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OF

*British Columbia.*

FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
BEING THE YEAR 1871, 34° VICTORIÆ.

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# BRITISH COLUMBIA.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
13th October, 1870.

THE Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, with its enclosures.

By Command.

PHILIP J. HANKIN.

COPY.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. 11.

DOWNING STREET,  
22nd August, 1870.

SIR,—In your Despatch, No. 20, of the 23rd February, you recommended to my predecessor an alteration in the present Legislative Constitution of British Columbia, and requested to be furnished with the necessary authority for effecting it. As it appears both from that Despatch and from your previous correspondence, that the Colonists are desirous of being placed in formal possession of Representative Institutions, and that the particular scheme advocated with clearness and cogency in your present Despatch is likely to be acceptable to them, Her Majesty's Government have had no difficulty in adopting your recommendation. But as it appeared that this scheme could not be carried into effect without an Act of Parliament, they thought it best that Her Majesty should be advised, under authority of an Act, to establish at once a Representative Legislature with the power of altering its own Constitution, which is given by the 28 and 29 Victoria, Cap 63, rather than to remit the question, perhaps for protracted discussion, to the present somewhat anomalous Council.

The pressure of parliamentary and other business has caused some delay in giving effect to this decision, but I have now the satisfaction of transmitting to you copies of "The British Columbia Government Act, 1870," and of the Order in Council passed under that Act. The Original Order in Council is transmitted in my Despatch No. 12, of even date herewith.

It is unnecessary for me to dwell in detail upon the different provisions of this Order, which are in truth sufficiently simple. You will perceive that the Legislative Council is to consist, according to your suggestion, of Fifteen Members, of whom nine are to be elective, six non-elective, and that, subject to any dissolution, the elected members are to hold their seats for four years.

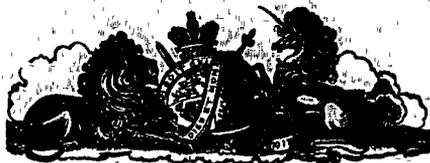
By the 9th Section very large powers are vested in you "until the meeting of the first Council." Having entire confidence in your ability and judgment, I purposely refrain from giving you any definite instructions as to the exercise of those powers on matters of detail, upon which your own knowledge is so much more complete than my own. I do not doubt that you will take the steps best calculated to secure a thoroughly trustworthy representation, and one which will command the confidence of the country.

You will observe that by the last Section of the Order in Council, the power conferred on "Representative Legislatures" by the Imperial Act 28 and 29 Victoria, Cap 63, are, to avoid the possibility of any doubt, expressly reserved to the newly constituted Legislature.

I shall watch with great interest the working of the new Council, and the more so as it seems highly probable that one of the first questions submitted to them will be the important question of Union with the Dominion of Canada. Upon this subject the views of Her Majesty's Government have been fully expressed in my predecessor's Despatch of the 14th August, 1869. I have, &c.,

(Signed) **KIMBERLEY.**

To Governor Musgrave,  
&c., &c., &c.



## CHAP. 66.

# An Act to make further provision for the Government of British Columbia.

[9th August, 1870.]

Preamble. 21 & 22  
Vict. c. 99.

**W**HEREAS in pursuance of the powers vested in Her Majesty by an Act passed in the Session holden in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," Her Majesty did, by an Order in Council, bearing date the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, constitute a Legislature consisting of the Governor and a Legislative Council in the said Colony of British Columbia:

And whereas by the British Columbia Act of 1866, Vancouver Island was united to British Columbia and made subject to the said Legislature, and the number of the Legislative Council was increased so as to provide for the representation of Vancouver Island:

And whereas it is expedient to alter the constitution of the said Legislature:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The British Columbia Government Act, 1870."

Interpretation of term "Governor."

2. For the purposes of this Act, the term "Governor" shall mean the officer for the time being administering the government of British Columbia.

Power to Her Majesty by Order in Council to constitute a Legislature.

3. Her Majesty may, by any Order or Orders in Council, revoke the said recited Order in Council, and may from time to time make, and when made revoke or alter, Orders in Council for constituting a Legislature consisting of the Governor and a Legislative Council for the said Colony, and may by any such Order make such provisions and regulations respecting the constitution, powers, and proceedings of the said Legislature or either branch thereof, the number, the appointment, and election of the members of the Legislative Council, their tenure of office, and generally in respect to such Legislature or either branch thereof, as may seem to her expedient.

Power to Her Majesty to delegate certain powers to the Governor of British Columbia.

4. Her Majesty may from time to time, by any such Order or Orders in Council, empower the Governor of the said Colony, with or without any conditions or restrictions, by proclamations, to determine the qualification of electors and of elective members of the Legislative Council, and to make provision for the division of the said Colony into convenient electoral districts; for the registration of persons qualified to vote, and the compilation and revision of lists of all such persons; for the appointment of returning officers; for the issuing, executing, and returning the necessary writs for the election of members to the said Legislative Council; for taking the poll thereat, and determining the validity of all disputed returns; and generally for securing the orderly, effective, and impartial conduct of such elections, and to revoke any proclamation previously made.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**Draft of an Order in Council passed by the Queen  
in Council for constituting a Legislative Council  
for the Colony of British Columbia.**

*At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 9th day of August, 1870.*

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

LORD PRESIDENT.  
LORD PRIVY SEAL.  
MR. GLADSTONE.

MR. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.  
SIR WILLIAM HEATHCOTE, BART.  
LORD JUSTICE MELLISH.

[Dated 9th August, 1870.]

**WHEREAS** by the "British Columbia Government Act, 1870." Her Majesty was empowered by Order or Orders in Council to constitute a Legislature consisting of the Governor and a Legislative Council for the Colony of British Columbia, and to make such Provisions and Regulations in respect of such Legislature, or either branch thereof, as might seem to be expedient, and further to delegate certain Powers therein mentioned to the Governor of the said Colony:

It is hereby Ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the Advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and exercise of the Powers vested in Her Majesty by the said Act of Parliament, as follows, that is to say:

I. In this Order in Council the term "Governor" shall mean the Officer for the time being lawfully Administering the Government of the Colony of British Columbia.

II. The Order in Council of the Eleventh day of June, 1863, referred to in the said Act, shall be, and the same is hereby Revoked, except that the Legislative Council Constituted by the said Order shall, "unless first Dissolved by the Governor," retain all the Powers thereby granted to it in like manner as if the said Order had not been Revoked until the Return of the First Writs of the future Legislative Council Constituted under this Order.

III. There shall be in the said Colony a Legislative Council Constituted as hereinafter mentioned. Legislative Council appointed.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the said Council, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of the said Colony. Governor's power to make Laws.

V. The said Council shall consist of Fifteen Members, of whom Nine shall be Elective, and Six non-Elective. Constitution of Legislative Council.

VI. The non-Elective Members shall consist of such Persons or Officers as shall from time to time be Named or Designated by the Governor by Instruments to be passed under the Public Seal of the said Colony: Provided that every such Appointment or Designation shall be provisional only until the same shall have been Confirmed by Warrant under Her Majesty's Sign-Manual and Signet; and that such Appointment or Designation shall be during Her Majesty's Pleasure only, and may be Revoked by like Warrant. Non-Elective Members,

VII. Subject to any Re-arrangement and Redistribution of the present Electoral Districts by the Governor under the Powers hereinafter vested in him, the Elective Members shall be chosen by the Electors of the present Electoral Districts. Elective Members & Electoral Districts.

VIII. Subject to any alteration of Franchise or Qualification by the Governor under the Powers hereinafter vested in him, every Male of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, being entitled within the said Colony to the Privileges of a Natural-born British Subject, and being able to read English, shall be qualified to Vote at any such Election, and to be Elected a Member of such Legislative Council, unless he shall have been Convicted of any Treason, Felony, or other Infamous Offence, and Qualification of Electors and Elective Members.

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shall not have received a Free or Conditional Pardon for such Offence, or have undergone the Sentence passed upon him for such Offence.

Powers of Governor.

IX. Until the First Meeting of the said Council, it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time by Proclamation, to determine the Qualification of Electors, and of Elective Members, and to make provision for Divisions of the said Colony into convenient Electoral Districts, for the Registration of Persons qualified to Vote, and the Compilation and Revision of Lists of all such Persons; for the Appointment of Returning Officers, for the Issuing, Executing, and Returning the necessary Writs for the Election of Members to the said Council; for taking the Poll thereat and determining the validity of all Disputed Returns, and generally for securing the Orderly, Effective, and Impartial conduct of such Election.

Convoeking of Council. Proviso.

X. The Governor shall, by Proclamation as aforesaid, fix the time and place or places for holding the Meetings of the said Council. Provided that the said Council shall be convooked within Six Months after the Publication of this Order in the said Colony, and once at least in every subsequent Year.

Prorogation, Dissolution, and Duration of Council.

XI. The Governor may by Proclamation as aforesaid, Prorogue or Dissolve the said Council when he shall think fit; and, in the Absence of such Dissolution, the Elected Members of the said Council shall hold their seats for Four Years from the Day of the Returning of the First Writs for the Election of Members to the said Council, and no longer.

Seats of Members, how vacated.

XII. If any Member of the Council shall, without the permission of the Governor first obtained, fail during a whole Session to give his Attendance in the said Council, or shall take any Oath, or make any Declaration or Acknowledgment of Allegiance, Obedience, or Adherence to any Foreign State or Power; or shall do, concur in, or adopt any Act whereby he may become the Subject or Citizen of any such State or Power, or shall become a Bankrupt or an Insolvent Debtor, or a public Defaulter, or be attainted of Treason, or be convicted of Felony or any Infamous Crime, or shall for the period of One Month remain Party to any contract with the Government, or, not being an *Ex Officio* Member of the Council, shall by Writing under his Hand, addressed to the Governor, Resign his Seat therein; or if any Elective Member shall accept any Office of Emolument from the Government, his Seat in the said Council shall thereupon become vacant.

Appointment of Substitute for Non-Elective Member.

XIII. If any Non-Elective Member shall be incapable of acting or be absent from the Colony, the Governor may, by an Instrument to be passed under the Public Seal of the Colony, appoint a Substitute to act during such incapacity or absence.

Vacant Seats, how to be filled up.

XIV. Whenever it shall be established to the satisfaction of the Governor that the Seat of any Elected Member of the Council has become Vacant, the Governor shall forthwith issue a Writ for the Election of a new Member to Serve in the Place so Vacated during the remainder of the term of the continuance of such Council; but if any question shall arise respecting the fact of such Vacancy, it shall be referred by the Governor to the said Council, and shall be heard and determined by them.

Oath of Allegiance to be administered to Legislative Councilors.

XV. No Member of the Council shall vote or sit therein until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath before the Governor or some Person authorized by him to Administer such Oath:—

“I, A. B. do swear that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance  
“to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her Heirs and Successors,  
“according to Law.  
“So help me God.”

Affirmation or Declaration.

But every Person authorized by Law to make a solemn Affirmation or Declaration, instead of taking an Oath, may make such Affirmation or Declaration in lieu of the said Oath.

Speaker to be Elected. Vacant Office of Speaker, how to be filled up.

XVI. The Council shall, on their first Meeting, before proceeding to the dispatch of any other Business, elect one of their Members to be Speaker, which Election being confirmed by the Governor, shall be valid and effectual during the continuance of the Council, or until the said Speaker shall Die or Resign his Office by writing under his Hand, addressed to the Governor, or shall Cease to be Member of the Council; and in case of Vacancy in the said Office, another Speaker shall be elected in manner and subject to such confirmation aforesaid.

Acting Speaker to preside during the Speaker's Absence.

XVII. The Speaker, or, in his absence, some Member Elected by the Council, shall preside at the Meetings thereof.

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- Quorum for Business. XVIII. The Council shall not be competent to proceed to the despatch of any business, except that of adjournment, unless Six Members be present.
- Voting, and Speaker's Casting Vote. XIX. All questions shall be determined by a Majority of Votes of the Members present other than the Speaker or Presiding Member. When the Votes are equal, the Speaker or Presiding Member shall have a Casting Vote.
- Standing Rules and Orders. XX. The Council shall at its first Meeting, and from time to time afterwards, as occasion may require, adopt Standing Rules and Orders for the orderly conduct of business, which Rules and Orders shall become valid and effectual when confirmed by the Governor.
- Revenue Bills. XXI. The Council shall not pass, nor shall the Governor assent to, any Bill appropriating any part of the Public Revenue for any purpose which shall not first have been recommended to the Council by the Governor during the Session in which such Bill was proposed, and no part of the said Revenue shall be issued, except in pursuance of Warrant under the hand of the Governor, directed to the Public Treasurer of the Colony.
- Initiation of Laws by the Governor. XXII. The Governor may transmit by Message to the Council, the Draft of any Laws which it may appear to him desirable to introduce, and all such Drafts shall be taken into consideration by the Council in such convenient manner as shall be by the Rules and Orders provided for that purpose.
- Governor may return Bills passed by the Legislative Council. XXIII. Whenever any Bill shall be presented to the Governor, for his assent thereto, he may return the same by Message, for the re-consideration of the Council, with such Amendments as he may think fitting.
- No Law to take effect until assented to. XXIV. No Law shall take effect until the Governor shall have assented to the same on behalf of Her Majesty, and shall have Signed the same in token of such assent.
- Dissallowance of Laws by Her Majesty. XXV. Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, or through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, Disallow any Law passed by the said Governor and Council at any time within Two Years after such Law shall have been received by the Secretary of State; and every Law so disallowed shall become Null and Void so soon as the Disallowance thereof shall be published in the Colony by authority of the Governor.
- Powers of Legislative Council. 28 and 29 Victoria, Cap. 63. XXVI. Nothing herein contained shall be taken to Limit the Powers conferred upon such Council by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of Colonial Laws."

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

(Signed)

ARTHUR HELPS.

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# BRITISH COLUMBIA.



## PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, ESQUIRE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

**B**Y VIRTUE of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the "British Columbia Act, 1870," and by the Order of Her Majesty in Council, made in pursuance of the said Act, bearing date the 9th day of August, 1870, above set forth, I do hereby proclaim as follows:—

1. The Colony of British Columbia shall be divided into the following Electoral Districts:—

The City of Victoria,  
The District of Victoria,  
The District of Nanaimo,  
The District of New Westminster,  
The District of Yale.  
The District of Lillooet.  
The District of Kootenay, and  
The District of Cariboo.

2. Two Members shall be returned for the City of Victoria, and one Member for each of the other Districts.

3. The Boundaries of the District of Victoria City shall be the same as those fixed by the "Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867," as amended by the "Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869."

4. Victoria District shall comprise all that portion of Vancouver Island and such Islands adjacent thereto, as were formerly Dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, lying to the Southward of a line drawn due East and West from the South-east corner of Cedar District, with the exception of that portion of Vancouver Island hereinbefore included in the District of Victoria City.

5. The District of Nanaimo shall comprise all that portion of Vancouver Island and such Islands adjacent thereto as were formerly Dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, lying to the Northward of a line drawn due East and West from the South-east corner of Cedar District.

6. The Boundaries of the District of New Westminster shall be the same as those specified in a Public Notice, issued from the Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by my desire, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the XXXIX. Clause of "The Mineral Ordinance, 1869," save that the New Westminster District and the Coast District therein respectively mentioned shall be amalgamated, and shall form together the Electoral District of New Westminster.

And the Districts of Yale, Lillooet, Kootenay, and Cariboo, shall respectively be comprehended within the Boundaries specified in the said Public Notice of the 15th day of December, 1869.

7. The Qualification of Electors in the several Districts, shall be the same as that mentioned in the said Order in Council, provided, however, that no person shall be Qualified to Vote in any District unless he has resided in such District for Three Months previous to the day of Election.

8. The Sheriff shall be the Returning Officer for the City and District of Victoria, and the Stipendiary Magistrate in each of the other Districts respectively shall be the Returning Officer for each such District.

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9. The Writs of Election shall be issued by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at my instance, and shall be in the following form:—

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australasia, Queen Defender of the Faith.

To the Returning Officer of the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS for divers weighty causes Us thereunto moving, We have considered it advisable to summon a new Legislative Council. We therefore command you, firmly enjoining that having first made Proclamation in the said Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_ immediately after the receipt of this Our Writ, and thereby notified (giving not less than 'Eight days' notice thereof) a day and place for Electing a Member to serve for the said Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, you cause on the said day and place a Member of the Legislative Council, the most fit and discreet, to be freely and indifferently chosen to represent the said Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, in Our Legislative Council, by those present at the day of Election, to be fixed by such Proclamation as aforesaid, and the name of such Member so chosen you cause to be returned by your Certificate, and cause the said Person so chosen as aforesaid, to come to the said Legislative Council, so that the said Member may have full and sufficient power for himself and the Commonalty of the said Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_ severally from them to do and consent to those things which then and there, by the favor of God, shall happen to be ordained by the Common Council of Our said Colony upon the said affairs, so that for default of such Powers, or through Improvident Election of such Member, the said affairs remain not undone in any way, and that you Certify forthwith unto us into Our Supreme Court at the City of Victoria, the said Election so made, distinctly and openly, under your Seal, together with this Our Writ.

In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Colony of British Columbia. Witness at Our Government House at Victoria, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

By Command.

A. B.

Registrar of the Supreme Court.

10. Each Returning Officer shall, on receiving the Writ of Election, forthwith endorse thereon the date of his so receiving it. Immediately after his so receiving such Writ he shall, by Proclamation under his hand, proceed to fix the place, day, and hour at which he will proceed to hold the Election.

11. The Proclamation shall be in the following form:—

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Electoral District }  
of }  
To Wit: }

Public Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the District of \_\_\_\_\_ that, in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ to me directed, and bearing date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, I require the presence of the said Electors at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon, for the purpose of Electing a person [or persons, as the case may be] to represent them in the Legislative Council of this Colony; and that in case a Poll be demanded and allowed in the manner by law prescribed, such Poll will be opened on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at [here mention the different places at which a Poll is to be opened and kept], of all which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ One thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Signature. A. B.,  
Returning Officer.

12. The Returning Officer shall cause the said Proclamation to be posted up on the outside of the outer door of the principal Court House in his District, and in such other public place or places where Notices are usually posted, as he may consider advisable; at least eight days before the day which by such Proclamation he has fixed for holding the said Election, which day so fixed shall be called the Nomination Day.

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13. Neither the day of Nomination nor the day of the posting of such Proclamation shall be included within the said eight days.

14. Each Returning Officer shall, before the Nomination Day, make the following Declaration, and shall annex the same to his Return to the Writ of Election:—

I, the undersigned Returning Officer for the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly declare that I will act faithfully in the capacity of Returning Officer, without partiality, fear, favour, or affection.

Signature. A. B.,  
Returning Officer.

15. Every Returning Officer shall, at the time and place aforesaid fixed by him for opening the Election proceed to the Hustings, and shall make the following Proclamation:—

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

All persons are commanded and strictly enjoined to keep silence while Her Majesty's Writ for the present Election is publicly read,

And shall then and there read, or cause to be read, publicly the Writ of Election, and shall then require the Electors there present to name the person or persons whom they wish to represent them in the said Legislative Council, in obedience to the said Writ of Election.

16. If the Candidate, or their respective Agents, and the Electors then and there present, upon a show of hands, agree in the choice to be so made of the person or persons to represent the said Electors as aforesaid, and if, after such show of hands, a Poll be not demanded, the Returning Officer shall forthwith close the Election, and shall then and there openly proclaim the person or persons so chosen to be elected a Member or Members to represent in the Legislative Council the Electoral District for which such Election is had.

17. If a Poll be demanded by any Elector present, or any Candidate, or by the Agent of any Candidate, the Returning Officer shall grant such Poll for taking and recording the Votes of the Electors.

18. Any person authorized in writing may act as the Agent of a Candidate during the continuance of the Election.

19. Any Candidate may be required by any other Candidate, or by any Elector, or by the Returning Officer, to make the following Declaration, before he shall be capable of being elected:—

I, A. B., do declare that I am entitled within this Colony to the privileges of a natural born British Subject, and that I am able to read English.

20. When at any Election as aforesaid a Poll has been demanded and granted, each Returning Officer shall publicly proclaim from the Hustings the day previously fixed in and by his first Proclamation, and the different places at which the Poll shall be taken within his District for recording the Votes of the Electors.

21. The Poll shall be held, if demanded, if possible within eight days following the Nomination Day, within the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon of such day, and if there are different Polling Places for the same District all the Votes shall be taken at the various Polling Places on the same day, and between the same hours.

22. Each Returning Officer is hereby authorized to appoint such Deputies as he may require for the purpose of taking the Votes at any such Election, but such Deputies must be appointed by Commission as follows:—

To G. H. [*insert his title and address*]

Know you that in my capacity of Returning Officer for the District of \_\_\_\_\_, I have appointed and do hereby appoint you to be Deputy Returning Officer [*or one of the Deputy Returning Officers, as the fact is*] for the District of \_\_\_\_\_ to take and record the Votes of the Electors at \_\_\_\_\_, in the said District.

23. Each Deputy Returning Officer shall, before acting as such, subscribe the following Declaration:—

I, the undersigned G. H., appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the District of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly declare that I will act faithfully in my said capacity of Deputy Returning Officer, without partiality, fear, favour, or affection.

Signed. G. H.

24. The Returning Officer shall, by a Warrant under his hand, addressed to each of the Deputy Returning Officers by him appointed as aforesaid, require such Deputy Returning Officer to open and hold the Poll at the place for which such Deputy has been so appointed, and to take and record at such Poll, in a Book which such Deputy shall keep, or cause to be kept for that purpose, the Votes of the Electors Voting at the said Poll, and to return to him the said Poll Book signed with his hand, and sealed with his seal, immediately after the close of the Poll.

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25. The Warrant shall be in the following form:—

District of \_\_\_\_\_.

To G. H., Deputy Returning Officer for the District of \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, by Her Majesty's Writ to me directed and bearing date the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187\_\_\_\_, I am commanded to hold an Election of Member to represent the District of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Legislative Council of this Colony; and whereas a Poll having been demanded was granted by me according to law. These are, therefore, to authorize and require you to open and hold the Poll of such Election at \_\_\_\_\_ on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187\_\_\_\_, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and there to keep the said Poll open until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and to take and record at the said Polling Place, in a Book which you shall keep for that purpose, the Votes of the Electors Voting at the said Polling Place, and return to me the said Poll Book, signed with your hand and sealed with your seal, together with this Warrant, immediately after the close of the Poll.

Given under my hand at \_\_\_\_\_ this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187\_\_\_\_.

Signature. A. B.  
Returning Officer

26. The Poll Book shall be in the following form:—

Names of the Voters.	Their legal addition.	Their place of residence.	Objections.	Sworn or Read.	Voters refusing to take the oath or read English.	Name of person Voted for.

27. Each Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall at the Polling Place kept by him, record, or cause to be recorded, in such Poll Book as aforesaid, and in the order in which they shall be given, the Votes of the Electors Voting at such Polling Place, by entering therein the name, surname, legal addition, and residence of each Elector so Voting, and when any Elector has taken the Oath required of him by this Proclamation, or shall have been required to read English, the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall state in the Poll Book that such Oath was taken by the Elector, or such English read, by entering after the name of such Elector, in the proper column in the said Poll Book, the words "sworn," or "read English," and nothing more.

28. In every case where the Vote of any person is objected to by any Candidate, or his Agent, the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall enter the objection in his Poll Book by writing after the name of the Voter, in the column for objections, the words "objected to" only, mentioning at the same time by which Candidate, or on behalf of what Candidate the objection has been made, by adding after the words "objected to" the name only of such Candidate.

29. The Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, at any Election of a Member of the Legislative Council shall receive the Vote of any person who shall tender himself as a Voter, provided that such person shall, if required by any Candidate, or the Agent of any Candidate, or by the Deputy Returning Officer himself, take the following Oath or Affirmation, which such Deputy Returning Officer is hereby empowered to administer:—

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that your name is \_\_\_\_\_; that you are a subject of Her Majesty by birth (or naturalization), that you have resided within this District for three months, that you are of the full age of twenty-one years, that you have not before voted at this Election, either at this or any other Polling Place, and that you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised to you, either directly or indirectly, in order to induce you to vote at this Election. So help you God,

and no other Oath or Affirmation shall be required of any person, and provided also that such persons shall satisfy such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, if required so to do by any of the persons aforesaid, that he is able to read English.

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30. Whenever any Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, has reason to know or believe that frauds and violence are being practised, in violation of the rights of Electors, by which undue Votes are tendered, or that any Voter is not Qualified or has already Voted at the said Election and offers to Vote again, such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall Administer the Oath whether he be required so to do or not by any party, of which mention shall be made in the Poll Book.

31. When any such Voter has been so required by the Returning Officer, or Deputy Returning Officer, or by any Candidate, or the Agent of any Candidate, to take such Oath, or make such Affirmation, or to read English as aforesaid, and refuses to take or make the Oath or is unable to read English, his refusal or inability shall be stated by the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be, by entering after the name of such person claiming to Vote the word "Refused," or the words "Unable to Read," and in every such case the Vote shall not be Taken or Recorded in the Poll Book.

32. Each Deputy Returning Officer shall deliver the Poll Books kept by him personally to the Returning Officer, and if unable to do so by sickness or otherwise, he shall deliver such Poll Book, under a sealed cover, to a person chosen by him, and shall mention on the outside of such cover the name of the person to whom it has been delivered to be so transmitted, and shall take a proper receipt therefor.

33. If any Candidate, or his Agent, or any Elector, complains to the Returning Officer before the proclamation of the state of the Poll at its close, that the Vote of any person not duly qualified (whether the Oath hereinbefore provided has been tendered to him or not, and whether he shall have taken such Oath or not) has been Recorded in any of the Polling Places in his District, or that any Vote has been improperly received, or that the Vote of any person duly qualified who has claimed to Vote at any Polling Place within the District has been improperly refused, it shall be the duty of such Returning Officer before declaring the state of the Poll to enquire into the complaints made and to hear any evidence that may be adduced upon Oath, (which Oath such Returning Officer is hereby authorized to administer) to decide thereon, and to do what may seem to him to be just and right under the circumstances, either by altering and rectifying the Poll Lists or otherwise, but an entry must be made of such alteration and rectification in the Poll Lists under the hand of the Returning Officer; and in case any other objection not hereinbefore specifically provided for, is made by any or either of the Candidates, or on his or their behalf, the Returning Officer shall immediately inquire into and determine the same, and the decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in all cases so as aforesaid referred to him.

34. If no complaint be made (or if complaint be made immediately after the decision of the Returning Officer on the points submitted to him) each Returning Officer shall as soon as possible after the close of the Poll, ascertain the state of the General Poll at the Election, and as soon as he has ascertained the total number of Votes, he shall then and there openly proclaim at the principal Polling Place within the District where the nomination has taken place, has been duly Elected a Member or Members to represent such Electoral District the person or persons having the greatest number of Votes, and after such proclamation has been made no objection shall be allowed to be taken to the conduct of or proceedings at the Election in any manner whatever.

35. The Returning Officer shall have power to adjourn such proclamation of the state of the Poll from day to day until he has received all the Poll Books from the Polling Places in the District, and until he has decided upon all matters of complaint as aforesaid that may be made to him.

36. As soon as the state of the Poll is proclaimed (or if no Poll is demanded on the Nomination Day) at the close of the proceedings the Returning Officer shall make out a Certificate under his hand and seal naming the person or persons Elected as Member or Members as aforesaid, which Certificate shall be conclusive and shall be appended to the Writ of Election, and shall be returned with the Writ to the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court; but no person shall be named in such Certificate who has been publicly required in manner aforesaid to make a Declaration of his qualification prior to the proclamation of the state of the Poll, and has declined or refused so to do.

37. The Certificate shall be as follows:—

I do hereby certify that in obedience to the annexed Writ of Election to me directed, I have caused an Election to take place within the District of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the Electors of the said District have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the said District in the Legislative Council.

Signature.



Returning Officer.

38. The Returning Officer shall transmit to the Registrar of the Supreme Court the Originals of the Poll Books, the Writ of Election, and the Declaration made by him and by any Deputy Returning Officer that he may have appointed for the due performance of their respective duties, and the Certificate lastly hereinbefore mentioned, immediately after the declaration of the Poll.

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39. The Returning Officers and Deputy Returning Officers shall during the continuance of the Elections be Conservators of the Peace and invested for the maintenance of the Peace, for the arrest, detention, or admission to bail, trial, and conviction of any person or persons who break the Law, or trouble the Peace, with the same powers with which Justices of the Peace are invested in this Colony. And for the maintenance of the Peace and of Good Order at such Elections, each such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer respectively may require the assistance of all Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other persons present at the Election, whether at the Hustings or at any Polling Place, to aid him in so doing, and may also swear in so many Special Constables as he deems necessary.

And each such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer respectively, may arrest or cause to be arrested by verbal order, and may place in the Custody of one or more Constables or other persons for such time as in his discretion he may deem expedient, any person disturbing the Peace and Good Order, or may cause such person to be imprisoned for any such offence, under an order signed by him, until any period not later than the final closing of the Election or of the Poll respectively.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(Signed) A. MUSGRAVE.



By Command.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.



COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,  
19th December, 1870.

THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia:—

- The Hon. Philip James Hankin,
- " George Phillippo,
- " Joseph William Trutch,
- " Wymond Ogilvy Hamley,
- Augustus Frederick Pemberton, Esq.,
- Edward Graham Alston, Esq.

By Command.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
19th December, 1870.

THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct the publication of the following for general information:—

By Command.

PHILIP J. HANKIN.

RETURN under the Writs issued for the Elections of Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia:—

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Victoria City.....            | { Henry Nathan, Esq.,                 |
| Victoria District.....        | { The Hon. John Sebastian Helmcken,   |
| Nanaimo.....                  | Amor DeCosmos, Esq.,                  |
| New Westminster.....          | Arthur Bunster, Esq.,                 |
| Hope, Yale, and Lytton.....   | Hugh Nelson, Esq.,                    |
| Lillooet and Clinton.....     | Clement Francis Cornwall, Esq.,       |
| Cariboo and Soda Creek.....   | Thomas Basil Humphreys, Esq.,         |
| Kootenay and Columbia River.. | The Hon. Robert William Weir Carrall, |
|                               | Robert James Skinner, Esq.,           |

(Signed) RICHARD WOODS,  
Registrar.

Registrar's Office,  
19th December, 1870.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.



PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, ESQUIRE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council of the said Colony, constituted under the Order of Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the ninth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy; and all others whom it may concern:*

WHEREAS by an Order, made by Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the ninth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and made in pursuance of the "British Columbia Government Act, 1870," it was ordered (amongst other things) that the Order in Council of the eleventh day of June, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, referred to in the said Act, should be, and the same was, thereby revoked, except that the Legislative Council constituted by the said Order should "unless first dissolved by the Governor" retain all the powers thereby granted to it, in like manner as if the said Order had not been revoked, until the return of the first Writs, of the future Legislative Council constituted under the recited Order:—That there should be in this Colony a Legislative Council constituted as therein mentioned; That it should be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the said Council, to make Laws for the peace, order, and good government of the said Colony; And, that the Governor should, by Proclamation, fix the time and place or places for holding the Meetings of the said Council.

And Whereas the Writs of the Legislative Council, referred to in the recited Order of the ninth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, have been duly issued, and are now returned into the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and the Order in Council of the eleventh day of June, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the Legislative Council constituted thereunder have been and are now fully determined and ended:

And whereas it has seemed to be desirable to summon and convoke an early meeting of the new Legislative Council:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the said recited Order in Council, and of all other powers and authorities in me in that behalf vested, I do hereby summon and call together the Legislative Council of British Columbia, as constituted under the recited Order in Council of the ninth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, to meet at the Legislative Council Chamber, in the City of Victoria on the fifth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, and to treat and conclude upon those things which in the said Legislative Council may be ordained.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, at Victoria, the nineteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.  
PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

A. MUSGRAVE. { SEAL }



JOURNALS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1871.

Thursday the 5th day of January, 1871.

On this day being the first meeting of the Council for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation, hereunto annexed, of His Excellency Anthony Musgrave, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Columbia, Matthew Baillie Begbie, Esq., Chief Justice of British Columbia, appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for administering the Oath to the Members of the Council, came this day, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., into the Council Chamber, and Charles Good, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Council; and Richard Woods, Esq., Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, having delivered to the said Charles Good a Roll containing a list of the names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Council, the said Matthew Baillie Begbie did administer the Oath to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats at the Council, viz:—

The Honourables P. J. Hankin, J. W. Trutch, G. Phillippo, W. O. Hamley, J. S. Helmcken, R. W. W. Carrall; and A. F. Pemberton, E. G. Alston, H. Nathan, H. Nelson, A. DeCosmos, and A. Bunster, Esquires.

Whereupon Mr. DeCosmos, addressing himself to the Clerk (who standing up pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the Council for their Speaker the Hon. John Sebastian Helmcken.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken having declined, and having proposed the Hon. Philip James Hankin as Speaker, the Hon. Mr. Carrall seconding, and the question, that the Hon. Philip James Hankin do take the Chair of this Council as Speaker, having been put by the Clerk,

It was Resolved, *nemine contradicente*, and the Clerk having declared the Hon. Philip James Hankin duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Hon. Messrs. Helmcken and Carrall, where standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgment to the Council for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

After which the Council adjourned to the call of Mr. Speaker.

The Council having resumed its sitting, His Excellency Anthony Musgrave, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony, entered the Council Chamber, attended by his Private Secretary.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and His Excellency having occupied the same, Mr. Speaker was taken up and introduced as Speaker to the Governor, by the Hon. Messrs. Helmcken and Carrall.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Excellency, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Council have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Council whose Servant I am, and who through me the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

To which His Excellency replied as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I approve of the choice made by the Council in the election of their Speaker.

I freely confide in the duty and attachment of the Council to Her Majesty's person and Government, and have no doubt that your proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, and I grant, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

The Council shall also have access to me upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as their words and actions, will constantly receive my most favourable consideration.

His Excellency then made the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable Legislative Council:—*

It affords me great pleasure to be able to meet you in person at the commencement of this most important Session of the Legislature of the Colony; and I do so with especial satisfaction at a time when your body has been so reconstituted as to confer the advantage of legal representation upon the Constituencies of the several Electoral Districts.

In my Address to the late Legislative Council at its last Session, I pledged myself to recommend to the Secretary of State such a modification of the then existing Constitution as to allow the majority of the Members of the Legislative Body to be formally elected and my suggestion has been approved and carried into effect. The Representative Members of your Body have been chosen with a full knowledge of the people of the community of the intention that to you shall be confided the final decision upon the great question of the expediency and conditions of the proposed Union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada.

At the close of last Session, I acquainted the Council that I should send a Delegation to Ottawa, to lay before the Government of Canada the Resolutions which have been adopted by that Council on the subject of Confederation, to explain our views and wants, and to learn how far the wants and expectations of the people of this Colony could be fulfilled in any arrangement for Union. The result of that mission has already been communicated to the Public; but I shall now lay before you formally the Report of the Privy Council of Canada upon the subject, which has been transmitted to me by Lord Lisgar. The terms of Union embodied in that Minute, which the Government of Canada is prepared to support in the Parliament of the Dominion, are, I believe, as liberal as this Colony can equitably expect. Indeed, in some respects the arrangements agreed upon are more advantageous to us than the scheme originally proposed. I submit them to you in full confidence that you will join with me in this conclusion; and I recommend to you at once to pass an Address to Her Majesty, in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," praying for admission into the Union, on those terms and conditions. I have reason for believing that the Community at large desire this course, and no minor issues or local interests, which may quite as well be considered and protected hereafter, ought to be allowed to hinder the progress of the arrangements likely to be beneficial to the Colony in general.

The agreement proposed contains the condition that the existing Tariff and Excise Duties shall be continued in force in British Columbia until the intended Railway from the Pacific Coast and the systems of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of this Colony shall sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. This alternative will therefore form a separate question for your consideration, but it need not in any manner affect the adoption of the terms of agreement as they stand.

It is also provided that 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; but it is also expressly stated, as understood, that the Government of

Canada will readily consent to the introduction of Responsible Government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia. I am aware that a very general opinion prevails in favor of the adoption of this form of administration for the Local Government on Confederation. To introduce it simultaneously would be practically impossible if, as I hope, we should seek admission to the Union at an early date. Time would not be afforded to enable such a further enlargement and modification of the Legislative Constitution as will be necessary for the purpose of establishing the requisite legal machinery for a change in the form of the Executive Council, as well as of the Legislative Body as would be necessary, which cannot prudently be effected without some delay; and more details require to be settled than persons unacquainted with the working of the system would expect. But, if your Honourable House should be deliberately of opinion that this change is expedient, and that it will not be wiser to leave it for more leisurely consideration after Union, I shall, after the adoption of the proposed Terms of Union with Canada, be prepared to introduce for your consideration a Bill to enlarge the number of popular Representatives, excluding nominated Members from the Council, so as to enable a new Legislative Body and the form of administration known as Responsible Government to come into operation at the first Session of the Legislature subsequently to the Union.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year shall be promptly laid before you. In the preparation of these I have endeavoured to avoid any expenditure that can, without injury, be postponed. In the state of transition through which the Colony is now passing to a different system of administration, it is obviously desirable not to undertake services of novelty or magnitude, or to disturb existing arrangements.

I have been acquainted by the Secretary of State, that Her Majesty's Government no longer regard it as necessary that the Accounts of the Colony should be transmitted to England for Audit, and I have been required to report on the character of the precautions that may be taken to ensure that the local audit shall be conducted promptly, honestly, and without any influence on the part of the Executive.

It may not be desirable at present, having reference to impending political measures, to make any immediate change in the existing system of audit which I believe to be complete of its kind; but I recommend you to appoint a Committee to enquire into and report upon that system, with a view to its simplification, which I think may probably be effected after Confederation with Canada.

Previously to my arrival in the Colony a List of Taxes and sums due on Real Estate was in course of preparation by the direction of my Predecessor, under the provisions of the Fifth Section of the "Tax Sales Repeal Ordinance, 1867."

On the publication of this list many complaints have been made of erroneous charges, and of the hardship arising in many instances from the arrears which should have been paid by previous owners, and which were presumed to have been liquidated, now falling as a charge upon the land in the possession of other proprietors. The whole subject is a complicated one, not yet cleared from a confusion which gave rise to the Tax Repeal Ordinance itself, under which this list has been prepared. I shall cause a Bill to be submitted to you for the purpose of giving me authority to appoint a Commission to enquire into objections to these claims for arrears of taxes, with power to the Governor, on the Report of the Commissioners, to remit the liability in cases where it should equitably be removed.

I have appointed a Commission to examine into the state of the Laws of the Colony, and to prepare an Act to repeal obsolete and useless enactments, which I hope to be able to submit to you during the Session, with a view to the publication of a revised edition of the Laws of the Colony as they stand at the time of Union, which may be readily accessible to all classes of the Community.

Beyond the subjects which I have mentioned, I do not now find it necessary to present any to your consideration. Our business during this Session is especially to deal with the great question of Union with Canada, which in a greater or less degree must affect every Department of Public Affairs. To this most important matter I am sure that you will give your ready and earnest attention. At no time in the history of this Colony has any Legislative Body, whether of the Mainland or Vancouver Island, been occupied with considerations of greater moment than those which now demand your solicitude, and which must so deeply affect the future progress of the Province. In every subject of public interest, but especially in one so weighty, I pray that the Almighty may guide your deliberations and bring them to a happy issue.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber.

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#### CANADA.

NIAGRA,  
July 7th, 1870.

SIR,—It gives me much pleasure to be able to announce to you the satisfactory termination of the negotiations between the Delegates whom you dispatched from British Columbia and the Ministers of the Dominion.

2. The terms of agreement have been embodied in a Memorandum, of which I enclose a copy. I have been requested by my responsible advisers to add the assurance that such provision shall be made for the retiring pensions of Public Officers in British Columbia as you may approve of.

3. The Hon. Mr. Trutch goes to England by the Mail Steamer of the 9th instant; the other two members of the Delegation return at once to British Columbia, and will, no doubt, give you full details and information on such points as may require it.

4. I announced the result of the negotiations, and sent a copy of the memorandum, to Lord Granville, on the 5th instant. I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN YOUNG.

To His Excellency Governor Musgrave,  
 &c., &c., &c.

COPY OF A REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE HONOURABLE  
 THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Despatch, dated the 7th May, 1870, from the Governor of British Columbia, together with certain Resolutions submitted by the Government of that Colony to the Legislative Council thereof, both hereunto annexed, on the subject of the proposed Union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada; and after several interviews between them and the Honourable Messrs. Trutch, Helmcken, and Carrall, the Delegates from British Columbia, and full discussion with them of the various questions connected with that important subject, the Committee now respectfully submit for your Excellency's approval the following Terms and Conditions, to form the basis of a Political Union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada:—

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

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the 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 five per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (\$27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia, for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit, an Annual Subsidy of \$35,000 and an Annual Grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such Grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shewn by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such Grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census be taken in the year 1881.

4. The Dominion will provide an efficient Mail Service, fortnightly, by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia; the Vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following services:—

- A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor;
- B. Salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Supreme Courts and the County or District Courts;
- C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;
- D. The Postal and Telegraphic Services;
- E. Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries;
- F. Provision for the Militia;
- G. Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals, including a Marine Hospital at Victoria;
- H. The Geological Survey;
- I. The Penitentiary;

And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act of 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 British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

7. It is agreed that the existing Customs Tariff and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. When Customs and Excise Duties are, at the time of the Union of British Columbia with Canada, leviable on any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, those Goods, Wares, and Merchandize may, from and after the Union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of the Customs or Excise Duties leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on payment of such further amount (if any) of Customs or Excise Duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of Importation. This arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the Tariff and Excise Duties of British Columbia with those of the Dominion.

8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by three Members, and by six Members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867.

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of 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 minute) 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.

11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement simultaneously, within two years from the date of the Union, of the construction of a Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected, East of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the Seaboard of British Columbia with the Railway system of Canada; and further, to secure the completion of such Railway within ten years from the date of the Union.

And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said Railway, a similar extent of Public Lands along the line of Railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed however Twenty (20) Miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands in the North-west Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under Pre-emption right or by Crown Grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government, shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous Public Lands; and provided further, that until the commencement, within Two Years as aforesaid from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said Railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portions of the Public Lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of Pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the Pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said Railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia, from the date of the Union, the sum of \$100,000 per annum, in half-yearly payments in advance.

12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for Ten Years from the date of completion of the works, at the rate of Five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

13. The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the Lands Reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of Land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

14. The Constitution of the Executive Authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, continue as existing at the time of the Union until altered under the Authority of the said Act, it being at the same time, understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of Responsible Government when desired by the Inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of

the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its Members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th Section of the British North America Act 1867, and British Columbia may in its address specify the Electoral Districts for which the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

*Certified,*

WM. H. LEE,  
Clerk Privy Council, Canada.

Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Alston seconding,  
That the Governor's Speech be printed for the use of Members.  
Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved, the Hon. Mr. Carrall seconding,  
That the Standing Orders of the previous Council be adopted for the present.  
Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley moved, Mr. Nathan seconding,  
That a Select Committee be appointed by Mr. Speaker, to draw up and submit a reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech.  
Resolved accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker named the following Committee.—Hon. Mr. Hamley, Messrs. Alston, Nathan, Bunster, Nelson.

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

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Monday, the 9th day of January, 1871.

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

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Nelson, Bunster, Alston, Pemberton.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair,  
To whom was presented Robert James Skinner, Esq., Member for Kootenay, having been introduced by A. DeCosmos, Esq.,  
The Chief Justice being in attendance, then administered the Oath of Allegiance to Mr. Skinner, who having subscribed to the same, took his seat at the Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed, the Minute of the Privy Council of Canada, sent down in His Excellency's Speech, having been ordered to be entered on the Minutes as read.

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

*Message No. 1.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith to the Legislative Council, the Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1871.\*

*Government House,  
5th January, 1871.*

The Hon. Mr. Carrall presented the Petition of the Miners of Cariboo.†  
Ordered to be received and read. Read aloud accordingly by the Clerk.  
Ordered to be printed for the use of Members and to lie on the table.

Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of Settlers in Lake District.  
Ordered to be read. Read aloud accordingly by the Clerk.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Chief Commissioner gave a notice of motion.  
Mr. Alston gave a notice of motion.

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\* See Appendix.

† See Sessional Papers No. 1.

Mr. DeCosmos gave a notice of motion.  
 Mr. Skinner gave a notice of motion.  
 Mr. Nelson gave a notice of motion.  
 Mr. Skinner gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Chief Commissioner seconding, and it was Resolved,

That a Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor, by one of the Members of the Executive Council in this Honourable House, requesting him to be pleased to confirm the Rules adopted by this Honourable House.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Collector of Customs, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to draw up a reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech, brought up a Report.

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

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

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, rejoice that Your Excellency is able in person to meet us at the commencement of this most important Session, and we have pleasure in acknowledging our sense of obligation to Your Excellency for the enlarged powers and Representative Institutions which have been procured for the Colony.

2. We trust that the manner in which the new Constitution will operate will amply justify so great a proof of Your Excellency's confidence in the self-governing capacity and steady loyalty of the Inhabitants of British Columbia.

3. The Terms of Union embodied in the Minute of the Honourable Privy Council of Canada, and transmitted by the Governor General for the consideration and action of the Legislative Council of the Colony, shall receive that earnest and grave deliberation which the extreme importance of such a measure demands.

4. We wish to assure Your Excellency that we shall approach the subject with a sincere conviction of the necessity of making the proposed Union the means of conferring mutual and lasting practical benefits upon the two Countries now seeking to be Confederated.

5. The question submitted by Your Excellency, as to the desirability of the immediate introduction of Responsible Government into the Colony, is one the importance of which we fully estimate.

6. We will carefully consider the Estimates for the year, which have been laid before the Council.

7. The final audit of accounts within the Colony is of importance to the economical working of Government Offices in those portions of the Colony with which speedy communication upon matters of account cannot be had, and we appreciate Your Excellency's exertions and recommendations in this behalf.

8. The Bill for setting at rest disputes connected with arrears of Taxes upon Real Estate in Vancouver Island shall be carefully considered, with a view to equitable and final adjustment.

9. The revision of the Laws affecting the Colony, and their publication in one uniform Statute Book and in a readily accessible form, is a matter of universal moment to the Inhabitants of the Colony, and to the proper understanding of the regulations to which all Settlers are required by the Country to conform.

10. We are, like Your Excellency, impressed with the gravity of the juncture in public affairs upon which we are assembled, and we join Your Excellency in a fervent hope that we may, under the guidance of the Almighty, seek to arrive at a correct decision upon questions which will involve the progress and well-being of British Columbia for all time to come.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley moved that the Report be adopted, Mr. Nelson seconding.

Mr. DeCosmos moved, in amendment, Mr. Nathan seconding, that the Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

On the question being put it was Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Alston reported that the Report had been considered and amended as follows:—

In Section 9, after "revision," the words "and assimilation" be omitted, and after the word "affecting," the words "the two portions" be omitted.

On the question of the adoption of the Report as amended being put, it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Ordered that the reply be presented to His Excellency by the Members of the Council.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner brought before the Council the subject of His Excellency's Message No. 1, viz. the Estimates.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, Mr. Nathan seconding,

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On the question being put it was carried *nem. con.*

Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Council do go into Committee of Supply on Friday next.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Council go into Committee of Supply to-morrow.

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

Mr. DeCosmos moved the adjournment till 3 to-morrow.

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

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

## Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

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

*Message No. 2.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the communication from the Speaker of the Honourable Legislative Council forwarding a copy of the Standing Rules which have been adopted for the present guidance of the Council. The Governor confirms those Rules, and returns herewith the copy certified accordingly.

*Government House,  
10th January, 1871.*

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

That His Excellency may be pleased to send down a Bill giving a guarantee, additional to that provided by the Dominion Government, of five per cent. on One hundred thousand pounds for a period of Twenty Years, dating from the expiration of that given by the Dominion Government, to a Company undertaking the construction of a Graving Dock at Esquimalt, according to Clause 12 of the proposed Terms of Confederation.

Mr. Nelson moved in amendment, Mr. Bunster seconding,

That the discussion of the above subject be referred to a Committee of the whole Council on Monday next.

Whereupon a debate arose, during which the Council adjourned to the call of the Speaker.

On the Council resuming its Sitting, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Council that agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday, he, in company with such Members as desired to attend, had waited on His Excellency with the reply to the opening Address, and His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following Rejoinder:

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

I thank you for your Address, and I receive with gratification the assurance it contains that the important matters which will be submitted for your consideration will obtain your careful attention.

Debate on Mr. Nelson's amendment resumed.

And on the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 4, Noes 7.*

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes 5, Noes 6.*

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

On the Order of the day being read for Committee of Supply,

Mr. Skinner moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,

That the Council go into Committee of Supply on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Council go into Committee at once.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and the Council went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted.

On the question being put, Resolved, That the following Supply be granted:—

Governor..... \$2,052

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

### Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1871.

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

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Nelson, Bunster, Alston, Skinner.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Skinner moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that a sum be placed on the Estimates for the Survey of a Trail from the Shuswap via the Eagle Pass to Wild Horse Creek.

After some debate, question withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for the construction of a Waggon Road from New Westminster to Yale, and that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the commencement of this most important work.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 4, *Noes* 6.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Nathan seconding—

That that portion of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor respecting Responsible Government, be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole.

Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding—

That the Governor be respectfully requested to send down to this House, in accordance with the information contained in his inaugural Address, a Bill "to enlarge the number of popular Members, excluding nominated Members from this Council, so as to enable a new Legislative Body, and the form of administration known as Responsible Government, to come into operation at the first Session of the Legislature subsequently to the Union of this Colony with Canada."

Mr. Bunster moved in amendment, Mr. Nelson seconding—

That this House after having given due consideration to that portion of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor respecting Responsible Government, is of opinion that Responsible Government is desired by the people of British Columbia, and ought to be inaugurated simultaneously with Confederation; and that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send down a Bill providing for an increase in the number of Representatives in the Council and the exclusion of nominated Members, and to make such other provision as may be deemed advisable in order to secure the successful working of Responsible Government and its inauguration simultaneously with the Union of the Colony with the Dominion of Canada.

Upon which a debate arose, during which Mr. Nelson moved, that the same be adjourned.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 7.

The names, on request, having been taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Nelson,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster,  
Skinner,  
Nathan.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,  
Hamley,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Phillippo,  
Mr. Alston,  
Mr. Pemberton.

So the motion to adjourn the debate was lost.

Mr. Bunster's amendment was then put, on which the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 7.

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

<p><i>Ayes.</i> Messrs. Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Nathan.</p>	<p><i>Noes.</i> The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken, Trutch, Phillippo, Carrall, Hamley, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Alston.</p>
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So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Helmcken's amendment was then put, on which the Council divided.

*Ayes* 7, *Noes* 5.

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

<p><i>Ayes.</i> The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Alston.</p>	<p><i>Noes.</i> Messrs. Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Nathan.</p>
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On the question being put, the Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Phillippo, Messrs. Pemberton and Alston retired, and the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly,

That the Governor be respectfully requested to send down to this House, in accordance with the information contained in his inaugural Address, a Bill "to enlarge the number of popular Members, excluding nominated Members from the Council, so as to enable a new Legislative Body, and the form of administration known as Responsible Government, to come into operation at the first Session of the Legislature subsequently to the Union of this Colony with Canada.

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

### Friday the 13th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Alston, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed after having been amended.

Clement Francis Cornwall, Esq., having been introduced to the Council Chamber, was sworn in by His Honor Chief Justice Begbie, and took his seat at the Council.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion of Mr. DeCosmos, to consider the Petition of certain Settlers,

On the motion of the mover, ordered to be deferred till Friday next.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Resolved that the following sums be voted for the service of the Year 1871:—

Legislative Council .....	\$ 900
Colonial Secretary .....	9,224
Treasury.....	4,082
Attorney General.....	4,377
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.....	6,998
Collector of Customs .....	13,820
Post Office.....	3,200
Supreme Court.....	500
Attorney General.....	2,463
High Sheriff.....	1,500

Police and Gaols.....	\$16,568 95
Gold Commissioner, Kootenay .....	6,024 50
Do. Cariboo.....	13,910 00
Do. Yale.....	7,320 00
Do. Lillooet.....	4,608 00
Do. Nanaimo.....	3,714 00
Pensions.....	485 00
Revenue Services .....	1,000 00
Administration of Justice.....	3,900 00
Charitable Allowances.....	10,500 00
Education.....	15,000 00
Police and Gaols.....	12,000 00
Rent.....	264 00
Transport.....	3,250 00

Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate at Lillooet may be increased to \$3,000 per annum.

Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the purpose of placing in the Estimates an amount sufficient to pay the arrears of Salary that may be due the former Superintendent of Schools.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again.

On the question of the adoption of the above Resolutions 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 Monday next.

### Monday, the 16th January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall Helmeken; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, Cornwall, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

Mr. Bunster gave notice of 2 motions.

On the Order of the day being read for a notice of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, respecting Confederation,

On the motion of the Hon. Member,

Ordered that the same be brought up first on Wednesday next.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted presently.

The Council went again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Speaker 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.

Resolved, that the following sums be voted for the Year 1871:—

Conveyance of Mails.....	\$36,549 96
Works and Buildings.....	23,650 00

Resolved, That the Council recommend that the Mail Service between New Westminster and Victoria be taken into consideration by the Executive, with the object of conveying, between these points, the Mails at regular and fixed periods, instead of irregularly as at present, at an increased Subsidy.

That the Contract for carrying the Mails between Victoria and Comox be put up to public competition in view of getting a better service.

That the Council recommend that the Steamer Sir James Douglas make semi-monthly trips between Victoria and Comox.

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that in any future contract for carrying the Mails to Cariboo, provision be made for a weekly service during the winter season and a semi-weekly service during summer.

That His Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Estimates sufficient to ensure the carrying of Mails from Quesnelmouth to Omineca.

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of \$1,000 be added to the Estimates to provide Mail Communication between Cache Creek and the Mission Valley on Okanagan Lake.

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting an additional sum of \$600 be placed on the Estimates for the conveyance of Mails from Victoria to Kootenay.

That the Council recommend a sum of money, not exceeding \$100, be granted for receiving the Mails at the Steamboat Landing, Salt Spring Island, and to carry the same through the Settlements on the Island.

That the Council recommend that Tenders be called for to convey the Mails between Victoria and Saanich, Victoria and Metchosin, and Victoria and Esquimalt.

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause the sum of \$15,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the purpose of constructing a Waggon Road across the Giscome Portage, and improving the navigation of Crooked and Omineca Rivers; and that such further sum be placed upon the Estimates, as His Excellency may deem sufficient, for the purpose of exploring for the best route for a Trail from Quesnelmouth to Germansen Creek, and for making the same as soon as the exploration is completed.

That this Council recommend that \$3000 be granted to open a Trail from the Forks of Skeena to Tatla Landing, providing there are sufficient funds at the disposal of the Government.

On the question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions 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 tomorrow.

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Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall, Helmcken; Messrs. Alston, Pemberton, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Resolutions passed, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Resolved, That the following Supplies be voted for the Year 1871:—

Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	\$54,550 00
Miscellaneous Services.....	23,260 00
Interest.....	103,440 00
Drawbacks and Refunds.....	2,100 00
Sinking Fund.....	50,197 50
Home Government Account.....	3,274 30
Government Vessels.....	12,800 00
Light Houses.....	9,370 00

Resolved, That a sum be placed on the Estimates in support of the Fire Department of New Westminster, not exceeding the amount allowed the Deluge Company, Victoria.

That the sum of \$500 be placed on the Estimates for the Williams Creek Fire Brigade.

That the Representative Members of the Council be indemnified for their expenses in attending to their Legislative duties during the present Session.

On the question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions being put, it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Mr. Nathan moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable him to give a notice of motion.

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Nathan gave notice of motion.

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

Wednesday, the 18th January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall Helmcken; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, Cornwall, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. DeCosmos presented three Petitions from Merchants and Farmers of Victoria District.

Ordered to be read. Read aloud by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

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

That this Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to prepare an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying for the Confederation of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada on the terms offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion, as specified in the Minute of the Honourable the Privy Council of Canada, transmitted in the Despatch from the Governor General of Canada of the 7th of July, 1870, addressed to the Governor, and laid before this Council by His Excellency with his opening Speech.

On the question being put, it was carried *nem. con.* and Resolved accordingly.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported some progress made with the Address, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for the next sitting of the Council.

Mr. Nathan moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give a notice of motion.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

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

Friday the 20th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Nelson, Bunster, Alston, Skinner.

Mr. Speaker read the following *Dedimus Potestatem* from the Governor empowering him to swear in T. B. Humphreys, Esq. \*

*To the Hon. Philip James Hankin, Speaker 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 special trust and confidence in the fidelity, learning, and integrity of the said Philip James 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 James Hankin full power and authority to administer the customary oath to Thomas Basil Humphreys.

Given under my hand and seal, at Victoria, British Columbia, this Twentieth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

A. MUSGRAVE.

Thomas Basil Humphreys, Esquire, entered the Council Chamber, to whom Mr. Speaker administered the customary Oath of Allegiance, and who then took his seat at the Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 3.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith to the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of Three hundred and forty-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-five dollars and one cent, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1871."

*Government House,  
18th January, 1871.*

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved, the Hon. Mr. Carrall seconding, that the Supply Bill be now read a first time. Ordered accordingly.

Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read second time at once.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Mr. Humphreys spoke to a question of privilege.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

Mr. Nathan gave notice of motion.

Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on an Address to the Queen on Confederation.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Address to the Queen to have been adopted by the Committee:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*Most Gracious Sovereign:*

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:—

That, during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, the subject of the admission of the Colony of British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada was taken into consideration, and a Resolution on the subject was agreed to, embodying the terms upon which it was proposed that this Colony should enter the Union;

That, after the close of the Session, Delegates were sent by the Government of this Colony to Canada, to confer with the Government of the Dominion with respect to the admission of British Columbia into the Union upon the terms proposed;

That, after considerable discussion by the Delegates with the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified were adopted by a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, and were by them reported to the Governor General for his approval;

That, such Terms were communicated to the Government of this Colony by the Governor General of Canada, in a Despatch dated July 7th, 1870, and are as follows:—

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

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the 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 five per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at

the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (\$27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit: and Annual subsidy of \$35,000 and an Annual Grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such Grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shewn by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such Grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census be taken in the year 1881.

4. The Dominion will provide an efficient Mail Service, fortnightly, by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia; the Vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following Services:—

- A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor;
- B. Salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Superior Courts and the County or District Courts;
- C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;
- D. The Postal and Telegraphic Services;
- E. Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries;
- F. Provision for the Militia;
- G. Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals, including a Marine Hospital at Victoria;
- H. The Geological Survey;
- I. The Penitentiary;

And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act of 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 British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

7. It is agreed that the existing Customs Tariff and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. When Customs and Excise Duties are, at the time of the Union of British Columbia with Canada, leviable on any Goods Wares, or Merchandizes in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, those Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes may, from and after the Union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of the Customs or Excise Duties leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on payment of such further amount (if any) of Customs or Excise Duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of Importation. This arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the Tariff and Excise Duties of British Columbia with those of the Dominion.

8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Three Members, and by Six Members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable interdiction 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 Minute) 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.

11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement simultaneously, within two years from the date of the Union, of the construction of a Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected, East of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the Railway system of Canada; and further, to secure the completion of such Railway within ten years from the date of the Union,

And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said Railway, a similar extent of Public Lands along the line of Railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however Twenty (20) Miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands in the North-West Territories and the Province of Manitoba.

Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under Pre-emption right or by Crown Grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous Public Lands; and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years as aforesaid from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said Railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portions of the Public Lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of Pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the Pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said Railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia, from the date of the Union, the sum of \$100,000 per annum, in half-yearly payments in advance.

12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the Interest for Ten Years from the date of the completion of the works, at the rate of Five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

13. The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

14. 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 the Union until altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of Responsible Government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its Members shall be Elective.

The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th Section of the "British North America Act, 1867,") and British Columbia may in its address specify the Electoral Districts for which the first Election of Members to serve in House of Commons shall take place.

That such Terms have prove generally acceptable to the people of this Colony;

That this Council is therefore willing to enter into Union with the Dominion of Canada upon such Terms, and humbly submit that under the circumstances it is expedient that the admission of this Colony into such Union, as aforesaid, should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the provisions of the 146th Section of the "British North America Act, 1867."

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th Section of the "British North America Act, 1867," to admit British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada on the basis of the Terms and Conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinbefore set forth; and, inasmuch as by the said Terms British Columbia is empowered in its Address to specify the Electoral Districts for which the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place, we humbly pray that such Electoral Districts may be declared under the Order in Council to be as follows:—

That "New Westminster District" and the "Coast District," as defined in a Public Notice issued from the Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the 39th Clause of the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869," shall constitute one District, to be designated "New Westminster District," and return One Member;

That "Cariboo District" and "Lillooet District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Cariboo District," and return One Member;

That "Yale District" and "Kootenay District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Yale District," and return One Member;

That those portions of Vancouver Island known as "Victoria District," "Esquimalt District," and "Metchosin District," as defined in the Official Maps of those

Districts in the Land Office, Victoria, and which Maps are designated respectively "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858," and Metchosin District Official Map, A. D. 1858," shall constitute one District, to be designated "Victoria District," and return Two Members.

And, that all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such Islands adjacent thereto, as were formerly Dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Vancouver Island District," and return One Member.

On the question of the adoption of the above address, being put it was carried unanimously and Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved, the Hon. Mr. Nathan seconding, that the following Address, be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*May it please Your Excellency :*

We, the Members of the Legislature, in Council assembled, having agreed to an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be most graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, to admit British Columbia, under the provisions of the 146th Section of the "British North America Act," into the Dominion of Canada, on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, as in such Address set forth, do hereby pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to transmit such Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the throne.

On the question being put, it was carried *nam. con.* and Resolved accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Humphreys, Ordered that the Address be printed for public circulation.

On the Order of the day, being read for, a motion standing in the name of Mr. DeCosmos, Ordered, to be postponed, till Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked leave to bring in the Lane and Kurtz Mining Company's Bill.

Ordered that leave, be granted.

The Hon. Member handed in the said Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr DeCosmos seconding—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to cause the sum of \$2,000 to be appropriated for the purpose of building a Bridge over the Nanaimo River.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to put in the Supplementary Estimates \$750 to build a Bridge at a suitable place across Courtney River, in Comox, so as to enable the Settlers on the south side of the River to have a ready access to the Steamboat Landing.

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 Monday.

Monday the 23rd day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Nelson, Bunster, Alston, Skinner, Cornwall, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Nathan presented the Petition of the Mayor and Council of Victoria.

Ordered to be received and read. Read aloud accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Mr. Humphreys gave notice of 2 motions.

Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of 3 motions.

Mr. Bunster gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sum sufficient to secure a semi-weekly Mail Service between this and Ports on the Sound.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved—

That an Address be forwarded to the Government of Canada, representing the insufficiency of the Ten Years' Dock guarantee, and soliciting an increase of the term of years sufficient to ensure the immediate construction of the Dock.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved, in amendment, Mr. DeCosmos seconding—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully representing that doubts exist as to the sufficiency of the guarantee provided in Section 12 in the Terms of Confederation offered by the Dominion of Canada, and accepted by this Council, to ensure the construction of a Graving Dock at Esquimalt, and that this Council therefore solicit His Excellency the Governor to move the Government of the Dominion to extend the guarantee for such further period, or afford such further inducements to capitalists, as will secure the speedy completion of a work of such vital importance to the general interests not only of British Columbia but of the Dominion.

The amendment having taken the place of the original question, and having been put, it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. Cornwall seconding—

That all Flour made from Wheat raised in the Colony be exempted from Road Tolls.

Mr. DeCosmos moved, in amendment, that the following words be added, Mr. Skinner seconding—

“And that His Excellency the Governor be requested to send down a Bill to the Council amending the Law, so as to ensure the exemption of Flour so manufactured.”

Amendment put and carried.

On the question as amended being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 8.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete without amendments.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Kurtz and Lane Mining Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved the suspension of Standing Orders to enable him to give a notice of motion.

Question negatived.

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

Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Alston, Pemberton, Cornwall, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nelson gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supply Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be “An Act to appropriate the sum of \$347,535-01 out of the General Revenue of the Colony for the contingent service of the year 1871.”

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan asked leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Customs Ordinance of 1870.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. mover accordingly presented the said 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. Carrall asked leave to bring in a Bill to protect Thomson's patent Road Steamers.

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

On the question of the second reading of the said Bill being put, the Hon. mover asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted. Bill withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Cornwall seconding,—

That the Canadian Tariff be adopted simultaneously with Confederation.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—

That this Council earnestly solicits His Excellency the Governor to move the Government of the Dominion to consent to the alteration of the existing British Columbia Tariff by the Legislature of the Colony during the present Session, to the following effect:—

The Duty on Spirits to be reduced to the rate imposed by the existing Canadian Tariff, viz., Eighty cents per gallon.

The Duty on Flour to be reduced to Seventy-five cents per barrel, and the Duty on Wheat to Ten cents per bushel.

This Council being convinced that such changes would result in mutual benefit to the whole Dominion and to British Columbia.

And that His Excellency be pleased to communicate this Resolution to the Governor General of Canada by Telegraph.

On the question being put as to the substitution of the amendment for the original question,

The Council divided.

*Ayes* 8, *Noes* 2.

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

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken,  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Humphreys,  
Nelson,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster,  
Skinner,  
Alston.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Mr. Carrall,  
Mr. Cornwall.

Messrs. Phillippo, Trutch and Pemberton not having voted, were counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood,—

*Ayes* 11, *Noes* 2.

And it was carried in the affirmative

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes* 9, *Noes* 1.

So 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 Member for Lillooet, motion withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. Skinner seconding,—

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money be granted for the purpose of making a trail from Lytton to Lillooet.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Kurtz and Lane Company's Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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Wednesday, the 25th January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall, Helmcken, Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Alston, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Humphreys spoke to a question of privilege as to reports of his speech in the *British Colonist*.

Mr. Bunster spoke to a question of privilege as to reports of his speech in the *British Colonist*.

Mr. Humphreys gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Alston gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Bunster gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nelson gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Humphreys gave a notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion standing in the name of Mr. DeCosmos, respecting a road in the Victoria District.

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Bunster seconding,—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return setting forth the amount of Road Tax levied, collected, and expended in each Road District in Vancouver Island in 1870.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day,—

Mr. DeCosmos asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, whether it is the intention of the Government to send Road Parties through the Districts on Vancouver Island this year, as in former years; and whether it is not possible to repair and improve Roads by Contract with equal advantage to the Public. The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked leave to bring in Loan and Investment Amendment Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked leave to bring in Legal Professions Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on the 1st February.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Nathan seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, asking that a Return of the amount of Land Pre-empted, Sold, and Leased in the different Districts throughout the Colony for the year 1870, be laid before the Council.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Customs Amendment Bill, Ordered to be postponed till some future day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Kurtz and Lane Mining Company's Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

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

Thursday, the 26th day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Humphreys, Cornwall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed

Mr. Humphreys gave notice of 4 motions.

Mr. Alston gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Skinner seconding,—

That, inasmuch as a call has been issued by the Lands and Works Department for payment of all instalments due on Land Pre-empted under Vancouver Island Pre-emption Proclamations, 1861-2, requiring payment to be made by the 31st March next, and inasmuch as that time is inopportune for the Farmers to pay, and calculated in numerous instances to operate as an injury to the Settlers if payment be then enforced, a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the time for payment be postponed till some convenient period after next harvest, and that further notice be given of such postponement.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that a Bill be sent down to this House imposing a poll tax of \$50 per head per annum on all Chinamen engaged in any occupation in the Colony.

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in Mechanics and Literary Institutes Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Attorney General about the practice of County Court Judges refusing to allow plaintiffs to serve a summons.

The Hon. Mr. Phillippo replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Kurtz and Lane Co. Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till Tuesday.

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

## Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Humphreys, Alston.

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 has received the Resolution of the Hon. the Legislative Council, requesting him to send down a Bill to enlarge the number of Representative Members, excluding nominated Members from the Council, so as to enable a new Legislative Body and the form of administration known as Responsible Government to come into operation at the first Session of the Legislature subsequent to the Union of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada.

In compliance with this request the Governor submits for the consideration of the Council a Bill entitled "An Act to amend and alter the Constitution of this Colony."

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*31st January, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Constitution Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

A further Message, read as follows:—

*Message No. 5.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Honourable Legislative Council, respecting the propriety of postponing payment of the instalments due on Land pre-empted under Vancouver Island Pre-emption Proclamations, 1861-2, until some convenient period after next harvest.

The Governor regrets that he does not consider himself at liberty to comply with the suggestion of the Council. These payments are due to the Vancouver Island Crown Fund, and it is important that the accounts of this fund should be settled before the proposed Union of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada

*Government House,  
31st January, 1871.*

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

The Hon. Mr. Carrall spoke to a question of privilege as to certain statements in the *British Colonist*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr DeCosmos seconding,—  
That a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, to compensate the Post-master at Nanaimo for his services.  
On the question being put the Council divided.  
*Ayes 8, Noes 3.*  
So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—  
That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that an amount be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the conveyance of Mails, twice a week, between Victoria and New Westminster, and that His Excellency be pleased to direct that negotiations be at once entered into, either with the parties at present performing the duties, or that the performance of the work be offered to public competition.  
On the question being put, it was carried *nem con.* and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Whether it is the intention of the Government to at once grant leases of land for grazing purposes to the farmers and stock-raisers in the valley of the Fraser, and, also, whether it is not expedient that the Government should send down a Bill to assimilate the grazing law of New South Wales with the pre-emption laws of British Columbia.  
The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Whether it is the intention of the Government to recommend or allow pensions or compensation to Subordinate Officers, and if so, whether such compensation or pension will be proportioned to their length of Service.  
The Hon. Mr. Hankin replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, For particulars and information with reference to the alleged undue punishment of the nine Sailors, of the Ship "Golden Age," who are at present confined in the Gaol at New Westminster.  
The Hon. Mr. Hankin replied.

On the Order of the day being read for Mr. Alston to ask leave to bring in Chemists' and Druggists' Bill.  
Ordered to be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,—  
That the Petition of the Mayor and Council of Victoria be considered.  
On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. Nathan moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,—  
That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would be pleased to send down a Bill amending the "Fire Companies' Aid Ordinance, 1869," by levying an annual tax of \$250 for the benefit of the Fire Department, on all Fire Insurance Companies doing business in Victoria.  
Mr. Alston moved that \$300 be substituted for \$250.  
Amendment put and carried.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Whether the Government is disposed to favour a money assistance to parties who will undertake and guarantee the completion of extensive ditch or canal cuttings for irrigating farm land; also, for information in regard of the claimants and ownership to the surveyed land in the township of Clinton, in the district of Lillooet.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

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

*Message No. 6.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the address of the Honourable Legislative Council, requesting that he will transmit to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the throne, the Address to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the consent of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, to admit British Columbia, under the provisions of the 146th Section of the British North America Act, into the Union or Dominion of Canada, on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

The Governor will have much gratification in transmitting this Address for the gracious consideration of the Queen. He has already informed the Secretary of State of the decision of the Council by Telegraph, and he with pleasure takes this opportunity to congratulate the Council upon the harmonious and unanimous manner in which this important matter has been treated by them.

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January 31st, 1871.*

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

That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of submitting a scheme to dyke and make available for agricultural purposes the delta of the Fraser.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker appointed the following gentlemen:—Messrs. DeCosmos, Humphreys, Nelson, Alston, and Skinner.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Loan and Investment Amendment Bill.

Ordered to be postponed till Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Kurtz and Lane Mining Company's Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Kurtz and Lane Mining Company's Act, 1871."

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

Thursday, the 2nd day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, Bunster, Skinner, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 7.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

Referring to the Message from the Honourable Legislative Council of the 24th ultimo, with a Resolution requesting the Governor to move the Government of the Dominion to consent to the alteration of the British Columbian Tariff in certain particulars by the Legislature of the Colony, during the present Session, the Governor forwards for the information of the Council a copy of a telegram which he transmitted to Lord Lisgar upon this subject, and of the reply which he has this day received.\*

*Government House,  
2nd February, 1871.*

Ordered that the enclosures be printed.

Mr. Nathan presented the Petition of certain Solicitors.

Ordered to be read. Read aloud by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Humphreys gave 3 notices of motion.

Mr. Nelson gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nathan gave 2 notices of motion.

\* See Sessional Papers No. 2.

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

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported considerable progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted the first thing on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Customs Repeal Bill,  
Ordered to be postponed.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, relative to Road Steamer Bill, motion dropped.

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

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### Friday, the 3rd February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall Helmcken; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Alston, Humphreys, Cornwall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Humphreys presented the Petition of the inhabitants of Lillooet.  
Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nathan presented the petition of the Mayor and Council of Victoria.  
Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cornwall gave notice of motion.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

Mr. Humphreys moved that this Council adjourn.  
On the question being put the Council divided.  
*Ayes 7, Nones 7.*  
Mr. Speaker voted in the negative. Adjournment lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Mechanics Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be committed Tuesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion for considering the Governor's Message Mo. 5,  
Ordered to be deferred till this day week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Whether it is the intention of the Government to let, by Contract, the Surveys of the Pre-emption and Grazing Claims purposed to be Surveyed during the present year, and if such letting by Contract would not be cheaper and more expedient than the present slow and expensive system.  
The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved the second reading of the Legal Professions Bill.

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

*Ayes 6, Noes 6.*

Which being a tie vote, the Speaker cast his vote in the negative.

So the question was negatived and the Bill thrown out.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved the suspension of the Standing Orders.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved the first reading of the Thomson's Patent Road Steamers Bill. Ordered accordingly.

Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

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

Monday, the 6th day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, Bunster, Skinner, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Cornwall, Alston, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 8.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to exempt the Lane and Kurtz Cariboo Mining Company from the payment of Duties and Road and Bridge Tolls on certain Machinery Imported, and yet to be Imported by them, for Mining purposes."

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6th February, 1871.*

A further Message, 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 Act to appropriate the sum of Three hundred and forty-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-five Dollars and One Cent, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the Contingent Service of the year 1871."

*Government House,  
6th February, 1871.*

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

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken further presented the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Victoria against the Thomson Road Steamer Bill.\*

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to be taken up in connection with the said Bill.

Mr. Humphreys gave a notice of motion.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman 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, Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—

That whereas the Tolls levied upon certain goods and commodities passing over the Trunk Road of the Mainland portion of British Columbia bear injuriously upon the industrial interests of the Interior; and whereas the public debt incurred by the construction of the said Trunk Road will be assumed by the Dominion Government upon the Union of this Colony with Canada; be it Resolved, That a humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that on and after the

\* See Sessional Papers No. 3.

Union of this Colony with Canada the Tolls now levied on certain goods and commodities passing over the said Trunk Road of the Mainland portion of British Columbia shall cease and determine.

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the motion.  
Withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Cornwall moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking for an appropriation of \$250 for the Carriage of Mails between Lytton and Nicola Lake.

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 to-morrow.

### Tuesday the 7th day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Trutch, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall, Helmcken; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Humphreys Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed

Mr. Humphreys gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave a notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Constitution Bill, Ordered to be re-committed.

The Council went again into Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill to have been slightly amended and to be now complete.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly.

Resolved, that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Constitution Act, 1871."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Loan and Investment Amendment Bill.

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Mechanics' Institute Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

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

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for an appropriation of the sum of \$250 for the purpose of conveying the Mails from Clinton to Canoe Creek.

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

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

### Thursday, the 9th day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Cornwall, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Humphreys, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

Message No. 10.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith a Return of the amount of Land Pre-empted, Sold, and Lensed in the different Districts throughout the Colony in 1870, as called for by the Resolution of the Honourable Legislative Council of the 25th January, 1871.\*

Government House,  
7th February, 1871.

Ordered that the Return be printed.

Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of Messrs. Harper and Irving.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On the Order of the day being read for consideration of the Governor's Message No. 5,  
Ordered to be postponed.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for a Return of all moneys expended and collected on the Douglas-Alexandria and Yale-Clinton-Cariboo Waggon Roads from the beginning and completion of the said Waggon Roads, together with the amount of indebtedness, and the interest per centum paid and to be paid on said indebtedness appertaining to said Waggon Roads.  
Question put and carried.

The Council, pursuant to the Order of the day, having taken into consideration the adoption of the Canadian Tariff,

Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Cornwall seconding,—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting him to acquaint the Government of the Dominion of Canada, that it is the wish of this Council that the Canadian Tariff and Excise Laws should embrace British Columbia simultaneously with the admission of this Colony into the Dominion, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

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

That whereas in reply to a Resolution passed by this Council and transmitted to the Government of Canada, a telegraph message was received from the Governor General of Canada, Lord Lisgar, stating that "after acceptance of the Terms of "Union by Canada, Parliament may in its discretion modify the British Columbia "Tariff on the request of British Columbia," this Council Resolves that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to communicate to Lord Lisgar the desire of this Council that the Government of Canada will be pleased to lay before the Parliament of Canada the proposition that the Tariff of British Columbia may be altered as follows:—That the duty on spirits be reduced to the Canadian standard, and that the duty upon wheat be reduced to ten cents per bushel, and that upon flour to 75 cents per barrel. That this Council ask this, feeling that it will prevent a great deal of harm to British Columbia, and thus do much good to the Dominion at large.

That His Excellency will be pleased to instruct the Hon. Mr. Trutch to give the Government of Canada the reasons for the foregoing; and that the Hon. Mr. Trutch be empowered to take such steps for the purpose as, upon consultation with the Government of the Dominion of Canada, he may deem necessary.

The amendment having taken the place of the original motion, and being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 4.

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

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken,  
Phillippo,  
Messrs. Nelson,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Skinner,  
Bunster.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Mr. Carrall,  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Cornwall,  
Alston.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a Return be furnished the Council showing the Exports from British Columbia for the years 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870, specifying articles, quantities, and values, and Countries to which Exported; also a Return of Bonded Goods shipped to sea-going Ships, or supplied free of Duty to Her Majesty's Navy, specifying articles, quantities, and values; also a Return of all Goods in Bond on January 31st, 1871, specifying articles, quantities, and values.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Customs Amendment Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be brought up for committal at some day to be named.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Thomson Road Steamer Bill, a debate arose, which having terminated,  
It was ordered that the Bill be brought up for second reading on Monday next.

Then, on the motion of Mr. Nelson, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, the 10th February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall Helmcken; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Alston, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

Message No. 11.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith to the Honourable Legislative Council the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1870.

The amount of Expenditure under these Estimates requiring to be covered by vote is \$45,969.07, which sum includes unpaid arrears of the previous year.

There is no item in this expenditure to which the Governor deems it necessary to call the particular attention of the Council.

Full details are given as to each item, and it will be found that the expenditure consists either of payments made on services for which the yearly vote was slightly under estimated, or for unestimated services (such as the expenses of the Delegates to Canada) which have already been in the knowledge and met with the approval of the Legislature.

*Government House,  
February 10th, 1871.*

Ordered that the Estimates be printed and considered in Committee of Supply on Monday next.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Humphreys spoke to a question of privilege in reference to reports of his speeches in the *British Colonist*.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that compensation be made to all of the Postmasters in the Colony who now are receiving no recompense.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Mechanics' Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Literary Societies' Act, 1871."

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

That whereas by the 11th Section of the proposed Terms of Union of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada it is provided that a Railway shall be constructed from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from the Canadian system of Railways towards the seaboard of British Columbia; and whereas the locality upon the Pacific where such Railway shall have the starting point or principal station has been left an open question, and remains yet to be fixed upon after exhaustive surveys shall have been made; and whereas the Seat of Government of this Colony is at Victoria, the largest, most populous, and chief commercial City of British Columbia, contiguous to which is the Harbour of Esquimalt, the Station and Dock Yard of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the North Pacific; and whereas it would materially conduce to the business and success of the Railway and the welfare of the Dominion at large, and meet the requirements of Her Majesty's Forces, the defence of the Country, and the demands of Commerce, were Esquimalt connected with the Railway.

This Council is of opinion that it is advisable that Victoria and Esquimalt should be connected with the initial point or principal station of such Railway upon the

Pacific, either by the Railway being continued thereto, or, should that be found to be impracticable, then in that case that the connection should be maintained by Steamboats, or partly by a Railway and partly by Steamboats, thus making the Railway the means of connecting the most Eastern and most Western portions of the Dominion, and be really and truly a grand national undertaking and highway, uniting all the interests and all the people of and between the Pacific and Atlantic shores into one harmonious whole.

This Council would therefore respectfully urge upon the Government of Canada, the advisability of their making provision to connect Victoria and Esquimalt with the proposed Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, in case neither of those places shall be made the starting point or principal station of such Railway.

The Council respectfully requests the Governor to transmit this Resolution to the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 8, *Noes* 2.

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

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Messrs. Alston, Nathan, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner.	The Hon. Mr. Hamley, Mr. Nelson.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Mr. Nathan moved suspension of Standing Orders.

Suspended accordingly.

Mr. Nathan moved a Resolution respecting the Customs Bill of 1870 being repealed by permission of the Dominion Government.

Motion subsequently withdrawn.

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

Tuesday, the 14th February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall Helmcken; Messrs. Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Alston, Humphreys Pemberton, Cornwall, Skinner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall presented the Petition of Inhabitants of British Columbia in favor of Thomson's Patent Road Steamers.

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cornwall presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of Yale against the Road Steamers.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of the Merchants of Victoria in favor of a general Bill for Traction Engines.

Ordered to be read and to lie on the table.

Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of Messrs. Lane, Kurtz, and Harper for permission to run Road Steamers.

Ordered to be read and to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the adjourned debate on the second reading of the Thomson Patent Road Steamer Bill was resumed.

Mr. Bunster moved, in amendment, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—

That an Act be brought in to allow all persons, under certain restrictions, to put Road Steamers on the Yale and Cariboo Road.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Bill read second time. Ordered to be committed next meeting of Council.

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

That, whereas, the Island of San Juan bears important relations to Canada and British Columbia; and, whereas, a Joint Commission has been appointed by Her Majesty's Government, and by the Government of the United States, to settle all existing International difficulties.

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to represent to Her Majesty's Government, and also to the Canadian Government, the great importance of the Island of San Juan to the Dominion of Canada, as well as the undoubted claims of the Crown to the same, and the desirability of settling the Boundaries of the possessions of the United States North of British Columbia; and that the question of Fisheries in the Pacific be considered at the same time.

On the question as amended being put it was carried unanimously and Resolved accordingly.

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

Message No. 12.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to amend and alter the Constitution of this Colony."

*Government House,  
February 13th, 1871.*

A further Message, read as follows:—

Message No. 13.

A. MUSGRAVE.

Referring to the Resolution of the Honourable Legislative Council, of the 23rd instant, respecting the exemption from Road Tolls of Flour made from wheat grown in the Colony, the Governor submits for the consideration of the Council a Bill entitled "An Act to amend 'The Tolls exemption Ordinance, 1865.'"

*Government House,  
14th February, 1871.*

On the motion of Mr. Humphreys,—

Ordered that the Tolls Exemption Ordinance be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read first time at next meeting of Council.

A further Message read as follows,—

Message No. 14.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor submits, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act relating to proceedings under the Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance."

*Government House,  
14th February, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,—

Ordered that the Tax Sale Commission Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time next meeting of Council.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Supplementary Estimates and handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:—

Resolved, That the following Supplementary Supplies be voted for the service of the year 1870:—

Revenue Services.....	\$ 570 00
Administration of Justice.....	1,850 00
Charitable Allowances.....	560 00
Police and Gaols.....	4,853 00
Transport.....	4,398 00
Works and Buildings.....	7,278 00
Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	4,000 00
Miscellaneous Services.....	17,440 00
Government Vessels.....	1,750 00
Light Houses.....	551 00
Deposits.....	1,919 07
Savings Banks Account.....	1,000 00

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

Mr. Nathan moved the suspension of the Standing Orders.

Ordered to be suspended.

Mr. Nathan moved the second reading of the Customs Repeal Bill.

Ordered to be read second time.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly.

Resolved, that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Customs Repeal Act, 1871."

Mr. Nathan again moved the suspension of the Standing Orders.

Ordered to be suspended.

Mr. Nathan asked leave to bring in Fire Companies' Aid Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock this day/week.

## Tuesday the 21st day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall, Helmcken; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Humphreys Pemberton, Bünster, Cornwall, Skinner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Peter O'Reilly, Esq., was then introduced into the Council Chamber, to whom the Speaker administered the oath of allegiance, and having subscribed to the same, the Member took his seat.

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

*Message No. 15.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith a Return to an Address of the Honourable Legislative Council of the 25th ultimo, of the amounts levied, collected, and expended on each Road District in Vancouver Island in 1870.\*

*Government House,*

*14th February, 1871.*

Ordered that the Return be printed.

A further Message read as follows,—

*Message No. 16.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor, in accordance with the request contained in the Resolution of the Legislative Council of the 9th instant, forwards herewith Returns showing the Exports from British Columbia for the years 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870, specifying articles, quantities, and values, and Countries to which Exported; also a Return of Bonded Goods shipped to sea-going Ships or supplied, free of Duty, to Her Majesty's Navy, specifying articles, quantities, and values; also a Return of all Goods in Bond on January 31st, 1871, specifying articles, quantities, and values. †

*Government House,*

*21st February, 1871.*

Ordered that the Return be printed.

A further Message read as follows:—

*Message No. 17.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act granting a Supplemental Supply of Forty-five thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine Dollars and Seven Cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the year 1870."

*Government House,*

*21st February, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time next meeting of Council.

A further Message read as follows:—

Message No. 18.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor submits, for the consideration of the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law as to the qualification of Voters and of Elected Members for the Legislative Council, and to provide for the Registration of Persons entitled to vote at Elections of such Members."

*Government House,  
21st February, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time next meeting of Council.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Humphreys gave 3 notices of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Loan Investment Bill, On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, Ordered that the second reading be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved,—

That the Petition of the Mayor and Council of Victoria be considered.

The Council considered the same accordingly.

Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Alston seconding,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the merits of the Petition of the Mayor and Council of Victoria, respecting Education in British Columbia.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 6, Noes 8.*

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

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster,  
Skinner,  
Alston.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken,  
Phillippo,  
Carrall,  
Hamley,  
Messrs. Nelson,  
Cornwall,  
Pemberton,  
O'Reilly.

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

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, for a grazing Tax, Ordered to be postponed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for next sitting of Council, and that the report of the Committee be adopted.

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

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Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Helmcken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. O'Reilly, Nathan, Nelson, Bunster, Skinner, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Alston, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

Message No. 19.

A. MUSGRAVE.

With reference to a Resolution of the Legislative Council of the 9th instant, calling for a Return of all moneys collected and expended on the Douglas-Alexandria and Yale-Clinton-Cariboo Waggon Roads, the Governor forwards herewith copy of a letter from the Auditor General, pointing out that the time and labour which the preparation of the Return in question would involve, preclude its being effected for two or three months to come.

Government House,  
21st February, 1871.

A further Message read as follows:—

Message No. 20.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor submits, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, that the words "Literary Associations" used throughout the Bill entitled "An Act respecting Literary Associations and Mechanics Institutes" are somewhat indefinite, and recommends as an amendment, that the words "Literary Societies and Mechanics" Institutes" should be substituted.

Government House,  
23rd February, 1871.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved,—

That the Council go into Committee to consider the alteration in question.

Ordered accordingly.

The Council went into Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:—

That the Governor be acquainted that this Council concurs in the amendments recommended by the Governor to the Mechanics' Institutes Bill.

Question put and carried.

Mr. Humphreys presented the Petition of William Henry Kay.\*

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

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

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete without amendments.

Ordered to be read third time at once.

Read third time accordingly.

And it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act granting a Supplemental Supply of 45,969-07, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the Contingent Service of the year 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Registration of Voters Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

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

That, whereas, the Waggon Road via Fraser River is ill adapted to the purpose of driving Cattle from the interior of the Country to the Coast; and, whereas, it is all but certain that lines very suitable for the purpose exist from Lillooet to Howe Sound, and probably Burrard Inlet, and from the Chilicoten Plains to the Cardero Channel; and, whereas, it is desirable at the present time, for various purposes, to obtain information of these routes from the Interior to the Coast.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be humbly requested to cause a reconnoissance or exploration of the said lines to be made, and if found suitable, that His Excellency will cause a Cattle trail to be constructed from the Interior to Howe Sound, Burrard Inlet, or such other point as may be found most expedient and suitable; this Council being further of opinion that after this Colony has been united to Canada there will be sufficient means disposable to meet the comparatively small outlay required for the above purpose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys asked the Attorney General what Bonds, if any, are given by the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of British Columbia.

The Hon. Mr. Phillippo replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Tolls Exemption Bill was read second time.  
 Ordered to be committed at once.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
 Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.  
 On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete without 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 Tolls Exemption Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Act."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Tax Sale Repeal Bill was read second time.  
 Ordered to be committed at once.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
 Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.  
 On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with slight 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 Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance, 1867, Amendment Act."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Fire Bill was read second time.  
 Ordered to be committed next meeting of the Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee on the Road Steamer Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
 Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.  
 On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that he had been instructed to obtain a decision from the Speaker on the following point of order:—  
 If in Committee the Chairman be entitled to an original as well as a casting vote?  
 The Speaker decided that the Chairman of a Committee of the whole Council was only entitled to a casting vote.  
 Mr. Speaker again left the Chair.  
 Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.  
 On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.  
 Ordered that the report be adopted and the Bill read third time on Tuesday next.

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

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Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Holmeken, Carrall; Messrs. Cornwall, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bauster, Skinner, Pemberton, Humphreys, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 21.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act respecting Literary Societies and Mechanics Institutes."

*Government House,  
 24th February, 1871.*

A further Message read as follows:—

*Message No. 22.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to two Bills entitled respectively "An Act granting a Supplemental Supply of \$45,969.07 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies for the Contingent Service of the year 1870," and "An Act to amend 'The Tolls Exemption Ordinance, 1865.'"

*Government House,  
 24th February, 1871.*

A further Message read as follows:—

Message No. 23.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received for assent a Bill passed by the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance to create a further Duty of Customs for the Public Service. The Governor is advised that should the Bill in question become Law some doubt might be thrown on the legality of collecting the Customs Duties on Spirits levied under the "Customs Ordinance, 1867," he therefore forwards for the consideration of the Honourable Council a Bill amended to suit the circumstances of the case.

*Government House,  
24th February, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time next meeting of Council.

A further Message, read as follows:—

Message No. 24.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a copy of a letter he has received from the Mayor and Council of Victoria, praying that the Duties of Customs on certain hose pipe imported from England for the use of the Victoria Fire Department may be remitted.

*Government House,  
February 27th, 1871.*

Mr. Humphreys gave 2 notices of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Thompson Road Steamer Bill,

Mr. Humphreys moved that the Bill be recommitted, and that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Motion negatived.

Ordered that the Bill be read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The British Columbia Patent Road Steamers Act, 1871."

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported certain progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

### Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Helmecken, Carrall, Hamley; Messrs. O'Reilly, Nathan, Nelson, Bunster, Skinner, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Customs Amendment Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with an amendment.

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

Bill read third time accordingly.

Resolved, that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Customs Repeal Act, 1871."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Fire Companies' Aid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete

with some slight amendments.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Hamley in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

Thursday, the 2nd March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken; Messrs. Skinner, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Bunster, Humphreys O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. Bunster seconding,—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may be pleased to send down a Bill to allow all Newspapers printed and published in the Colony to be forwarded through the Post Office free.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

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

*Message No. 25.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act relating to proceedings under the 'Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance, 1867.'"

*Government House,  
2nd March, 1871.*

A further Message read as follows,—

*Message No. 26.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards, for the consideration of the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to enlarge the time fixed by the "Road Amendment Ordinance, 1870," for the sitting of the Court of Appeal constituted under the said Ordinance, during the present year.

*Government House,  
1st March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be now read first time.

Ordered accordingly, and Bill read first time.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Bill to pass through all its stages in the present sitting.

Bill read second time.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

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

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Road Appellate Court Extension Act, 1871."

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

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully acquainted that in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that gentlemen skilled in the knowledge of the Law should hold and exercise the office of County Court Judges as soon as possible after Confederation is consummated with the Dominion of Canada.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 4.

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

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Nelson,  
Nathan,  
DeCosmos,  
Humphreys,  
Skinner.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken,  
Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Mr. Bunster.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of a Petition from Lillooet, Ordered to be postponed.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Fire Companies' Aid Bill, Ordered to be recommitted.

Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported an alteration of some words to the Bill.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Fire Companies' Aid Amendment Act, 1871."

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Hamley in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

On the question being put as to the adoption of the Report,

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,—

That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding new matter to Clause 1.

A question having arisen as to the nature of the amendments proposed, the Hon. Mr. Carrall handed in the following,—

After the word "Election" in the sixth line add the words "and shall not possess an Estate of Freehold free from all incumbrances, and situate in British Columbia, of the value of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, or Personal Property of the value of Two Thousand Dollars."

The same was decided by Mr. Speaker to be in the nature of new and supplementary matter.

Mr. Humphreys moved the Council do now adjourn.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 7.

So the motion to adjourn was lost.

On the question of the recommittal being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 6, *Noes* 6.

Which being a tie vote the Speaker was called upon to give a casting vote, and cast his vote with the *Ayes*.

So the question was carried, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Hamley in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be adopted, and leave granted for next meeting of Council.

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

Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Cornwall, DeCosmos, Bunster, Skinner, Pemberton, Humphreys, Nelson, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 27.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to correct an error in the Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870."

*Government House,  
6th March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved the first reading of the said Bill.  
Bill read first time accordingly.  
Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

A further Message read as follows:—

*Message No. 28.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate Elections of Members of the Legislature of this Colony."

*Government House,  
6th March, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Mr. Humphreys gave 3 notices of motion.

Mr. Alston gave a notice of motion (per Mr. Cornwall.)

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Bunster gave a notice of motion.

On motion of Mr. Nathan, Standing Orders suspended.

Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—

That the Governor be respectfully requested to remit the Duties upon the Fire Hose imported for the use of the Victoria Fire Department.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. Skinner seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to the Governor, praying that he may be pleased to enquire into the necessity of the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of British Columbia giving indemnity Bonds or Sureties.

Question put and carried.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in Mr. Humphrey's name,  
Ordered that the same be postponed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act, 1871."

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

Thursday, the 9th March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken; Messrs. O'Reilly, Nathan, DeCosmos, Bunster, Humphreys, Alston, Pemberton, Cornwall.

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 Bills entitled respectively—

“The Road Appellate Court Extension Act, 1871,”

“The Fire Companies' Aid Amendment Act, 1871,”

“The Customs Repeal Act, 1871,”

“The British Columbia Patent Road Steamers Act, 1871.”

Government House,  
8th March, 1871.

On the Order of the day being read for the Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court Salary Bill,

And the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, Noes 7.

So the question was lost, and the second reading negatived.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Election Regulation Bill was read second time.  
Ordered to be committed later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—  
That a respectful address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to send down a Bill for the prevention of Bulls and Stallions running at large during certain months of the year.  
Resolution put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—  
That the Petition of certain residents of Lillooet be referred to the Executive.\*  
Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—  
That the Petition of W. H. Kay be referred to the Executive.  
Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in Telegraph Regulation Bill.  
Ordered that leave be granted.  
The Bill was read first time accordingly.  
Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved the following Resolution:—  
That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send down a Bill to allow all Road Steamers manufactured in the Colony, to run on all the Roads in British Columbia, without giving Bonds or paying Messrs. Beedy and Barnard any sum for strengthening Bridges.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that the same was out of order.  
The mover then withdrew all words after “Columbia.”  
On the question being put, as amended, the Council divided.  
Ayes 4, Noes 4.  
Which being a tie vote, the Speaker cast his vote in the negative and the question was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Election Regulation Bill.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.  
On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported considerable progress made, and asked leave to sit again.  
Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted for to-morrow.

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

Friday, the 10th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Helmcken, Hamley, Messrs. O'Reilly, Nathan, Nelson, Bunster, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Cornwall, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

\* See Sessional Papers No. 8.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Deputy Registrar's Salary Act be now read second time.

Mr. Nathan moved, in amendment, that the Bill be read second time this day six months.

Whereupon the Council divided.

*Ayes* 9, *Noes* 1.

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

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
Messrs. O'Reilly, Nathan, Cornwall.	The Hon. Mr. Hamley.

So the amendment was carried.

Messrs. Phillippo, Helmcken, Nelson, Humphreys, DeCosmos, and Bunster not having voted, were counted in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act for regulate Elections of Members of the Legislature of this Colony."

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

*Message No. 30.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to prevent Bribery, Treating, and Undue Influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature."

*Government House,  
10th March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday the 14th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken; Messrs. O'Reilly, Alston, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Humphreys Pemberton, Bunster, Cornwall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. DeCosmos gave 2 notices of motion.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Bunster gave a notice of motion.

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

Ordered to be postponed till Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved,—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send copies of correspondence between James Lowe and J. D. Pemberton, late Surveyor General of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of British Columbia, as well as the public notice referred to in Mr. Pemberton's letter; also the after correspondence between Messrs. Drake, Jackson, and Aikman, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, in connection with a claim for a Land Warrant.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—  
That all the votes and names for and against all the amendments to Section 3 in the Registration of Voters Bill be printed for the House.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 6.

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

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
Messrs. Nelson, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Bunster.	The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken, Phillippo, Hamley, Messrs. Nathan, O'Reilly, Pemberton.

Mr. Alston not having voted was counted with the Ayes.  
So the motion was lost.

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

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to prevent Bribery, Treating, and Undue Influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature."

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

*Message No. 31.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for a permanent Civil List."

*Government House,  
14th March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

The Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Contested Elections Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Then, on the motion of Mr. Nathan, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday the 17th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, Nelson, DeCosmos, Humphreys Pemberton, Bunster, Cornwall, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 32.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law as to the qualification of Electors and of Elective Members for the Legislature, and to provide for the registration of persons entitled to vote at Elections of such Members.

*Government House,  
14th March, 1871.*

A further Message read as follows,—

Message No. 88.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor to grant Charters for Tolls."

Government House,  
17th March, 1871.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill was read first time.  
Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. Bunster presented the Petition of Inhabitants of Victoria, relating to Telegraph Regulations.

Petition received and read.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave a notice of motion.

Mr. DeCosmos gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Bunster gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nelson gave a notice of motion.

Mr. Nathan moved the suspension of Standing Orders.

Motion negatived.

Mr. Nathan gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to abolish Road Tolls on Hides, Ore, and Furs.

Mr. Humphreys moved in amendment, Mr. Bunster seconding,—

That the words "send down a Bill to" be inserted between "to" and "abolish," and the words "Wool, Tallow, and Cattle" be added.

Amendment put and carried.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr. DeCosmos seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to send down, for the information of the House, copies of all the correspondence that passed between the Government of British Columbia and Her Majesty's Government, relating to the suspension of Thomas Basil Humphreys from the exercise of the duties and office of a Legislative Councillor.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 10.

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

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Bunster,  
DeCosmos.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Hamley,  
Phillippo,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Messrs. Alston,  
O'Reilly,  
Nathan,  
Cornwall,  
Nelson,  
Pemberton.

Mr. Humphreys not having voted was counted in the affirmative.  
So it passed in the negative and the motion was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Bunster seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that provision be made for carrying a weekly mail between Metchosin and Muir's Landing, Sooke Harbour.

Resolution put and carried.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion in the name of Mr. DeCosmos, as to voting by Ballot,

Ordered that the same be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General moved the second reading of the Civil List Bill, Mr. O'Reilly seconding.

Whereupon a debate arose.

Mr. Nathan moved in amendment, Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Bill be read second time this day three months.

The debate having terminated and on the amendment being put, the Council divided.

*Ayes* 5, *Noes* 8.

The names, on request, having been taken down as follows:—

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Cornwall,  
Alston,  
Pemberton.

Mr. Nelson not having voted was counted with the *Ayes*.

So the amendment was negatived.

On the question of the second reading of the Bill being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes* 9, *Noes* 4.

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

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Cornwall,  
Alston,  
Pemberton.

*Noes.*  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster.

Mr. Nelson not having voted was counted with the *Ayes*.

So the question was carried in the affirmative and the Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Controverted Elections Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

### Monday, the 20th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Carrall; Messrs. DeCosmos, Nelson, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Loan Investment Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos asked leave to bring in Bankruptcy Exemption Bill.

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

The Bill was read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

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

### Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Cornwall, DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Nelson, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 84.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Honourable Legislative Council,

requesting that a Bill may be submitted to them for the prevention of Bulls and Stallions running at large during certain months of the year.

While agreeing with the Council in regarding such a measure as desirable, the Governor fears that sudden legislation upon this subject, without notice, might have the effect of causing misapprehension and possible disturbance on the part of the Indian Tribes, who would be affected by the provisions it is intended to establish. The Governor proposes, therefore, as a first step, to warn the Indians, through the Magistrates in the several Districts, of the regulations which are to be in future enforced, and thus prepare the way for the Act, which, under these circumstances, he thinks it would be preferable to postpone until the next Session of the Legislature.

*Government House,  
20th March, 1871.*

A further Message read as follows:—

*Message No. 35.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations."

*Government House,  
20th March, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. DeCosmos gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Phillippo gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Toll Charter Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to enable the Governor to grant Charters for Tolls."

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Controverted Elections Bill.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Civil List Bill, and the question put "That I do leave the Chair."

Mr. DeCosmos moved in amendment, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That this Council instructs the Committee of the whole to alter the Civil List Bill now before the House, so as to confine the operation of the Bill to the offices and salaries of the Colonial Secretary, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Attorney General.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 5, Noes 8.*

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

*Ayes.*  
Messrs. Nathan,  
Nelson,  
DeCosmos,  
Humphreys,  
Bunster.

*Noes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
O'Reilly,  
Cornwall,  
Alston,  
Pemberton.

So the amendment was lost.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be adopted, and leave granted the first thing to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Bunster, Humphreys, Alston, Pemberton, Cornwall, Skinner, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

Message No. 36.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate Elections of Members of the Legislature of the Colony."

Government House,  
22nd March, 1871.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted for to-morrow.

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

Mr. Alston moved, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—

That the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, the Attorney General seconding,—

That the Bill be read second time this day six months.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 5.

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Helmcken,  
Carrall,  
Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Pemberton.

*Noes.*  
Messrs. Humphreys,  
DeCosmos,  
Bunster,  
Skinner,  
Alston.

So the amendment was carried and it was Ordered that the Bill be read second time this day six months.

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

Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Alston, Nathan, O'Reilly, Skinner, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Civil List Bill, and the question put "That I do leave the Chair," the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 4.

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

*Ayes.*  
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken,  
Phillippo,  
Hamley,  
Carrall,  
Messrs. O'Reilly,  
Pemberton,  
Alston.

*Noes.*  
Messrs. Nathan,  
DeCosmos,  
Humphreys,  
Bunster.

So the question was carried, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to provide for a permanent Civil List."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Loan Investment Bill,

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Cattle Exemption Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Statute Repeal Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with slight 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 that its title be "An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations."

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that any documents showing how the Telegraph line between Victoria and Cariboo is managed, and the nature of the pecuniary liabilities and privileges of the Government respecting the same, be laid before this House.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 5, Noes 4.*

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Phillippo asked leave to bring in Charitable Institutions Bill.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of \$500 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of clearing and improving the Road from New Westminster along the North Arm of Fraser River, known as the North Arm Road.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr. Nathan seconding,—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to allow the Steamer "Isabel" to enter the Harbours of Victoria and Nanaimo free of port charges, in consideration of the said Steamer carrying the Mails free from the American shore, and making two trips per week to Victoria.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan asked leave to bring in Municipal School Aid Bill.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

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

Friday the 24th day of March, 1871.

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

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Pemberton, Bunster, Skinner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 37.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act for compiling and printing a new edition of the Laws of British Columbia."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be now read first time.

Ordered accordingly, and Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read second time.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed later in the day.

A further Message read as follows:—

*Message No. 38.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards for the information of the Honourable Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, on the subject of the Ordinance passed by the late Council at its last Session "to prevent desertion from Merchant Ships," and he submits for their consideration a Bill which has been prepared to give effect to the suggestions of the Secretary of State.

*Government House,  
24th March, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Humphreys spoke to a question of privilege.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Loan Investment Bill,  
Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,  
The committal of the Cattle Exemption Bill was ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,  
The committal of the Controverted Elections Bill was ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Charitable Associations Bill was read second time,  
Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to incorporate Charitable, Philanthropic, and Provident Associations."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Municipal School Aid Bill,  
Ordered to be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Compilation of Laws Bill was committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act for compiling and printing a new edition of the Laws of British Columbia."

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

*Message No. 39.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to abolish Road Tolls on all articles coming from the Interior of the Colony."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1871.*

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,  
Bill read first and second times.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with slight 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 "An Act to abolish Road Tolls on articles coming from the Interior of the Colony in the direction of the Seaboard."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 27th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,— The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Alston, DeCosmos, Nelson, Skinner, Humphreys, Bunster, O'Reilly, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

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

*Message No. 40.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor to grant Charters for Tolls."

*Government House,  
24th March, 1871.*

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act to amend the Loan Investment Ordinance, 1869."

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to exempt (in certain cases) Cattle farmed on shares, and their increase, from the operation of any Bankruptcy or Insolvency Laws."

A further Message read as follows,—

*Message No. 41.*

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills entitled respectively—

"An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations,"

"An Act to prevent Bribery, Treating, and Undue Influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature."

*Government House,  
27th March, 1871.*

Mr. DeCosmos moved the suspension of Standing Orders.  
Motion negatived.

Council adjourned during pleasure.

Pursuant to Order, the Merchant Shipping Bill was read second time.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to prevent desertion from Merchant Ships."

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act to make provision for enquiring into Controverted Elections and disputed Returns of Members to serve in the Legislature."

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

Bill withdrawn by leave.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 2.30 p. m. to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Alston, Nathan, Nelson, Skinner, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governor, attended by his Private Secretary, then entered the Council Chamber, and, having occupied the Speaker's Chair, delivered the following Speech proroguing the Council :—

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

The period has now arrived when I may with propriety relieve you from further attendance on Legislative duties, as you have had under your consideration all those subjects with which it is expedient to deal at the present time.

I have received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies an intimation of the satisfaction with which Her Majesty's Government have regarded the intelligence of the unanimous passing of your Address to the Queen, praying for Union with the Dominion of Canada. There is no reason to doubt that the Parliament of the Dominion will also adopt a similar course during their Session. We may now, therefore, confidently anticipate that within a short time the formal declaration of Union will be proclaimed.

I entertain the strongest hope, and indeed cherish the assurance, that this coming event will be the commencement of a new and prosperous era for the Community. The arrangements by which it will be inaugurated are most favourable to this Province of the Dominion; and it will only remain for the good sense, moderation, and prudence of the people so to use their advantages, and the circumstances by which they are surrounded, as to obtain a happy issue from the material benefits, and the working of the free Political Institutions which are about to be established.

At the conclusion of a Session begun under so great a sense of responsibility, and with so many important duties incumbent upon us in the arrangements necessary for the future; I congratulate you on the manner in which the business has been conducted, and upon the success of your labours. In the measures which I have recommended to you, I have been guided by the experience which I have acquired of the working of Representative Institutions under different circumstances in several other Colonies. No human precautions are perfect, and doubtless imperfections will be discovered, which from time to time will require correction. But I am confident the practical test of experiment will justify the wisdom of the principles upon which we have proceeded in shaping the political machinery for the future administration of the Local Government, and the enactments by which we have endeavoured to carry those principles into action. With regard to one of these, the Civil List Act, which is in fact ancillary to the Constitution Act, some erroneous impressions have been received. The measure was not intended to render the several Departments of the Public Service independent of the Legislature of the

Colony, nor can it have that effect. It will not prevent the dismissal of any official for misconduct, nor be an obstacle to systematic remodelling of Public Departments. But experience has shewn, without exception, that the tendency of "Responsible Government" in small communities is to increase public expenditure, and to provide for party followers at the expense of public interests. The operation of the "Civil List Act," while it affords a certain protection to individuals now in the Public Service from unjust removal, is mainly valuable as a restraint upon the Executive authority, and to prevent any alteration or increase of existing Departments, without the well considered sanction of the Legislature. There is nothing contained in the Act to prevent amendment or modification whenever such a course shall be deliberately and constitutionally adopted.

Your existence as the first Representative Legislature of the United Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island will be ephemeral. Another of the measures to which I have referred will be the cause of your own extinction and the substitution of a larger and differently constituted Legislative Body. But your Members may reflect with pride that to you has been confided the privilege of deciding upon the most important questions which have hitherto arisen, or are likely to arise for years to come, in the history of the Colony; to you belongs the honour of extending the limits of the British American Confederation to the shores of the Pacific, and of cementing the foundations of a great and prosperous state, whose future promises to be enlightened and progressive.

For myself I feel proud that I have been permitted to participate with you in this work. But, one of its effects will probably be soon to terminate my official connection with the Colony. I may not again meet the Legislature in Session assembled; and I embrace this opportunity to express my thanks for the support which I have always obtained at your hands and my acknowledgment of the harmonious relations subsisting between the Legislature and myself during the whole period of my administration. Whatever may be my future fortune, I shall carry away with me from British Columbia, and I hope you will retain, a pleasant recollection of good feeling and mutual assistance in accomplishing the work which we undertook to perform.

I now prorogue your Honourable Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

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# APPENDIX.

## SESSIONAL PAPERS.

No. 1.

### PETITION OF THE MINERS OF CARIBOO.

*To His Excellency Anthony Musgrave, Governor of British Columbia, &c., &c., and to the Honourable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.*

The undersigned, residents of British Columbia, desire to present the following Petition:—

The exertions of a few men have now established the fact that there is a large and extensive Gold Field, lying upon the tributary streams of Peace River, which bids fair to equal Cariboo in richness, and surpass it in extent. This Gold Field extends from the Valley of Peace River to a line about forty miles east of Tatla Lake, and embraces one of the most inaccessible portions of British Columbia.

During a very short space of time, one creek alone yielded about \$70,000 to the labour of about 100 men, some of whom worked five weeks, and many of whom worked only two weeks in the bed of the stream. The average yield of each day's labour is now known to have been over \$25.

Many other creeks have been prospected, giving a certainty of \$5 or \$6 per day; and another creek prospects equally as rich as Germansen Creek.

The difficulty of access to this region has as yet rendered the price of provisions enormous, averaging from \$1 12 to \$2 50 per lb.

Hitherto the sum of \$1,000 only has been given by the Government for exploring this vast region, while many thousands have been expended by private individuals.

The explorations of this hardy band of pioneers during the past summer have established the following facts:—

1st—That the only cheap method of transport through that country is by water travel;

2nd—That a point exists where the waters of the Fraser River and the waters which flow to the Arctic Ocean are but ten miles distant, and a low and almost level pass connects the two;

3rd—A waggon road of ten miles in length, over which boats and provisions could be carried, would enable the miner or merchant to transport his supplies from Quesnelmouth to the mouth of Germansen Creek;

4th—After leaving this portage, the distances would be as follows:—

Down Crooked River to McLeod's Lake.....	70 miles
Thence to Parsnip River.....	25 "
Thence to Omineca River .....	115 "
Up to Germansen Creek.....	70 "
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	280 "

Of this distance, except 85 miles, all craft bound to Omineca would have the advantage of a favourable, though sluggish, current. The greater part is well adapted for steam-boats. The remaining 85 miles contain but two cañons, around which freight would have to be transported during the season of high water only;

5th—The expense of constructing this waggon road would probably not exceed \$10,000;

6th—An additional expenditure of \$4,000 or \$5,000 would clear the banks of the Crooked River and the Omineca, so that loaded boats at any stage of water could pass in either direction;

7th—A further outlay of \$15,000 would construct a good and practicable trail from Quesnelmouth, by way of Stuart's River and McLeod's Lake, crossing Nation River direct to Germansen Creek, over which beef cattle and pack animals could be driven during summer, and miners could pass in winter. Plenty of feed can be found on the entire length of this trail;

8th—By the expenditure of the above sums the cost of living would be reduced during the ensuing season at least 75 per cent., and a means of exit furnished to the miner who desired to leave that country after the winter had begun.

We therefore humbly pray Your Excellency that, in view of the foregoing facts, you will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the ensuing Session of the Legislative Council the sum of \$30,000, for the purpose of opening the above trails, after the necessary surveys have been made, and for making a waggon road across the "Giscome Portage."

And your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed) JAMES ORR,  
WM. RENNIE,  
AND 397 OTHERS.

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No. 2.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 7.

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RESPECTING THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN THE TARIFF.

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GOVERNOR MUSGRAVE TO LORD LISGAR.

Victoria,  
25th January, 1871.

To Lord Lisgar, Ottawa.

Legislature, by Resolution, request me to seek consent of your Government to alteration of our existing Tariff, during this Session, by reducing duty on Spirits to Canadian rate—eighty cents; on Flour to seventy-five cents per barrel; on Wheat to ten cents per bushel, so as to enter Union with British Columbia Tariff so altered. Aggregate Revenue would not be less than under Canadian Tariff. I recommend assent. Telegraph reply.

(Signed) A. MUSGRAVE.

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LORD LISGAR TO GOVERNOR MUSGRAVE.

Ottawa, February 1st, 1871.  
Victoria, " 1st "

To His Excellency Governor Musgrave, Victoria.

The Terms of Union are in nature of a Treaty. They have been extensively published in Canada, and accepted by British Columbia; the Canadian Government therefore think they have no right to alter those Terms. After acceptance by Canada Parliament may in its discretion modify the Tariff on the request of British Columbia. I have no doubt that Parliament will consider any proposition made by you, with a desire to meet your views as much as it properly can.

(Signed) LISGAR.

No. 3.

PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF VICTORIA AGAINST  
ROAD STEAMER BILL.

*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned sheweth—

That the proposed Bill giving a monopoly to the importers of "Thomson's Road Steamers," is one which will work great hardship on a very large class in British Columbia.

At the present time there is at least \$650,000 invested in freighting and carrying goods between Victoria and Cariboo. This trade will be destroyed by giving to these Steamers a monopoly.

If the advantage is so great to the public as alleged, the introduction of these Steamers will pay without any monopoly. The owners of Steamboats on the Fraser River and Inland Waters, although investing as much capital as is required for these Road Steamers, never asked for exclusive privileges, and are content with the profits which belong to their energy and enterprise.

Last summer freight from Yale to Barkerville was carried in large quantities at 7½ cents a pound, and this year the rates will be probably lower, as the competition will be considerably increased from various circumstances, and also because the expense of teaming becomes less annually.

Your Petitioners believe that other parties are willing to introduce Road Steamers on the Cariboo line of Roads, for which they ask no exclusive rights, and are willing to compete fairly with the present trade, under such restrictions as the Government may think fit to impose.

The people chiefly interested in the carrying trade of British Columbia have had no opportunity of protesting against the proposed Bill, as they have not received any notice of any intention to apply for such an Act, and the terms of it they are entirely ignorant of.

It is well known that in early days, when the carrying trade of the Colony was in a few hands, the owners of the teams forwarded their own and their friends goods in preference to all others and thus made large profits at the expense of the mercantile community. If this Bill is allowed to pass with its exclusive privileges, the public will probably suffer in the same way that it did before, for the benefit of the few interested in the proposed Bill.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the said Bill do not become Law, &c., &c., &c.

(Signed) JAMES LOWE,  
JOHN QUAGLIOTTI,  
J. C. NICHOLSON,  
THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEMIDT,  
JOSEPH NELSON,  
KWONG LEE & Co.,  
RODR. FINLAYSON, for H.B.Co.,  
WILLIAM IRVING,  
JEROME HARPER,  
per T. HARPER,  
J. RUEFF,  
O. CASAMAYOU & Co.,  
CHAS. OPPENHEIMER,  
per D. OPPENHEIMER,  
PETER McQUADE,  
J. R. ADAMS.

## No. 4.

## ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 11.

RETURN showing the amount of LAND PRE-EMPTED, SOLD, and LEASED in the various Districts of the MAINLAND, for the Year 1870.

Districts.	No. of Acres Pre-empted.	No. of Acres Sold.	No. of Acres sold contiguous to Pre-emption claims	No. of Acres applied for under Pastoral Leases.	No. of Acres actually leased.	Timber-cutting Licences granted.
New Westminster .....	17,210	6,323.50	2,310	700	....	14,480
Hope, Yale, and Lytton.....	2,722	1,061.50	1,761	...	13,430	
Lillooet .....	3,520	...	480	22,850*	3,500	
Cariboo.....	1,300					
Kootenay .....						

\* Pastoral Leases granted conditionally.

RETURN of the LANDS PRE-EMPTED, SOLD, and LEASED in the different Districts of VANCOUVER ISLAND, during the Year 1870.

Districts.	No. of Acres Pre-empted.	No. of Acres Sold.	No. of Acres sold as contiguous land.	No. of Acres Leased as Pastoral Lands.	No. of Acres Leased as Timber-cutting Reserves.	No. of Acres Coal.	No. of Acres Leased for other purposes.
Metchozin .....	595	...	50				
Sooke .....	629						
Highland .....	164	114					
Lake .....	76						
North Saanich.....	95	49.80					
South Saanich.....	550						
Cowichan .....	316	491					
Comiaken .....	300	350					
Somenos .....	200	89.50					
Quamichan .....	50	200					
Shawnigan .....	557	234.70					
Chemalnis .....	300	...	100	...	510		
Salt Spring Island .....	600	...	...	852			
Mountain .....	700	433					
Cedar.....	770	...	50				
Cranberry.....	100	...	100				
Small Islands and Dependencies .....	1,815	527	...	...	...	...	600
Comox .....	1,188	619.77	150	...	...	5,000	
Alexandria .....	310						
Esquimalt.....	...	100					
Total Acres...	9,315	3,118.77	450	852	510	5,000	600

## No. 5.

## ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 15.

A RETURN of the AMOUNTS LEVIED, COLLECTED, and EXPENDED in each ROAD DISTRICT of VANCOUVER ISLAND, in 1870.

DISTRICT.	LEVIED.		COLLECTED.		EXPENDED.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Nanaimo.....	1,610	70	1,454	95	2,602	50
Comox .....	331	04	331	04	778	30
Cowichan and Salt Spring Island.....	1,116	20	1,078	60	2,770	82
Victoria .....	1,359	42	916	57	2,832	23
Esquimalt .....	604	00	594	23	850	38
Metchozin .....	400	00	254	72	1,257	88
Saanich .....	1,379	54	1,148	79	3,128	44
Sooke.....	235	00	130	14	558	73

(Signed) PHILIP J. HANKIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

No. 6.

ENCLOSURES IN MESSAGE No. 16.

A RETURN of the ARTICLES of DOMESTIC PRODUCE or MANUFACTURE EXPORTED from the Colony of British Columbia, in the Years 1867-68-69-70.

Countries to which Exported.	Year 1867.	Year 1868.	Year 1869.	Year 1870.	Articles of Export.	Year 1867.	Year 1868.	Year 1869.	Year 1870.
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
UNITED KINGDOM ....	...	182,908	192,710	155,571	Ale .....	...	...	60	60
BRITISH POSSESSIONS					Bricks .....	90	...	750	324
New South Wales	16,527	9,579	35,911	5,088	Castings .....	...	...	2,552	1,776
New Zealand .....	6,517	...	7,243	...	Cranberries .....	3,260	8,523	10,790	1,238
South Australia...	...	7,000	6,669	...	Coals.....	72,963	198,408	119,820	96,687
Victoria .....	14,960	10,100	11,193	18,312	Fish .....	3,112	7,979	4,608	13,394
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.					Fish Oil .....	2,919	26,642	19,878	18,467
Batavia .....	6,747	...	...	...	Furs and Hides.....	68,391	206,375	233,682	177,004
Chili.....	7,564	25,979	28,373	3,528	Leather.....	188	...	...	...
China .....	3,530	31,876	19,708	18,730	Lime .....	...	505	1,301	961
Franco.....	19,400	...	...	...	Live Stock .....	255	275	...	50
Hawaiian Islands..	6,832	14,373	12,228	26,235	Lumber.....	86,692	184,135	252,454	128,257
Mexico .....	...	11,688	619	5,364	Miscellaneous .....	467	1,310	...	200
Peru.....	7,200	40,580	43,144	44,215	Potatoes .....	300	827	129	785
Russian Posses'ns	2,160	...	...	...	Stones.....	...	...	...	2,500
Tahiti .....	...	...	...	1,509	Tallow .....	...	...	610	505
U. S. of America..	148,140	306,832	293,750	169,480	Wool .....	...	6,230	4,930	5,729
TOTALS.....\$	238,577	640,912	651,568	448,027	TOTALS.....\$	238,577	640,912	651,568	448,027

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HAMLEY.

A RETURN of the ARTICLES of FOREIGN PRODUCE or MANUFACTURE EXPORTED from the Colony of British Columbia, in the Years 1867-68-69-70.

Countries to which Exported.	Year 1867.	Year 1868.	Year 1869.	Year 1870.	Articles of Export.	Year 1867.	Year 1868.	Year 1869.	Year 1870.
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
UNITED KINGDOM ....	...	20,560	12,250	1,333	Ale and Porter ....	7,000	5,343	3,901	2,653
BRITISH POSSESSIONS					Bottles .....	591	...	630	216
New South Wales	...	...	...	50	Bricks.....	219	...	...	...
Victoria.....	15,000	...	...	...	Cigars.....	855	...	6,266	280
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					Dry goods, &c.....	10,846	18,980	7,108	26,870
Chili.....	...	...	1,000	...	Flour.....	...	...	550	850
Feejee Islands .....	800	...	...	...	Furniture.....	13,340	...	...	...
Hawaiian Islands..	13,200	14,793	5,594	23,553	Groceries .....	4,860	2,188	237	1,659
Russian Posses'ns	21,073	...	...	...	Household goods ..	735	...	2,478	738
U. S. of America..	79,852	72,634	48,791	38,884	Iron, Copper, &c..	22,940	10,332	4,670	3,432
					Junk .....	...	...	502	420
					Live Stock.....	...	...	292	...
					Miscellaneous .....	30,633	25,720	11,114	9,900
					Molasses .....	...	1,058	286	40
					Quicksilver .....	15,000	...	...	...
					Salt.....	1,368	1,725	11,370	2,278
					Soap .....	...	...	450	138
					Spirits .....	7,964	11,009	8,850	7,317
					Sugar.....	6,431	16,193	3,554	4,378
					Tea .....	...	347	183	857
					Tobacco .....	538	796	200	167
					Vegetables.....	103	37	...	...
					Waggon.....	...	2,297	...	...
					Wines.....	2,520	1,253	1,496	2,132
					Government Stores	...	...	3,500	...
TOTALS.....\$	184,925	107,987	67,635	63,820	TOTALS.....\$	184,925	107,987	67,635	63,820

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HAMLEY.

A RETURN of BONDED GOODS SHIPPED as STORES in Sea-going Ships, in the Years 1869-70.

Articles.	Year 1869.		Articles.	Year 1870.	
	Quantity.	Value.		Quantity.	Value.
Ale and Porter .....	48 doz.	120	Ale and Porter .....	84 doz.	210
Beef and Pork .....	10 bbls.	178	Beef and Pork.....	68 bbls.	650
Butter .....	4 fksns.	204	Butter .....	17 fksns.	729
Candles .....	...	...	Candles .....	5 boxes	25
Cigars .....	16,850 no.	1,027	Cigars.....	26,950 no.	1,890
Coffee .....	7 sacks	173	Coffee .....	14 sacks, 4 boxes	378
Flour .....	18 bbls.	108	Flour .....	21½ bbls.	150
Groceries.....	23 cases	172	Groceries.....	30 pkgs.	187
Miscellaneous .....	2 pkgs.	40	Miscellaneous .....	...	...
Molasses .....	...	...	Molasses .....	11 bbls.	52
Oils.....	...	...	Oils.....	1 bbl.	37
Rice.....	...	...	Rice.....	6 mats, 1½ bbls.	37
Rope.....	...	...	Rope.....	1 pkg.	10
Soap.....	...	...	Soap.....	16 boxes	23
Sugar, refined .....	...	...	Sugar, refined .....	6 bbls., 8 hlf. bbls.	255
" Sandwich Island..	15 kegs	185	" Sandwich Island	39 kegs	428
Tea.....	4 chests	80	Tea.....	9 chests	180
Tobacco.....	4 boxes	68	Tobacco.....	21 boxes'	400
Spirits.			Spirits.		
Brandy.....	118 cases	1,135	Brandy.....	2 qr. csk., 130 cs.	1,250
Gin.....	8 "	40	Gin.....	9 cases	45
Rum.....	1 bbl., 1 keg	40	Rum.....	3 bbls.	120
Whiskey.....	6 cases	30	Whiskey.....	11 cases, 1 keg	75
Sweetened .....	3 "	36	Sweetened .....	...	...
Wines.			Wines.		
Champagne.....	27 cases	389	Champagne.....	7 cases	126
Claret.....	10 "	50	Claret.....	1 case	8
Port, Sherry, &c. ....	4 "	30	Port, Sherry, &c.....	13 cs., 11 qr. cks.	1,041
	TOTAL...\$	4,105		TOTAL...\$	8,286

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HANLEY.

A RETURN of the BONDED GOODS and GOODS upon which DRAWBACK has been allowed, supplied to the Ships of Her Majesty's Navy, in the Years 1869-70.

Articles.	Year 1869.		Articles.	Year 1870.	
	Quantities.	Estimated Value.		Quantities.	Estimated Value.
Ale and Porter .....	9½ hds., 6 bbls., 318	1,260	Ale and Porter .....	14 hds., 274 doz.	1,108
Butter.....	4 fksns. [doz.]	200	Beef .....	50 bbls.	1,000
Cigars .....	500 no.	30	Butter.....	9 fksns.	450
Coffee.....	7 bags	200	Candles .....	80 boxes	400
Flour .....	2,002 bbls.	12,012	Cigars.....	11,650 no.	800
Groceries.....	79 pkgs.	559	Cheese .....	15 cases	350
Oatmeal.....	3,403 lbs.	272	Coffee.....	7 bags	240
Rice .....	1 bbl., 9 mats	42	Flour .....	2,389½ bbls.	16,726
Soap.....	367 boxes	1,223	Groceries.....	94 cases	611
Sugar, refined.....	13 bbls., 10½ bbls, 1	400	Hams.....	6 "	200
" Sandwich Island..	37,429 lbs. [loaf]	3,370	Lard .....	3 "	72
Spirits:—			Oatmeal.....	5,877 lbs.	470
Brandy.....	1 qr. csk., 134 cs.	1,281	Oils.....	26 casks and cases	708
Gin.....	33 cases	132	Rice .....	3 bbls.	55
Rum.....	8 puncheons, 1 bbl.	1,700	Sugar, refined.....	20 bbls., 8 hlf. bbls.,	630
Whiskey.....	3 qr. csk., 22 cases	260	" Sandwich Island..	61,661 lbs. [1 case	5,112
Sweetened .....	5 cases	75	Soap.....	1,129 boxes	3,970
Tea.....	126 chests	1,396	Tea.....	7,261 lbs.	2,904
Tobacco.....	3 cases	150	Tobacco.....	1,111 "	500
Wines:—			Spirits:—		
Champagne.....	49 "	625	Brandy.....	1 hhd., 3 qrs., 126	1,702
Claret.....	1 cask, 40 cases	250	Gin.....	1 " 91 cs. [cs.	555
Sherry, &c.....	7 qr. csk., 2 octs.,	833	Rum.....	2 puncheons, 3 hhd.	760
	[26 cases		Whiskey.....	8 qrs., 1 oct., 30 cs.	624
	TOTAL.....\$	26,381	Wines:—		
			Champagne.....	47 cases	846
			Claret.....	1 cask, 30 cases	250
			Port and Sherry.....	6 qrs., 2 octs. 34 cs.	872
			White Wine.....	10 cases	75
				TOTAL.....\$	41,990

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HANLEY.

GOODS IN BOND AT VICTORIA on the 31st January, 1871.

SPIRITS.

Description.	Punchoons.	Hogsheads	Quarter casks.	Barrels.	Octaves.	Cases.
Alcohol.....	...	...	...	1	...	...
Brandy.....	...	46	305	...	37	734
Gin.....	3	23½	63	...	...	...
Do. Old Tom.....	...	...	...	...	...	1148
Do. Hollands, green cases.....	...	...	...	...	...	455
Do. Hollands, red cases.....	...	...	...	...	...	763
Rum.....	30½	65	...	20	...	...
Whiskey.....	...	10	181	12	4	909
Curacaon, Maraschino, &c.....	...	...	...	...	...	98

WINES, &c.

Description.	Butts.	Pipes.	Casks.	Half Casks.	Quarter Casks.	Octaves.	Barrels.	Cases.
Burgundy.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
California.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Champagne.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	270
China Medicated.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...
Claret.....	...	...	79	9	...	5	...	314
Ginger.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Moselle.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Port.....	...	2	...	...	37	...	...	8
Rhine.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Sauterne.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sherry.....	12	...	...	...	159	31	...	63
Vermouth.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
Bitters.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Cider.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...

ALE AND PORTER.

Description.	Hogsheads.	Tierces.	Doz. Quarts.	Doz. Pints.
Ale.....	157	46	4685	789
Porter.....	...	...	5420	1284

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, &c.

Description.	Packages.	Value.
Blankets.....	409 trusses	\$ 26,912
Clothing, Hosiery, &c.....	293 bales and cases	57,455
Piece Goods.....	258 Do.	40,958
Boots and Shoes.....	32 cases	3,718
Carpeting.....	13 bales	1,663
Bags.....	60 bales	2,516

SUGARS.

Description.	Packages.	Weight
Sugar, China.....	90 mats	9,000 lbs.
Do. Refined.....	20 boxes, 21 cases, 202 bbls., 313 half-bbls.	82,189
Do. Sandwich I.....	1157 kegs	146,719
Molasses.....	884 barrels	...
Do. Syrup.....	81 kegs	...

TEA AND COFFEE.

Description.	Packages.	Weight
Tea.....	chests and half chests	40,604 lbs.
Coffee.....	63 sacks	7,177
Do. Manufactured.....	2 cases	98

OILMAN'S STORES.

Description.	Packages.	Value.
Preserved Fruits.....	399 cases	\$ 2,447
General Groceries.....	1104 cases	7,655

OILS.

Description.	Packages.	Value.
China, nut.....	15 cases.	\$ 93 75
Coal.....	50 "	212 50
Colza.....	2 "	38 00
Gallipoli.....	6 bbls. and cases.	142 00
Linseed.....	109 "	1762 00
Sweet.....	136 "	616 00

TOBACCO.

Description.	Quantity.
Cigars.....	209,300
Cigaritos and Snuff.....	577 lbs.
Tobacco.....	22,807 lbs.

## GOODS IN BOND AT VICTORIA (continued.)

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.			MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.		
Description.	Packages.	Quantity or Value.	Description.	Packages.	Quantity or Value.
Barley.....	269 sacks	28,514 lbs.	Candles .....	3,614 boxes	78,016 lbs.
Beans .....	283 "	18,289 "	Canvas .....	14 bales	\$1,546
Rice.....	1217 mats	58,416 "	Cards, playing.....	5 cases	332
	69 bbls.	15,456 "	Firearms .....	54 cases	3,844
Split Peas .....	34 cases	3,808 "	Hardware.....	60 pkgs.	540
Beef and Pork .....	127 bbls.	\$1,618	Leather.....	8 cases	1,499
Bread and Biscuit.....	97 cases, 4 bbls.		Matches .....	27 "	1,197
Butter .....	133 f'kns.	12,965 lbs.	Opium.....	9 "	4,050
Cheese .....	23 cases	10,447 "	Paints.....	222 pkgs.	2,754
Lard .....	12 cases	1,440 "	Paper .....	40 bales	676
Flour.....		761 bbls.	Rope and Cordage ...	48 coils	836
Middlings .....	201 sacks	20,000 lbs.	Saddlery.....	5 cases	1,567
Oatmeal .....	58 cases and casks	9,880 "	Shot and Ball .....	70 kegs	22,112 lbs.
				11 "	\$ 211
			Soap .....	6258 bxs. & cases	9,442
			Miscellaneous .....	313 pkgs.	6,741

## GUNPOWDER.

(Stored partly in the Hudson Bay Barge, at Esquimalt, partly in Guy Huston's Store, near Sannich Road.

Sporting.....383 kegs and cases, 12,743 lbs.  
 Blasting..... 6 " 300 "

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HAMLEY.

## A STATEMENT of the GOODS IN BOND at NEW WESTMINSTER, 31st January, 1871.

SPIRITS.		WINES.	
Brandy .....	5 hds., 12 qr. casks, 45 cases.	Champagne .....	23 cases.
Gin .....	5 puncheons.	Ginger Wine .....	1 case.
Old Tom.....	100 cases.	Port.....	2 hds., 2 qr. casks.
Hollands.....	53 green cases, 23 red cases.	Sherry .....	5 qr. casks., 14 cases.
Rum .....	6 puncheons, 1 qr. cask.	Bitters.....	4 cases.
Whiskey.....	5 " 13 " 1 case.		
Ale and Porter ...	220 doz. qts., 174 doz. pints.	Oatmeal .....	1 case, 112 lbs.
Cigars .....	1 case, 10,000.	Candles .....	80 boxes, 2,000 lbs.
Groceries and Oil-		Firearms .....	1 case, \$36.
man's Stores ...	10 cases, value \$55.	Rope and Cordage	2 pkgs., \$118.
Dried Fruits .....	10 " " \$28.	Soap .....	30 boxes, \$277.
Lard .....	1 case, 100 lbs.	Miscellaneous .....	6 pkgs., \$434.

Custom House,  
16th February, 1871.

W. HAMLEY.

No. 7.

## PETITION OF W. H. KAY.

*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council, in Council assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned, William Henry Kay, Farmer and Stock-raiser, in the District of Lillooet, British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

That, in the autumn of 1862 your petitioner, together with his partner J. H. Brown, of Victoria, British Columbia, pre-empted two Land Claims in the aforesaid District, eight miles below Clinton, on the Clinton and Cariboo waggon road, to be worked together as one farm;

That the then resident Magistrate's (Mr. Elliott) consent was obtained to build one good house on the divide line, in such manner that each half should represent a dwelling on each side of the said claims, as proscribed by law ;

That, subsequently, the whole of the farm buildings and out-houses were erected on the said J. H. Brown's claim, in addition to about twenty acres cleared, and six or eight fenced ; thus representing improvements far in excess of the amount required by law ;

That the said J. H. Brown left your petitioner in full possession of the said land claim, and authorized your petitioner to represent him thereon ;

That your petitioner has lived on the said claim ever since its first occupation in 1862, fulfilling the requirements of the Law of Pre-emption in every essential, viz. : in permanent occupation, improvement, and cultivation ;

That the said J. H. Brown left for England in 1867, without giving your petitioner any written documents in proof of what is advanced hereinbefore, as it was supposed that the fact of your petitioner residing on the said Pre-emption Claim would be sufficient guarantee of the *bona fide* nature of the said agency ;

That in 1869, a certain Edward Allen applied to the resident Magistrate (E. H. Sanders, Esq.) for permission to pre-empt a portion of the said J. H. Brown's claim ;

That in consequence of your petitioner engaging to produce such written evidence as the said Magistrate should deem necessary, from the said J. H. Brown, of your petitioner being a *bona fide* agent, and of his being in legal possession of said claim, the said Magistrate gave his word to your petitioner that he would withhold his decision until after the arrival of the said evidence from England ;

That, subsequently, yielding to the pressing demands of the said Allen, and ignoring his promise to your petitioner, the said Magistrate appointed a hearing of the case for his last Court day in October, 1869, when in the absence of the material evidence required a jury decided against your petitioner ;

That the ensuing mail brought the documents required ;

That, whereas, previous to the trial, the said Allen applied for a *portion* only of the said claim, as his posts and notices indicated, he afterwards, on the 2nd November following, applied for the *whole* of the said claim, including the fenced land, the out-houses, the farm buildings, and half the dwelling house, wherein at the time your petitioner was dwelling ;

That for this new application no fresh posts were placed, no new notices were advertised ;

That on the same day aforesaid, the said Magistrate, without warning your petitioner, and contrary to the provisions of the Land Ordinance at the time in force, which provide for the lapse of one calendar month from the date of application before it shall be legal to grant such permission to pre-empt, the said Magistrate *did* grant such permission, regardless of the rights guaranteed to your petitioner by the Pre-emption Act,—rights established by eight years' possession and occupation ;

That, in consequence of this aforesaid permission, the said Edward Allen commenced, without a writ, to take forcible possession of said property, and in furtherance of this object to tear down and destroy fences and buildings ; thus, not only is your petitioner deprived of house and home, and virtually stripped of his property, but the public peace is hereby constantly endangered.

Your petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honourable Body will take into your earnest consideration this case of hardship and illegality, and that you cause such steps to be taken as in your wisdom you may deem fit, in order to institute a full and searching enquiry into the administration of the law, the manner and doing of which has allowed so gross an injustice to be perpetrated, and which shall, in due season, reinstate your petitioner in the full exercise of his undoubted privileges and rights, and in the undisputed possession of his property.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Victoria, B. C., 23rd February, 1871.

(Signed) J. H. BROWN,  
per W. H. KAY.

No. 8.

## PETITION OF THE RESIDENTS OF LILLOOET.

*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Council assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned residents of the town of Lillooet and vicinity, humbly sheweth:—

1st. That, heretofore, a Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery was held at the town of Lillooet;

2nd. That, from some cause unknown to your petitioners, the said Court of Assize is discontinued, and no longer held at the town of Lillooet;

3rd. That many of your petitioners were summoned to appear and serve as Grand and Petty Jurymen at the Spring Assizes held at Clinton on July 4th ultimo;

4th. That Clinton is forty-seven miles from the town of Lillooet, and, in consequence, some of your petitioners, who are traders, had to close their stores for five or six days, at great pecuniary loss; others, who are farmers, had to leave their farms at a most important juncture—that of irrigation—thus entailing a loss which is irreparable;

5th. That there are upwards of sixty houses in the town of Lillooet, and more people to be found within a radius of twenty miles than are to be found within the same radius from any other given point in the District; that when the Court of Assize was held at Lillooet there were no persons summoned from Clinton or vicinity, nor further than twenty miles from the town of Lillooet;

6th. That your petitioners are fully alive to the duty and necessity of citizens serving as jurors, and for this reason your petitioners would earnestly entreat your Honourable Body to grant us relief, in order that a Court of Assize may be held at the town of Lillooet;

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed)

H. FEATHERSTONE,  
T. B. HUMPHREYS,  
THOS. HOEY,  
AND 60 OTHERS.

**1871.**

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**COLONIAL ESTIMATES,**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

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**A. & B.**

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**VICTORIA, B. C.:**  
**PRINTED AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.**

## A.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year 1871, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1869, being the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

	Estimate for 1871.	Revenue of 1869.	Revenue of 1870. (Approximate.)
Customs .....	320,000	356,678	32
Port and Harbour Dues .....			
Roads' Tolls.....	42,000	57,512	14
Excise Duties .....	3,500	4,215	76
Land Sales.....	20,000	1,354	50
Land Revenue.....	5,000	4,662	70
Rents, exclusive of Land.....	1,500	1,640	25
Free Miners' Certificates .....	11,000	9,940	00
Mining Receipts General.....	15,000	12,740	12
Licences .....	42,000	40,358	93
Postage .....	14,000	12,569	61
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court .....	6,500	5,824	56
Fees of Office.....	3,950	4,534	40
Sale of Government Property.....		2,545	28
Reimbursements in aid of Expenses incurred..	26,000	17,822	83
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	500	981	26
Arrears, Real Estate Tax, Vancouver Island....	16,000	241	82
Road Tax.....	7,000	4,871	45
<b>TOTAL.....\$</b>	<b>533,950</b>	<b>528,494</b>	<b>23</b>

REVENUE DETAILED.

	Estimate for 1871.	Revenue of 1869.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>		
Import Duties .....	\$ 310,300 00	344,250 85
Fees .....	275 00	302 00
Fines and Seizures .....	50 00	24 99
	<u>310,625 00</u>	
<b>PORT AND HARBOUR DUES.</b>		
Entrance and Clearance Fees .....	} 9,875 00	12,100 98
Coasting, River, & Inland Navigation Licences		
ROADS' TOLLS .....	42,000 00	47,512 14
EXCISE DUTIES .....	3,500 00	4,215 78
LAND SALES .....	20,000 00	1,854 50
<b>LAND REVENUE.</b>		
Rent of Land .....	} 5,000 00	4,662 70
Pre-emption Fees, &c. ....		
RENTS (EXCLUSIVE OF LAND).	5,000 00	
Ferry Rents, &c. ....	1,500 00	1,640 25
FREE MINERS' CERTIFICATES .....	11,000 00	9,940 00
MINING RECEIPTS, GENERAL .....	15,000 00	12,740 12
<b>LICENCES.</b>		
Spirit .....	27,000 00	27,182 50
Trading .....	15,000 00	13,176 48
	<u>42,000 00</u>	
<b>POSTAGE.</b>		
Private Letters and Box Rents .....	14,000 00	12,569 91
<b>FINES, FORFEITURES, AND FEES OF COURT.</b>		
Supreme Court .....	800 00	577 28
Bankruptcy Court .....	200 00	296 28
Police, Mining, and County Courts .....	5,500 00	4,951 10
	<u>6,500 00</u>	
<b>FEES OF OFFICE.</b>		
Land Registry Fees .....	2,500 00	2,678 92
Assay Fees .....	1,000 00	1,794 78
Registration of Joint Stock Companies .....	200 00	65 70
Inspecting Steamers .....	250 00	
	<u>3,950 00</u>	
<b>SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.</b>		
Unserviceable Stores .....		
Building Materials .....		
Provisions .....	...	2,545 28
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS IN AID OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY GOVERNMENT.</b>		
Steamer "Sir James Douglas" .....	14,000 00	
Her Majesty's Government for Mails .....	6,000 00	
Keep of Naval Prisoners, &c. ....	1,000 00	
Telegraphic Receipts .....	5,000 00	
	<u>26,000 00</u>	17,822 83
<b>MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.</b>		
Over-payments, &c., recovered .....	500 00	981 26
ARREARS VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE TAX .....	16,000 00	241 82
ROAD TAX .....	7,000 00	4,871 45
	<u>588,950 00</u>	<u>528,494 23</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 588,950 00</b>	<b>528,494 23</b>

**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, 1871, showing also the amount actually expended in the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz.: 1869.

Page of Detail.	Item of Estimate.	Salaries		Allowances.	Office Contingencies.	Estimate for the Year 1871.	Expenditure of 1869.	
		Fixed Establishment.	Provisional and Temporary					
8	1	Establishments	\$149,001 25	...	4,417 10	700 00	154,118 75	155,051 94
9	2	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities .....				2,910 00	9,020 98	
9	3	Revenue Services, Exclusive of Establishments.....				1,000 00	2,748 17	
9	4	Administration of Justice.... Do. ....				3,900 00	8,233 99	
9	5	Ecclesiastical, ..... Do. ....				—	—	
9	6	Charitable Allowances .....				10,500 00	11,326 25	
9	7	Education, Exclusive of Establishments .....				15,000 00	5,577 60	
9	8	Hospitals..... Do. ....				—	—	
9	9	Police and Gaols,..... Do. ....				12,000 00	16,715 44	
9	10	Rent.....				264 50	868 46	
9	11	Transport .....				3,250 00	10,926 22	
9	12	Conveyance of Mails.....				36,549 96	33,239 88	
10	13	Works and Buildings .....				23,650 00	12,385 71	
10	14	Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....				54,550 00	49,001 35	
10	15	Miscellaneous Services.....				23,260 00	33,046 94	
10	16	Interest .....				103,440 00	102,082 41	
11	17	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c. ....				2,100 00	1,962 18	
11	18	Immigration .....				—	—	
11	19	Redemption of Bonds .....				—	—	
11	20	Sinking Fund.....				50,197 50	20,948 75	
11	21	Temporary Loans .....				—	5,308 05	
11	22	Home Government Account .....				3,274 30	—	
11	23	Government Vessels.....				12,800 00	16,388 50	
11	24	Lighthouses .....				9,370 00	10,206 76	
						522,135 01	515,530 62	

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.....		<u>\$2,052</u>

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Clerk.....	\$600	
Messenger.....	200	800
CONTINGENCIES.		
Fuel, Light, &c.....		100
Total Legislative Council.....		<u>\$900</u>

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Colonial Secretary (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).		
Assistant Colonial Secretary.....	\$1,040.	
Two Clerks.....	2,904	
Messenger.....	500	5,344
PRINTING BRANCH.	Fixed Establishment.	
Superintendent.....	1,320	
Two Printers.....	1,920	
Assistant Printer.....	640	3,880
Total Colonial Secretary.....		<u>\$9,224</u>

TREASURY.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Chief Clerk in Charge.....	\$1,900	
Clerk.....	1,452	
Clerk.....	1,200	4,552
ALLOWANCES.		
To Officer in Charge.....		250
Total Treasury.....		<u>\$4,802</u>

AUDITOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Auditor General.....	\$2,425	
Chief Clerk.....	1,452	3,877
CONTINGENCIES.		
Extra Assistance in Audit Office.....		500
Total Auditor General.....		<u>\$4,377</u>

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND SURVEYOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Chief Commissioner (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).		
Assistant Surveyor General.....	\$1,900	
Clerk.....	1,224	
Draughtsman.....	1,224	
Accountant Clerk.....	1,200	
Inspector of Steam Boilers.....	1,200	
Messenger.....	250	6,998
Total Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General.....		<u>\$6,998</u>

## 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 (Victoria) .....		1,704
Do. (Esquimalt) .....		900
Two Boatmen and Watchmen, at \$696 each .....		1,392
Revenue Officer (Burrard Inlet) .....		1,200
Landing Waiter (New Westminster) .....		600
Constable (Osoyoos) .....		1,224
		8,724
Total Collector of Customs .....		\$13,820

## REGISTRAR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Registrar General (provided for under "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870.")	

## POST OFFICE.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Postmaster (Victoria) .....	\$2,000	
Clerk (New Westminster) .....	1,200	
Total Post Office .....		\$3,200

TOTAL OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED UNDER VOTES ..... \$45,373 00

Department of His Excellency the Governor .....	\$2,052
Department of Legislative Council .....	900
Department of Colonial Secretary .....	9,224
Department of Treasury .....	4,802
Department of Auditor General .....	4,377
Department of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works .....	6,998
Department of Collector of Customs .....	13,820
Department of Post Office .....	3,200
	\$45,373

## JUDICIAL.

## SUPREME COURT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Justice (provided for under "Supreme Court Ordinance, 1869.")	
Puisne Do. Do., Do., Do.	
Registrar Do., Do., 1870.	
Deputy Registrar Do., Do.	
Messenger .....	\$500

## ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.	
Attorney General (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).		
Clerk .....	\$1,008	
ALLOWANCES.		
Allowance to Attorney General in lieu of Prosecution Fees .....	1,455	
Total Attorney General .....		\$2,463

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

JUDICIAL.

HIGH SHERIFF.

ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Expenses..... \$1,500

TOTAL JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS..... \$4,463

Supreme Court.....	\$ 500
Attorney General.....	2,463
High Sheriff.....	1,500
	<u>\$4,463.</u>

POLICE, INCLUDING PRISONS AND GAOLS.

VICTORIA.

SALARIES.

Fixed Establishment.

POLICE.

Stipendiary Magistrate.....	\$2,250 00
Clerk.....	1,200 00
Inspector.....	1,008 00
Sergeant.....	800 00
Two Constables, at \$1.75 each per diem.....	1,277 50

GAOL.

Gaoler.....	\$1,008 00
Assistant Gaoler.....	912 50
Superintendent of Convicts.....	1,008 00
Two Convict Guards, \$638.75 each.....	1,277 50
Two Door Guards, \$547.50 each.....	1,095 00
Cook.....	638 75
Medical Officer.....	600 00
	<u>13,075 25</u>

NEW WESTMINSTER.

SALARIES.

Fixed Establishment:

POLICE.

Stipendiary Magistrate (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863 as Registrar General).	
Two Constables at \$638.75 each.....	\$1,277 50

GAOL.

Gaoler.....	1,008 00
Turnkey.....	708 00
Medical Officer.....	500 00
	<u>3,493 50</u>

Total Police and Gaols.....\$16,568 75

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

SALARIES.

Fixed Establishment.

Clerk and Constable.....	\$1,704
Constable.....	1,404
Constable (French Creek).....	1,704
	<u>4,812 00</u>

ALLOWANCES.

Allowance to Acting Magistrate.....1,212 50

Total Columbia and Kootenay District.....\$8,024 50

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

CARIBOO, INCLUDING QUESNEL, SODA CREEK AND OMINECA.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Stipendiary Magistrate and Gold Commissioner .....	\$3,400
Clerk .....	1,940
Chief Constable .....	1,940
Constable .....	1,450
Two Constables at \$1,008 each .....	2,016
Constable at Quesnel .....	1,124
Officer at Omineca .....	1,940
Total.....	\$13,910

YALE, INCLUDING HOPE AND LYTTON.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Gold Commissioner and Stipendiary Magistrate .....	\$3,000
Chief Constable (Yale) .....	1,101
Constable Do. ....	1,008
Chief Constable (Lytton) .....	1,104
Toll Collector (Yale) .....	1,114
Total.....	\$7,320

LILLOOET AND CLINTON.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Stipendiary Magistrate and Assistant Gold Commissioner .....	\$2,100
Chief Constable .....	1,104
Constable, Postmaster, and Toll Collector at Clinton.....	1,101
Total.....	\$4,608

NANAIMO AND COMOX.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Stipendiary Magistrate .....	\$2,250
Constable (Nanaimo) .....	732
Constable (Comox) .....	732
Total.....	\$3,714

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>					
	Crown Officers and other Salaries pro- vided for by Acts ... ..	52,137	50	...	...	52,137 50
5	Governor ... ..	1,952	00	...	100 00	2,052 00
5	Legislative Council ... ..	800	00	...	100 00	900 00
5	Colonial Secretary ... ..	9,224	00	...	...	9,224 00
5	Treasurer ... ..	4,552	00	250 00	...	4,802 00
5	Auditor General ... ..	3,877	00	...	500 00	4,377 00
5	Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works & c	6,998	00	...	...	6,998 00
6	Customs ... ..	13,820	00	...	...	13,820 00
6	Registrar General ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
6	Post Office ... ..	3,200	00	...	...	3,200 00
	<b>JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS:</b>					
6	Supreme Court ... ..	500	00	...	...	500 00
6	Attorney General ... ..	1,008	00	1,455 00	...	2,463 00
7	High Sheriff ... ..	...	...	1,500 00	...	1,500 00
	<b>POLICE AND GAOLS:</b>					
7	Police Establishments ... ..	16,568	75	...	...	16,568 75
	<b>GOLD, AND ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, AND STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES:</b>					
7	Columbia and Kootenay ... ..	4,812	00	1,212 50	...	6,024 50
8	Cariboo ... ..	13,910	00	...	...	13,910 00
8	Hope, Yale, and Lytton ... ..	7,320	00	...	...	7,320 00
8	Clinton and Lillooet... ..	4,608	00	...	...	4,608 00
8	Nanaimo ... ..	3,714	00	...	...	3,714 00
	<b>TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$149,001</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4,417 50</b>	<b>700 00</b>	<b>154,118 75</b>

No. 2.—PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES.

Pension to retired Chief Justice D. Cameron, Esq., under Act No 3 of V. I., 1864.	
Pension to Mrs. J. D. B. Ogilvy .....	\$ 485

No. 3.—REVENUE SERVICES (exclusive of Establishments).

Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty; Arrest and Prosecution of Smugglers .....	\$1,000
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No. 4.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (exclusive of Establishments).

Summoning Jurors and Witnesses, and other Contingencies .....	\$1,200
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees, &c.....	400
Expenses of Judges and Registrar on Circuit.....	2,000
Expenses attending Inquests .....	300
<b>Total Administration of Justice.....</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>

No. 5.—Nil.

No. 6.—CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Hospitals.....	\$10,000
In aid of destitute Poor and Sick .....	500
<b>Total Charitable Allowances.....</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>

No. 7.—EDUCATION (exclusive of Establishments).

In aid of District Schools .....	\$15,000
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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 .....	\$ 48 50
Do Do Lillooet .....	120 00
Do. Boat House, Nanaimo.....	36 00
Do. Gaol at Comox .....	60 00
<b>Total Rent.....</b>	<b>\$264 50</b>

No. 11.—TRANSPORT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—Travelling Expenses on duty.....	\$1,000
TREASURY—Freight on remittance of Treasure .....	250
Actual Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty.....	1,500
Keep of Government Horses throughout the Colony .....	500
<b>Total Transport.....</b>	<b>\$3,250</b>

No. 12.—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

To and from San Francisco .....	\$12,000 00
Do. Victoria and New Westminster .....	600 00
Do. Victoria and Esquimalt .....	600 00
Do. Victoria, Nanaimo, and Comox .....	4,200 00
Mail Contract, Cariboo, Mr. Barnard, 2 months, 1st Jan. to 28th Feb., at \$1,333 33 a month.....	2,666 66
Do. Do. Messrs. Gerow & Johnston, 10 months, at \$13,000 per annum.....	10,833 30
To and from Columbia River.....	600 00
Do. Kootenay.....	1,200 00
Do. New Westminster and Burrard Inlet.....	100 00
Do. Victoria and Saanich .....	300 00
Do. Victoria and Metlakhin .....	300 00
Casual Conveyance of Mails and Mail Bags to and from Steamers .....	250 00
Conveyance of Mails, homewards and outwards, between England and the United States .....	3,000 00
<b>Total Conveyance of Mails.....</b>	<b>\$36,549 96</b>

## No. 13.—WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Construction of a new Gaol at Nanaimo .....	\$ 750
Repairs to Buildings throughout the Colony :—	
Government Buildings, Victoria .....	1,250
Government House, Victoria .....	600
Government House, New Westminster .....	250
Government Buildings, New Westminster .....	500
Government Buildings, Yale .....	300
Government Buildings, Lillooet and Clinton .....	250
Government Buildings, Cariboo .....	400
Government Buildings, Kootenay .....	300
Repairs to Buoys, Fraser River .....	300
Repairs to Buoys, Victoria .....	200
Repairs to Buoys, Nanaimo .....	300
Surveys :—	
Miscellaneous Surveys throughout the Colony .....	6,000
TELEGRAPH :—	
New Line from Quesnelmouth to Barkerville .....	3,000
Maintenance, and operating Line from Victoria to Barkerville .....	9,250
Total Works and Buildings .....	\$23,850

## No. 14.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

Repairs to Roads and Trails throughout the Colony :—	
Yale-Clinton Road .....	\$16,000
Clinton and Camerontown Road .....	12,000
Douglas and Clinton Road .....	1,000
Hope-Kootenay Trail .....	1,500
Burrard Inlet Road .....	1,500
New Westminster-Yale Sleigh Road .....	2,000
New Westminster District Roads .....	300
Sumass and Chilliwack District Roads .....	750
Trails, Cariboo District .....	2,000
.....	37,050
Esquimalt Road .....	2,000
Victoria District Roads .....	2,450
Esquimalt District Roads .....	350
Victoria-Metchosin Road .....	1,600
Metchosin District Roads .....	350
Saanich District Roads .....	2,750
Cowichan District Roads, including Kokesailah and Chemainus Bridges .....	2,800
Nanaimo District Roads .....	2,700
Sooke District Roads .....	500
Comox District Roads .....	1,250
Salt Spring Island Roads .....	250
Other Road repairs, not detailed .....	500
.....	17,500
Total Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....	\$54,550

## No. 15.—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Expenses connected with Indian Tribes .....	\$ 500
Government House Grounds, Victoria and New Westminster .....	960
Insurance on Government Buildings .....	1,000
Exchange on Drafts for remittances .....	1,500
Subsidy to Western Union Telegraph to Portland, per annum .....	4,500
Telegrams, Cable Messages, &c. ....	500
Stationery and Fuel for all Departments .....	4,000
Expenses connected with the Assay of Minerals .....	5,000
Taking charge of Government Buildings, Douglas and Langley .....	100
Crown Agents' Commission .....	500
Volunteer Expenses under Act .....	500
Victoria Volunteers' Debt .....	500
Aid to Deluge Fire Company, for purchase of Engine .....	750
Road Tax Collections (Commission, &c.) .....	700
Printing General Map of Colony, in London .....	600
Repairing Surveying Instruments .....	250
Miscellaneous Services not detailed .....	1,000
Purchase of Foreign Postage Stamps .....	400
Total Miscellaneous Services .....	\$23,260

## No. 16.—INTEREST.

Interest on Loan under Act of 1862, B. C. ....	\$14,550
Do. Do. 1863, ,, .....	14,550
Do. Do. 1864, ,, .....	29,100
Do. Do. 1862; V. I. ....	11,640
Do. Temporary Loans and Debentures .....	83,600
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.—Nz

No. 19.—REDEMPTION OF BONDS.—Nz.

No. 20.—SINKING FUND.

(Provided for by Acts of 1862, 1863, and 1864.)

On £50,000 Loan of B. C., 1862 .....	\$21,825 00
Do. Do. 1863 .....	9,700 00
On £100,000 Do. 1864 .....	10,912 50
On £40,000 Do. V. I. 1862 .....	7,760 00
Total Sinking Fund.....	\$50,197 50

No. 21.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—Nz.

No. 22.—HOME GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT.

Repayment of Stores supplied by War Department .....	\$3,274 30
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No. 23.—GOVERNMENT VESSELS.

"Sir James Douglas"—Wages, Stores and Fuel .....	\$12,350
Dredger Keeper, &c. ....	450
Total Government Vessels.....	\$12,800

No. 24.—LIGHTHOUSES.

FRASER RIVER LIGHT SHIP.					
Salaries .....	...	...	...	...	\$2,160
Provisioning Crew .....	...	...	...	...	750
Stores and maintenance .....	...	...	...	...	700
					3,610
RACE ROCK LIGHT HOUSE.					
Salaries .....	...	...	...	...	1,800
Provisioning Light Keepers .....	...	...	...	...	1,550
Stores and maintenance .....	...	...	...	...	550
					3,900
FISGARD LIGHT HOUSE.					
Salaries .....	...	...	...	...	760
Stores and maintenance .....	...	...	...	...	500
Repairs .....	...	...	...	...	600
					1,860
				Total Light Houses	\$9,370

RECAPITULATION.

Provided for by permanent Acts, on account of Salaries .....	\$ 52,137 50
Do. Do. Do. Pensions .....	2,425 00
Do. Do. Do. Interest on Loans .....	69,840 00
Do. Do. Do. Sinking Fund.....	50,197 50
	\$174,600 00
Required to be provided by Vote for Contingent Service of Year 1871:—	
Establishments.....	\$101,981 25
Services, exclusive of Establishments.....	245,553 76
	347,535 01
	\$522,135 01
Estimated excess of Revenue over Expenditure.....	11,814 99
Estimated Revenue .....	\$533,950 00

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING ESTIMATES, SHOWING THE TOTAL CHARGE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, so far as the same can be apportioned.

	Establishments.	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities.	Revenue Services.	Administration of Justice.	Charitable Allowances.	Education.	Police and Gaols.	Rent.	Transport.	Conveyance of Mails.	Works and Buildings.	Roads, Streets, and Bridges.	Miscellaneous Services.	Interest.	Drawbacks & Refund of Duties, &c.	Sinking Fund.	Home Government Account.	Government Vessels.	Lighthouses.	Total.
<b>CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.</b>																				
Governor	21,452 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	48 50	1,000	..	..	..	960	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$ 23,460 50
Legislative Council	900 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	900 00
Colonial Secretary	13,104 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,104 00
Treasurer	4,802 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250	..	..	..	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,552 00
Assay and Refinery Office	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,000 00
Auditor General	4,377 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,377 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	10,878 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	850	..	..	..	..	..	..	112,098 00
Customs	16,972 50	..	750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,650	54,550	..	..	2,000	..	..	12,800	..	19,722 50
Registrars General and Inspector of Schools	2,425 00	..	..	..	..	15,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,425 00
Post Office	3,200 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,549 90	..	..	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	40,149 96
Judicial Establishments	21,438 00	2,425	..	3,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,463 00
Police Establishments	18,993 75	..	..	300	..	..	12,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31,263 75
Gold, Asst. Gold Comrs., & Stydry. Magistrates	35,576 50	..	250	..	..	..	..	216 00	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,042 50
Pensions	..	485	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	485 00
Charitable Allowances	..	..	..	..	10,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,500 00
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,550	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,550 00
Interest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	103,440	..	..	..	..	..	103,440 00
Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	100 00
Sinking Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,197 50	..	..	..	50,197 50
Home Government Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,274 30	..	..	3,274 30
<b>TOTAL</b>	154,118 75	2,910	1000	3,900	10,500	15,000	12,000	264 50	3,250	36,549 96	23,650	54,550	23,260	103,440	2,100	50,197 50	3,274 30	12,800	9,370	\$522,135 01