







Provincial Legislature

Redistribution Measure Discussed - Disputing Technicalities of the Law.

Mr. Turner Has a Sensation for the House-Question of Ministers' Expenses.

Victoria, Feb. 19th, 1900.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:20 p.m. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Mr. Macpherson presented a petition from a number of residents of Vancouver re Vancouver City bill.

Mr. Tisdall, from free miners and business men of Vancouver re City Incorporation bill. Mr. Tisdall, from Vancouver Board of Trade, re same. Mr. Baker, from residents of East Kootenay, re eight-hour law.

Mr. Green, from E. Peters and about 100 others, asking that legislation similar to the New Zealand arbitration act be introduced here. Reports. The Premier presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting the Redistribution act. The Premier moved, seconded by the Attorney-General, that the bill be then considered.

Mr. Higgins-What is the nature of the bill? The Premier-Redistribution of money. Mr. Higgins-Then if anyone objects, it cannot be gone on with now. The Premier-I believe so. Mr. Higgins-Then I object. The Premier said that in introducing this bill the government had given the matter their most serious and careful consideration.

Mr. Turner moved that the House do now adjourn, and said to Mr. Speaker in explanation that he was sending up a written notice setting forth the reasons for this motion. The Premier took exception to the mode of procedure, and Mr. Turner contended that he was perfectly within his rights, because it is always in order to move adjournment at any time during the sitting of the House, and he intended to do so now.

Mr. Turner, speaking to his motion, said that it was most important indeed. He assured the House that they actually had a stranger sitting on the floor of the House, taking part in the proceedings, voting and joining in the deliberations of the assembly, contrary to the constitution, and in face of the fact there was a penalty of something like \$500 for every day this was done.

serious matter. He then quoted from section 20 of the Constitution act regarding the number of members, etc. He then proceeded to repeat that no member of the House is entitled to any emolument besides those already mentioned; if he does he vacates his seat at once; it is not even necessary for him to resign; after his action there is actually no representative from that constituency in the House.

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Victoria, Feb. 20, 1900. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m. Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. Petitions. The following petitions were read and ordered to be printed: By Mr. Macpherson, from I. H. Shrewsbury and others, in favor of the Vancouver City Consolidation bill.

By Mr. Tisdall, from J. M. Atkins and others, opposing the eight-hour law. By Mr. Tisdall, from the Vancouver Board of Trade, opposing the eight-hour law. By Col. Baker, from D. McKenzie and others, residents of Fernie, in favor of eight-hour law.

By Mr. Gerson, from A. E. Tector and others, residents of Stouffville, in favor of Compulsory Arbitration Bill. Chinese Immigration. Hon. Mr. Cotton read the following telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which he had received from Ottawa: "Legislation to amend the existing Chinese immigration act in the sense of greater restrictions will be introduced this session."

Mr. Higgins-Anything about the Japanese in that? Mr. Jos. Martin-I noticed that in the newspapers there or four days ago, (laughter). Mr. Prentice asked leave, on question of privilege, to introduce a bill to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines act, and explained its object was to cancel the eight-hour law. He did not want to lose a day in putting this forward, and wished the bill read a first time at once. He agreed to let it stand over till the next day.

Mr. Higgins did not want to be rising all the time on questions of privilege, but he now found that a memorial from the Rossland Board of Trade had not been included in the return of correspondence asked for by him. He called the attention of the Minister of Mines to the gravity of this omission. For such offenses the offender may be called to the bar of the House and punished with suitable penalties.

Mr. Higgins-I object to that, Mr. Speaker. The bill was read a first time, Mr. Higgins protesting. Second reading next sitting of the House. The Premier said that to carry out the suggestion made yesterday it had been determined to go straight on with the redistribution measure to the exclusion of other business till it was finished, and he therefore begged to move that the House at its rising stand adjourned till 2 p.m. next day.

Mr. Higgins-I object, sir, to your ruling. The Premier moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Higgins-Is that regular, Mr. Speaker? I believe one clear day is required. He then quoted from page 529 of May in support of his contention. Mr. Speaker asked if Mr. Higgins had any other authorities than this. Mr. Higgins replied that he did not want any others. Mr. Speaker-I hold that the objection is not well taken. Mr. Higgins-I object, sir, to your ruling. After some further discussion Mr. Speaker asked if the chair should be sustained, and declared the question carried.



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A large advertisement for 'Ayer's Pills' featuring an illustration of a man's face. The text promotes the pills as a cure for various ailments, including constipation and indigestion. It claims to be 'look at your tongue! If it's coated, your stomach is bad, your liver out of order. Ayer's Pills will clean your tongue, cure your dyspepsia, make your liver right. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c. All druggists.'

action of the government in doing what they had been doing from day to day in face of the fact that they were confronted not only by two resolutions of want of confidence, but also by an immense amount of public business; either of these resolutions would throw them out of power. To escape this they were wasting the time of the House. When a want of confidence resolution was on the paper it was the duty of the government to wipe that out before anything else was done-so it had been declared by the Premier when Mr. Turner had asked for a single day's adjournment of a similar motion earlier in the session. He repeated that in spite of these two censure motions on the paper now, the government failed to adhere to this stand, but was going on with other business. The Premier and every member opposite were quite well aware that the only object of the government in this redistribution bill was to gerrymander the country in their own interest, and he would wager any amount of money that they would not stay in after it had been accomplished.

Mr. Eberts-Vol! I'll bet you a hundred dollars you will not stay in to repeat your argument. He said that if the government attempted to act as it was now acting it could not hold the confidence of the country. All public bills, according to present arrangements, were to be shelved, and none of the matters dealt with during the session in the public interest were to be carried out, because the government had determined to push this gerrymandering to a finish. But they would find themselves mighty mistaken. They were going to gerrymander the province to suit themselves, so that no one on the opposition side of the House could get a fair chance. This was in direct antagonism to the course pursued by the late government, who in the act of 1898 had sincerely wished and intended to give a fair measure of redistribution to the country. (Government laughter.)

Mr. Eberts would ask the gentleman opposite who had laughed-a very sickly laugh it was, too-if the redistribution bill brought in by the Turner government was not a fair bill? Government cries of "No." You know it was a fair bill, Mr. Eberts repeated. Hon. Mr. Cotton-Now, don't give us a stump speech. (Laughter.) Mr. Eberts' holdy retorted, and was proceeding to argue with the Finance Minister when called to order by the Speaker. Mr. Eberts-Do you hear those impertinent remarks being made across the floor of the House, Mr. Speaker? A Voice from the government side-Oh sit down. (Laughter.) Mr. Eberts (with great indignation, and glaring at the Finance Minister)-I'll call you down some day, you just see. (Laughter.)

Mr. Joseph Martin-I am certainly not averse to the course which the government is adopting; in fact I am heartily in favor of it (applause), but the proper course for the government is not to sit silent, which is an extraordinary course for any government to pursue. The country is entitled to hear from them what their meaning is in this matter, and others. They do one thing one day and give the other very opposite the next, and give no word of explanation to the country as to the reasons actuating them. While he was in favor of this bill he had some hesitation in supporting a government that had not the courage to explain its meaning. Mr. Helgeson wanted to know the exact position which the government intended to take with reference to this particular matter. Mr. Helgeson said the opposition did not show much consistency in their remarks. Only a few days before the meeting of the opposition he had asked for an adjournment because some of them had bought tickets for the theatre, a ball, and other amusements. Now, all at once they come in a great state of hurry, after delaying the business of the House and country, and want the government to press on with the business of the session without any delay. But they didn't seem to be in a great hurry, either, for Mr. Higgins had tried to stop the progress of the bill now before the House, in the very first stage, on a mere technicality. The House adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

"If Adam had worked 800 days each year from the day he was created to the present time at a salary of \$50 a day, he would not have earned by this time as much property as is owned to-day by Rockefeller or Vanderbilt," said Dr. Wright of Detroit.



Provincial Gazette

A Number of Companies Organized, With Headquarters In This City.

List of Appointments—A Number of Business Assignments.

The Provincial Gazette, which issues today, contains the following announcements: Geo. W. Powis, tobacco merchant of Vancouver, and Misses J. Hughes, of Graham, and Moyie, have assigned...

The following extra provincial companies are registered: Golden River Question, Ltd., of England; capital, \$250,000; headquarters at Vancouver; J. O. Hunter, attorney, Alberni, British Columbia; local office, Victoria; capital, \$100,000; G. H. Hayes, attorney.

The following appointments are approved by the Lieutenant-Governor: To be Justice of the Peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminister, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay. David Stevens, of Log Cabin.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Strike Still On—Arrival of Sir Hibbert Tupper. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 20—Steamer Tuxen of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., is tied up here with a longshoremen's strike.

Vancouver, Feb. 21—There was practically no progress today towards a settlement of the longshoremen's strike. This morning thirty Japanese were put on loading cargo, but at 11 o'clock they were taken off, and work is now going ahead with the crew alone.

A placer mine strike has been reported from Jervis Inlet. Three men who arrived in Vancouver yesterday registered the claims and say that quite a local excitement has been caused by the strike.

Some children are pale, weak and puny from birth, others become so as a result of disease, all are fully restored to health and vigor by a treatment with Dr. Chase's Kidney Pills...

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Feb. 20—A meeting of the executive committee of the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T. was held here this evening for the purpose of arranging for a lecture work in this province.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) This District has already contributed some seven hundred dollars to the Mansel House fund.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) One of the most successful and entertaining concerts of the season was given in the Public hall, Salt Spring Island, on Wednesday night, by Miss M. E. Ross.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The following companies are incorporated: Vancouver Granite Co., of Vancouver; capital, \$25,000; Princess Royal Granite Co., of Vancouver; capital, \$25,000.

A BIG BILL.

Wm. Woodman Wants \$30,000 From Dr. McKechie for His Alleged Infringement of the Statutes.

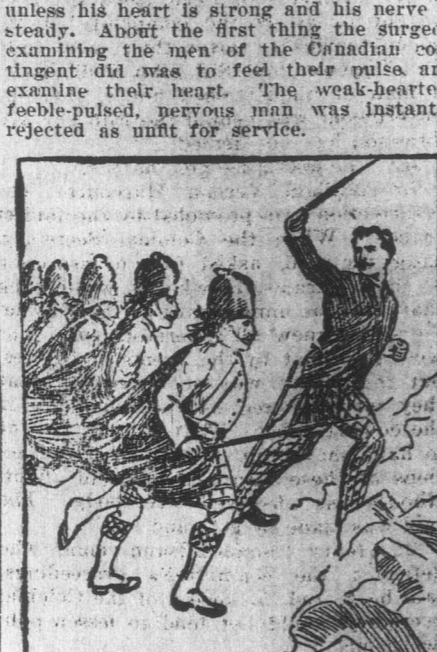
This morning, Mr. Gordon Hunter, of the law firm of Hunter & Oliver, issued a writ of summons on behalf of William Woodman, of Victoria, road, Nanaimo, engineer, against the Hon. Dr. McKechie.

GEN. HUTTON'S RESIGNATION.

London, Feb. 20—In the House of Commons today, replying to an inquiry as to the reasons for the resignation of Major-General Hutton, the commander of the Canadian militia, Mr. George Wyndham...

BRITAIN'S VICTORIES.

Are Won by the Stout Hearts and Steady Nerves of Her Soldiers.



In the battle of life it's the same way. A man can't make much headway in the nerve fight for existence unless his heart is strong and his nervous system vigorous.

My rest became broken and was disturbed by vivid dreams. This had been going on more or less for 14 years, although I took a great many remedies trying to get cured.

Dominion Parliament

Another Discussion Over Withdrawal of Commander of Canadian Forces.

A Vote Asked for Two Million Dollars for Expenses of Canadian Contingents.

Ottawa, Feb. 14—At yesterday's sitting of the House of Commons Mr. Arthur W. Patten, the newly elected member for Winnipeg, who was elected as an independent, was introduced by Mr. Leighton McCarthy and Dr. Stubbs.

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for debate without fuller information. He had had from Col. Prior not more than five seconds' notice before the question was brought up.

Yes, and would go on improving and developing. He was unable to see that previous instances of the same kind had given any serious check to the success of the Canadian force.

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might remind that King William was a Boer. French-Canadians might sympathize with a small nation struggling for its freedom.

He would not vote against the present, resolution because of the fact that two thousand of our own people have gone to Africa, led along by noble patriotism and enthusiasm.

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