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ment of grand jurors. That question- the payment of grand jurors had been a burning one for a great many years.

published nearest to the office of the company. Mr. J. Martin's amendment was passed, and the member for Vancouver drew the Attorney-General's attention to the fact that it would be necessary to amend the proposed new sub-section 2 of section 20 of the old act in order to meet this change from four weeks to one week.

and the opposition side, and the third party had been left out altogether. (Laughter.) Hon. Mr. Semlin said he would take the matter into consideration. He presumed they could add to the committee, but the government would insist upon maintaining the same proportion as now existed. If these two gentlemen were added the government would place two from its side of the House.

sent yesterday against the Vancouver bill. Reports. Mr. Green presented the sixth report of the private bills, as follows: That the notice of the Lake Bennett railway had not expired, but as a matter of public interest the committee recommended the suspension of the rules so as to admit of the bill being introduced.

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any member thereof, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to requests for refund of moneys paid to renew miners' certificates which were thought to be affected by the passage of the "Miners' Act Amendment, Act, 1899," and the "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899."

Mr. McPhillips noted that the bill proposed by the Attorney-General was an exact counterpart of the English act. He should, as far as possible, have British Columbia legislation on a line with British law.

Mr. Higgs asked whether they might expect to have the correspondence regarding the eight-hour law printed.

...ing, so that these corporations may carry on the business of a mining, smelting, milling and refining company in all or any of its branches.

Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 were passed and section 2 was reconsidered. This section was last week laid over at Mr. Pooler's request.

Mr. Pooler said he would have no objection to the amendment going through if the Attorney-General would amend the original act by changing the words "head office" to "registered office" in a certain clause.

The committee rose and reported progress. First Report. Mr. Macpherson presented the first report of the railway committee.

Must be Stopped. The House went into committee on the bill to provide for parallel proceedings in the Small Debts Court.

Mr. Joseph Martin moved a new section in conformity with his remarks of yesterday, to prevent any Small Debts Court magistrate, either personally or through his clerk, collecting accounts.

Mr. McBride thought the trouble was due to the fee system. The government should abolish it and pay salaries to magistrates.

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Minister of Mines the following questions: Why was it necessary for the Minister of Mines to issue the notice published in the Gazette, 20th April, 1899, that the powers conferred upon him by section 8 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899, and by section 6, Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899, should not be exercised by him until so directed by the Minister of Mines?

Victoria, January 31st, 1900. The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m., prayers by Rev. Dr. Wilson. There was a good attendance of the public present in expectation of some lively debating on Mr. Martin's motion to disapprove of the government's action in the Deadman's Island affair.

Mr. J. M. Martin presented a petition from 150 citizen and business men of Phoenix protesting against any change in the eight-hour law, another from 169 working miners of Phoenix to the same effect; another from about 500 working men and miners of Rossland camp stating in detail their objections in connection with the petition of the mine owners.

Mr. Green, from 30 citizens of Whitehorse to the same effect. Mr. McPhillips, from Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans and others, against certain provisions in the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

Mr. Green presented the sixth report of the private bills committee, stating with reference to petition No. 3 (of the Imperial Pacific Railway Co.) that the standing orders had not been complied with, inasmuch as the committee were of the opinion that no proper notice had been given; their recommendation was that there be returned to the petitioners the sum of \$300, deposited by them on the 26th December last.

Mr. Macpherson, for the railway committee, presented a report, transmitting the report of the order of the Canadian Railway & Navigation Co. The Speaker said that the recommendation to refuse the payment of \$300 put the report out of order.

The Premier presented a return to an order of the House, for a detailed account of all the moneys paid and to whom paid on account of stationary for use of the public departments of the province from July 1st, 1898, to December 31st, 1899, together with copies of all agreements or contracts with any person or persons for the supply of stationery and the rates at which that class of goods was supplied to the government.

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of the Game Bill. Mr. Kelly in the chair. The following amendments were proposed by Mr. Henderson: The committee on the Game Bill, under the chairmanship of Mr. Kelly, held a meeting on the 1st inst., at the office of Mr. Kelly, to consider the amendments proposed by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson next proposed the following amendments: "30. (1) No person shall at any time shoot at, hunt, kill or have in his possession any moose, deer, or caribou from his own behalf or agent, or for any person, firm or corporation, shall purchase, barter or trade for any skin or pelt of a beaver which has been killed during said period, and the onus of proof as to the date of killing shall be upon the person in whose possession such skin is found."

After some discussion the amendments were adopted. Mr. Wells, before the committee, took the opportunity to bring to the attention of the government the fact that a practice is being made by the Indians of the Northwest Territories of coming across the boundary into the Kootenay country, and more particularly into the Columbia and "the country" traversed by the railway, where they are engaged in trading and other business.

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At present there were ten sittings a year, and it was proposed to reduce the number as so much of the time of the Court of Appeal is taken up that sufficient time is not given for other important work. Bench and bar are in agreement that the number of sittings should be reduced, and it is now suggested that the number be four—in Victoria and two in Vancouver, but there was reason to believe six sittings at least a year would be necessary. The bill was read a second time and will be finally considered at next sitting of the House.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie moved the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation bill. He outlined briefly the various sections of the bill, exclusion of an undesirable class of workers from the underground workings; that dealing with the outside workers, and the others with the qualifications of mine managers and pit bosses, and the danger from encroachments on the part of the mine owners, and the danger from the mine owners, and the danger from the mine owners, and the danger from the mine owners.

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