGRAVE.

## PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

*To the Honourable the Legislative Councillors of the said Colony, and every of them, and whom else it may concern;*

*Greeting.*

**K**NOW YE that I, ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, under and by virtue of all powers and authorities in me in that behalf vested, do hereby command and, by the tenor of these presents, enjoin you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the Council Chamber, Victoria, personally you be and appear FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat and conclude upon those things which in the said Legislative Council may be ordained.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Victoria, in the Colony of British Columbia, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

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Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1870.

Pursuant to the above Proclamation, the Legislative Council met this day, the following Members being present:—

The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Ring, Humphreys, Alston.

At 2 o'clock, the Presiding Member, the Hon. P. J. Hankin, Colonial Secretary, took the Chair. The Presiding Member acquainted the Council that the Governor,

in consequence of illness, would be unable to attend the Council in person, but had deputed him to read the opening Speech, and had furnished him with a *Dedimus Potestatem* to swear in Members, which he read as follows:—

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A. MUSGRAVE.

*To Philip J. Hankin, Esquire, Presiding Member of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, and whom else it may concern:*

*Greeting.*

KNOW YE that ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, ESQUIRE, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, reposing especial trust and confidence in the fidelity, learning, and integrity of the said Philip J. Hankin, and under and by virtue of all powers and authorities him, the said Anthony Musgrave, as such Governor in that behalf enabling, hath appointed, and by these presents doth give and grant unto the said Philip J. Hankin full power and authority to administer the customary oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, uring its present Session.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, at Victoria, British Columbia, this Fourteenth day of February, A. D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the 33rd year of Her Majesty's Reign.

The following Members were then introduced:—Amor DeCosmos, Esquire, Francis Jones Barnard, Esquire, to whom the Presiding Member administered the customary oath.

The Presiding Member then read the following gracious Speech from His Excellency:—

*Message No. 1.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:—*

An untoward accident has deprived me of the pleasure which I had anticipated from meeting you in person, on the first occasion of your assembling since I entered upon the administration of this Government. I desired the opportunity to assure you of my keen sense of the important trust which devolves upon me under the form of Constitution now prevailing in the Colony, and my earnest desire to discharge it with diligence and fidelity to the Community. I cannot delegate to others the authority and the duties which are confided to me. Complicated questions, conflicting interests, and divergent political opinions, all demand consideration, and practically upon them in many respects the decision must be mine. I assure you, gentlemen, that the labour is not light, nor can I easily acquit myself of the obligations incumbent upon me. But I believe that I may rely with confidence upon your loyal assistance in the performance of my duty. I count upon your co-operation in labouring for the attainment of our common object—the promotion of the prosperity of the Community with the protection of whose interests we are charged.

Soon after my arrival I was able to visit some of the most distant parts of the Government, including the principal Mining District. The observation of an impartial stranger viewing scenes and objects new to him is often of greater value than the careless notice of persons to whom they are more familiar. The impression which I received of the condition and prospects of the Colony was more favourable than I had been led to anticipate. [To me the indications of certain progress and growth of prosperity seemed manifest. I saw with pleasure the application of science to the development of the Gold Mines of Cariboo. With equal satisfaction I witnessed the extending Agriculture, and ascertained the success of Stock-raising within our borders. Exportation of Coal and Lumber is increasing,] while the information which I gathered went to shew that the spirit of excitement and speculation which is only too apt to be prevalent in Gold producing countries has gradually subsided, leaving in its place a healthier tone of feeling and sounder basis for commercial transactions.

Since my visit to the Mainland, recent discoveries of fresh Gold Fields have been reported, which if they prove to be important will tend to infuse new spirit into enterprise of all kinds, and will doubtless stimulate both trade and production. I have confidence in the future of British Columbia, if only her affairs are conducted with discretion; and at the base of all superstructure must lie the financial arrangements.

I shall lay before you at once the Estimates which have been prepared for the current year. The details will be explained by the Officers of the Government to whose Departments the several heads of appropriation relate.

They contain few besides the usual provisions. The most important addition is a proposed subsidy of (\$4,500) Four thousand five hundred Dollars, to the Western Union Telegraph Company, to assist in the maintenance of Telegraphic communication with Portland, and through Portland with the rest of the World. It was represented to me, upon evidence which I had no reason to doubt, that without this aid the communication would cease, and I have thought that under all the circumstances it may be with propriety afforded.

At the same time that application was made on this matter, the Telegraph Company offered to transfer to the Government their property in the line between Swinomish and Quesnelmouth as it stands, provided that the Government would undertake to repair, maintain, and work it. I caused careful enquiry to be made as to the probable cost to the Colony of such an undertaking, and found that it would amount to \$8,000 for this year, in excess of any receipts which can be expected. I have not thought myself justified in incurring this outlay in view of our financial position unless special provision can be made for it. I have not, therefore, placed it on the Estimates, but I will lay papers relating to the matter before you.

I have, however, included an appropriation of \$5,000 for the promotion of Immigration, to provide for a continuation of the experiment which has been made to assist the introduction of Female Immigrants, and in the hope that we may be able to organize the commencement of some practical arrangement to aid the Immigration of Agricultural Settlers. Interest is manifested in England on the subject of Emigration, and I will endeavour to use means for diffusing a knowledge of our resources.

The usual Votes which you will be asked to grant are computed with strict regard to economy. They contemplate augmented expenditure for Roads; but it has been found impossible to include provision for some matters to which I would gladly give attention. I desire to avoid Supplementary Estimates so far as it is practicable to do so, and not to exceed the provision authorized by you unless forced by great emergency.

The year closed with a balance against the public at the Bank of British Columbia amounting to \$27,000. I shall cause you to be furnished with Schedules of the Assets and Liabilities of the Colony on the 31st December last, which show a floating debt of large amount, for the repayment of which no fitting provision has been made. Until satisfactory arrangements are adjusted in respect of these liabilities it behoves us to be circumspect in sanctioning fresh disbursements.

I will submit to you a Bill to give authority for the consolidation of this debt, by the issue of fresh Debentures at six per cent., and to provide for its liquidation by a Sinking Fund.

I am aware that the complications arising from the existence of different Supreme Courts in the two sections of our United Colony have been the cause of much protest and discussion, you will, therefore, be glad to know that the difficulty in the way of more convenient arrangements has been removed by the promotion of the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island to another appointment. By the operation of the Ordinance passed by you during the last Session to regulate the Supreme Court — to which the Queen's assent has been given — a single jurisdiction is now established for the whole Colony, which will be administered by the Chief Justice of British Columbia, with the assistance of a Puisne Judge. I know that strong representations have been made as to the importance of providing a local Court of Appeal by the appointment of a third Judge, but I think it may be well first to note the working of the present alteration in the Judicial arrangements before deciding to incur the increased expense which would be necessary for that purpose. In fact this, as well as many other questions, is to some extent dependent upon the greater one of the expediency of Union with the Dominion of Canada, which it is my duty to bring before you.

The Community is already acquainted with the Despatch which I have recently received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on this subject; and the careful consideration of it cannot longer be deferred with courtesy to Her Majesty's Government, or advantage to the Colony. I commend it to your earnest thought. For my own part, I am convinced that on certain terms, which I believe it would not be difficult to arrange, this Colony may derive substantial benefit from such an Union. But the only manner in which it can be ascertained whether Canada will agree to such arrangements as will suit us, is to propose such as we would be ready to accept. With the assistance of my Council, I have prepared a scheme which I shall cause to be laid before you. Resolutions framed upon that basis will enable me to communicate with the Government of Canada and ascertain whether they will be willing to accede to our propositions.

While the views of Her Majesty's Government have been clearly and forcibly expressed upon this question, I am sure there is no desire to urge the Union, except in accordance with its general acceptance by British Subjects in the Colony. I do not, therefore, propose that any terms agreed upon by the Government of Canada should be finally accepted until ratified by the general verdict of the

Community, so far as that can be ascertained through another Council, of which the Unofficial Members shall have been re-elected.

The form of the local Constitution must be to some extent modified in Confederation with the other Provinces; and even in anticipation of that event, I think that an enlarged application of the principle of Representative Government to the composition of your Honourable House would be expedient. I have already, by Her Majesty's permission, reconstituted the Executive Council by the addition of two Unofficial Members representing populous Districts, from whose advice I receive valuable assistance. I shall go further in the same direction, and on the same principle. I shall ask for authority so to reconstitute the Legislative Council as to allow the majority of its Members to be formally returned for Electoral Districts. And to a Council so reconstituted I should look for a final decision upon any terms to which the Government of Canada may express readiness to agree. Further than this I frankly admit that I do not think it would be wise to go. I have had experience of several forms of Colonial Government, and I have no hesitation in stating my opinion that the form commonly called "Responsible Government" would not be found at present suited to a community so young and so constituted as this. It is not known in any of the neighbouring States or Territories. Experience has shown that the system is expensive in its results, and its operation is not successful except in more advanced communities, with population of more homogeneous character than ours. But it will of course, after Union, be open to the Local Legislature, with the concurrence of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to adopt what modification it shall choose of the existing Constitution. I have declared my opinion to you with candour. I think that you will appreciate my motive. I wish to aid only in what I believe will conduce to the welfare and prosperity of the Colony.

I am glad to communicate to you that I have been acquainted by Lord Granville with the readiness of the Government of the United States to enter into a postal convention with British Columbia, which will be much more convenient to both parties concerned than the existing arrangements. It is proposed that the single rate of International postage on letters exchanged in either direction shall be six cents if paid in advance, and ten cents if unpaid, and that each office should retain all postage collected. This understanding will effect much simplification of the present Postal Regulations, and I have proposed that it shall come into operation at the beginning of the next Quarter of the Year.

Nearly all the Ordinances assented to by my Predecessor during last Session have received Her Majesty's sanction.

The Bill to incorporate the Members of St. Andrew's Church has, however, been disallowed, with the concurrence of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, to whom the measure was referred by the Secretary of State. And I have not yet received Her Majesty's decision upon the School Ordinance.

I shall lay before you a Despatch, with its enclosures, from the Secretary of State on the subject of the Drawbacks Ordinance of 1869. Pending your consideration of the information afforded by the Board of Trade and Commissioners of Customs, assent to this Bill is withheld. The operation of the Savings Bank Ordinance appears up to this time to be satisfactory. Some amendments may hereafter be required to facilitate the working of the Law, but so little time has been afforded for observing its effect that it seems unnecessary as yet to modify its provisions.

So many subjects of public interest are more or less affected by the larger question of the expediency of Union with the Dominion that some can scarcely be dealt with advantageously until consideration has been afforded to that proposed measure. Among these is the propriety of altering the Tariff. My Predecessor referred this question for the consideration of a Commission appointed for the purpose. The Members have not agreed in opinion as to the course to be pursued. Under such circumstances I think that it would be undesirable to make any changes at present. It has been found from experience in other places of Commercial importance that frequent alterations in the Tariff are injurious to trade.

Certain Bills will, however, be submitted to you, chiefly having for their object the consolidation and assimilation of the Laws now in force in the two sections of the Colony relating to Land and the Registration of Titles.

You have before you, Gentlemen, most important subjects for your deliberation, and I will not detain you longer from the discharge of your duties.

I fervently hope that the Blessing of the Almighty Ruler of events may attend our labours, and direct our efforts for the good of the people of this community, and crown them with results promoting peace, justice, and prosperity.

*Government House,  
15th February, 1870.*

The Hon. the Presiding Member laid on the table the following papers:—

Proposed Terms of Confederation, as agreed upon by the Governor in Council;\*

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 1.

Papers on the subject of the Drawbacks Ordinance.

Ordered that the former be read.

Read aloud by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered to be printed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Hon. Mr. Sanders seconding,

Ordered that the Governor's Message and Enclosures be printed for the use of Members.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Trutch, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Drake, and

Resolved, That a Select Committee, to be named by the Presiding Member, be appointed to draw up and submit a reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech.

The following Hon. Members were appointed:—Messrs. Trutch, Drake, Carrall, O'Reilly, Hamley.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of 4 motions.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved the adjournment till 1 on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken, in amendment, till 1 on Friday next.

The amendment having been put and carried, the Council adjourned till Friday next, the 18th instant, at 1 o'clock.

Friday, the 18th day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Pemberton, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Barnard, Alston, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Edgar Dewdney, Esquire, Member for Kootenay, was then introduced into the Council Chamber, and, the customary oath having been administered, the Hon. Member took his seat at the Council Board.

The Hon. the Presiding Member laid on the table the Estimates for the year.

Ordered that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of Supply on Wednesday, the 22nd instant.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Lillooet.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented a Petition from the School Teachers of Vancouver Island before Union.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of 2 motions.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Trutch, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to draw up and submit a reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, handed in Report.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved that the Report be adopted.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, in amendment, that it be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

On the amendment being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

The Hon. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that some amendments had been made by the Committee, and the reply as amended was handed in for adoption by the Council.

The amended Report was adopted as follows:—

*To His Excellency Anthony Musgrave, Governor of British Columbia.*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Council assembled, sincerely regret the accident which has deprived us of the pleasure of personally meeting Your Excellency on this, the first occasion of our being convened under Your Excellency's administration. At the same time, we are fully aware that you have, notwithstanding your illness, exerted yourself successfully to master many of the complicated questions which required immediate and pressing attention; and we can assure Your Excellency that you can command our cordial co-operation in all measures tending to the benefit of the Colony.

The visit which Your Excellency was enabled to pay to the Mining Districts of the Mainland, shortly after your arrival, has, we are confident, been productive of a better appreciation of our local resources than could have been gained by you in any other manner; and we hope that the recent discoveries at Peace River will prove as beneficial to the Colony as you anticipate.

We concur with Your Excellency in thinking that the loss of Telegraphic Communication with the United States and the rest of the World would be severely felt by all classes of the community, and we trust that the steps which Your Excellency has taken will secure to us the permanent use of the line between Victoria and Portland; and though we regret the prospect of the Telegraph Company having to relinquish, for the present, their establishments on the Mainland, we yet hope that measures will be devised which will ensure the speedy re-opening of this line.

We regard the appropriation of \$5,000 for the promotion of Immigration as a step urgently needed, and one which will be viewed by all classes with unqualified satisfaction.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that, in the present position of our finances, the strictest circumspection ought to be used in sanctioning fresh disbursements, and we consider that a reduction of expenditure should be made wherever practicable.

The partial solution of the complicated Judicial question is a source of congratulation, and we trust that all causes of dissatisfaction in connection with the Judiciary system of this Colony will be speedily terminated.

We are aware that the subject of Confederation with the Dominion of Canada is the most important topic which will be brought under our consideration, and we will give it the attention which the magnitude of the question demands. The final reference of the subject to the popular vote cannot but commend itself as the most satisfactory decision which can be arrived at.

We view with satisfaction the liberal opinions expressed by Your Excellency on the subject of an enlarged representation, and the reconstruction of the Legislative Council on a more popular basis.

The new Postal treaty with the United States will greatly simplify the existing system, and will afford a considerable reduction in the present rates of postage.

All measures which are sent down for our consideration shall meet with our most earnest attention, and we hope our labours may result in the permanent good of the Colony. In conclusion, we trust that Your Excellency may soon be restored to health, and that under Divine guidance this Colony may increase in prosperity, and ere long surpass the brightest hopes of former years.

Resolved that the reply to the Governor's opening Speech, in consequence of His Excellency's illness, be presented to him by the Presiding Member.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That a Committee of five, of whom three shall be a quorum, be appointed to enquire into, and report without delay, the state of efficiency of the Department of Lands and Works, and to offer suggestions with a view to increase, if possible, its efficiency, and at the same time securing more economy in its working. That in case of difference of opinion a minority as well as a majority report be submitted to the Council. That the Committee be empowered to send for persons and papers, and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting his co-operation, by instructing the Officer administering the Department of Lands and Works to allow the books, papers, and maps of the Lands and Works Department to be examined by the Committee.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, and the question being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes 4, Noes 14.*

On request, the names were taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Barnard,  
Robson,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Ball,  
Dewdney,  
Holbrook,  
Drake,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Alston,  
Wood,  
Pemberton,  
Bushby,  
Hamley,  
Crease.

The Hon. Mr. Ring not having voted, his vote was recorded with the *Ayes*, so the vote stood *Ayes* 5, *Noes* 14, and the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to inform this Council whether the Honourables R. W. W. Carrall and J. S. Helmcken were appointed Members of the Executive Council by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, or by authority of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, or by both such authorities; and, if so, that such Order in Council, or such Despatch of the Secretary of State, or extracts therefrom, authorizing such appointments to the Executive Council, be communicated to this Council, and also that a copy of all correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Honourables R. W. W. Carrall and J. S. Helmcken pertaining to their invitation to become Members and to their nomination and installation as Members of the Executive Council be also laid before this Council for its information.

After some discussion the Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the motion. Motion withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate to this Council a Return setting forth:—

1. The amount of Road Tax assessed in 1869 in each Road District in the Electoral District Victoria No. 2;
2. The amount of Road Tax assessed for Land in each of the said Road Districts in 1869;
3. The amount of Road Tax assessed against Persons in 1869, excluding Land Road Tax, in each of the said Road Districts;
4. The amount of Land Road Tax in 1869, collected up to December the 31st, 1869, in and for each said Road District;
5. The amount of *per capita* or personal Road Tax for 1869, excluding Land Road Tax, collected in each said Road District;
6. The amount of Road Tax unpaid on 31st December, 1869, in each said Road District, showing total arrears for land, and total arrears for persons exclusive of land;
7. The names of the Collector or Collectors of Road Tax in and for each Road District, 1869;
8. The amount of Road Tax collected by each Collector;
9. The amount taken from the Road Tax Fund and expended in 1869 in each Road District, and how, where, and by whom expended;
10. Whether the expenditure on the Roads in each Road District in Victoria District No. 2, was made wholly from the Road Tax Fund or not, and if not, what amounts were expended in each of the said Road Districts out of the General Revenue, and where in each said Road District;
11. Number of persons resident in each said Road District in 1869 liable for Road Taxes;
12. Number of persons resident out of the Colony liable under "Road Ordinance, 1869," for Road Taxes in respect to land in each or in some of said Road Districts.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Tuesday, 1st, March, next, was fixed as the day on which the Attorney General would bring forward for discussion the Resolution for the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada sent down in His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Drake, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

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Monday, the 21st day of February, 1870.

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The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Dewdney, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Alston, Pemberton.

On the Minutes of the previous Meeting being read, and the question of their confirmation being put, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that they be amended by the addition of the following words at the end:—

“On the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' notice to fix a day to go into Committee of the whole on Confederation referred to in the Governor's Speech and the Resolution accompanying the same, being called by the President, Tuesday next, March 1st, was fixed upon on the suggestion of the Hon. Attorney General.”

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, in amendment, that the following words be added:—

“Tuesday, the 1st March, next, was fixed as the day on which the Attorney General would bring forward for discussion the Resolution for the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada sent down in His Excellency the Governor's Speech.”

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 12, *Noes* 3.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Dewdney, Holbrook, Barnard, Robson, Carrall, Bushby, Hamley, Crease.	The Hon. Messrs. DeCosmos, Humphreys, Ring.

The Hon. Messrs. Wood and Drake not having voted were recorded with the Ayes, so the vote stood *Ayes* 14, *Noes* 3, and the amendment was carried, and the Minutes of the previous day amended accordingly.

On the question being put whether the Minutes as amended should pass, the Council again divided.

*Ayes* 13, *Noes* 3.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Dewdney, Holbrook, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Bushby, Helmcken, Crease.	The Hon. Messrs. DeCosmos, Humphreys, Ring.

The Hon. Mr. Wood not having voted, his vote was recorded with the Ayes, so the vote stood *Ayes* 14, *Noes* 3, and the Minutes as amended were confirmed.

The Hon. the Presiding Member acquainted the Council that he had presented their Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, and that His Excellency had made the following rejoinder:—

*Message No. 2.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

*Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.*

I receive your address with much gratification. I anticipate with confidence the continuance of the cordiality of feeling with which our intercourse has happily commenced, and which, you may be assured, it will be my anxious desire to maintain throughout the period of my administration.

*Government House,  
21st February, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Hon. the Colonial Secretary whether the Government intend to make provision for the payment of arrears due to School Teachers, as set forth in the Journals of this House for 1869?

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Land Registry Bill—

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next—

and the Medical Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That the Government be asked to provide for the removal, at once, of one of the Rocks in Fraser River known as the "Twin Sisters."

Subsequently the Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the question till the Estimates were under discussion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion postponed accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the same till to-morrow.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion postponed till to-morrow accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Alston moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit to this Council a Return showing—

1. The Schools in existence under the "Common Schools Ordinance, 1869," on 31st December, 1869;

2. The names of the Teachers of the said Schools, and the Salaries paid or payable to them;

3. The sums granted to each Local Board out of the money voted for Educational purposes for the past year;

4. A Statement of Receipts and Expenditure by each Local Board up to 31st December, 1869;

5. The average number of pupils attending each of the said Schools during the past year;

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved the following Resolution:—

That a Respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that all Flour made from Wheat grown in the Colony be exempted from Road Tolls.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved, in amendment, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the whole question of Road Tolls on Flour, Bran, Shorts, and Home-grown Produce.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 17, Noes 2.*

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Hon. Members:—  
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Hamley, Robson, Alston, Humphreys.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked the Hon. Attorney General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make any alterations in the County Court Ordinance, with the view of effecting the better administration of Justice?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That the consideration of the Despatches relative to the Drawback Bill be taken up on Friday next.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

#### PROTEST.

We, the undersigned Members of the Legislative Council, protest against the correctness of the record of the proceedings of the Legislative Council on Friday, February 18th, 1870, as amended by the Council on Monday, February 21st, 1870, with relation to the motion of the undersigned, A. DeCosmos, "That a day be fixed to go into Committee of the whole on the question of Confederation with Canada, referred to in the Governor's Speech and Resolutions accompanying the same," for the following reasons:—

1. Because every Member of the Legislative Council has the right, in accordance with Parliamentary usage, to have recorded on the Journals of the Council any motion made by such Member, in conformity with Parliamentary law and the Rules and Orders governing the Council.

2. Because the above written motion, made by the undersigned, A. DeCosmos, on Friday, February 18th, 1870, and of which notice of motion had been given on Tuesday, February 15th, 1870, and which notice of motion had appeared in the Orders of the day for Friday, February 18th, 1870, and which was called in due course by the President of the Council on the last mentioned day, and was responded to by the undersigned, A. DeCosmos, was omitted from the Clerk's draft record of the proceedings of the Council on February 18th, 1870, and has not been mentioned or placed on the Journal of the proceedings of the Council, in accordance with Parliamentary usage and the Rules, Orders, and usage of this Council in such cases, and in conformity with the undoubted and established right of any and every Member of this Council.

(Signed) A. DECOSMOS,  
T. B. HUMPHREYS.

*Council Chamber, 22nd February, 1870.*

Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Bushby, Pemberton, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Humphreys, O'Reilly, Dewdney, King, Barnard, Robson.

On the Minutes being read and the question of their confirmation being put,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney seconding, That the Protest placed on the Minutes of the 21st instant by the Hon. Messrs. DeCosmos and Humphreys be erased.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the third section be struck out.

On the amendment being put it was carried in the affirmative, and section 3 was struck out accordingly.

On the question that the remainder be struck out, it passed in the negative, after a division, *Ayes* 6, *Noes* 13, so the motion to strike out the whole Protest was lost, and the Minutes as amended were approved.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Crown Grants Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Medical Bill, and the question being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 14, *Noes* 3.

So it was read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed on Monday, the 28th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That in view of the apparent imminence of Union with Canada, and in view of the paramount necessity for loyal and cordial co-operation on the part of the people of this Colony with the Government of Canada, in working out the institutions of the Dominion in case of such Union, and with the object of avoiding political agitation against Confederation, or for organic changes in the Constitution of the Colony after Union, to the injury of industrial questions, a Select Committee, embracing the Representative Element of the Council, be appointed and instructed to report without delay the outline of a Constitution for the Local Government of the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That the question of Constitutional changes be taken up after the question of Confederation has been submitted to the Council.

On the amendment being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved the adjournment till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robson till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

On the amendment being put it was carried in the affirmative, so the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Pemberton, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Humphreys, Drake, Barnard, Carrall, Robson, Holbrook.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented the Petition of Alexander Watson.\*

Ordered to be read. Read aloud by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Carrall moved—

That this Council, impressed with the conviction that the disestablishment of the Telegraph Line between Victoria and Cariboo will prove detrimental to the mercantile and other interests of the Colony, as well as forfeit our prestige abroad, respectfully recommend His Excellency the Governor to accept the line and plant from the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that if provision cannot be made for this service from existing sources of

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 2.

Revenue an additional one per cent. be placed on the Customs Revenue of the Colony for that purpose.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Carrall moved—

That in view of the probable immigration to the Omineca Mines, and with the object of offering every facility for the ingress of both miners and supplies, this Council is of opinion that the Government should cause a survey and estimate of the cost of removing the rocks impeding the navigation of the Fort George and Cottonwood Canons, and other obstructions in the Fraser between Fort George and a point, say 50 miles, below Soda Creek, during the present summer, so that a sufficient sum may be placed on the Estimates for 1871 for that purpose.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, praying that such additional sum be placed on the Estimates as may be necessary to cover the cost of maintaining a fortnightly Mail Service between Cache Creek and the Southern Boundary, *via* Kamloops and the head of Lake Okanagan, and that he will cause a call for Tenders to be made for such service, and that the notice of call be published in the part of the District directly interested, and that a proper person be appointed there to receive such Tenders as may be offered, and forward the same to the Postmaster General.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved—

That a sum of \$1,000 be placed on the Estimates to enable the Colony to purchase Mr. Needham's valuable Library, for the use of the Supreme Court.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved—

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that such arrangements as will insure the regular transmission of Mails to and from Olympia may be made with the Steamer running between this Colony and that Port.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of Supply.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the School Teachers' Petition,

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That the consideration of the School Teachers' Petition be referred to a Select Committee.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

The Presiding Member named the following Committee:—The Hon. Messrs. Drake, DeCosmos, O'Reilly, Ball, Pemberton.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had instructed him to hand in the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and on the question being put Resolved that the following Supplies be voted:—

Governor .....	\$2,052
Legislative Council .....	900
Colonial Secretary .....	9,224
Treasurer.....	4,552
Auditor General.....	3,877
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	7,298
Customs .....	13,820

On the question being put, Resolved, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that \$300 be added to the salary of the Landing Waiter, New Westminster.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 24th day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Dewdney, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Helmcken.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall presented the Petition of Philip Cadell.  
Not received, not being addressed to the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.  
The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.  
The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,  
That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, asking for the establishment of a Labour Exchange, with an office at Victoria and New Westminster.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney asked the Government,—  
Whether it is their intention to appoint a Resident Magistrate at Kootenay?  
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,  
That the Petition respecting County Court Judges be printed.  
Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.  
The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.  
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again to-morrow.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted:—

Registrar General .....	\$ 485 00
Post Office .....	3,200 00
Judicial .....	5,960 00
Police .....	16,803 <sup>50</sup> 50
Kootenay District .....	7,512 00
Cariboo District .....	11,970 00
Yale District .....	4,320 00
Lillooet District .....	4,680 00
Nanaimo District .....	3,168 00

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to increase the salary of the two Door Guards and Cook in the Victoria Gaol to \$2 per day.

Resolved, That the Governor be recommended to increase the pay of the two Constables at New Westminster from \$1.75 to \$2 per day.

Resolved, That the Council recommend that the Sergeant of Police, Victoria, receive \$2.50 per diem.

Resolved, That the Governor be recommended that the pay of the two Convict Guards at Victoria be increased by 25c. per diem.

Resolved, That the Governor be recommended to increase the salary of the three Victoria Constables by 25c. per diem.

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that a Resident Magistrate should be kept constantly at Kootenay.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the desirability of remitting the Tolls at present collected on Flour, Bran, Shorts, and other home-grown Produce under the "Lillooet-Alexandria Road Toll Act, 1862," brought up a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read as follows:—

Your Committee report that there appears to be in certain respects an unequal pressure on farmers residing in the neighbourhood south of the Toll-gate as it is now situated at Clinton, tolls being exacted on cattle and produce taken from the farms below the gate, and levied again on the flour received back. To remedy this, your Committee propose that the gate placed now at Clinton should be moved to a point about a mile south of Soda Creek, by which means toll will be paid equally by all the farmers south of Soda Creek, on flour, &c., forwarded to Cariboo.

Your Committee would recommend, moreover, the repeal or alteration of the "Lytton-Alexandria Road Toll Act, 1862," in order that the toll levied on that part of the Road may be in all respects assimilated to the toll levied at Hope, Yale, and Douglas, under the "Road Toll Act, 1860," by which arrangement cattle and waggons will go free, and no toll will be collected on goods of any description brought through the gate at Soda Creek in a southerly direction.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 25th day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Pemberton, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Barnard, Alston, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Registration of Titles Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the second reading be postponed till next meeting of Council.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Drake,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Crown Grants Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon.

Mr. Barnard, relative to a Road to Okanagan Lake,

Ordered to be sent down to Committee of Supply.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Secretary of State's Despatch on the Drawbacks Bill,

Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon.

Mr. Carrall, in reference to a road from Dog Creek to Soda Creek,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next, and that the Committee of Supply do stand as the first Order of the day.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted:—

Pensions.....	\$3,031 25
Revenue Services.....	1,000 00
Administration of Justice .....	5,000 00
Charitable Allowances .....	10,500 00
Education .....	10,000 00
Police and Gaols .....	12,000 00
Rent .....	1,000 00
Transport .....	35,000 00

And on the question being put, Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be recommended to place an additional sum of \$5,000 upon the Estimates for Education.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to remove the residence of the Magistrate from Lillooet to Clinton.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday.

Monday, the 28th day of February, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Carrall, Humphreys, Alston, Ring, DeCosmos, Dewdney, Barnard, Holbrook.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Message No. 3.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards to the Legislative Council a Bill authorizing Expenditure incurred in the years 1868-9, which was not covered by the Appropriation Ordinances for those years.

The Supplemental Supply required for 1868 is \$123,367 74.

Do., Do., 1869 is 78,217 30.

The details of these Expenditures are fully given in the Supplementary Estimates for those years, herewith forwarded.

These Expenditures may be classed under three heads:—

1. Arrears of previous years;
2. Short votes under usual heads of service;
3. Unforeseen or Contingent Expenditure.

As will be at once apparent from an examination of the Estimates enclosed, the arrears of previous years unpaid till the next year form the largest item.

The sums expended on account of short votes are inconsiderable.

With reference to unforeseen or Contingent Expenditure, the Governor has only to call attention to the following items as demanding particular notice:—

1868.	
Compensation to Officers for loss of office	\$3,404 78
In aid of Hospitals .....	5,850 47
In aid of Schools .....	4,109 51
Removal of Seat of Government .....	4,129 10
Cariboo Mail Contract .....	15,253 00

1869.	
Compensation to Officers, &c. ....	6,110 97
Mail to San Francisco.....	5,000 00
Assay Office, Cariboo .....	2,521 87
Aid to Fire Departments .....	2,000 00
Funeral Expenses of late Governor .....	2,060 77
Grant to Telegraph Company .....	2,250 00

The Governor need hardly remark that nearly all the Supplementary Expenditure was incurred prior to his assuming the administration of the Government of British Columbia.

The Bill herewith forwarded authorizes no fresh Expenditure, and is simply an indemnification for necessary disbursements beyond the annual votes.

Government House,

28th February, 1870.

Ordered to be printed and sent down to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard presented the Petition of the Settlers of the Okanagan Lake.  
 Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.  
 Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of William Harrison.  
 Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.  
 Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.  
 The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of 2 motions.  
 The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.  
 The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for Committee of Supply, and the question "That I do now leave the Chair" being put, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That all words after "that" be struck out, and the following words substituted:—

"An humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, setting forth the following:—

"1. That although the expense of conducting the Government of the Colony is out of all proportion to the number, need, and ability of the people, this Council is powerless to effect any material reduction after the Estimates are framed by the Executive and submitted in detail, without more or less disturbing the harmony and impairing the efficiency of the whole.

"2. That a large reduction in the expense of conducting the Government is imperatively demanded by the people.

"3. That such reduction can only be attained by a repeal of the Crown Salaries Acts, by a change in the present cumbrous and expensive system of keeping accounts, and by a further amalgamation of offices.

"4. That as these measures can only be attained by the Executive Government taking the initial steps, this Council, therefore, respectfully but most earnestly recommends His Excellency the Governor, as follows:—

"5. To send down to the Legislative Council, during the present Session, a Bill repealing the Crown Salaries Ordinance, in order that the following reductions may be made:—

" Governor.....	\$10,000
Colonial Secretary .....	3,000
Attorney General.....	2,000
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	3,000
Collector of Customs .....	3,000

"That the office of Treasurer be abolished.

"That the office of Chief Inspector of Police be abolished.

"6. To represent, without delay, to Her Majesty's Government the unwillingness and inability of the people to meet the expense entailed upon the Colony by the present system, and to urge the right of a Colony compelled to provide for every item of expenditure to adopt a more simple and economical system.

"7. Notwithstanding that the Estimates have undergone no change since coming from the hands of the Executive, owing to the inability of this Council effectively to deal with them, His Excellency the Governor is earnestly recommended to make such reductions meanwhile, as may be compatible with the safety and interests of the public, by further amalgamation of offices, or otherwise."

Moved, in amendment, by the Hon. Mr. Carrall, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney seconding,

"That this Council respectfully recommend His Excellency the Governor to take the question of amalgamation of offices and economy of the administration of the Government in every Department into his consideration, during the approaching recess, with a view to the preparation of the Estimates of 1871 in accordance with the requirements of the Colony."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, Noes 11.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the original question be amended as follows:—

That in section 1, word "all" be struck out.

Put and lost.

That "this Council is," after word "people," in line 2, be struck out, and the following substituted: "the Representative Members of the Council are"

Put and lost.

That all the words after "reduction," in line 4, be struck out, and words "in the Estimates" be substituted.

Put and lost.

In section 4, strike out word "only," in 2nd line.

Put and lost.

That all words before "his," in section 7, line 3, be struck out, and the word "that" substituted.

Put and lost.

On the original question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 3, *Noes* 10.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*

The Hon. Messrs. Barnard,  
Robson,  
Drake.

*Noes.*

The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Ball,  
Dewdney,  
Holbrook,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Alston,  
Wood,  
Pemberton.

So the Resolution was lost.

The motion to go into Committee of Supply was then put and agreed to.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolutions for adoption by the Council, and to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again to-morrow, and that the Committee of Supply do stand as the first Order of the day.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted:—

Conveyance of Mails .....	\$35,600
Works and Buildings .....	9,000

On the question being put it was Resolved,

That an address be presented to His Excellency, asking that a sum of \$500 be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of putting the Government House at Kootenay in repair, in anticipation of a Resident Magistrate being sent to that District.

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that such arrangements as will insure the regular transmission of Mails to and from Olympia may be made with the Steamer running between this Colony and that Port.

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, praying that such additional sum be placed on the Estimates as may be necessary to cover the cost of maintaining a fortnightly Mail Service between Cache Creek and the Southern Boundary, *via* Kamloops and the head of Lake Okanagan, and that he will cause a call for Tenders to be made for such service, and that the notice of call be published in the part of the District directly interested, and that a proper person be appointed there to receive such Tenders as may be offered, and forward the same to the Postmaster General.

That the Council recommend that a sum of money be appropriated for a weekly Mail Service between Victoria and Metchosin, and that a further sum be appropriated, if necessary, to provide Mail communication between Victoria and Sooke.

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the subject of Steam Ship Communication, and more especially the desirableness of subsidizing a British line of Steamers between Victoria and San Francisco or Panama.

The Presiding Member appointed the following Committee:—The Hon. Messrs. Hanley, Helmcken, Drake, Holbrook, Robson.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

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Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Pemberton, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Humphreys, Drake, Barnard, Carrall, Robson, Holbrook, Wood.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for Committee of Supply, and the question "That I do now leave the Chair" being put, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, That the Petition of William Harrison be referred to the Select Committee on the School Teachers Petition.

Ordered accordingly.

The motion to go into Committee of Supply was then put and carried.

The Council went into Committee of Supply accordingly.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and that the Committee of Supply do stand as the first Order of the day.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted:—

Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....\$59,300

On the question being put, Resolved,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully recommended to appropriate the sum of \$250 in aid of the New Westminster Fire Department for the present year.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to cause the sum of \$1000 to be placed on the Estimates in aid of the Williams Creek Fire Brigade.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to increase the expenditure on the Comox Roads from \$300 to \$1000.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to increase the expenditure on Nanaimo Roads from \$600 to \$6000.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to make a grant of such additional sum as may be necessary to continue the Sleigh Road from Yale to New Westminster.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to place on the Estimates, in addition to the sum of \$2,500 already there for the purpose, a further sum of \$2,500 for repairing the Hope-Kootenay Trail.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved the adjournment till 3 to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch, in amendment, till 1 to-morrow.

The amendment having been put and carried, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow accordingly.

Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Helmcken.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had instructed him to hand in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and that the Committee of Supply do stand as the first Order of the day.

On the question of the adoption of the Resolution being put,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that it be referred back to the Committee with instructions.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 6, Noes 12.*

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes 12, Noes 6.*

So it passed in the affirmative, and was Resolved,

That this Council, impressed with the conviction that the disestablishment of the Telegraph Line between Victoria and Cariboo will prove detrimental to the mercantile and other interests of the Colony, as well as forfeit our prestige abroad, respectfully recommend His Excellency the Governor to take measures to secure the continuance of such Telegraph Service during the present year, and if provision cannot be made for this service from existing sources of Revenue, to send down to this Council a Bill imposing an additional Customs due of two per cent. on the Customs Revenue to meet the expenditure that such Telegraph service may require.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Humphreys, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Ring, Robson.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook spoke to a question of privilege, in reference to some statements in the *British Colonist*.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the Committee of Supply do stand as the first Order of the day to-morrow.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted:—

Miscellaneous Services .....	\$20,970 00
Interest .....	103,440 00
Drawbacks and Refunds .....	2,100 00
Immigration .....	5,000 00
Sinking Fund.....	30,197 50
Government Vessels .....	19,750 00
Lighthouses ....	10,270 00

On the question being put, Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the Telegraph Company be asked to maintain the line to New Westminster as well as to Portland, for the subsidy of \$4,500 set down in the Estimates.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully acquainted that this Council considers it desirable that the Rock in the Fraser River known as the "Port Sister" be removed at the earliest possible period that funds for the purpose are at the disposal of the Government.

On the question being put, Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency that the sum of \$3,918 be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of liquidating the claims of the School Teachers of Vancouver Island for 1867-8.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 4th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Alston, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented the Petition of the Deluge Fire Company.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered that the said Petition be sent down to Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of the School Teachers, and that of William Harrison, handed in a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the School Teachers should be granted. The claims have been incurred under the sanction of the late Board of Education, and have been reported by the Chairman of that Board to be due and unpaid.

The Committee beg to report that the following amounts should be paid:—

John Jessop .....	\$463
W. H. Burr .....	463
C. Bryant .....	386
W. Harrison .....	277
C. McKenzie .....	192
Mrs. H. Fisher .....	192
Miss Macdonald .....	228
Mrs. E. Fisher .....	109
C. N. Young .....	192
— Doughty.....	95
Rent, Central School .....	165
Congregational School .....	123
A. Waddington.....	579
	—\$3,464

We beg to report on the Petition of William Harrison, that it appears he has a claim for a certain amount, and we recommend the sum to be paid by the Government in case the School Board for the District do not pay the same.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolution and ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That a supply of \$340,105.75 be granted for the contingent service of the year 1870.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the question being put, Resolved, That a respectful address be sent to His Excellency, asking that the sum of \$1,000 be paid out of the General Revenue for the purpose of completing the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine for the Deluge Co.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the Unofficial Members of the Council be indemnified for their services in the Legislature, at the rate of \$5 per day for 30 days, and also for their travelling expenses from their residences to and from the Seat of Government.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again at once.

Committee of Supply resumed.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supplemental Supplies be voted for the service of the year 1868:—

Governor .....	\$ 582 15
Legislative Council .....	66 74
Colonial Secretary .....	1,539 26
Treasurer.....	540 53
Assay and Refinery .....	504 15
Auditor General.....	520 87
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	1,027 79
Customs .....	767 08
Registrar General .....	7 75
Post Office .....	1,844 84
Judicial .....	632 85
Attorney General .....	601 49
High Sheriff .....	875 00
Police and Gaols .....	2,312 75
Gold and Assistant Gold Commissioners ...	5,403 37
Pensions .....	3,728 31
Revenue Services .....	2,153 09
Administration of Justice.....	1,724 62
Charitable Allowances .....	5,850 47
Education .....	4,109 51
Police and Gaols .....	3,742 99
Rent.....	90 41
Conveyance of Mails.....	21,643 49
Works and Buildings .....	19,595 33
Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	9,612 19
Miscellaneous .....	11,621 04
Interest .....	832 34
Drawbacks and Refunds .....	2,595 61
Government Vessels .....	8,818 73
Lighthouses .....	1,142 80
Deposits .....	309 08

On the question being put, Resolved, that the following Supplemental Supplies be voted for the service of the year 1869:—

Governor .....	\$ 61 12
Legislative Council .....	347 20
Colonial Secretary .....	27 25
Collector of Customs.....	1,821 62
Registrar General .....	75 00
Post Office .....	1,310 04
Judicial .....	260 66
Police .....	413 69
Gold and Assistant Gold Commissioners ...	3,279 14
Revenue Services .....	1,468 67
Administration of Justice .....	3,833 99
Charitable Allowances .....	1,167 25
Education .....	376 00
Police and Gaols .....	4,587 19
Rent.....	260 83
Transport.....	5,129 97
Conveyance of Mails.....	5,769 75
Works and Buildings .....	2,309 93
Roads, Streets and Bridges .....	218 22

Ordered that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again on Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday.

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Monday, the 7th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Carrall, Humphreys, Alston, Ring, DeCosmos, Dewdney, Barnard, Holbrook, Helmcken.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 4.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$340,105.75, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the year 1870."

*Government House,  
7th March, 1870.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Supply Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time at the next sitting of Council.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Lytton, relative to Telegraphic communication.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.  
The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.  
The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Supply.  
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following sums voted and Resolutions passed, and submitted the same for the adoption of the Council:—  
That the following Supplementary Supplies be voted for the service of the year 1868:—

Transport .....	\$8,571 11
For 1869:—	
Pensions .....	6,110 97
Miscellaneous Services .....	10,774 09
Interest .....	10,169 66
Immigration .....	1,940 00
Drawbacks.....	258 84
Government Vessels .....	5,063 25
Lighthouses .....	1,133 11
Repayment of Deposits .....	1,049 86

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

On the question being put, Resolved, That a total Supplementary Supply of \$123,367.74 be granted for the service of the year 1868.

On the question being put, Resolved, That a total Supplementary Supply of \$78,217.30 be granted for the service of the year 1869.

Ordered that the Supplementary Supply Bill be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time at next sitting of Council.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the subject of Confederation,

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Medical Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Resolved that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at next sitting of Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked leave to bring in Agricultural Land Tax Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to bring in Water Supply Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked leave to bring in Crown Salaries Act Repeal Bill.

Ruled out of order by the President, the motion being substantially the same as one which had already been determined by the Council on 28th February.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Attorney General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to allow the Chief Justice, or any Justice or Justices sitting as Judge of the Admiralty Court, to take Fees in addition to the Salaries provided for such Justices?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, asking that provision be made so that our local Newspapers may pass Free of Postage when passing through the Post Offices of the Colony.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 10, Noes 6.*

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Land Registry Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be committed on Wednesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Crown Grants Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be committed on Wednesday week.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Drawbacks Despatches,  
Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Attorney General,—What is the nature of the alterations which the Government propose to make in the Executive Council and in the Legislative Council that are referred to in His Excellency the Governor's opening Speech.

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion relative to Indian affairs,  
Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved—  
That this Council, in view of the discussion on Confederation, be furnished with copies of the Dominion Tariff.  
Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Attorney General,—If it is the intention of the Government to amend the law with respect to Water Rights for Agricultural purposes?  
The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,  
That in addition to the Returns moved for by the Hon. Mr. Alston with respect to Public Schools, His Excellency be respectfully requested to order a Return to be made of—

1. What (if any) provision has been made for the examination of Common School Teachers, as well regarding efficiency as character;
2. What (if any) provision has been made for the visitation and inspection of Common Schools;
3. What (if any) regulation has been made for due Returns being made of the Receipts and Expenditure of Common Schools;
4. What (if any) Rules and Regulations have been made for the management and government of Common Schools;
5. What (if any) provision has been made for the establishment and election of Local Boards;
6. What (if any) provision has been made for an Annual Report of the Common Schools of British Columbia for the past year.

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for information with regard to the result of the Canadian Surveying party under Professor Bell, on the line of the projected Railway from the Dominion to British Columbia.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place before this Council Returns of the number of Pre-emption Claims taken up during the past and preceding year, and generally the locality thereof.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, relating to Fees for laying over Claims,  
Ordered to be deferred till Wednesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to furnish Returns of the Exports during the past year (1869) from British Columbia.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys, relative to Enclosed Land,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to bring in a County Court Amendment Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Magistrate for Lillooet for information relating to the practice of Stipendiary Magistrates authorizing the Sale of Strychnine to Indians.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to furnish this Council with Returns of the Revenue collected in the Lillooet District, including Road Tolls, Licences, Fines, Fees, &c.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in Common Schools Amendment Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding,

That a day be named by the President to consider the Petition of Alexander Watson.

The Hon. Mr. Alston moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the consideration of Mr. Watson's Petition be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Bushby seconding,

That the consideration of the Petition of Alexander Watson be referred to a Select Committee.

On the last amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 8, Noes 5.*

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Hon. Members:—  
The Hon. Messrs. Ball, DeCosmos, Sanders, Robson, Ring.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in Nanaimo Incorporation Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to lay before the Council a Return setting forth the amount of the respective Loans forming the funded Debt on January first, 1870, after deducting Sinking Fund; also the amount of the Floating Debt at the same date; also the date at which the respective Loans will be payable.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos spoke to a question of privilege, in reference to certain statements which had appeared in the *British Colonist*.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall presented the Petition of Peter Eddy.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supply Bill, 1870, was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supplemental Supply Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish this Council with Returns of the total cost of the establishment and maintenance of the Assay Office and Mint at New Westminster and Cariboo, from the commencement down to 31st December, 1869.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Medical Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Medical Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to Order, the Council took into consideration the subject of Confederation with the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works seconding,

That this Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Terms proposed for the Confederation of the Colony of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada in His Excellency the Governor's Message to this Council.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding,

That the question be postponed for six months.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having lasted some time,

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved that the debate be adjourned.

Ordered accordingly.

Debate adjourned till to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

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Thursday, the 10th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Humphreys, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Ring, Robson, Pemberton, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supply Bill was read third time, after a division of the Council.

*Ayes 15, Noes 3.*

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$340,105.75, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supplemental Supply Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of \$201,585.04, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the years 1868-9 respectively."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, requesting that the Real Estate Tax Lists for Vancouver Island be deposited in the office of the Registrar General of Titles for inspection.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, requesting that all Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties inflicted by any Magistrate or Justice for the infraction of any By-Law of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria shall be paid into the Treasury of the City.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 16, Noes 2.*

So it passed in the affirmative, and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council resumed the adjourned debate on the subject of Confederation with Canada, which having lasted some time,

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved that the debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered to be adjourned accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

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Friday, the 11th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Alston, Drake, Barnard, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos spoke to a question of privilege, in reference to the reports appearing in the *British Colonist*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that provision be made so that the Currency of the Island and the Mainland be assimilated by making the English Florin pass as a legal tender at the same value as the American Half Dollar piece.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 2, *Noes* 16.

So the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Barnard seconding, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, asking that Tenders be at once advertised for to find out the cost of removing the Sisters' Rock, below Yale.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding, and Resolved,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a copy of the instructions from the Secretary of State referred to in Governor Seymour's Circular to Heads of Departments in Vancouver Island, dated 20th November, 1866, whereby His Excellency was permitted to state that the reduction under Union would not fall exclusively on the Island Officials; also, that His Excellency may be pleased to inform this Council whether the Officers' Enabling Ordinance, 1867, which disabled the Officers of Vancouver Island, was assented to by the late Governor, if so, the date when such assent was given, and also all correspondence connected with the Officers' Enabling Ordinance.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council resumed the adjourned debate on the subject of Confederation with Canada, which having terminated,

The Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to withdraw his motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

The original motion of the Attorney General having been put it was carried unanimously and Resolved,

That this Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Terms proposed for the Confederation of the Colony of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada in His Excellency the Governor's Message to this Council.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again on Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. on Monday next.

Monday, the 14th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Saunders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Carrall, Humphreys, Alston, King, DeCosmos, Dewdney, Barnard, Holbrook, Helmcken.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 5.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with the Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council on the 7th instant, the Governor forwards the following Returns\*:

1. A Return in reference to Public Schools.
2. A Return of Exports for 1869.
3. A Return of Revenue collected at Lillooet in 1869.
4. A Return of Public Loans and Floating Debt.

*Government House,*  
14th March, 1870.

\*See Sessional Papers, No. 3, 4, 5, and 6.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 6.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Honourable Board of Legislative Council asking him to lay before them a copy of the Instructions from the Secretary of State referred to in Governor Seymour's Circular to the Heads of Departments of Vancouver Island, dated the 20th November, 1866, whereby His Excellency was permitted to state that the reduction under Union would not fall exclusively on Island Officials; and also that the Governor may be pleased to inform the Council whether the Officers' Enabling Ordinance, 1867, which disabled the Officers of Vancouver Island, was assented to by the late Governor; and if so, the date when such assent was given; and also all correspondence connected with the Officers' Enabling Ordinance. In reply, the Governor has the honour to acquaint the Council that he is not aware of any precedent which would justify him in communicating to the Council confidential instructions which may have been issued by Her Majesty's Government to the Governor's predecessors in matters entirely relating to Executive functions.

The Bill referred to by the Council as the Officers' Enabling Ordinance, 1867, was not assented to by the Governor's predecessor, as is obvious from the fact that it is not included among the Ordinances of the Colony, and the Governor is not aware of any correspondence on the subject.

*Government House,  
14th March, 1870.*

A further Message, read as follows:—

*Message No. 7.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration the Resolution transmitted to him by the Honourable Board of Council, recommending him to take measures to secure the continuance of Telegraphic services between Victoria and Cariboo during the present year, and if provision cannot be made for this service from existing sources of Revenue to send down to the Council a Bill imposing an additional Customs Revenue to meet the expenditure that such Telegraphic service may require.

The Council is aware that the Estimates of Revenue for the current year, after provision for the appropriations which have already been made, do not shew any funds applicable to the proposed object. The Governor, therefore, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, submits a Bill imposing for one year an addition of two per cent. upon the amount of duties at present raised under the Customs Tariff. The Governor wishes it to be understood that this Bill is presented to the Council in deference to its own wishes expressed to him.

*Government House,  
14th March, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Resolution sent down by the Governor embodying Terms for Confederation with the Dominion of Canada.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee suggested the adoption of the following portion of the Resolution sent down by His Excellency, embracing the Terms of Confederation with Canada, and sent in a Recommendation to His Excellency on certain points of such Resolution. The Chairman also asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and that the Report be adopted as follows, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos *dissentiente* to Sections 2 and 3:—

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Colony of British Columbia should be Confederated with Canada, on the following Terms and Conditions, that is to say:—

1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of Union.

2. The population of British Columbia shall, for the purpose of financial arrangements, be estimated at 120,000. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, Interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of Union and the proportion of the Public Debt of Canada for 120,000 of the population of Canada at the time of Union.

3. The following sums shall be annually paid by Canada to British Columbia, for the support of the Local Government and Legislature, to wit:—

An Annual Grant of \$35,000, and a further sum equal to 80 cents a head per annum of the population of British Columbia, being estimated as aforesaid at 120,000, such grant equal to 80 cents a head to be augmented according to the increase of population, when such may be shown, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such grant shall thereafter remain.

Recommendation.

Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to strike out "\$35,000," in Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof "\$75,000," and that in Section 3, the population shall be "1,000,000" instead of "400,000."

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved the adjournment till 1 on Wednesday.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, in amendment, till 1 to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 13.

So the amendment was lost, and the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Wednesday.

Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Pemberton, King, Alston, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Humphreys, Carrall, Holbrook, Wood.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, amended, and confirmed.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary entered the Council Chamber while the Minutes were being read, and took the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Resolution relative to Confederation.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Sections of the Resolution had been passed as follows:—

4. The Dominion shall guarantee interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

5. In addition to other provisions of this Resolution, Canada shall assume and defray the charges of the following Services.

a. Salary and Allowances of the Lieutenant Governor;

b. Salaries and Allowances of the Judges and Officers of the Supreme Court, and of the County Courts;

c. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;

d. The Postal Department;

e. Lighthouses, Buoys, Beacons, and Lightships, and such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the "British North America Act, 1867," appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony, whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of this Colony into the Dominion of Canada.

7. The Dominion Government shall supply an efficient and regular fortnightly Steam Communication between Victoria and San Francisco by Steamers adapted and giving facilities for the conveyance of passengers and cargo.

With the following Recommendation, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to insert the word "Pensions" after "Allowances" in Subdivision b, Section 5., and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be adopted, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 17th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Walkem, Pemberton, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Sections of the Resolution had been passed as follows, with recommendations, and asked leave to sit again:—

8. Inasmuch as no real Union can subsist between this Colony and Canada without the speedy establishment of communication across the Rocky Mountains by Coach Road and Railway, the Dominion shall, within three years from the date of Union, construct and open for traffic such Coach Road from some point on the line of the Main Trunk Road of this Colony to Fort Garry, of similar character to the said Main Trunk Road; and shall further engage to use all means in her power to complete such Railway communication at the earliest practicable date; and that Surveys to determine the proper line for such Railway shall be at once commenced; and that a sum of not less than One Million Dollars shall be expended in every year, from and after Three years from the date of Union, in actually constructing the initial sections of such Railway from the Seaboard of British Columbia, to connect with the Railway system of Canada.

9. The Dominion shall erect and maintain, at Victoria, a Marine Hospital, and a Lunatic Asylum, either attached to the Hospital, or separate, as may be considered most convenient.

The Dominion shall also erect and maintain a Penitentiary, or other principal Prison, at such place in the Colony as she may consider most suitable for that purpose.

10. Efficient Coast Mail Steam Service, in connection with the Post Office, shall be established and maintained by the Government of the Dominion, between Victoria and New Westminster, Nanaimo, and such other places as may require such services.

11. Whatever encouragement, advantages, and protection are afforded by the Dominion Government to the Fisheries of any of its Provinces, shall be extended in similar proportion to British Columbia, according to its requirements for the time being.

12. British Columbia shall participate, in fair proportion, in any measures which may be adopted, and Funds which may be appropriated by the Dominion, for the encouragement of Immigration.

Recommendations.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to insert the words "and maintain," after "traffic," and the word "and," between "construct" and "open," be left out.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to alter Clause 8, in such manner that the Section of the Main Trunk Road lying between Yale and New Westminster, may be included in the Coach Road which the Dominion Government is to be asked to construct within 3 years from the date of Union.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Leave having been granted to the Committee to sit again, and on the question being put as to when leave should be granted,

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved that leave be granted at once.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 7.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Ball, Barnard, Robson, Helmcken, Carrall, Alston, Pemberton, Bushby, Crease.	The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Drake, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Wood, Ring, Hamley.

So the motion was passed in the affirmative, and it was Ordered, that leave be granted to sit again at once.

On the question being put "That I do leave the Chair," the Council again divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 7.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,	The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,
Barnard,	Sanders,
Robson,	Drake,
Helmcken,	Humphreys,
Carrall,	DeCosmos,
Alston,	Wood,
Pemberton,	Hamley,
Bushby,	
Crease.	

So it passed in the affirmative and the Council went again into Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed a further Section of the Resolution as follows, with Recommendations, and asked leave to sit again:—

13. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Four Members, and by Eight Members in the House of Commons, until the year 1871; and thereafter the representation in the Senate and the House of Commons shall be increased subject to the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

Recommendations.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to insert the figures "91" after the figures "18."

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to add at the end of Clause 13, the following words:—

Provided, however, that the number of Members of the Senate shall never be reduced below the number of 4, and the number of the Members of the House of Commons below the number of 8.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 18th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present:—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, Walkem, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring, Dewdney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Wood rose to speak to a question of privilege, in regard to report of debate as appearing in the *British Colonist*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed Section 14 as follows, and asked leave to sit again:—

14. The Union shall take effect on such day as Her Majesty by Order in Council (on an Address to that effect, in terms of the 14th Section of "The British North America Act, 1867") may direct; and British Columbia may, in such Address, specify the Districts, Counties, or Divisions, if any, for which any of the Four Senators to whom the Colony shall be entitled shall be named, the Electoral Districts for which—and the time within which the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted to the Committee to sit again on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.  
Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion:

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 21st day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Walkem, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Barnard, Wood, Holbrook, Dewdney, Helmcken, Carrall, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 8.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with the Resolutions of the Legislative Council, of the 18th February and 7th March, the Governor forwards a Return in reference to Road Tax Collections in District No. 2.\*

A Return of Pre-emptions in 1868-9.†

*Government House,  
21st March, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he was instructed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, after a division on motion of the Hon. Attorney General, That the Committee sit again at 7.30 this evening, as follows:—

*Ayes 6, Noes 14.*

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,  
Holbrook,  
Barnard,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Crease.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Ball,  
Dewdney,  
Robson,  
Ring,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Alston,  
Wood,  
Pemberton.  
Bushby,  
Drake,  
Hamley.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give notice of motion.

Motion negatived.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 7.

† See Sessional Papers, No. 8.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Haukin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Walkem, Pemberton, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake, Helmcken, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Importers, of Victoria.  
Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed the remaining Sections of the Resolution, as follows, and asked leave to sit again:—

15. The Constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of Union, until altered under the authority of the said Act.

16. The provisions in "The British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable, to and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Resolution) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

With reference to Defences:—

a. That it shall be an understanding with the Dominion, that their influence will be used to the fullest extent to procure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

b. Encouragement to be given to develop the efficiency and organization of the Volunteer Force in British Columbia.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Alston, Drake, Barnard, Pemberton, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again:—

Resolved, That it is highly desirable that the Agricultural, Horticultural, Orchard, and Dairy interests of British Columbia should be protected.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 24th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Dewdney, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, Walkem, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that after Union Foreign Manufactured Articles in which a trade can be carried on with neighbouring Countries should be admitted into British Columbia at a low or nominal rate of duty, and generally that the Tariff should be made suitable to the Commercial requirements and conditions of British Columbia.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, the Duties of Excise levied upon Malsters and Brewers under and by virtue of the Excise Laws of Canada would be detrimental if made applicable to British Columbia. That His Excellency be therefore earnestly requested to take such steps as he may deem advisable to bring the same to the notice of the Canadian Government, and further to take care that no Export Duties shall be charged on Spars exported from British Columbia.

Resolved, That this Council respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor that in negotiating the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, it is of the first importance to point out to the Government of that Dominion, that the circumstances of this Colony are in many respects so different from those of the Eastern Provinces, that the application of the present Canadian Tariff to this Colony, while reducing the aggregate burthen of taxation, would injuriously affect the Agricultural and Commercial interests of this Community; and that it be therefore urgently impressed upon that Government, that it is absolutely necessary to our well-being under Confederation, that special rates of Customs Duties and special Customs Regulations be arranged for the Colony, in such manner as may be found practically most advisable, so as to secure, while our requirements in this respect remain as at present, an equal measure of protection to our Agricultural Products and of facility to our Commerce as are provided under the existing British Columbia Tariff.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 25th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Walkem, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Humphreys, Carrall, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Ring, Robson, Pemberton, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to introduce a Bill.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. Member introduced the Courts Jurisdiction Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Standing Orders suspended to enable the Bill to be read second time.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Resolution relative to Confederation.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council.

On the question being put it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, recommending that the Dominion Government shall be requested to cause a Geological Survey of British Columbia to be made; such Survey to be commenced within one year after its admission into Union.

On the following Resolution being put,

That Canada shall purchase the Territory of Alaska and the State of Maine from the United States,

The Council divided.

*Ayes 7, Noes 13.*

So the Resolution was lost.

On the following Resolution being put:—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to insert in the Terms of Confederation to be proposed to Canada, some such Clause as the following:—

All Public Works and Property of British Columbia at the time of admission to belong to British Columbia, except such Public Works and Property as shall properly belong to the Dominion under the "British North America Act, 1867," and such portion of the Main-Trunk Road through British Columbia, or other Roads then constructed, as may be necessary to complete a continuous line of Coach Road from a point at or below Yale to a point at the foot of the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains, and that the same shall be free of Toll of every kind whatsoever,

The Council divided.

*Ayes 14, Noes 6.*

So it passed in the affirmative, and was Resolved accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 9.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of \$201,585.04, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the years 1868-9 respectively."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 10.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$340,105.75, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1870."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1870.*

A further Message, read as follows:—

*Message No. 11.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1870.*

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 28th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Walkem, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Humphreys, Alston, King, DeCosmos, Barnard, Holbrook, Helmcken.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of certain Farmers of Vancouver Island.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of P. Cadell.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Colonists in reference to Registration Bill.\*

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Supreme Court Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be recommitted.

Ordered accordingly.

The Council went into Committee again on the Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Bill had been amended and was now complete.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read third time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Attorney General,—If Farmers who sell their own produce are compelled to take out a Licence to do so?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on Road Tolls be taken up as the first Order of the day to-morrow.

Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Customs Duty Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That this Bill be read first time this day six months.

The Hon. Mr. Alston moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for their report thereon, and generally to devise the best means for maintaining the Interior Telegraphic system.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 4.

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Hon. Members:—The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Helmcken, Hamley, Alston, Barnard.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken having excused himself, the Presiding Member named the Hon. Mr. Drake in his stead.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Dewdney,

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved that the consideration of the Petition of Peter Eddy do stand as the first Order on Wednesday.

Ordered accordingly.

Leave was then given to the Hon. Mr. Dewdney to bring in a Bill regulating the running at large of Bulls and Entire Horses.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That an address be presented to His Excellency, asking that provision be made in some way for preventing parties setting fire to the woods in the neighbourhood of Saw Mills during dry months of the year.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to recommend the Imperial Government to provide, by such means as may be deemed most advisable, for the payment of the Judge and Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court of British Columbia, by Salary and not by Fees.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Judge and Officers of the Supreme Court, except the Sheriff, discharge the duties of Admiralty Judge and Officers, without additional Salary, and that the Fees taken be paid into the Treasury.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 3, Noes 12.*

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes 13, Noes 2.*

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney asked leave to bring in Game Bill.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 12, Noes 2.*

So it passed in the affirmative and Ordered that leave be granted to bring in the said Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supreme Court Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Courts Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1870."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Walkem, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Barnard, Wood, Holbrook, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of 2 motions.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Road Tolls.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on Road Tolls now under consid-

eration be adopted, with the exception of that portion which relates to the removal of the Toll-gate at Clinton to Soda Creek; and that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that a Bill may be sent down, during this Session, for the purpose of assimilating the laws under which the Road Tolls are now collected, with the object of carrying out the recommendation of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the following words be added at the end of the Hon. Mr. Barnard's Resolution:—"and that, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient to amend the Road Tolls Ordinance, so as to allow Home-grown Flour, Bran, and Shorts to pass over the Roads Free of Tolls; and that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send down a Bill for that purpose."

On the amendment being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 14, *Noes* 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

On the original question as amended being put, the Council again divided.

*Ayes* 14, *Noes* 3.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Alston, Walkem, Dewdney, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Holbrook, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Ring.	The Hon. Messrs. Pemberton, Hamley, Crease.

The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken and Bushby not having voted, their vote was counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes* 16, *Noes* 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to present a Petition.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member presented a Petition of the Victoria Fire Co.

Ordered to be received, and to lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of the School Teachers.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on the arrears payable to Common School Teachers be adopted, with the exception of the recommendation of the claims of the Superintendent and Mr. Harrison.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 8, *Noes* 5.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Holbrook, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Dewdney.	The Hon. Messrs. Robson, DeCosmos, Wood, Pemberton, Drake.

The Hon. Mr. Alston not having voted was counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes* 9, *Noes* 5, and the Resolution was carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Attorney General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an Ordinance, this Session, to prevent our Coasting Trade being thrown open to Foreign Vessels, under the operation of a recent Imperial Act?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill.

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Crown Grants Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to ask leave to re-commit Clause 8 of the Bill, for the purpose of altering the same, and that the Standing Orders might be suspended for that purpose.

Standing Orders suspended and leave granted.

The Council went again into Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Clause 8 was still under consideration, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Walkem, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of Peter Eddy.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to a Select Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to a Committee of the whole Council, and that the Petitioner be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Ring moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,

That in the opinion of this Council it is necessary that a Court of Appeal be constituted at the earliest practicable period, in order that Peter Eddy may have the opportunity of bringing his case before it.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to His Excellency the Governor, with a recommendation that he will take the same into his consideration, and grant such relief as the nature of the case demands.

On the last amendment being put the Council divided, *Ayes* 14, *Noes* 4.

So the last amendment was carried, and it was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Petition respecting Subsidies to Flour Mills be considered in Committee of the whole Council.

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give notice of a motion he proposed moving in the said Committee of the whole Council.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to call up a Petition from the Victoria Fire Department.

Ordered accordingly.

Petition called up.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, earnestly recommending that the Customs Duties on the Steam Fire Engine belonging to the Deluge Company be remitted.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Barnard, relating to the Sale of Town Lots at Yale,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in Crown Costs Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill read first time this day week.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion on the subject of a Free Port, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill,

Ordered that the Crown Grants Bill be taken next in order.

Standing Orders suspended to enable the Hon. Mr. Ring to give notice of motion.

Notice given accordingly.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Crown Grants Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill now complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill, and on the motion put "That I do now leave the Chair,"

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,

That all words after "That," be left out, and the following words substituted, "The Registration of Titles Bill be referred to a Select Committee."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 14.

So the amendment was lost, and the Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that some amendments were made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday, and the Report be adopted.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 4th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Ring, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Carrall, Barnard, Humphreys.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 12.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Council embodying the proposed Terms of Union with the Dominion of Canada, with certain modifications and additions suggested as expedient by the Honourable Board. These shall be presented for the consideration of the Government of Canada, and the Governor proposes to the Council that he should be authorized to make provision for the necessary expenses of a Delegation, to be composed of Three Members of the Council, whom the Governor desires to send to Ottawa for the purpose of submitting the proposed Terms, with the necessary explanations, to the Government of Canada.

Government House,  
4th April, 1870.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner moved, That the Message be considered in Committee of the Whole Council on Wednesday, and that the Message be printed.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Victoria, in connection with ownership of Vessels.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of 3 motions.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Crown Grants Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till later in the day.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the School Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till presently.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding, and Resolved, *nem. con.*

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that enquiry be made into the amount assessed under the "Road Ordinance, 1869," against Shareholders of Companies and Partners in Firms, owning land and doing business within the Colony, as there are reasons to conclude that a very large sum of money has not been assessed either in 1869 or 1870, against some of the said Shareholders and Partners.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding, and it was Resolved, *nem. con.*,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, informing him that, in the opinion of this Council, the establishment of a local Court of Appeal is imperatively called for.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Crown Grants Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Crown Grants Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee to consider the Petition in reference to subsidizing Flour Mills,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council,

That this Council, after having had under consideration the Petition respecting the granting of Subsidies to Flour Mills, is of opinion that it is expedient to encourage the manufacture of Flour from home-grown wheat, and would respectfully recommend to His Excellency the Governor:—

1. That Proclamation be made in the *Government Gazette* to the effect that if any owner of a Flour Mill in Victoria, New Westminster, Saanich, Cowichan, or Comox, shall prove to the satisfaction of the Governor that he has in any one year manufactured 500 barrels of good merchantable Flour, from wheat grown in the Colony, such Millowner shall be entitled to receive from the Government \$500.

2. That the proposed Subsidies shall, if the conditions be complied with, be continued for three years from the date of proclamation.

3. That this Council pledges itself to make good any sum of money that may be issued by His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the foregoing recommendation.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 8, *Noes* 7.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Robson,	The Hon. Messrs. Hamley,
DeCosmos,	Trutch,
Wood,	Bushby,
Alston,	Pemberton,
Ring,	Ball,
Humphreys,	Barnard,
Sanders,	Dewdney.
Drake.	

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Postmaster General,—Whether steps have been taken to secure to the Settlers in the Okanagan Valley, and vicinity, the Mail Communication recommended by this Council?

The Hon. Mr. Bushby replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to reduce the price at which Town Lots in Yale are held by the Government? Also, as to whether there is anything to prevent the Government from surveying and laying out Lots on the River front of Front Street in that town, and offering the same for sale?

The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring,

Ordered to be postponed till Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration Bill,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Bill had been further considered, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ring, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Carrall, Pemberton, Alston, Humphreys, Wood, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of Cowichan.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of 3 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported considerable progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in Bill of Sales Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and the Bill now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked the Postmaster General,—Whether the provisions of the Postal Convention between this Colony and the United States, referred to in His Excellency's opening Message, have come into operation; and if not, why?

The Hon. Mr. Bushby replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Derby Settlers' Petition,

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the said Petition be considered in Committee of the Whole Council.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again on Thursday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Ring, DeCosmos, Alston, Humphreys, Robson, Drake, Barnard, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Customs Duty Bill, and as to providing means for maintaining the Interior Telegraphic system, brought up a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read aloud by the Clerk as follows:—

Your Committee is of opinion that it is of great importance to maintain the Telegraphic system through the Interior of the Colony, but the mode proposed of raising the funds necessary for that purpose, viz.: \$8,000, is, in the opinion of the majority of your Committee, inadvisable in the present state of business in the Colony.

Your Committee, therefore, beg respectfully to suggest as a better and more equitable means of raising the funds required, that the same be raised by a loan at the lowest market rates of interest, secured by Government Debentures, and they consider that the undertaking being one of national importance, the Government would be justified in adopting this course.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on His Excellency's Message No. 12, respecting the sending of Delegates to Canada.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chair-

man of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be authorized to make proper provision for the expenses of a Delegation, to be composed of such Three Members of this Council as His Excellency may select to dispatch to Ottawa, for the purpose of submitting to the Government of Canada the Terms of Union with the Dominion proposed by the Governor, and adopted by this Council.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Crown Costs Bill was read first time.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,  
Ordered to be deferred till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Robson.  
Ordered to be deferred till later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Game Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Water Supply Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday the 13th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the County Court Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to bring in Fire Companies Aid Bill.  
Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.  
Ordered to be read second time on the 12th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether any action had been taken by the Executive, in regard to the recommendation of this Council relating to Road Tolls?  
The Hon. the Chief Commissioner replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Barnard seconding, and it was Resolved, *nemine contradicente*.  
That the Island of San Juan now in dispute between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, occupies a most important strategic position, practically commanding the passage between the open sea and the continental part of British Columbia.  
That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully recommended to urge upon Her Majesty's Government and the Canadian Government the importance of possessing the said Island of San Juan, and pointing out its intimate bearing upon the ultimate success of the Confederated British North American Provinces.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill,  
Ordered that the same do stand as the first Order of the day for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Common Schools Amendment Bill,  
Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Dewdney, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 13.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration a Resolution of the Honourable Board of Council, respecting the granting of Subsidies to Flour Mills.

The Governor is compelled to express his dissent from the policy involved in the recommendation of the Council. Such subsidies, limited to Mills in special localities, would be partial and unjust in their operation. That, besides this, they would constitute a bounty for the protection of a special branch of industry at the expense of the rest of the Community, and would be an infraction of well-understood principles of political economy, as well as contrary to the policy of Her Majesty's Government and the tenor of the Royal Instructions to the Governor.

*Government House,  
6th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 14.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration the Resolutions of the Honourable Board of Council, referring to the Report of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Road Tolls on home-grown produce.

The subject has engaged the Governor's careful attention, and there appears to him to be some important difficulties in dealing with the matter at present.

The alterations suggested by the Council would probably considerably diminish the Revenue which has been estimated from this source for the service of the year, upon the faith of which financial arrangements have been made by the Appropriation Act. Moreover, in the Supplementary Resolution passed by the Council on the subject of Confederation, the question of the transfer of a portion of the Main-Trunk Road to the Government of the Dominion, and an exemption from Road Tolls, has been brought forward as part of the arrangements for Union with Canada.

Under these circumstances the Governor thinks it undesirable, at the present time, to make any change, but the subject will be considered during the year, and if necessary, or then expedient, the law may be amended in the next Session.

*Government House,  
6th April, 1870.*

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented the Petition of certain Boatmen, of Victoria.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 2 motions.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ring, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Hon. Member then moved that a motion of his, standing further on in the Order of the day, be deferred till Monday.

Motion postponed accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Message of His Excellency the Governor respecting the Resolution on Road Tolls, communicated to the Council to-day, be considered to-morrow.

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration of Titles Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and the Report be adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Amendment Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed for Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works introduced the Crown Lands Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding, and it was Resolved,

That this Council after having had under consideration the Petition of certain Settlers of Cowichan, praying for a grant of \$480 for the support of a School in Kokesaila Settlement, recommend that the Petition be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, with a recommendation that the said sum be granted for the said purpose.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 8th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Walkem, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Humphreys, Carrall, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Robson, Pemberton, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the consideration of the Governor's Message No. 14 be taken up at once.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Council took Message No. 14 into consideration.

During which, a Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 15.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Governor forwards a Return showing the total cost of the establishment and maintenance of the Assay Office and Coining Apparatus at New Westminster and Cariboo, from its commencement to the 31st December, 1869.\*

*Government House,  
8th April, 1870.*

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That, after having had His Excellency's Message No. 14, respecting Road Tolls under consideration, this Council is of opinion that it is desirable to have a conference with His Excellency the Governor, respecting the necessity for the abolition of certain Road Tolls at Clinton.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding,

That this Council, having taken into consideration His Excellency's Message No. 14, referring to the Report of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Road Tolls on home-grown produce, is of opinion that, for the reasons mentioned in that Message, it is unadvisable at the present time to make any change.

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 10.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 2, *Noes* 10.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*

The Hon. Messrs. Dewdney,  
Ball.

*Noes.*

The Hon. Messrs. Walkem,  
Sanders,  
O'Reilly,  
Holbrook,  
Barnard,  
Robson,  
Drake,  
DeCosmos,  
Pemberton,  
Hamley.

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

*Ayes.*

The Hon. Messrs. Walkem  
O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Ball,  
Robson,  
Holbrook,  
Drake,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Pemberton,  
Hamley.

*Noes.*

The Hon. Messrs. Barnard,  
Dewdney.

So the question was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration of Titles Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 11th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Walkem, Trutch, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Humphreys, Carrall, Ring, DeCosmos, Holbrook, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 16.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the communication from the Honourable Board of Council, acquainting him with their Resolution to seek a conference with him on the question of Road Tolls, in conformity with the Standing Orders for the guidance of the Council.

The Governor will have much pleasure in receiving the Committee from the Council, at Government House, at 3 o'clock, on Thursday, the 14th instant.

*Government House,  
11th April, 1870.*

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 2 motions.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked the Presiding Member,—When it is the intention of His Excellency to prorogue the Council?  
The Hon. Mr. Hankin replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to ask the Imperial Government to repeal that portion of the Imperial Act of Union which extends the Tariff of British Columbia to Vancouver Island, with the view of re-establishing a Free Port at Victoria.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 6, *Noes* 9.

The names having been taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Robson,	The Hon. Messrs. Sanders,
Helmcken,	O'Reilly,
Ring,	Ball,
Dewdney,	Holbrook,
Drake,	Wood,
Alston.	DeCosmos,
	Crease,
	Bushby,
	Hamley.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration of Titles Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time on Tuesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Customs Amendment Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Report be adopted, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding.

On the original question being put, the Council again divided.

*Ayes* 7, *Noes* 11.

So the motion was lost.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That the Customs Duty Bill be now read first time.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That this Bill be read first time this day fortnight.

The amendment having been put and lost, after a division, *Ayes* 7, *Noes* 9,

The Bill was read first time. Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill of Sales Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether the Steamer "Sir James Douglas" will be ordered to ply between Victoria and Sooke?

Whether it is the intention of the Government to make any provision for the construction of a Bridge over Sooke River, by paying the Contractor in Land in that District, as suggested in a Petition from the Settlers in Sooke?

The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the County Courts Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of certain Master Mariners.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding, and it was Resolved,

That the Petition be referred to His Excellency the Governor, with the opinion of this Council that it is advisable to prohibit Colonial Vessels going foreign being commanded by uncertified persons, and that it is advisable to establish a Board for the purpose of granting certificates to those who undergo the necessary examination for Masters and Mates of Vessels.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved That the Petition of P. Cadell be taken into consideration, with a view to its transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved, in amendment, That it do lie on the table.  
Amendment put and carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked the Presiding Member,—If any provision has been made by the Executive for the payment of the Expenses of Elected Members coming from Kootenay, Cariboo, and Lillooet?

The Hon. the Presiding Member replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, asking him to devote the sum of about \$500, out of the vote in the Estimates for repairs of Roads, toward repairing the Road between Douglas and the 29 Mile House, so as to make it passable for Farmers' waggons.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, Noes 7.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Derby Settlers' Petition.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had risen without a report.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,

Ordered to be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Game Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time on Wednesday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Walkem, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Wood, Pemberton, Holbrook, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake, Trutch.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the School Bill,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time on Thursday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Fire Companies' Aid Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in Municipal Fine Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and the Bill now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Loan Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Customs Duty Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding, That the second reading be postponed till to-morrow.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, and on the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 7, *Noes* 12.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

The Bill was then read second time.

On the question being put whether the Bill should be Committed, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 11, *Noes* 7.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Crease,	The Hon. Messrs. Hamley,
Trutch,	Drake,
Bushby,	Pemberton,
Ball,	Wood,
Barnard,	Alston,
Dewdney,	Helmcken,
Carrall,	Robson.
Sanders,	
Walkem,	
O'Reilly,	
Holbrook.	

So it passed in the affirmative and the Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, the Council adjourned till 1 p. m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 13th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Ring, DeCosmos, Alston, Humphreys, Robson, Drake, Barnard, Holbrook, Walkem, Carrall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of Ocean Steam Communication with San Francisco, brought up a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that in view of the probability of a line of British Steamers being established on the North Pacific Coast, arrangements should be made to open negotiations with any such Company for placing a Steamer on this line.

Your Committee are further of opinion that were arrangements made with the Puget Sound Steamers to come to Victoria more frequently, and remain there a longer time, much good would result to the Colony, and Mail Communication would be very much facilitated and improved.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of 2 motions.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Customs Duty Bill, The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding, That this Bill be read third time this day six months. On the amendment being put, the Council divided. *Ayes 8, Noes 10.* So it passed in the negative, and the Bill was read third time, And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Customs Duty Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Game Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Game Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Common School Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Land Bill was read second time. Ordered to be committed the first sitting next week.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem rose to speak to a question of privilege, in reference to certain words spoken by the Hon. Mr. Humphreys, at a Public Meeting, at the Theatre, Victoria, on the 11th instant.

The Hon. Member not being then present,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Alston,

Resolved, That the Hon. Member be cited to appear at the Council Board by the Presiding Member.

The following citation was sent to the Hon. Member:—

*To the Hon. Mr. Humphreys.*

You are hereby cited to attend at the Council Board, at once, on the receipt of this summons, and in the event of your non-appearance you will be held guilty of contempt.

(Signed) PHILIP J. HANKIN.

13th April, 1870.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Water Bill, and the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 3, Noes 9.*

So the Bill was thrown out.

In compliance with a citation above quoted, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys being now present in the Council Chamber, the Hon. Mr. Walkem again rose to speak to a question of privilege, in reference to certain words spoken by the Hon. Mr. Humphreys, at the Public Theatre, on the 11th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken,

Ordered, That Strangers do withdraw, including the Press.

After which, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, the Hon. Mr. Barnard seconding, the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Council, having ascertained from undoubted authority, that one of its Members, the Honourable Member for Lillooet, did, at a Public Meeting, held on Monday, the 11th day of April instant, publicly use language to the following purport; that is to say: "that he felt degraded by sitting in this Council," and further, "that this Council had refused an enquiry into the matters connected with the Lands and Works Office, and the spending of the moneys entrusted thereto," and feeling that such language is a gross insult and derogatory to the dignity of this Council, and calculated to bring the Council and its proceedings into contempt, Resolved that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to cancel the appointment of the said Thomas B. Humphreys to a seat in this Council.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved that the Council is willing to accept the following statement in writing from the Hon. Member:—

It was not my intention, by any words used by me at the Public Meeting, on Monday evening last, the 11th instant, to express anything derogatory to the dignity of the Legislative Council, or of any one of its Members, nor to cast any imputation of dishonesty or improper conduct whatsoever on the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or on any one connected with that Department; and if any words then spoken by me conveyed such an impression, I hereby retract them, and express my regret at having used them.

The Hon. Member for Lillooet handed in the following as being the statement he was prepared to offer:—

If I used any language at a recent Public Meeting reflecting on the honesty of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, I sincerely regret having used it, as such was not my intention to do so by any words that I then used; and if I used, on the same occasion, and at the same place, any language that has been interpreted as disrespectful to the Council as such, instead of being in denunciation of a non-representative Council, I regret it, as my language was directed against the non-representative Constitution of the Council,

(Signed) T. B. HUMPHREYS.

On the question being put whether such last mentioned document was satisfactory to the Council, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 1, *Noes* 15.

The names having been taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Crease,  
Trutch,  
O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Walkem,  
Ball,  
Dewdney,  
Barnard,  
Robson,  
Carrall,  
Wood,  
Alston,  
Drake,  
Bushby,  
Hamley.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken not having voted was counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes* 2, *Noes* 15, and it was declared that the statement offered was not satisfactory.

The Hon. Member for Lillooet having declined to assent to the statement suggested by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,

The Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Dewdney was put to the Council, whereupon the Council divided.

*Ayes* 11, *Noes* 1.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Crease,  
Trutch,  
O'Reilly,  
Sanders,  
Walkem,  
Ball,  
Dewdney,  
Barnard,  
Robson,  
Carrall,  
Hamley.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos.

The Hon. Messrs. Holbrook, Wood, Alston, Drake, Bushby, and Helmcken not having voted, their votes were counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes* 17, *Noes* 1.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hanksin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Dewdney, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Walkem, Ring.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, Ordered that Strangers do withdraw, including the Press.

On the Minutes being read and amended,

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding,

That the Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Dewdney, respecting Mr. T. B. Humphreys, be not recorded on the Minutes.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment,

That if the Hon. Member for Lillooet will even now sign the statement proposed yesterday by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and recorded on the Books, this Council will consent to the Resolution passed yesterday being expunged from its Journal.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 12, *Noes* 1.

The names having been taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<p><i>Ayes.</i> The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Walkem, Ball, Dewdney, Crease, Drake, Wood, Robson, Helmcken, Alston, Pemberton, Bushby.</p>	<p><i>Noes.</i> The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos.</p>
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So the amendment was carried.

On the Hon. Member for Lillooet being asked by the Presiding Member if he would consent to sign the Statement in question,

The Hon. Member refused, stating that in his opinion the explanation offered by him yesterday was sufficient.

On the question of the confirmation of the Minutes being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 13, *Noes* 3.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

<p><i>Ayes.</i> The Hon. Messrs. Walkem, Crease, Trutch, Pemberton, Bushby, Dewdney, Ball, Robson, Drake, Alston, Wood, Sanders, O'Reilly.</p>	<p><i>Noes.</i> The Hon. Messrs. DeCosmos, Ring, Humphreys.</p>
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So it was carried in the affirmative, and the Minutes were confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved the following Resolution, having risen to speak to a question of privilege:—

That the Council go into Committee to prepare an abstract statement of the evidence adduced before this Council by certain of its Members, in Session with closed doors, on the 13th instant, upon which the Resolution of that date referring to the Hon. Member for Lillooet was based; and that the same be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor with such Resolution.

Whereupon a debate arose, during which the Council adjourned during pleasure, in order to hold a conference with His Excellency the Governor, on Road Tolls.

On the Council resuming its sitting,

And on the question being put that the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch be postponed till later in the day, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 12, *Noes* 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 17.

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, of the 21st February, the Governor herewith forwards the Return therein called for, fur-

nishing information in respect to the Schools established in 1869, under the Common Schools Ordinance of that year.\*

*Government House,  
13th April, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Loan Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

According to Order, the debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, on a question of privilege, was resumed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved the following amendment, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding:—

That before proceeding to take evidence in the matter of the breach of privilege of the Hon. T. B. Humphreys, the Council instruct the Clerk to take down the names of all Members who are expected to give evidence, and that such Members retire and be called in singly and examined as to what they know respecting the words used by the Hon. T. B. Humphreys, on the 11th April, 1870.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 3, Noes 14.*

The names, on request, having been taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken, Humphreys, DeCosmos.	The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Walkem, Sanders, Ball, Dewdney, Barnard, Carrall, Robson, Ring, Alston, Wood, Bushby, O'Reilly.

The Hon. Mr. Drake not having voted, was counted with the Ayes, so the vote stood *Ayes 4, Noes 14*, and the amendment was lost.

On the question put "That I do now leave the Chair," the Council divided.  
*Ayes 15, Noes 2.*

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:—

That the annexed statement in writing respectively signed by the Hon. Members whose names appear thereto conveys in substance the evidence given before this Council, on the 13th instant, by said Members, and that the same be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor accompanied by the Resolution this day passed.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
April 14th, 1870.*

*In Committee.*

The following is the purport and substance of the evidence adduced in this Council on the 13th day of April, 1870, upon the discussion of the Resolution requesting His Excellency the Governor to cancel the appointment of Thomas B. Humphreys to a seat in this Council, such evidence, or the purport or substance thereof, having been given *viva voce* to the Council, in the presence of the said Thomas B. Humphreys, by the Hon. Messrs. Drake, Dewdney, Alston, Robson, Helmcken, Ball and Barnard:—

That on the 11th day of April, 1870, the Hon. Member for Lillooet, did at a Public Meeting held in the Theatre, in Victoria, publicly make the following statement:—

1. "That as to the Lands and Works Office, Duke Trutch, or Lord Trutch, had for the last 4 or 5 years had control of the Office without the slightest check upon him, and that about \$500,000 had passed through his hands, of which no account could be obtained, and that when an enquiry into the conduct of the said Office, and the disposal of the said moneys, was asked for in the Legislative Council, it was burked or choked off by the Officials, with what object he would leave it to the public to say."

2. That the Hon. Member for Lillooet further said "that he felt degraded as a man by taking his seat in that infamous, rascally, rotten arrangement across the Bay," meaning the Legislative Council; or words to the above effect were used.

On honour the above is in substance the evidence I gave yesterday, and I believe the same to be correct.

(Signed) E. GRAHAM ALSTON,  
JNO. ROBSON,  
EDGAR DEWDNEY,  
F. J. BARNARD.

Substantially correct,  
M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

Upon the subject of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Member for Lillooet spoke to the following effect:—

"They call it an honour to be a Member of that House; for my part I cannot see any honour in it. Whenever I go over I feel degraded and ashamed" at what he termed "the arrangement."

With regard to the Land Office, the language used conveyed to my mind a feeling that all was not right in the Land Office. For instance, that Mr. Trutch, or Duke Trutch, had charge of the Land Office, that a motion for enquiry had been burked; that four or five hundred thousand dollars passed through that Office; that preventing enquiry into the Office would only lead to the support of the public opinion that all was not right there.

Of course I do not pretend these to be the identical words used.

(Signed) J. S. HELMCKEN.

These remarks with reference to the Council and Land Office are substantially correct, as made by Mr. Humphreys at the Public Meeting.

(Signed) H. M. BALL.

On the question of the adoption of the Resolution and Statements being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 14, *Noes* 2.

The names, on request, having been taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,  
Walkem,  
Sanders,  
Ball,  
Crease,  
Bushby,  
Wood,  
O'Reilly,  
Dewdney,  
Barnard,  
Robson,  
Carrall,  
Alston,  
Drake.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. DeCosmos,  
Humphreys.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Ordered that all the votes and proceedings connected with the case be forwarded to the Governor.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Walkem, Trutch, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Alston, Drake, Carrall, Ring, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 18.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to facilitate the issue of Crown Grants."

*Government House,  
18th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 19.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

With reference to a Resolution of the Honourable Board of Council, of the 13th instant, respecting a Breach of Privilege alleged to have been committed at the Public Theatre, Victoria, on Monday the 11th instant, by Thomas Basil Humphreys, one of the Members of the Council, and which Resolution was forwarded for the Governor's consideration,

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has by an Instrument, a copy of which is herewith forwarded, suspended the said Thomas Basil Humphreys from the exercise of the office of a Legislative Councillor, until Her Majesty's pleasure be known in the premises.

*Government House,  
19th April, 1870.*

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A. MUSGRAVE.

*To Thomas Basil Humphreys, and to all to whom these presents shall come, or whom they may concern:*

KNOW YE that I, ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, Governor in and over the Colony of British Columbia, do, by virtue of all the powers in me vested and me in that behalf enabling, hereby suspend you, the said Thomas Basil Humphreys, as and from the date of the receipt hereof by you, from the exercise of the duties and office of a Legislative Councillor for the Colony of British Columbia, which office was conferred upon you by a Commission under the hand of Frederick Seymour, Esquire, late Governor of the said Colony; and such suspension shall be of full force and effect until Her Majesty's pleasure shall be known in the premises.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this Nineteenth day of April, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, A. D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the 33rd year of Her Majesty's Reign.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Land Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 20.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration the Resolution of the Legislative Council, that the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to His Excellency the Governor, with a recommendation that he will take the same into his consideration, and grant such relief as the nature of the case demands.

The Governor has made enquiry into the circumstances of the case referred to, and has ascertained that the complaint arises from matters at issue in a civil case tried before the Supreme Court of the Mainland of British Columbia, in which the Governor has no authority for interference.

*Government House,  
19th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 21.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for their early consideration, the following Ordinances, upon subjects of importance to the public interest, viz:—

1. An additional Duty Ordinance, 1870, to raise money for the Public service;
2. Supreme Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870;
3. Supreme Courts Fees Ordinance, 1870;
4. Road Amendment Ordinance, 1870;
5. Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.

*Government House,*  
19th April, 1870.

The Road Amendment Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

The Supreme Court Merger Bill was read first and second times.

Ordered to be Committed to-morrow.

The Supreme Court Fees Bill was read first and second times.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Cemetery Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

The Customs Amendment Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time at once.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Customs Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Loan Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Registration of Titles Bill,

Ordered to be recommitted.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported some additions made to the Bill, and that it was now complete.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the County Courts Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "County Courts Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Crown Costs Bill, and on the question being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes 5. Noes 6.*

So it passed in the negative and the Bill was thrown out.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Walkem, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Helmcken, Wood, Ring, Alston, Trutch, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Dewdney.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Council went into Committee on the Land Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 22.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to create a further Duty of Customs for the Public Service."

*Government House,  
20th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 23.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Common School Ordinance, 1869."

*Government House,  
20th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

*Message No. 24.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance entitled the Game Ordinance, 1870."

*Government House,  
20th April, 1870.*

A further Message, read as follows:—

*Message No. 25.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had pressed upon his notice cases in which there has been a failure of justice for want of some provision to prevent evil disposed persons from inciting Merchant Seamen to desert from their Ships. The Governor, therefore, submits an Ordinance, for the consideration of the Council, containing provisions for this purpose.

*Government House,  
20th April, 1870.*

The Merchant Ship Protection Bill was accordingly read first time.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Road Amendment Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Supreme Courts Merger Bill,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once. Bill read third time accordingly.

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be [the "Supreme Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Supreme Court Fees Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time at once. Read third time accordingly.

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Cemetery Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Loan Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The British Columbia Loan Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Registration Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved That the Petition of certain Boatmen be taken into consideration.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Drake then moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding, and it was Resolved,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to take into consideration the position of persons letting out pleasure boats for hire, in order that a reduction of the present duty of \$10 a year for each boat be made, and this Council respectfully suggests that a licence be granted for their business, in lieu of a special tax on each boat.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion of the Hon. Mr. Drake to ask leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Law Society of British Columbia,

On the motion of the Hon. mover,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion of the Hon. Mr. Drake to ask leave to bring in the Legal Professions Amendment Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. mover,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Bill of Sales Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and the Report be adopted.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Alston, in reference to Ocean Mail Communication.

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, in respect of the Repair of the Roads in Victoria District No. 2,  
The motion dropped.

The Standing Orders having been suspended for the purpose,

The Municipal Fines Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly.

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Municipal Fines Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the sum of \$5000 set down in the Estimates for Immigration, be appropriated towards establishing an Immigration and Intelligence Office in San Francisco.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 5.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 p. m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 21st day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ball, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Dewdney, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Ring, Drake, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of Alexander Watson, brought up a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that in the absence of the full correspondence between the late Governor, Mr. Seymour, and the Secretary of State, in relation to Mr. Watson, the Committee is unable to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to the nature of his claim (if any) against the Government of British Columbia, and your Committee beg to append the enclosed letter forwarded to them by command of the Governor, in reply to information asked for on the subject.

Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Land Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Ship Protection Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Road Amendment Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Road Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Bill of Sales Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Bill of Sales Ordinance, 1870."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 22nd day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ring, Alston, Helmcken, Trutch, Robson, Wood, Pemberton, Dewdney, Carrall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Merchant Ship Desertion Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Merchant Ship Desertion Bill, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Cemetery Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Cemetery Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of Alexander Watson.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding,

That this Council being unable to decide that Mr. Watson has any claim against this Colony, for compensation on his loss of office consequent on the Union of the Colonies, desire to refer his case to the most favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 26.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Supreme Court."

*Government House,  
22nd April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

*Message No. 27.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance respecting the enforcement of Municipal By-Laws."

*Government House,  
22nd April, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Land Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

A further Message, read as follows:—

*Message No. 28.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor transmits herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Board of Council, an amendment to the latter part of Section XIV. of "An Ordinance to assimilate the Law relating to the Transfer of Real Estate, and to provide for the Registration of Titles to Land throughout the Colony of British Columbia," which he is advised has a tendency opposed to the principle of the Bill.

That the following words be struck out from Clause XIV., after line 9, namely after the word "erasure:" "and when two or more deeds or documents appear entered on any such records affecting the same lands the deeds shall, as between themselves, have priority according to the date of transcript, and not according to the date of the creation of the estates or interests."

*Government House,  
22nd April, 1870.*

The Council went into Committee on the above amendment.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully acquainted that this Council concurs in the amendment proposed by His Excellency to "The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, the 23rd day of April, 1870.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Walkem, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 29.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council, that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to authorize a Loan of £75,000."

Government House,  
23rd April, 1870.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

Message No. 30.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to alter and amend the County Court Ordinance, 1867."

Government House,  
23rd April, 1870.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary then read the following Message from His Excellency the Governor, proroguing the Council:—

Message No. 31.

A. MUSGRAVE.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

After a late and somewhat prolonged Session you will probably be glad to be released from your Legislative labours, in order that you may resume those personal duties and occupations which are not less important to the progress and well-being of the Community.

I thank you for the diligence with which you have considered the several measures and subjects which have been submitted to you.

The proceedings which you have taken in respect of the great question of Confederation with the Dominion, will enable me to ascertain the views of the Government of Canada upon this important subject, and to present it in a definite shape for the decision of the Community. For this purpose, as I have already informed you, I propose to send a Delegation to Ottawa, who will be able fully to explain our views and wants, and learn how far the expectations of the people of this Colony can be fulfilled in any arrangement for Union.

To the Bills which you have forwarded to me, I shall give my assent. That to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands, the Crown Grants Ordinance, and the Land Registry Ordinance, I regard as very important measures, of which the value will speedily become apparent.

The addition which you have made to the Revenue for the purpose of maintaining the Telegraph on the Mainland, shall be applied to the accomplishment of the desired object.

To most of the communications which I have received from your Honourable Board I have already furnished separate replies; and upon those which have not been so answered I have reserved any expression of opinion, until the subjects can be more fully considered, with the view of giving effect to your recommendations.

Your Resolution respecting the Island of San Juan shall be laid before Her Majesty's Government.

I will make enquiry as to the working of the system under which Fees are now paid in the Admiralty Court; but I fear that it will be too much to expect that Her Majesty's Government will be ready to assume expenses, which are now paid by Suitors in that Court.

Attentive consideration shall be given to your suggestion for the establishment of a Local Court of Appeal. The great obstacle in respect of this, as well as other improvements, is the additional expenditure necessary for the purpose.

The same difficulty exists with regard to many recommendations made in Committee of Supply, which have been forwarded to me. Willing, as I should

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be to see them carried into effect, the present financial position of the Colony does not permit me to do what I should otherwise desire to accomplish. But if there should be improvement in the Revenue, with economy in the Expenditure under the Appropriation Act, I hope to be able to liquidate the arrears due to the Common School Teachers in Vancouver Island for 1867 and 1868, in accordance with your Resolution requesting me to do so. And other matters may be provided for in the financial arrangements for the ensuing year.

I trust that when I shall have the pleasure of meeting the Council at the next Session, it may be under circumstances affording renewed hope and restored confidence in the future fortunes of British Columbia.

I now prorogue your Honourable Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

*Government House,  
23rd April, 1870.*

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# APPENDIX.

## SESSIONAL PAPERS.

No. 1.

### PROPOSED TERMS OF CONFEDERATION WITH THE DOMINION OF CANADA,

ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN COUNCIL.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Colony of British Columbia should be Confederated with Canada, on the following Terms and Conditions, that is to say:—

1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of Union.

2. The population of British Columbia shall, for the purpose of financial arrangements, be estimated at 120,000. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, Interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of Union and the proportion of the Public Debt of Canada for 120,000 of the population of Canada at the time of Union.

3. The following sums shall be annually paid by Canada to British Columbia, for the support of the Local Government and Legislature, to wit:—

An Annual Grant of \$35,000, and a further sum equal to 80 cents a head per annum of the population of British Columbia, being estimated as aforesaid at 120,000, such grant equal to 80 cents a head to be augmented according to the increase of population, when such may be shewn, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such grant shall thereafter remain.

4. The Dominion shall guarantee interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

5. In addition to other provisions of this Resolution, Canada shall assume and defray the charges of the following Services.

- a. Salary and Allowances of the Lieutenant Governor;
- b. Salaries and Allowances of the Judges and Officers of the Supreme Court, and of the County Courts;
- c. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;
- d. The Postal Department;
- e. Lighthouses, Buoys, Beacons, and Lightships, and such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the "British North America Act, 1867," appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony, whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of this Colony into the Dominion of Canada.

7. The Dominion Government shall supply an efficient and regular fortnightly Steam Communication between Victoria and San Francisco by Steamers adapted and giving facilities for the conveyance of passengers and cargo.

8. Inasmuch as no real Union can subsist between this Colony and Canada without the speedy establishment of communication across the Rocky Mountains by Coach Road and Railway, the Dominion shall, within three years from the date of Union, construct and open for traffic such Coach Road from some point on the line of the Main Trunk Road of this Colony to Fort Garry, of similar character to the said Main Trunk Road; and shall further engage to use all means in her power to complete such Railway communication at the earliest practicable date; and that Surveys to determine the proper line for such Railway shall be at once commenced; and that a sum of not less than One Million Dollars shall be expended in every year,

from and after Three years from the date of Union, in actually constructing the initial sections of such Railway from the Seaboard of British Columbia, to connect with the Railway system of Canada.

9. The Dominion shall erect and maintain, at Victoria, a Marine Hospital, and a Lunatic Asylum, either attached to the Hospital, or separate, as may be considered most convenient.

The Dominion shall also erect and maintain a Penitentiary, or other principal Prison, at such place in the Colony as she may consider most suitable for that purpose.

10. Efficient Coast Mail Steam Service, in connection with the Post Office, shall be established and maintained by the Government of the Dominion, between Victoria and New Westminster, Nanaimo, and such other places as may require such services.

11. Whatever encouragement, advantages, and protection are afforded by the Dominion Government to the Fisheries of any of its Provinces, shall be extended in similar proportion to British Columbia, according to its requirements for the time being.

12. British Columbia shall participate, in fair proportion, in any measures which may be adopted, and Funds which may be appropriated by the Dominion, for the encouragement of Immigration.

13. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Four Members, and by Eight Members in the House of Commons, until the year 18<sup>70</sup>, and thereafter the representation in the Senate and the House of Commons shall be increased subject to the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

14. The Union shall take effect on such day as Her Majesty by Order in Council (on an Address to that effect, in terms of the 146th Section of "The British North America Act, 1867,") may direct; and British Columbia may, in such Address, specify the Districts, Counties, or Divisions, if any, for which any of the Four Senators to whom the Colony shall be entitled shall be named—the Electoral Districts for which—and the time within which the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

15. The Constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of Union, until altered under the authority of the said Act.

16. The provisions in "The British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Resolution) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

With reference to Defences:—

a. That it shall be an understanding with the Dominion, that their influence will be used to the fullest extent to procure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

b. Encouragement to be given to develop the efficiency and organization of the Volunteer Force in British Columbia.

## No. 2.

### THE PETITION OF ALEXANDER WATSON.

*To the Honourable Legislative Council of British Columbia.*

The Petition of the undersigned, ALEXANDER WATSON, Treasurer of the late Colony of Vancouver Island,

**HUMBLY SHEWETH:—**

That, in the month of December, 1861, he was induced by representations made by the then Governor, Sir James Douglas, to resign a valuable appointment in the service of the Bank of British North America, with a salary of Four Hundred Pounds per annum, and to accept the appointment of Treasurer of the Colony of Vancouver Island, the emoluments appertaining to which were Five Hundred Pounds per annum;

That, the appointment was subsequently confirmed by Royal Warrant, dated the 28th day of April, A. D. 1862;

That, your petitioner continued to perform the duties of the office, and in addition he discharged the duties (gratuitously) of Commissary to the Troops stationed at San Juan Island and Collector of Revenue for the City of Victoria, until the 20th of November, 1866, when your petitioner received a Circular from the Governor of British Columbia informing him that in consequence of the passage of An Act of the Imperial Parliament uniting the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, his office was abolished, and at the same time requesting your petitioner to continue his services;

That, on the 6th March, 1867, your petitioner received a further communication from the Governor of British Columbia, informing him that, although under the Local Laws of Vancouver Island the necessity existed for the continuance of the appointment of Treasurer, under the "Officers' Enabling Ordinance" of British Columbia the necessity for the continuance of the office no longer existed, and that your Honourable House had expressed a desire that the appointment be abolished;

That, on the 30th day of March, 1867, your petitioner received a despatch from Governor Seymour offering to bring to the notice of the Secretary of State his claims for other employment, provided that your petitioner accepted six months' leave of absence on full pay, with a free passage for himself and family to England, and at the same time greatly regretting that the financial condition of the Colony left His Excellency but little hope of being able to offer your petitioner suitable employment within it;

That, your petitioner accepted the Governor's proposition, believing it to be part of the scheme which His Excellency had laid before your Honourable House, namely, that he intended to recommend to the Secretary of State the removal of officers whose services were not required under union, to other Colonies,—a scheme which several subordinate officers had been enabled to avail themselves of, whilst your petitioner was detained in the Colony, under disadvantageous circumstances, for the convenience of the Government of British Columbia;

That, having thus, at the suggestion of the Governor of British Columbia, surrendered his position in the Colony, and removed his family to England at the cost of great personal sacrifice and pecuniary loss, and finding that the Secretary of State was ignorant of his claims for other employment, your petitioner was thrown on the world in search of other employment, at a period of life and under circumstances which rendered his prospects of success very problematical;

That, your petitioner having discovered that misapprehension existed at the Colonial Office in respect of his position and claims, and in order to relieve Her Majesty's Government from any responsibility which might arise through the tardy action of the authorities in the Colony, your petitioner offered to return to the Colony, at his own expense, and assume any position not inferior in rank and emolument to that which he had held under the late Government of Vancouver Island, which offer was declined by the Secretary of State;

That, your petitioner, still anxious to make his home in the Colony, and having the assurance of the authorities of the Colonial Office that his acceptance of temporary employment would not prejudice his position or claims as an Officer of the Crown, accepted a temporary situation in this Country;

That, in addition to the inconvenience and anxiety consequent upon the loss of an income of Six Hundred Pounds per annum, your petitioner has suffered pecuniary loss through the operation of the Act of Union, amounting to Five Hundred Pounds;

That, in consequence of the action of your Honourable House during the Session of 1867, in waiving the audit of the Public Accounts of the late Colony for the year 1860, at the suggestion of the Government (Hon. Mr. Birch) the bonds for Four Thousand Pounds sterling which your petitioner entered into with the late Government of Vancouver Island are still undischarged, and your petitioner, in common with the other accounting officers, thereby placed at great disadvantage in seeking other employment;

That, your petitioner submits the basis of his claims against the estate of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, as follows:—

1. *Four Hundred Pounds* per annum, authorized under the Civil List Act of 1860, still unrepealed, and declared to be in force until repealed, according to the Imperial Act of Union.
2. *One Hundred Pounds* per annum out of the proceeds of the Sales of Crown Lands, as pledged in the Governor's Despatch of 28th December, 1861.
3. *One Hundred Pounds* per annum, being increase of pay allowed by the Secretary of State in the year 1863, and which appertained to the office until the date of Union.

That, with respect to the first named authority, as His Excellency Governor Kennedy was pleased to express doubts regarding the permanent character of the Act referred to, your petitioner desires to submit his own knowledge of the history of this enactment.

On the 1st day of March, 1860, His Excellency Governor Douglas in his speech on the opening of the Legislature, promised to recommend that the entire Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island should be placed at the disposal of the Legislature, in return for a fixed Civil List of £3,200;

An Act was accordingly passed by the Legislature, and assented to on the 28th day of August, 1860, authorizing the Treasurer, from the date of the passage of the Act, to pay the Salaries mentioned in the Schedule, as follows, namely:—

Governor.....	£800 per annum.
Chief Justice .....	500     "
Colonial Secretary .....	500     "
Treasurer.....	400     "
Surveyor General .....	400     "
Attorney General .....	300     "

Total .....£3,200

Referring to the Annual Estimates, it appears that the entire Revenue of the Colony (including the Crown Revenue) was regularly placed at the disposal of the Legislature, and appropriated to the General purposes of the Government during the years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864, in accordance with a provision in the Act

referred to; and during those years the Colonial Auditor appears to have regarded this Act as a permanent Authority for the payment of the Salaries named therein. Your petitioner cannot find that the permanent character of this Act was ever called in question, either by the Legislature or the Executive, between the years 1860 to 1868. In 1864, however, Governor Kennedy having discovered, from a Statement compiled by the Auditor General, that there was a balance in favour of the Crown, under the then existing arrangement, amounting to \$34,321,25, withdrew the Crown Revenues from the disposal of the Legislature;

At this time, the Treasurer was informed that the Secretary of State could not any longer authorize his Salary to be charged against the Crown Fund, giving as a reason the insufficiency of that Fund to meet more than the Salaries (increased) of the Governor and Colonial Secretary;

Notwithstanding this announcement, the Salary of the Private Secretary (Mr. Wakeford) was shortly thereafter made a charge on the Crown Fund, and was accordingly paid thereout, to the manifest injury of the rights previously acquired by the Treasurer.

That, as the Crown Revenue of Vancouver Island was pledged to the office of Treasurer at the date when your petitioner accepted the appointment, and as your petitioner still holds the Royal Warrant authorizing him to receive all the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages belonging or appertaining to the office, the "Officers' Enabling Ordinance" of British Columbia cannot righteously deprive him of those emoluments.

Wherefore, your petitioner humbly prays that it may please your Honourable House to take into consideration his claims for compensation against the Estate of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, and to order such steps as may be deemed expedient to discharge your petitioner from his intromissions as Treasurer of the late Colony.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) ALEXANDER WATSON,  
Treasurer of the late Colony of Vancouver Island.

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No. 3.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, IN MESSAGE No. 5.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1. No special provision has yet been found possible for the examination of Public School Teachers as to efficiency or character.

2. No provision has yet been made for the visitation and inspection of Common Schools, there being no provision in the Ordinance for the appointment, or remuneration of an Inspector or Inspectors.

3. Returns of the Revenue and Expenditure of each year are required of each Local Board by the Government.

4. No Regulations have been made for the management of Schools, other than that of the Local Boards under the Ordinance, which however possess full powers.

5. Local Boards are elected under Section V. of the "Common School Ordinance,"

6. An annual Report is required by the Government of all Local Boards.

The Ordinance has not yet received Her Majesty's assent, and will probably be found to require amendment.

12th March, 1870.

(Signed) PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 4.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, IN MESSAGE No. 5.

RETURN OF THE REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE LILLOOET DISTRICT,  
FOR THE YEAR 1869.

Roads' Tolls .....	\$18,580 17
Excise Duties.....	519 00
Land Sales.....	187 00
Land Revenue .....	142 00
Rents .....	10 00
Free Miners' Certificates.....	340 00
Mining Receipts General.....	247 50
Licenses .....	2,100 00
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees .....	247 48
Sale of Government Property .....	150 12
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	\$22,583 27

(Signed) JOHN GRAHAM,  
In Charge.  
Treasury, British Columbia,  
March 10th, 1870.

No. 5.

ENCLOSURE No. 3, IN MESSAGE No. 5.

EXPORTS FROM THE COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
DURING THE YEAR 1869.

COUNTRY TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Value of Domestic Produce or Manufacture.	Value of Foreign Produce or Manufacture.
UNITED KINGDOM .....	\$ 192,710	\$ 12,250
BRITISH POSSESSIONS:—		
New Zealand .....	7,243	
New South Wales .....	35,911	
South Australia .....	6,689	
Victoria .....	11,193	
FOREIGN COUNTRIES:—		
Chili .....	28,373	1,000
China .....	19,708	
Mexico .....	619	
Peru .....	43,144	
Sandwich Islands .....	12,238	5,594
United States of America .....	293,750	48,791
Bonded Goods shipped as Stores in Sea-going Ships .....	651,568	67,635
Bonded Goods delivered free of duty to Her Majesty's Ships .....		4,105
TOTAL.....\$	651,568	98,121

SUMMARY OF ARTICLES EXPORTED IN THE YEAR 1869.

DOMESTIC PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE.		FOREIGN PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE.	
Article.	Value.	Article.	Value.
Ale .....	\$ 60	Ale .....	\$ 3,901
Bricks .....	759	Bottles, empty .....	630
Castings .....	2,552	Cigars .....	6,266
Cranberries .....	10,790	Dry Goods .....	7,108
Coals .....	119,820	Flour .....	550
Fish .....	4,603	Fruit .....	137
Fish Oil .....	19,878	Groceries .....	100
Furs and Hides .....	233,682	Household Goods .....	2,476
Lime .....	1,301	Iron .....	4,870
Lumber .....	252,454	Junk .....	602
Potatoes .....	129	Live Stock .....	292
Tallow .....	610	Miscellaneous Merchandise .....	10,714
Wool .....	4,930	Molasses .....	286
		Paints .....	400
		Salt .....	11,370
		Soap .....	450
		Sugar .....	3,554
		Spirits .....	8,850
		Tobacco .....	200
		Tea .....	183
		Wines .....	1,496
		Government Stores .....	3,500
TOTAL.....\$	651,568	TOTAL.....\$	67,635

BONDED GOODS SHIPPED AS STORES IN SEA-GOING SHIPS, DURING THE YEAR 1869.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.			MERCHANT VESSELS.		
Article.	Quantity.	Value.	Article.	Quantity.	Value.
Ale and Porter .....	318 doz., 9 hhd, 6	\$ 1,266	Ale and Porter .....	12 cases	\$ 120
Butter .....	4 firkins [bbis.	200	Butter .....	4 firkins	204
Cigars .....	500	80	Cigars .....	16,850	1,027
Coffee .....	7 bags	200	Coffee .....	7 sacks	173
Flour .....	2,002 barrels	12,012	Flour .....	18 barrels	108
Groceries .....	79 packages	559	Groceries .....	23 cases	172
Oatmeal .....	3,403 lbs.	272	Miscellaneous .....	2 packages	40
Rice .....	1 barrel, 9 mats	42	Pork and Beef .....	10 barrels	178
Soap .....	..	1,223	Sugar .....	15 kegs	185
Sugar .....	41,430 lbs.	3,875	Spirits .....	2 kegs, 135 cases	1,281
Spirits .....	8 puns., 6 qr csks.,	8,442	Tea .....	4 chests	80
Tea .....	128 chts. [194 cs.	1,396	Tobacco .....	4 boxes	68
Tobacco .....	3 cases	150	Wines .....	41 cases	469
Wines .....	9 qr. csks., 100 cs.	1,708			
TOTAL.....\$		26,381	TOTAL.....\$		4,105

Custom House, Victoria,  
3rd March, 1870.

(Signed) W. HAMLEY.

No. 6.

## ENCLOSURE No. 4, IN MESSAGE No. 5.

RETURN shewing the amount of the PUBLIC DEBT of the COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, at 1st JANUARY, 1870, after deducting SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS; also the amount of FLOATING DEBT at same date.

	Amount of Loans.	Sums Invested.	Balance still to be Invested.	Rate of Interest.	Rate of Sinking Fund.	When Repayable.
Loan of 1862.....	\$ 242,500	165,982	76,518	6 3/4 cent. per annum.	4 1/2 cent. half-yearly.	1st Jan., 1873.
Do. 1863.....	242,500	67,907	174,593	Do. Do.	2 3/4 cent. Do.	1st July, 1883.
Do. 1864.....	485,000	54,175	430,825	Do. Do.	1 1/2 Do. Do.	1st April, 1894.
V. I. Loan of 1882.....	194,000	58,756	135,244	Do. Do.	2 Do. Do.	15th Jan., 1883.
	1,164,000	346,820	817,820			
Deduct Investments.....	346,820					
Net amount of debt still due	\$817,180					

The Floating Debt amounts to \$319,019.

Audit Office,  
March 10th, 1870.

(Signed) ROBERT KER,  
Auditor General.

No. 7.

## ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 8.

## RETURN TO A RESOLUTION ON ROAD TAXES.

1. The amount of Road Tax assessed in 1869, in each Road District in the Electoral District Victoria No. 2.
2. The amount of Road Tax assessed for Land in each of said Road Districts in 1869.
3. The amount of Road Tax assessed against Persons in 1869, excluding Land Road Tax, in each of the said Road Districts.

	Total Amount Assessed.	Assessed against Land.	Assessed against Persons.
Lake and Saanich Road District .....	\$1,454 34	\$1,408 34	\$46 00
Victoria Road District .....	1,334 90	1,204 90	130 00
Esquimalt and Metchosin Road District .....	1,179 70	1,121 70	58 00
Esquimalt Town Road District .....	188 98	82 98	106 00
		\$3,817 92	\$340 00
	\$4,157 92	\$4,157 92	

4. The amount of Land Road Tax for 1869, collected up to 31st December, 1869, in and for each said Road District.
5. The amount of *per capita* or personal Road Tax for 1869, excluding Road Tax collected in each said Road District.
6. The amount of Road Tax unpaid on December 31st, 1869, in each said Road District, showing total arrears for land, and total arrears for persons, exclusive of land.

	Total Amount Assessed.		Total Amount Collected.		Still Due, 31st December, 1869	
	Land.	Persons.	Land.	Persons.	Land.	Persons.
Lake and Saanich Road District .....	1,408 34	46 00	1,049 66	18 00	358 68	28 00
Victoria Road District.....	1,204 90	130 00	670 42	110 00	534 48	20 00
Esquimalt and Metchosin Road District .....	1,121 70	58 00	722 34	24 00	399 36	34 00
Esquimalt Town Road District .....	82 98	106 00	20 30	58 00	62 68	48 00
			2,462 72	210 00	1,355 20	130 00
	\$3,817 92	340 00	\$2,672 72		\$1,485 20	
	\$4,157 92		\$4,157 92			
			Since Collected .....		\$575 29	

7. The names of the Collector or Collectors of Road Tax in and for each Road District.

Esquimalt Town Road District,  
 Esquimalt and Metchosin Road District,  
 Victoria Road District,  
 Lake and Saanich Road District, } E. Mallandaine.

8. The amount of Road Tax collected by each Collector.

Total Amount by E. Mallandaine ..... \$2,672 72.

9. The amount taken from Road Tax Fund and expended in 1869 in each Road District, and how, where, and by whom expended.

10. Whether the expenditure on the Roads in each Road District in Victoria District No. 2, was made wholly from the Road Tax Fund or not; and if not, what amounts were expended in each of the said Road Districts out of the General Revenue, and where in each said Road District.

	Amount Expended in District.	Amount of Road Tax Collected.	Name of Superintendent.
Cowichan District .....	\$1,162 31	\$1,001 40	M. M. Titus, Foreman, under superintendence of J. Morley, J. P.
Comox District .....	289 00	289 00	J. McNish, Contractor, under superintendence of W. R. Spalding, J. P.
Nanaimo District .....	1,196 24	...	M. M. Titus, Foreman, under superintendence of W. R. Spalding, J. P.
Saanich District .....	2,547 23	1,067 66	M. M. Titus, Foreman.
Salt Spring Island District	235 50	...	Messrs. Booth & Mitchell, Contractors, under superintendence of M. M. Titus.
Sooke District .....	7 00	89 02	J. C. Nicholson, cutting out trail.
Metchosin District .....	364 19	184 74	J. C. Nicholson, Foreman.
Victoria District .....	1,383 38	780 42	Do. Do.
Esquimalt District .....	892 92	448 58	Do. Do.
Esquimalt Main Road .....	1,114 00	.....	M. M. Titus, Foreman.

11. Number of persons resident in each said Road District in 1869, liable for Road Taxes.

Lake and Saanich Road District.	Victoria Road District.	Esquimalt and Metchosin Road District.	Esquimalt Town Road District.
23 persons.	65 persons.	29 persons.	53 persons.

12. Number of persons resident out of the Colony liable under "Road Ordinance, 1869," for Road Taxes in respect to land in each or in some of said Road Districts.

Lake and Saanich Road District.	Victoria Road District.	Esquimalt and Metchosin Road District.	Esquimalt Town Road District.
11 persons.	21 persons.	20 persons.	7 persons.

(Signed) PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
 Colonial Secretary.

No. 8.

## ENCLOSURES IN MESSAGE No. 8.

RETURN of the number of PRE-EMPTION CLAIMS taken up during the Years 1868 and 1869.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA (MAINLAND.)

DISTRICT.	1868.	1869.
New Westminster.....	26	65
Yale, Lytton, and Hope .....	142	41
Lillooet .....	52	No returns recd.
Cariboo .....	No returns received.	
Columbia River.....	3	nil.

## VANCOUVER ISLAND.

DISTRICT.	1868.	1869.
Victoria.....	nil.	nil.
Esquimalt .....	2	nil.
Metchosin .....	2	3
Sooke .....	4	2
Lake .....	2	2
Highland .....	nil.	1
North Saanich .....	4	6
South Saanich .....	1	1
Cowichan .....	nil.	2
Quamichan.....	5	2
Shawnigan .....	6	5
Somenos.....	3	2
Comiaken .....	1	3
Chemainus .....	4	nil.
Salt Spring Island .....	7	3
Mountain .....	2	3
Cedar.....	nil.	nil.
Cranberry.....	1	1
Comox .....	5	6
Moresby Island .....	nil.	3
Gabriola .....	1	nil.
Thetis.....	nil.	1

(Signed)

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

Lands and Works' Office,  
Victoria, 18th March, 1870.

No. 9.

## PETITION AGAINST "THE LAND REGISTRY ORDINANCE, 1870."

To the Honourable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Property Holders in the said Colony,

SHEWETH:—

That, whilst your petitioners would advocate the Assimilation of the Laws relating to the Registration of Titles of Land, and the adoption of an uniform system of Registration throughout the Colony, they view with distrust and alarm many of the provisions in the Bill for the Ordinance to be styled "The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870," and consider it is not advisable that the Titles to Property should be liable to be defeated or injuriously affected by the caprice, neglect, errors, or fraud of any Official.

Your Petitioners are of opinion that a Registration Law which would give to a registered document priority over all unregistered documents, and also over all documents registered subsequently thereto, would if proper indices were kept (so that reference might be had at a glance to all Registered Documents affecting any particular land) be simple in operation and would afford every protection that is required.

Your Petitioners submit that if the principles enunciated in the Bill are adopted by your Honourable Body, provision should be made whereby persons who shall sustain loss by reason of the caprice, neglect, error, or fraud of any Registrar, Deputy Registrar, or other Official, shall be indemnified by the Government.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c, &c.

(Signed) James Douglas,  
 For Bank of B. N. A.,  
 Robert Burrell, Int. Manager,  
 Wm C. Ward, Manager, Bank B. C.  
 Rodk Finlayson,  
 W. F. Tolmie,  
 Puget Sound Agricultural Co.,  
 by W. F. Tolmie,  
 Alex. Munro,  
 Hudson Bay Company,  
 by W. F. Tolmie,  
 L. Lowenberg, Land Agent,  
 Wells, Fargo & Co.,  
 F. Garesche, Agent,

Robert Burnaby, Land Agent,  
 Per pro Anderson & Co.,  
 Matthew T. Johnston,  
 Per pro J. J. Southgate,  
 Robert Burrell,  
 Alex. Munro,  
 Per pro F. W. Wood,  
 W. C. Ward,  
 J. F. McCreight,  
 Robert Bishop,  
 W. J. Macdonald,  
 A. Roche Robertson,  
 Robt. E Jackson.

No. 10.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 15.

RETURN showing the TOTAL COST of the ESTABLISHMENT and MAINTENANCE of the ASSAY OFFICE and COINING APPARATUS at New Westminster and Cariboo, from its commencement to the 31st December, 1869.

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW WESTMINSTER.		
Preliminary Expenses in England in 1859 .....		\$10,438 08
Salaries from 1860 to 1869 .....		52,618 19
Chemicals, &c. do. ....		13,369 48
Cost of Buildings .....		6,456 36
COINING APPARATUS.		
Cost of Buildings and Coining Apparatus .....		8,966 62
CARIBOO.		
Cost of establishing and maintenance, including purchase of Lot and Building .....		7,312 97

Audit Office,  
 April 6th, 1870.

(Signed) ROBERT KER,  
 Auditor General.

No. 11.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 17.

RETURN OF SCHOOLS IN EXISTENCE UNDER THE "COMMON SCHOOLS ORDINANCE, 1869," DURING THAT YEAR.

School District.	Names of Teachers.	Salary per annum.		Expenditure on each School from Government Grant, 1869.	Revenue and Expenditure of Local Boards.	Average number of pupils during the year.
		Government Grant.	Local Aid.			
Victoria City	John Jessop	At the rate of \$500	Nil.	} \$1,540	No regular accounts have been kept by the Local Boards.	70 1/2
Victoria District	W. H. Burr	500	Nil.			
Craigflower	W. Fisher	500	Nil.	430		26
Lake	W. Harrison	500	No Return.	374		No Return.
Cedar Hill	C. McKenzie	500	\$ 60	125		25
Snanich	G. Butler & wife	500	150	260		18
Nanaimo	C. Bryant	500	Nil.	422		31
New Westminster	H. Burr	500	No Return.	715		23
Sapperton	Mrs. Moresby	400	Fees.	380		16
Langley	J. Kennedy	500	No Return.	536		13
Yale	Miss Nagle	500	Nil.	427	No Return.	
Lytton	Mrs. Curtis	500	\$120	Nil.	24	

13th April, 1870.

(Signed) PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
 Colonial Secretary.

**1870.**

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**COLONIAL ESTIMATES,**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

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**A. & B.**

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VICTORIA:

PRINTED AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

## A.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year 1870, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1868, being the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

	Estimate for 1870.	Revenue of 1868.	Revenue of 1869 (Approximate.)
Customs.....	\$ 350,000	\$ 381,475	\$ 353,000
Port and Harbour Dues.....			
Roads' Tolls.....	50,000	67,825	46,500
Excise Duties .....	3,500	5,048	3,000
Land Sales .....	6,000	5,564	1,200
Land Revenue.....	4,000	6,156	4,000
Rents, exclusive of Land .....	1,500	2,163	1,500
Free Miners' Certificates .....	11,000	11,535	10,500
Mining Receipts, General.....	12,500	15,756	11,500
Licences.....	40,000	45,589	40,000
Postage.....	13,000	12,789	12,500
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court.....	5,000	4,732	5,000
Fees of Office .....	6,050	3,179	3,500
Sale of Government Property.....	1,500	2,535	2,300
Reimbursement in aid of Expenses incurred ...	19,200	16,696	18,000
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	500	598	900
Arrears, Real Estate Tax, Vancouver Island ...	8,000	3,970	300
Road Tax .....	6,000	.....	4,800
TOTAL.....\$	537,750	585,610	513,500

REVENUE DETAILED.

	Estimate for	Revenue of
	1870.	1868.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>		
Import Duties.....	\$339,100 00	368,948 00
Fees.....	300 00	318 00
Fines and Seizures.....	100 00	181 00
	<u>339,500 00</u>	
<b>PORT AND HARBOUR DUES.</b>		
Harbour Dues.....	8,000 00	8,427 00
Head Money.....	—	
Tonnage Dues.....	—	
Inland and Coasting Navigation Licences.....	2,500 00	
	<u>10,500 00</u>	3,601 00
<b>ROADS' TOLLS.....</b>	50,000 00	67,825 00
<b>EXCISE DUTIES.....</b>	3,500 00	5,048 00
<b>LAND SALES.....</b>	6,000 00	5,564 00
<b>LAND REVENUE.....</b>		
Rent of Land.....	3,900 00	5,614 00
Pre-emption Fees, &c.....	100 00	542 00
	<u>4,000 00</u>	
<b>RENTS (EXCLUSIVE OF LAND).</b>		
Ferry Tolls, &c.....	1,500 00	2,163 00
<b>FREE MINER'S CERTIFICATES.....</b>	11,000 00	11,535 00
<b>MINING RECEIPTS, GENERAL.....</b>	12,500 00	15,756 00
<b>LICENCES.</b>		
Spirit.....	25,000 00	29,919 00
Trading.....	15,000 00	15,670 00
	<u>40,000 00</u>	
<b>POSTAGE,</b>		
Private Letters.....	13,000 00	12,789 00
<b>FINES, FORFEITURES, AND FEES OF COURT.</b>		
Supreme Court.....	800 00	627 00
Bankruptcy Court.....	200 00	260 00
Police and County Courts.....	4,000 00	3,845 00
	<u>5,000 00</u>	
<b>FEES OF OFFICE.</b>		
Land Registry Fees.....	2,000 00	2,147 00
Assay Fees.....	4,000 00	1,007 00
Registration of Joint Stock Companies.....	50 00	25 00
	<u>6,050 00</u>	
<b>SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.</b>		
Unservicable Stores.....		2,535 00
Building Materials.....	1,500 00	
Provisions.....		
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS IN AID OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY GOVERNMENT.</b>		
Steamer Sir James Douglas.....	13,200 00	16,696 00
Her Majesty's Government for Mails.....	6,000 00	
	<u>19,200 00</u>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.</b>		
Over-payments, &c., recovered.....	500 00	598 00
<b>ARREARS VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE TAX.....</b>	8,000 00	3,970 00
<b>ROAD TAX.....</b>	6,000 00	
	<u>Total.....\$</u>	<u>585,610 00</u>

**B.**

ABSTRACT of the SUMS REQUIRED to defray the Expenses of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year from 1st January to the 31st of December, 1870, showing also the amount actually expended in the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz. 1868.

Page of Detail.	Item of Estimate.	Salaries.		Allowances.	Office Contingencies.	Estimate for the Year 1870.	Expenditure of 1868.	
		Fixed Establishment.	Provisional and Temporary					
8	1	Establishments	\$149,217 00	...	\$1,500	\$200 00	150,917 00	185,656 15
9	2	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities .....				3,031 25	7,002 02	
9	3	Revenue Services, Exclusive of Establishments .....				1,000 00	2,653 09	
9	4	Administration of Justice ..... Do. ....				5,000 00	6,924 62	
9	5	Ecclesiastical, ..... Do.....				—	—	
9	6	Charitable Allowances .....				10,500 00	10,850 47	
9	7	Education, Exclusive of Establishments .....				10,000 00	10,109 51	
9	8	Hospitals, ..... Do. ....				—	—	
9	9	Police and Gaols, ..... Do. ....				12,000 00	16,742 99	
9	10	Rent.....				1,000 00	648 06	
9	11	Transport .....				4,660 00	14,481 11	
10	12	Conveyance of Mails.....				35,600 00	51,043 49	
10	13	Works and Buildings .....				9,000 00	24,595 33	
10	14	Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....				59,300 00	50,036 49	
10	15	Miscellaneous Services.....				20,970 00	20,402 51	
10	16	Interest .....				103,440 00	99,736 07	
11	17	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c. ....				2,100 00	3,695 61	
11	18	Immigration .....				5,000	—	
11	19	Redemption of Bonds .....				—	—	
11	20	Sinking Fund.....				50,197 50	62,686 25	
11	21	Temporary Loans .....				—	—	
11	22	Home Government Account .....				—	—	
11	23	Government Vessels.....				19,750 00	19,818 73	
11	24	Lighthouses .....				10,270 00	10,264 23	
		TOTAL.....				\$ 513,735 75	597,346 73	

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
The Governor (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Acts).	
Private Secretary .....	\$1,452
Messenger .....	500
	1,952
CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, &c. ....	100
Total His Excellency the Governor.....	\$2,052

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Clerk .....	600
Messenger .....	200
	800
CONTINGENCIES.	
Fuel, Light, &c. ....	100
Total Legislative Council.....	\$900

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Colonial Secretary (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Assistant Colonial Secretary .....	\$1,940
Two Clerks .....	2,904
Messenger .....	500
	5,344

PRINTING BRANCH.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent .....	\$1,320
Two Printers, at \$960 each.....	1,920
Assistant Printer and Messenger Legislative Council.....	640
	3,880
Total Colonial Secretary.....	\$ 9,224

TREASURER.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Clerk.....	\$1,900
Clerk.....	1,452
Clerk.....	1,200
	4,552
Total Treasurer.....	\$4,552

AUDITOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Auditor General .....	\$2,425
Chief Clerk.....	1,452
Total Auditor General.....	\$3,877

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND SURVEYOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Commissioner (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Assistant Surveyor General and Superintendent of Lighthouses.....	\$1,900
Clerk.....	1,224
Draughtsman.....	1,224
Accountant Clerk.....	1,500
Inspector of Steam Boilers, attached to Lands and Works Department .....	1,200
Messenger.....	250
Total Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General.....	\$7,298

## ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

## CIVIL.

## CUSTOMS.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Collector (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Chief Clerk.....	\$1,940
Clerk .....	1,452
Deputy Collector, Southern Boundary .....	1,704
	5,096
OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.	
Revenue Officer .....	1,704
Landing Waiter.....	1,704
Do. Esquimalt .....	900
Two Boatmen and Watchmen, \$696 each .....	1,392
Revenue Officer, Burrard Inlet.....	1,200
Landing Waiter, New Westminster.....	600
Constable, at Osoyoos .....	1,224
	8,724
Total Collector of Customs.....	\$13,820

## REGISTRAR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Registrar General and Postmaster General (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Registrar General of Titles, Victoria.....	\$ 485
Total Registrar General.....	\$ 485

## POST OFFICE.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Postmaster, Victoria .....	\$2,000
Clerk and Messenger, New Westminster .....	1,200
Total Post Office.....	\$3,200

TOTAL OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED UNDER VOTES ..... \$45,408 00

His Excellency the Governor .....	\$2,052
Legislative Council .....	900
Colonial Secretary .....	9,224
Treasurer .....	4,552
Auditor General .....	3,877
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General .....	7,298
Collector of Customs .....	13,820
Registrar General .....	485
Post Office .....	3,200
	\$45,408

## JUDICIAL.

## SUPREME COURT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Mainland (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Do. Do. Vancouver Island Do. Do.	
Registrar of Court, B. C. ....	\$1,452
Do., V. I. ....	1,500
Messenger, V. I. ....	500
Total Supreme Court.....	\$3,452

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

JUDICIAL.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Attorney General (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Clerk .....	\$1,008

HIGH SHERIFF.

ALLOWANCES.	
In aid of Expenses .....	\$1,500

TOTAL JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ..... \$5,960

Supreme Court.....	\$3,452
Attorney General.....	1,008
High Sheriff.....	1,500
	\$5,960

POLICE, INCLUDING PRISONS AND GAOLS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

POLICE.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Inspector of Police (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Two Constables .....	\$1,277 50
Indian Messenger.....	180 00

GAOL.

Warden .....	1,224 00
Gaoler .....	708 00
Medical Officer.....	500 00
	3,889 50

VICTORIA.

POLICE.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Stipendiary Magistrate .....	\$2,250 00
Clerk .....	1,200 00
Inspector of Police .....	1,008 00
Three Constables, at \$1.75 each per diem.....	1,916 25

GAOL.

Gaoler .....	1,008 00
Assistant Gaoler, at \$2.50 per diem .....	912 50
Superintendent of Convicts .....	1,008 00
Two Convict Guards, \$638.75 each.....	1,277 50
Two Door Guards at \$547.50 each, and one Cook \$638.75 .....	1,733 75
Medical Officer.....	600 00
	\$12,914 00

Total Police and Gaols..... \$16,803 50

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Gold Commissioner, &c. ....	\$3,000
Constable .....	1,404
Clerk and Constable, Kootenay .....	1,704
Constable, Kootenay .....	1,404

Total Columbia and Kootenay District..... \$7,512

## ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

## GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, &amp; STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

## CARIBOO, INCLUDING QUESNEL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.....	\$3,400
Chief Constable.....	1,940
Clerk.....	1,940
Constable.....	1,450
Two Constables at \$1,008 each.....	2,016
Constable at Quesnel.....	1,224
Total Cariboo District.....	\$11,970

## HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON DISTRICT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Constable, Yale.....	\$1,104
Constable.....	1,008
Chief Constable, Lytton.....	1,104
Toll Collector, Yale.....	1,104
Total Hope, Yale and Lytton District.....	\$4,320

## LILLOOET, CLINTON, AND SODA CREEK.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.....	\$2,400
Chief Constable.....	1,104
Constable, Postmaster and Toll Collector, Clinton.....	1,104
Total Lillooet, Clinton and Soda Creek District.....	\$4,608

## NANAIMO.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Magistrate and Collector of Revenue.....	\$1,704
Constable.....	732
Constable at Comox.....	732
Total Nanaimo District.....	\$3,168

## No. 1.—RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Page in Detail.		Salaries:		Allowances.	Office Con-tingencies.	TOTAL:
		Fixed Establishment.	Provisional and Temporary.			
	<b>CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS:</b>					
5	Governor.....	1,952 00	...	...	100	2,052 00
5	Legislative Council.....	800 00	...	...	100	900 00
5	Colonial Secretary.....	9,224 00	...	...	...	9,224 00
5	Treasurer.....	4,552 00	...	...	...	4,552 00
5	Auditor General.....	3,877 00	...	...	...	3,877 00
5	Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works &c	7,298 00	...	...	...	7,298 00
6	Customs.....	13,820 00	...	...	...	13,820 00
6	Registrar General.....	485 00	...	...	...	485 00
6	Post Office.....	3,200 00	...	...	...	3,200 00
6	<b>JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS:</b>					
6	Supreme Court.....	3,452 00	...	...	...	3,452 00
7	Attorney General.....	1,008 00	...	...	...	1,008 00
7	High Sheriff.....	...	...	1 500	...	1,500 00
7	<b>POLICE AND GAOLS:</b>					
7	Police Establishments.....	16,803 50	...	...	...	16,803 50
7	<b>GOLD, AND ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, AND STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES:—</b>					
7	Columbia and Kootenay.....	7,512 00	...	...	...	7,512 00
7	Cariboo.....	11,970 00	...	...	...	11,970 00
8	Hope, Yale and Lytton.....	4,320 00	...	...	...	4,320 00
8	Lillooet and Clinton.....	4,608 00	...	...	...	4,608 00
8	Nanaimo.....	3,168 00	...	...	...	3,168 00
8	Crown Officers and other Salaries pro-vided by Acts.....	51,167 50	...	...	...	51,167 50
	<b>TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$ 149,217 00</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150,917 00</b>

## No. 2.—PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES.

Retired Chief Justice D. Cameron .....	\$2,425	00
Pension to Mrs. J. D. B. Ogilvy, .....	485	00
Do. Mrs. McLean, to 31st March .....	121	25
Total Pensions.....	\$3,031	25

## No. 3.—REVENUE SERVICES (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty; Arrest and Prosecution of Smugglers .....	\$1,000
Total Revenue Services.....	\$1,000

## No. 4.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Summoning Jurors and Witnesses, and other Contingencies.....	\$1,200
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees, &c.....	1,500
Expenses of Chief Justice and Registrar on Circuit .....	2,000
Expenses attending Inquests .....	300
Total Administration of Justice.....	\$5,000

No. 5.—*Nil.*

## No. 6.—CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Hospitals .....	\$10,000
In aid of destitute Poor and Sick .....	500
Total Charitable Allowances.....	\$10,500

## No. 7. EDUCATION (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

District Schools .....	\$10,000
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No. 8.—*Nil.*

## No. 9.—POLICE AND GAOLS (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Keep of Prisoners, and other Police expenditure throughout the Colony .....	\$12,000
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## No. 10.—RENT.

Rent, Government House, Victoria .....	\$	50
Do. Lillooet.....	240	
Do. Nanaimo .....	350	
Do, Perry Creek.....	360	
Total Rent.....	\$1,000	

## No. 11.—TRANSPORT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—Travelling Expenses on duty.....	\$2,500
TREASURER—Freight upon remittances of Treasure .....	250
AUDITOR GENERAL—Travelling Expenses inspecting Accounts .....	100
Freight upon Accounts to England .....	60
Actual Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty.....	1,500
Keep of Horses throughout the Colony .....	250
Total Transport.....	\$4,660

## No. 12.—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

To and from San Francisco.....	\$12,000
Do. Victoria and New Westminster .....	500
Do. Victoria and Esquimalt.....	600
Do. Victoria, Nanaimo, and Comox, &c .....	4,200
Mail Contract, Mr. Barnard.....	16,000
To and from Columbia and Kootenay, &c. ....	2,000
Do. Victoria and Saanich.....	300
Total Conveyance of Mails.....	\$35,600

## No. 13.—WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Repairs to Buildings throughout the Colony:—	
Government Buildings, Victoria.....	\$2,500
Government House, Victoria .....	500
Government House, New Westminster .....	1,250
Government Buildings, New Westminster .....	500
Government Buildings, Yale .....	200
Government Buildings, Clinton .....	100
Government Buildings, Cariboo .....	350
Repairs to Buoys, Fraser River .....	5,400
Do, Victoria and Nanaimo .....	400
Miscellaneous Surveys throughout the Colony .....	200
	3,000
Total Works and Buildings.....	\$9,000

## No. 14.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

Repairs to Roads and Trails throughout the Colony:—	
Yale and Clinton Road .....	\$18,000
Clinton and Camerontown Road.....	15,000
Douglas and Clinton Road .....	1,000
Hope-Kootenay Trail .....	2,500
Burrard Inlet Road .....	3,000
New Westminster-Yale Sleigh Road .....	1,650
New Westminster Roads .....	300
Lillooet-Lytton Trail .....	1,500
Cariboo District Trails .....	2,000
Esquimalt Road.....	850
Roads, Victoria District .....	1,500
Victoria and Metchosin Road.....	1,000
Saanich District Roads .....	1,500
Cowichan Do. ....	1,300
Nanaimo Do. ....	600
Sooke Do. ....	300
Comox Do. ....	300
Other Road Repairs not detailed.....	2,000
	53,800
Road Tax collected in Vancouver Island, to be spent in the various Districts in which } the same is collected .....	5,500
Total Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	\$59,300

## No. 15.—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Expenses connected with Indian Tribes .....	\$500 00
Maintenance Government House and Grounds at Victoria and New Westminster .....	960 00
Insurance Government Buildings .....	1,000 00
Exchange on Drafts for remittance.....	1,500 00
Telegrams, Cable Messages .....	500 00
Stationery, Fuel, &c., for all Departments .....	4,000 00
Expenses connected with Assays of Minerals, &c. ....	5,000 00
Taking charge of Government Buildings, Douglas .....	60 00
Subsidy to Western Union Telegraph Co., between Victoria and Portland .....	4,500 00
Purchase of Foreign Postage Stamps.....	250 00
Miscellaneous Services not detailed .....	1,000 00
Crown Agents' Commission .....	500 00
Aid to Pioneer Quartz Mining Co. ....	500 00
Road Tax—Commission and Travelling Expenses.....	700 00
Total Miscellaneous Services.....	\$20,970 00

## No. 16.—INTEREST.

Interest on Loan of 1862.....	\$14,550
Do. 1863.....	14,550
Do. 1864.....	29,100
Do. 1862, V. I. ....	11,640
Do. Temporary Loans and Debentures .....	33,800
Total Interest.....	\$103,440

No. 17.—DRAWBACKS AND REFUND OF DUTIES, &c.

Of Customs Duties	..	..	..	..	..	\$2,000
Of other Taxes	..	..	..	..	..	100
Total Drawbacks, &c.						\$2,100

No. 18.—IMMIGRATION.

For the purpose of.....	\$5,000
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No. 19.—REDEMPTION OF BONDS.—Nil.

No. 20.—SINKING FUND.

On £50,000 Loan of 1862	..	..	..	..	..	\$21,825 00
„ £50,000 „ 1863	..	..	..	..	..	9,700 00
„ £100,000 „ 1864	..	..	..	..	..	10,912 50
„ £40,000 „ 1862 V. I.	..	..	..	..	..	7,760 00
Total Sinking Fund						\$50,197 50

No. 21.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—Nil.

No. 22.—Nil.

No. 23.—GOVERNMENT VESSELS.

Sir James Douglas,—Wages, Stores, Fuel, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	\$12,350
Do. New Boiler ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,500
Do. New Propeller ..	..	..	..	..	..	500
Dredger,—Keeper and incidental Expenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	400
Total Government Vessels						\$19,750

No. 24.—LIGHTHOUSES.

FRASER RIVER LIGHT-SHIP:—						
Salaries ..	..	..	..	..	..	\$2,160 00
Provisioning Crew ..	..	..	..	..	..	750 00
Stores and maintenance ..	..	..	..	..	..	700 00
						3,610 00
RACE ROCKS LIGHT-HOUSE:—						
Salaries ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,800 00
Provisioning Light-Keepers ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,550 00
Stores and maintenance ..	..	..	..	..	..	550 00
Fog Bell ..	..	..	..	..	..	900 00
						4,800 00
FISGARD LIGHT-HOUSE:—						
Salaries ..	..	..	..	..	..	760 00
Stores and maintenance ..	..	..	..	..	..	500 00
Repairs ..	..	..	..	..	..	600 00
						1,860 00
Total Lighthouses						\$10,270 00

RECAPITULATION.

Provided by permanent Acts, on account of Salaries.....	\$ 51,167 50
Do. Do. Pensions .....	2,425 00
Do. Do. Interest on Loans.....	69,840 00
Do. Do. Sinking Fund.....	50,197 50
<u>\$173,630 00</u>	
Required to be provided by Vote for contingent service of year 1870:—	
Establishments.....	\$ 99,749 50
Services exclusive of Establishments.....	240,356 25
<u>340,105 75</u>	
<u>\$513,735 75</u>	
Estimated excess of Revenue over Expenditure.....	24,014 25
<u>\$537,750 00</u>	

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING ESTIMATES, SHOWING THE TOTAL CHARGE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, so far as the same can be apportioned.

	Establsments.	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities	Revenue Services	Administration of Justice	Ecclesiastical	Charitable Allowances	Education	Hospitals	Police and Gaols	Rent	Transport	Conveyance of Mills	Works and Buildings	Roads, Streets, and Bridges	Miscellaneous Services	Interest	Drawbacks & Refund of Duties, &c.	Immigration	Redemption of Bonds	Sinking Fund	Temporary Loans	Government Vessels	Lighthouses.	TOTAL.	
<b>CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.</b>																									
Governor	21452 00									50 25 00															\$ 24,002 00
Legislative Council	900 00																								17,900 00
Colonial Secretary	13104 00										4700 00				4700 00										17,604 00
Treasurer	4552 00										250				2000 00										6,802 00
Auditor General	3877 00										160														4,037 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	11178 00		750										9000 59300		2720 00		2000					19750			112,218 00
Customs	16972 50																								19,722 50
Registrars General	4850 00																								4,850 00
Post Office	3200 00			4700								33600			250 00										39,050 00
Judicial Establishments	20025 00	2425 00																							27,150 00
Education Establishments																									31,528 50
Police Establishments	19228 50		250	300				12000		950 1750							100								34,628 00
Gold, Asst. Gold Coms. & Sundry Magistrates	31578 00																								10,500 00
Pensions		606 25																							10,000 00
Charitable Allowances						10500																			
Education							10000																		
Hospitals																									
Works and Buildings																									
Roads, Streets, and Bridges																11500 00									
Miscellaneous																									11,500 00
Interest																									103,440 00
Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.																									5,000 00
Immigration																		3000							
Redemption of Bonds																									50,197 50
Sinking Fund																					50197 50				
Temporary Loans																									
Home Government Account																									
<b>TOTAL.</b>	150917 00	3031 25	1000 5000	5000		10500 10000		12000 1000 460 53600	9000 59300 20370 00	103440 2100 5000	50197 50	50197 50	19750 10270	513 735 75											

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