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PAGE 50.—After Committal of Customs Bill, insert:

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the "Customs Declaratory Bill" was read second time.

Ordered to be Committed to-morrow.

PAGE 63.—After Committal of Victoria Real Estate Tax Repeal Bill, insert:

On Motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the "Victoria Real Estate Sale Repeal Bill" was read second time.

Ordered to be Committed at once.

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Assimilation of Laws	Do.	" 1	" 5	" 4	" 5	" 15	Referred to Ways and Means Committee.
Customs Application	Do.	" 1	March 19	February 19	March 19	February 13	Referred to Select Committee with Land acquisition Bill.
Victoria Municipal Aid	Hon. Mr. Wood	" 4	February 4	February 4	February 5	" 7	Disallowed.
Land Law	Hon. Mr. Wood	" 4	" 5	" 5	" 6	" 7	Assent not notified
Consensus	Hon. Mr. Wood	" 5	" 6	" 6	" 7	" 7	Amended by Governor.
Officers' Enabling	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 5	" 15	" 15	" 19	" 23	Referred to Ways and Means Committee.
Legal Professions	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 5	" 15	" 15	" 19	" 23	Referred to Select Committee with Mr. Trench's Land Bill.
Trades Licenses	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 7	" 15	" 15	" 19	" 23	Amended by Governor.
Land acquisition	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 7	" 15	" 15	" 19	" 23	Amended by Governor.
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Intestate	Do.	" 11	" 13	" 14	" 14	" 15	Amended by Governor.
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Marriages	Hon. Mr. Walker	" 9	" 9	" 9	March 19	" 23	Referred to Select Committee.
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Harbour Dues	Do.	" 14	March 23, recommitted 14	March 14	March 15	" 23	Referred to Select Committee.
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Crown Officers' Salaries Repeal	Do.	" 20	" 25	" 25	" 26	" 23	Referred to Committee of Ways and Means.
Pilotage	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 20	" 25	" 25	" 26	" 23	Referred to Committee of Ways and Means.
Excise	Hon. Mr. Wood	" 21	" 25	" 25	" 26	" 23	Reserved for Her Majesty's consideration.
Land	Select Committee	" 21	" 25	" 25	" 26	" 23	
Harewood Railway Extension	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 22	" 25	" 25	" 26	" 23	
Ports of Entry	Do.	" 25	" 27	" 27	" 28	" 23	
Limitation of Suits	Select Committee	" 27	" 30	" 30	April 1	" 23	Reserved for Her Majesty's Assent.
Victoria Real Estate Sale Repeal	Committee of the whole	" 27	" 30	" 30	April 1	" 23	Assent deferred.
Aliens	Hon. Mr. Crease	" 29	April 1	April 1	" 2	" 23	
County Court procedure	Message	" 30	April 30	April 1	" 2	" 23	
Supplemental Supply	Do.	" 1	April 1	" 1	" 2	" 23	
V. I. Supply	Do.	" 1	April 1	" 1	" 2	" 23	

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FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Session of the Imperial Parliament, holden in the 29th and 30th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 67, intituled "An Act for the Union of the Colony of Vancouver Island with the Colony of British Columbia," it was among other things enacted that from and immediately after the Proclamation of the above mentioned Act of Parliament by the Governor of British Columbia, the Colony of Vancouver Island should be united with the Colony of British Columbia and form one Colony, in manner in such Act mentioned;

Now, THEREFORE, I, FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor of the said Colony of British Columbia, do hereby proclaim and publish the said Act for the guidance of Her Majesty's Subjects and all others whom it may concern, as follows:—

ANNO VICESIMO NONO & TRICESIMO.

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXVII.

An Act for the Union of the Colony of Vancouver Island with the Colony of British Columbia.

[6th August, 1866.]

BE it 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the *British Columbia Act, 1866*.
2. In this Act the Term "Governor" means any Officer for the Time being lawfully administering the Government.
3. From and immediately after the Proclamation of this Act by the Governor of *British Columbia*, the Colony of *Vancouver Island* shall be and the same is hereby united with the Colony of *British Columbia*, and thenceforth those Two Colonies shall form and be One Colony, with the name of *British Columbia* (which Union is in this Act referred to as the Union).
4. On the Union taking effect, the Form of Government existing in *Vancouver Island* as a separate Colony shall cease, and the Power and Authority of the Executive Government and of the Legislature existing in *British Columbia* shall extend to and over *Vancouver Island*; but in order that Provision may be made for the Representation of *Vancouver Island* in the Legislature of *British Columbia* after the Union, the maximum Number of Councillors in the Legislative Council of *British Columbia* after the Union shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, be Twenty-three instead of Fifteen.
5. After and notwithstanding the Union the Laws in force in the separate Colonies of *British Columbia* and *Vancouver Island* respectively at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, remain in force as if this Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relative to the Revenue of Customs in force in *British Columbia* at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, extend and apply to *Vancouver Island*; and, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, the Governor of *British Columbia* shall

have, in relation to the Territory for the Time being under his Government, all the Powers and authorities for the Time being vested, in relation to the United Kingdom, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or in the Commissioners of Customs, with respect to the Appointment of Warehousing Ports, and the Approval and Appointment of Warehouses or Places of Security in such Ports, and everything consequent thereon or relative thereto.

6 Nothing in this Act shall take away or restrict the authority of the Governor of *British Columbia*, with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of *British Columbia* either before or after the Union; nor shall anything in this Act interfere with the Exercise of any Power that would have been exercisable by Her Majesty in Council if this Act had not been passed.

7. Until the Union *British Columbia* shall comprise all such Territories within the Dominions of Her Majesty as are bounded to the South by the Territories of the United States of America, to the West by the *Pacific Ocean* and the Frontier of the *Russian Territories* in *North America*, to the North by the Sixtieth Parallel of North Latitude, and to the East from the Boundary of the *United States* Northwards by the *Rocky Mountains* and the One hundred and twentieth Meridian of West Longitude, and shall include *Queen Charlotte's Island* and all other Islands adjacent to the said Territories, except *Vancouver Island* and the Islands adjacent thereto.

8. After the Union *British Columbia* shall comprise all the Territories and Islands aforesaid and *Vancouver Island* and the Islands adjacent thereto.

9. The Acts described in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not invalidate any Order in Council or other Instrument issued under the authority of those Acts or either of them, or any Act done or Right or Title acquired by virtue of those Acts or of either of them or of any such Order or Instrument.

SCHEDULE.

Acts Repealed.

- 21 & 22 Vict. c. 99. An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia.
- 26 & 27 Vict. c. 83. An Act to define the Boundaries of the Colony of British Columbia, and to continue an Act to provide for the Government of the said Colony.

And I, the said FREDERICK SEYMOUR, as such Governor as aforesaid, do hereby further proclaim and publish that the Colony of Vancouver Island shall, from the Proclamation hereof, be and the same is hereby united with the Colony of British Columbia, and the said two Colonies shall, from the Proclamation hereof, form and be one Colony, with the name of British Columbia;

And I, the said Governor, do hereby further proclaim and publish that, notwithstanding the Union aforesaid, the Laws in force at the Proclamation hereof in the separate Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island respectively, until it is otherwise provided by lawful authority, shall remain in force as if the said Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relating to the Revenue of Customs in force in British Columbia at the Proclamation hereof shall, until otherwise provided by lawful authority, extend and apply to Vancouver Island; and until it is otherwise provided by lawful authority the Governor of British Columbia shall have, in relation to the Territory for the time being under his Government, all the powers and authorities for the time being vested, in relation to the United Kingdom, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, with respect to the appointment of Warehousing Ports, and the approval and appointment of Warehouses or Places of Security in such Ports, and everything consequent thereon or relative thereto.

And I, the said Governor, do hereby further proclaim and publish that all and singular other the Clauses and Provisions of the said Act shall take full effect in the said Colonies and Dependencies so united as aforesaid, under the name of British Columbia, as and from the Proclamation hereof.

This Proclamation may be cited as "The Union Proclamation, 1866."

Issued under the Public Seal of the Colony of British Columbia, at New Westminster, British Columbia, this Seventeenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the Thirtieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
28th December, 1866.

IN obedience to Her Majesty's commands, the Governor has appointed the following Public Officers to be, during Her Majesty's pleasure, Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia:—

The Honorables

The Colonial Secretary for the said Colony,
The Attorney-General for the said Colony,
The Treasurer for the said Colony,
The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the said Colony,
The Collector of Customs for the said Colony.

The Governor has further been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Members of the said Legislative Council, viz:—

The Honorables

Thomas Lett Wood, acting during the Session as Solicitor General,
Henry Maynard Ball, as Magistrate, Cariboo West,
Chartres Brew, as Magistrate, New Westminster,
Clement Francis Cornwall, as Magistrate, Thompson River District,
George William Cox, as Magistrate, Cariboo East,
William J. Macdonald, as Magistrate, Victoria,
Charles S. Nicol, as Magistrate, Nanaimo,
Peter O'Reilly, as Magistrate, Kootenay,
Edward Howard Sanders, as Magistrate, Yale and Lytton.

The following appointments to the Council have also been made by the Governor, in deference to the wishes of the people, as expressed in the Districts mentioned after each Honorable Member's name:—

The Honorables

Amor DeCosmos, Victoria,
John Sebastian Helmcken, Victoria,
Joseph Despard Pemberton, Victoria District,
John Robson, New Westminster,
Robert Thompson Smith, Columbia River and Kootenay,
Joseph J. Southgate, Nanaimo,
Edward Stamp, Lillooet,
George Anthony Walkem, Cariboo,
George Wallace, Yale and Lytton.

Provided, always, that such appointments as last mentioned shall be provisional only, as aforesaid, and provided also that they shall continue in force, unless previously determined, until the 30th day of June, A.D. 1868, and no longer.

By Command.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

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FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, ESQUIRE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

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

Greeting.

KNOW YE that I, FREDERICK SEYMOUR, under and by virtue of all powers and authorities in me in that behalf vested, do hereby command, and, by the tenor of these presents, enjoin you and each of you that on Thursday, the twenty-fourth

day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the Council Chamber, New Westminster, personally you be and appear FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat and conclude upon those things which in the said Legislative Council may be ordained.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia, this fourth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the thirtieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,
Colonial Secretary.

Thursday, the 24th day of January, 1867.

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

The Honorables A. N. Birch, H. P. P. Crease, W. A. G. Young, J. W. Trutch, W. Hamley, C. Brew, P. O'Reilly, T. L. Wood, E. H. Sanders, W. G. Cox, W. J. Macdonald, H. M. Ball, J. S. Helmcken, J. Robson, A. DeCosmos, J. D. Pemberton, J. J. Southgate, R. T. Smith, E. Stamp, G. A. Walkem.

At half-past one, His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, Governor of the Colony, entered the Council Chamber, attended by his Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, administered the customary oaths of allegiance and office to the Members present.

His Excellency then delivered the following gracious Speech:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I by no means under estimate the importance of the duty which devolves on me to-day, of practically giving effect to the Legislative Union of the two British Colonies of the North Pacific. Nor can I avoid feeling the grave responsibility which rests upon me as Governor under the present distribution of power. There is considerable, though I trust temporary, depression existing in several portions of the Colony. There are conflicting interests which time alone can reconcile.

In all Legislative bodies on the English model, it is the duty of the head of the Executive Government to state the reasons why such Legislative body has been convened into Session, and this I shall proceed to do.

But first, it is well that I should lay before you the Standing Orders, for the conduct of Public business. They are prepared in obedience to Her Majesty's command, and vary but little from those previously in force. In deference, however, to the wishes of several Members of Council, I have struck out the Order fining Members for non-attendance.

I place prominently on the list of the measures which I wish you to pass, Bills of Indemnity to my predecessor in office in Vancouver Island and myself for money expended without an Appropriation Act. The circumstances of the case are sufficiently familiar to all, and I have no doubt but that you will legalise acts of supreme necessity.

I shall likewise lay before you a Bill to indemnify me for having omitted to enforce certain provisions of the Vancouver Island Stock Act, 1865, and Schedule D of the Harbour Dues Act, 1866.

It will be obviously desirable that the Laws of the two sections of the Colony should be assimilated with as little delay as possible. I do not feel competent, at present, to propose this complete amalgamation. That may be left to the next Session. At present, I will endeavour to induce you to select from either section such Laws as may be best suited to the immediate wants of the community at large. The Vancouver Island Bankruptcy Law, and that respecting the Registration of Titles to Land might, I think, with advantage be extended over the whole Colony. From the British Columbia Ordinances, I would select for general adoption, those enabling Indian evidence to be received in Courts of Justice, the Law for the prevention of the sale of Spirituous Liquors to the Aborigines, and that for the protection of their graves.

Then, I would further favorably recommend for your consideration,—the Mining Laws as existing on the main-land, the Postal, Joint Stock, Trustees' Relief, Currency, Game protection Ordinances, and that for the distribution of the Estate of Intestates. These have worked well in British Columbia, and it seems to me that we might beneficially extend their operation. A Bill or Bills for the purpose shall be laid before you.

As it is proposed to place the Crown Lands of Vancouver Island under the control of the Legislature of the United Colony, as soon as suitable provision has been made for the Public Service, I shall lay before you a Bill authorizing the Governor to extend by Proclamation the provisions of the present British Columbia Land Ordinance over the entire Colony, as soon as a satisfactory reconveyance of the Island from the Hudson's Bay Company to the Crown shall have been made.

A Bill shall be laid before you to amend the Act giving certain powers to the Municipality of Victoria.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure are prepared, and shall be laid before you at an early date. I deeply regret to have to state, what however is well known to you, that the finances of both sections of the Colony were in a very unsatisfactory condition at the time that Union took place. Full information as to our exact position shall be laid before you, and I think you will agree with me, without examining into the question as to which of the two late Colonies most required the support of the other, that Union and the consequent large reduction of expenditure came none too soon. But gloomy as our present position may be, I think we can look to the future with confidence if we work faithfully together for the public good, merging as far as may be all sectional or local interests in a desire to promote the general welfare.

The Estimates are prepared to meet the present condition of things. They will be found, in the aggregate, to apply for a smaller sum than has for some years past been voted for the service of the main-land alone. As a general rule, with one exception, to which I shall presently refer, all Salaries have been reduced from my own downwards. Though I, for one, do not find labour, responsibility, or expenditure diminished by the Union of the Colonies. Other Public Officers whose Salaries are guaranteed to them by Law, have cheerfully consented to submit to a temporary deprivation in the desire to help the Colony in its present emergency. The exception to which I refer is that of the Judicial Department. It is obviously desirable to avoid any discussion between the Executive Government and the Judges, in regard to the emoluments of the latter.

While deeply regretting the reductions that I am compelled to make, I must place on record, in the most public manner, my opinion that the great majority of the Public Servants who now suffer are fully entitled to Salaries such as they drew last year. I trust that we may regard the present one as of exceptional embarrassment, and that better times may soon lead to a more satisfactory Appropriation Act. It is to the amalgamation, however, of offices rather than to the reduction of Salaries that we must look for our future economy, and I shall earnestly recommend to the Secretary of State the removal to other Colonies of some of our Public Officers. The case of those Gentlemen who, through no fault of their own, lost office on the day of Union, shall likewise be brought under the same consideration.

You will find from the Estimates that I do not propose to undertake any Public Work of magnitude during the year. None are in progress on the main-land; one of secondary importance and moderate expense on the Island approaches completion. The more pleasing task of improvement must be left for another year. It will be sufficient, if for the present we keep our great Road System in repair. I shall be glad if you will express an opinion on two points of importance. What is to be done with the Dredging Machine now lying in Victoria Harbour, and the Steam Vessel built in connexion with it? Do you consider it desirable to keep up a Government Assay Office? On this latter question I cannot act without the sanction of the Secretary of State. The Department was constituted in England, at the request of the Colony, and has principally been managed by directions from the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury. I must further await a decision as to the disposal of the Public Officers who conduct the Department. Selected at home and proceeding to the Colony on the faith of permanent employment, having always admirably conducted the business of the office, I cannot imagine that they will be losers by any opinion you may express.

Great as is the present temporary financial embarrassment, justice requires the abolition of some of the taxation still existing in the late Colony of Vancouver Island. The Real Estate Tax must be repealed, and the whole taxation assimilated throughout the Colony. Bills having these objects in view shall be laid before you early in the Session.

The Customs Act requires re-consideration. A Bill to amend it shall be laid before you.

Such are the principal measures which the Government proposes to introduce during the present Session. I feel that I have called you together somewhat late in the season; and as there are many matters of vital importance to be dealt with, I will not impede your progress by any measure which can be deferred. The Standing Orders, however, provide for the initiation of Bills by any Member of Council who may be desirous of doing so.

I shall address you, by Message, on the subject of Education and a few other topics of importance during the course of the Session. One of these will probably be as

to the cause of the selection made for the Seat of Government of the United Colony. Up to within a few hours of meeting you, I had not the intention of touching upon it, but I am informed that the question creates an amount of interest which I cannot comprehend, but which appears to me a sign of great local depression. I shall address you on the subject by Message.

And now, before leaving you, let me express my confidence [that better days are yet in store for us. The heavy cloud of adversity which hangs over the South lightens as we proceed Northward, and no winter has yet seen a more numerous and contented Mining population than that which is now working on our Gold Creeks.

I shall watch with much interest your proceedings in the Session I open to-day. Grave and important duties are confided to our hands, and I firmly believe that they will be fairly dealt with. Trusting that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon the efforts we are about to make to promote the welfare of the magnificent territory He has temporarily committed to our charge, I now leave you to your deliberations.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the Council that to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of the Governor's Speech.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken rose to speak to a question of privilege.

Ordered that the Honorable Member do before the Council rises bring forward a motion on the subject, to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding,
Resolved, That the Governor's Speech be printed for the use of Members.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sanders, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,
Resolved, That a Select Committee, to be named by the Presiding Member, be appointed to draw out and submit a reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech.

The following Honorable Members were appointed accordingly:—The Hon. The Collector of Customs, the Hon. Messrs. Sanders, Robson, Macdonald, Walkem, Pemberton.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken then gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Council bring forward the subject of seven Members only having been appointed for Vancouver Island.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved the adjournment till Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, That the Council adjourn till Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

Amendment carried. Ordered accordingly.

Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Hamley, Brew, Young, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, Stamp, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Smith, Southgate.

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

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion (2).

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to frame a reply to His Excellency's Speech, handed in a Report, which was read as followeth:—

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, have received with pleasure the Speech with which you have honored us.

We are fully sensible of the arduous and important duties devolving upon Your Excellency at this critical period in the history of the Colony, and we shall not fail on our part to render every assistance in carrying out all measures calculated to promote the public welfare.

The Acts of Indemnity referred to by Your Excellency, and the Bills amalgamating the Laws of the Colony, shall receive our most favourable consideration.

We are gratified to learn that the Crown Lands of Vancouver Island are to be placed under the control of the Legislature. We trust that the reconveyance of the Island will be consummated with as little delay as possible, and that it will be followed by a general Land system so liberal as to encourage immigration and settlement, and to foster our agricultural interests.

Conscious of the financial embarrassment of the Colony, we observe with satisfaction that Your Excellency has caused the Estimates to be prepared with the strictest economy compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service.

Your Excellency having drawn the particular attention of the Council to the Assay Office, and to the Dredging Machine and Steamer, we venture to assure you of the earnest consideration with which these subjects shall be treated by the Council.

We desire to express our entire concurrence in the proposed measures for the repeal of the Real Estate Tax in Vancouver Island, and for the assimilation of Taxation throughout the Colony.

We shall look forward with anxiety to the Messages which Your Excellency has been pleased to promise us, upon the important subjects of Education and the Seat of Government.

We are fully alive to the serious responsibilities which rest upon us in the discharge of our duties during the ensuing Session, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that the task imposed upon us will be cheerfully undertaken, that the interests confided to us will be carefully guarded, and that in the promotion of all measures conducive to the advancement and prosperity of the Colony Your Excellency will meet with our most cordial co-operation. With Your Excellency also, we venture to hope that the days of depression may soon pass away, and we confidently look forward to the wisdom of Your Excellency's administration, to stimulate industry, restore confidence, and dispel the present gloom, perfectly trusting that under the guidance of Divine Providence Your Excellency's efforts may be crowned with success.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wood, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,

That this Report be adopted,

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee of the whole.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had approved of the Report, with the alteration of one word in Section 4, namely "observe" to "learn."

Ordered that the Report as thus amended be adopted.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconded,

That the Reply to His Excellency's Speech be presented by the House.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken brought forward the subject of seven Members of Council only having been appointed for Vancouver Island.

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Thereupon a debate arose, which having terminated,

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved the adjournment:

The Council was adjourned accordingly till to-morrow, the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock.

Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

At half-past 3 o'clock, there being no quorum present, the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till 1 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 1st February.

Friday, the 1st day of February, 1867.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, Smith, Robson, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald.

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

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motions.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch gave notice of motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wood, the Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Presiding Member informed the Council that, in pursuance of the order of the Council, he, attended by several Members of the Council, had waited upon the Governor to present the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Council, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following rejoinder.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I have received with much satisfaction the Address which you have just presented.

I feel that the Government and people are much indebted to you for devoting yourselves to the Public Service at a time when your duties, like my own, must be unmixedly disagreeable. I trust that when the Governor meets you next year he will be in a position to propose some works of improvement much more agreeable to entertain than the present labour of reduction and retrenchment.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Crease introduced the Imposts Indemnity Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second Reading ordered for next Meeting of Council.

According to order, The Hon. the Attorney General introduced a Bill for assimilating the Laws of the Colony,

Ordered that the Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Second Reading ordered for Tuesday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton moved the following resolution, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to the Governor, asking for a copy of His Excellency's Instructions and Commission to be furnished to the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That the word "Commission" be struck out, and that an Address be presented to the Governor, asking for His Excellency's Instructions referring to the Constitution of the Colony and the construction of this Council.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 6,

So the amendment was passed in the affirmative, and the original motion lost.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced a Bill respecting the application of the Customs Duties.

On the motion for first reading, a debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 4.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read first time accordingly.

On the question of the second reading being put,

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

That the Bill be considered in the Committee of ways and means.

On the amendment being put, the Council divided,

Ayes 6, Noes 10.

So it passed in the negative.

On the Original question being put, the Council again divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 6.

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time this day week.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald asked leave to bring in the Victoria Incorporation Aid Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member presented the said Bill accordingly.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday, the 4th Instant.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos to move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to instruct the Collector of Customs to discontinue, at once, the Collection of Duties on Merchandise shipped from Vancouver Island for any portion of the former Colony of British Columbia.

Ordered that leave be granted for the same, to be deferred for the present.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, the 4th February.

Monday, the 4th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Young, Brew, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, Smith, Robson, Walkem, Macdonald, Helmcken, DeCosmos.

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

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave (for Hon. Mr. Southgate) a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

According to order, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner introduced the Land Law Extension Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Thursday next.

According to order, the Hon. the Solicitor General introduced the Ordinance Conciseness Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Tuesday the 5th Instant.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 1.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Governor lays before the Board a copy of such portions of Her Majesty's Instructions to him, as refer to the Constitution of the Colony, and the Construction of the Legislative Council.*

It was decided in another Colony with which the Governor was connected that the House of Assembly was not entitled as of right to be put in possession of the Royal Instructions. The Governor will not however throw any impediments in the way of the Council during the present difficult Session.

Government House,

2nd February, 1867.

Ordered that the same be printed.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 2.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a statement shewing the condition in which the Auditing of the Public Accounts of Vancouver Island stood at the time of the Union of the Island with British Columbia.*

The Governor likewise places before the Council, an estimate of the time and expenditure which would be necessary for settling these accounts. He would be glad to know if the Legislative Council would wish the books to be thoroughly examined, or else closed with the accounts up to the 19th November.

*Government House,
4th February, 1867.*

Ordered that the same be printed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole to-morrow, to consider His Excellency's Message No. 2.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member then gave a notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked whether it is the intention of the Government to repeal the Ordinance relating to Head Money.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the Coasting Trade.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

According to order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Trades Licences Amendment Act of Vancouver.

The Hon. the Attorney General having stated that the Government had such a measure in contemplation,

Ordered that leave be granted to the Hon. Member to withdraw his motion; Motion withdrawn accordingly.

According to order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the following words be expunged from Standing Orders No. 21, "which must be obtained on the day of notice."

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to the Governor requesting His Excellency to expunge all words in Section 21 of the Standing Orders, after "intention."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 4.

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

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

And it was Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to the Governor requesting His Excellency to expunge Clause 61 of the Standing Orders, and to allow the Public and Reporters of the Press free access to the Council during the pleasure of this House.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with slight alteration.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, The Victoria Incorporation Aid Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 The Presiding Member left the Chair.
 The Hon. Mr. Sanders in the Chair of the Committee.
 The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
 The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.
 Ordered that the said Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, the 5th February, at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Young, Wood, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Brew, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave two notices of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, The Assimilation Bill was read the Second time.
 Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,
 That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to lay before this House, Returns shewing the amount of Revenue derived from Tonnage Dues and Road Tolls during the year 1866; and also shewing the amount of Public Money expended by the Government during the same period in keeping the Roads, in respect of which Tolls are collected, in repair; such Returns to distinguish between the two branches below the Junction and the Main Trunk Road above that point.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton moved, the Hon. Mr. Stamp seconding,
 That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency asking for a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the Assay Office during the past year.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Officers' Enabling Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,
 That a respectful address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to remit the Harbour Dues and Clearance Fees upon all Vessels coasting between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, until such time as an Ordinance be passed repealing the same.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously and ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Conciseness Bill was read second time.
 Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain slight alterations.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member then gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Governor's Message No. 2, relative to Auditing the Accounts of Vancouver Island.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution of the Committee for the adoption of the Council:

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Young, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Robson,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place the sum of \$200 on the Estimates for the year 1867, for the purpose of completing the Audit of the Accounts of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, from the 1st January, 1866, to the 19th November, 1866.

On the question of the adoption of this report being put, it was carried unanimously, and resolved accordingly.

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

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member accordingly presented the said Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once,

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Imposts Indemnity Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and that its title be the "Imposts Indemnity Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Victoria Incorporation Aid Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Victoria City Aid Ordinance, 1867."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 3 to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 6th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member produced a *Dedimus Potestatem* from the Governor, empowering him to swear in Members of Council, during the present Session.

The same was read aloud by the Clerk as follows:

{ L.S. }

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

To ARTHUR BIRCH, ESQUIRE, *Presiding Member of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, and whom else it may concern;*
Greeting.

Know ye that FREDERICK SEYMOUR, ESQUIRE, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, reposing especial trust and confidence in the fidelity, learning, and integrity of the said Arthur Birch, and under and by virtue of all powers and authorities him the said Frederick Seymour, as such Governor, in that behalf enabling, hath appointed and by these presents doth give and grant unto the said Arthur Birch full power and authority to administer the customary oath to Members of the Legislative Council, during its present Session.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, at New Westminster, British Columbia, this Sixth day of February, A.D. 1867, and in the 30th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders then introduced a new Member of Council, Francis Jones Barnard, Esquire, to whom the Hon. Presiding Member administered the customary oath of allegiance and office.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard then took his seat at the Council.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, Smith, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Barnard, Macdonald.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Assimilation of Laws Bill was considered in Committee of the whole.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in a Resolution of the Committee, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the Resolution as follows be adopted.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, that a Select Committee consisting of the Hon. Messrs. Crease, Wood, Walkem, Young, DeCosmos, be appointed to revise the Statutes mentioned in Schedule B, and report as occasion require.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Enabling Ordinance was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with slight amendment.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Conciseness Bill was then read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Common Sections Ordinance, 1867."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 7th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Hamley, Brew, Young, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Barnard, Robson, Smith, Southgate.

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

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

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, that the House go into Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Legislative Council, so as to make the total number of the Members to be 24, one-third to be nominated by the Crown and two-thirds to be elected by the people,

The Hon. Member asked leave for the consideration of the question to be deferred till Thursday next.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Trades Licenses Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

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

That the Government take into consideration the advisability of immediately abolishing the Road Tolls and Tonnage Dues, and increasing the Customs Tariff, so as to make up for the deficiency in the Revenue which would be

caused by reason of such abolition.

Whereupon a debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken then moved, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding, That the debate on this question be adjourned till Thursday.

On the question of adjournment being put it was carried unanimously and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pemberton,

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to place upon the Estimates the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of completing the Metchosin Road, and \$2,000 for the purpose of completing the Saanich Road, both in Vancouver Island,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the motion in question.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton asked leave to bring in the acquisition of Land Bill.

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

Read the first time accordingly.

Second Reading ordered for Friday, 15th instant.

Pursuant to a deferred Order of the day, the second reading of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner's Land Bill was deferred till Friday, the 15th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Officer's Enabling Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that the same do pass, and its title be the "Officers' Enabling Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned committal of the Assimilation Bill,

Ordered that the same do stand on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Young moved the adjournment till to-morrow, at 2 p. m.

The Hon. Mr. Robson in amendment to 3 p. m.

The amendment being carried,

The Council adjourned till to-morrow the 8th Instant, at 3 o'clock.

Friday, the 8th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Wood, Young, Brew, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Southgate, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Smith, Robson, Barnard.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave (for the Hon. Mr. Stamp) notice of motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. Young moved, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald seconding,

That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Customs Bill be postponed, and that the second reading be deferred till after the Estimates are before the House.

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

That the Customs application Bill be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 7.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Hon. Mr. Smith's motion,

That the sum of \$15,000 be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of opening Trails in the Columbia District, the most important of which is a Trail from a point on Columbia River, near the mouth of Gold Creek, to the Boat

Encampment, so as to complete the connection between the Big Bend Mines and the Settlements on the East of the Rocky Mountains,

The Hon. Member moved that the same do lie on the table.

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Southgate moved, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place the sum of £250 on the Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Bridge at Nanaimo.

Moved in amendment by the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That the words "not exceeding" be inserted before "£250," and "repairing" substituted for "erecting."

On the question as amended being put, it was carried after a division.

Ayes 10, Noes 6,

And Resolved accordingly.

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

And it was Resolved, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may be pleased to supply this House with Returns of Transport, shewing the Expenditure under each head for 1866.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars may be placed in the Estimates for constructing a road from Gold Stream to Cowichan, and improving the road thence to Nanaimo,

A debate arose.

After which it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Macdonald, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sanders, and

Resolved, That the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos do lie on the table.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked Whether it is the intention of the Government to throw open the whole or any portion of the Indian Reserves at Cowichan for settlement?

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of \$2,000 may be placed on the Estimates for the construction of a Road through Comox,

The Hon. Member moved that the same do lie on the table.

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council resolved itself into an adjourned Committee on the Assimilation Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to consider and revise the Statutes named in Schedule B. of the Assimilation of Laws Bill, brought in the first Report, viz: the Oaths and Evidence Bill.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted and the said Bill read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken then moved the adjournment of the Council till Wednesday, at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Ball having moved, in amendment, the adjournment till Monday at 3 o'clock,

The amendment was carried, and it was Ordered accordingly.

Monday, the 11th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Wood, O'Reilly, Brew, Ball, Cox, Sanders, Robson, Southgate, Barnard.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 3.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council passed on the 5th Instant, the Governor forwards a Return of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Assay Department during the last three years.

The Governor adds a general report on the working of the Department which he has received from the Superintendent.*

*Government House,
11th February, 1867.*

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Barnard seconding, the following Resolution:

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, urging the desirability of having the Indian Reserves of the Colony reduced to what is necessary for the actual use of the Natives, and to have such Reserves properly defined, the remainder to be thrown open for settlement.

A debate on the question having terminated,

The Hon. mover asked leave to amend the Resolution by erasing the words "of the Colony" and substituting "on the lower Fraser."

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Resolution was then put as amended and carried unanimously.

According to the Order of the day, the Oaths and Evidence Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with slight alteration.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time at the next sitting of the Council.

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation Bill, brought in a further Report, viz:

The Sheriff's Law Assimilation Bill, and Indian Liquor Bill.

Ordered that the Report of the Select Committee be adopted, and the Bills severally read the first time.

The Bills in question were severally read the first time.

Second Reading ordered for next Meeting of Council.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved the adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to hand in a further report from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Acts mentioned in Schedule B. of the Assimilation Bill.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. the Attorney General then handed in a further report, viz:

The English Law Application Bill, and the Interest Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bills in question severally read the first time.

Bills severally read the first time.

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, the 13th February.

Wednesday, the 13th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Brew, Hamley, O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Cox, Southgate, Robson, Smith, Barnard, Walkem.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 4.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance of Indemnity for not enforcing certain local taxes of Vancouver Island.

2. An Ordinance in aid of the Municipal Taxation in Victoria.

Government House,

12th February, 1867.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion of which notice was given by the Hon. Mr. Stamp,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Southgate,

Ordered, That the same be brought forward to-morrow, in consequence of the absence of the Hon. mover thereof.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Robson's motion to ask leave to bring in a Homestead Bill,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the same till Friday next.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary brought in the Estimates for the year 1867.*

Ordered that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Oaths and Evidence Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Evidence Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, The Sheriffs' Law Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole at once on the said Bill.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain emendations.

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

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Bill had been gone through with certain emendations, and that he was instructed to ask leave for the Bill to be re-committed at once.

Ordered that leave be granted, and Bill re-committed accordingly.

On the Presiding Member again resuming the Chair,

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Bill was now complete.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, The English Law Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved that the House do adjourn.

The Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 6.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 14th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, O'Reilly, Hamley, Brew, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Smith, Barnard.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation Bill, brought in a further report, viz:

The Postal Bill, and the Gold Mining Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that the Bills be severally read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

The second reading of the Postal Bill was Ordered for Tuesday next.

On the Hon. the Attorney General having moved the second reading of the Gold Fields Bill,

Ordered that the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee, in order that the suggestions of the Gold Commissioners may be received.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion in reference to the proposed alterations in the Constitution of the Council,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the consideration till Tuesday next.

Ordered that leave be granted.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Stamp's motion,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place the sum of £600 upon the Estimates for the purpose of repairing the Road leading from Douglas Street to English Bay, and for making a branch from said Road over False Creek to new Saw Mill, on Burrard Inlet,

The Hon. Member moved, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconded,

That the attention of His Excellency the Governor be respectfully drawn to the advisability of repairing the Road leading from Douglas Street to English Bay, and for the construction of a Branch Road over False Creek to new Saw Mill, on Burrard Inlet.

Amendment carried and Resolved accordingly.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton seconding,

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor respectfully requesting that the Customs Tariff may be so amended as to subject the under-mentioned articles to the rate of duty placed opposite each:

Lumber (Fir or Cedar), if rough,	\$3 per thousand feet.
Ditto if dressed.....	\$5 "
Shingles, per thousand,	\$1.
Laths, "	\$1.
Fence Pickets, "	\$2.
Hay,.....	20 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> .
Vegetables, (fresh).....	20 "
Fruit, (green)	25 "
Poultry, (dead or alive)	25 "
Eggs,	20 "
Black Cattle, other than for breeding purposes, \$5 each.	
Ditto, if for breeding purposes,	free.
Hogs,	\$2 each.
Dead Meat, including Hams and Bacon,	20 per cent.
Butter,.....	25 per cent.
Lard,	20 per cent.
Confectionery,	25 per cent.
Bread,	25 per cent.
Tinware,	25 per cent.
Machinery,	10 per cent.

Ordered that the same be printed and considered in Committee of Ways and Means.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 5.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 5th instant, the Governor transmits a Return (closely approximate) shewing the amount received from Road Tolls during the year 1866.

He likewise forwards a Return shewing the amount of Tonnage Dues received at the Port of New Westminster for the same period.

Further he transmits a Statement of moneys expended in construction of and repairs to Roads on which Tolls were collected during the year 1866.*

*Government House,
14th February, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 6.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Petition presented to him praying for the abolition or reduction of the Road Tolls. He greatly regrets to have to state that he does not think that it can be favourably entertained at present.

In connection with this subject, the Governor forwards to the Legislative Council a Statement of the average prices of the principle articles of consumption at the Gold Mines, as furnished by the Magistrates stationed at Cariboo during the last four years.†

*Government House,
14th February, 1867.*

Ordered that the above Messages be printed for the use of Members.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Sheriffs' Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the same may be re-committed.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Council went again into Committee on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that several alterations had been made in the Bill, and that it was now complete.

Ordered that the same be read third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Indian Liquor Bill.

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

That the Bill be thrown out.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 16.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered that the Bill be now read third time.

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Indian Liquor Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the English Law Application Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

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

Ordered to be committed on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Statutes named in Schedule B. of the Assimilation of Laws Bill, brought in a further Report, viz:

The Ferrys Regulation Bill,

The Game Bill,

* Sessional Papers, No. 4.

† Sessional Papers, No. 5.

The Intestate Estate Bill,
The Indian Graves Bill,
The Inventions Bill.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted and that the Bills be severally read first time at once.

Bills read first time severally.

Ordered that they be read the second time as follows:

Ferrys Regulation Bill,	Monday,
Game Bill	"
Intestate Estate Bill,	"
Indian Graves Bill,	Tuesday,
Inventions Bill,	Wednesday.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pemberton,

Ordered, That the Legal Professions Bill be read second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved the adjournment till to-morrow, at 3 p. m.

Then, on the amended motion of the Hon. Mr. Southgate, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Wood, Young, Brew, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Southgate, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Walkem, Stamp, Robson, Smith, Barnard.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 7.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Legislative Council, requesting him to supply Returns of Transport, shewing the expenditure under each head in 1866.

The Governor having referred to the Auditor General (although previously aware of the labour which the furnishing the Returns in detail would require) is officially informed that it would take much time to prepare the Returns, and that it is impossible to make them thoroughly satisfactory to the Council, inasmuch as some of the amounts for the month of December have not been received.

The Governor does not imagine that the Legislative Council would wish to have before them the details asked for, which would include a statement of every pound of barley or oats consumed by the horses of the Officer lately administering the Government when visiting the Gold Mines, or of those employed by the Supreme Court when on Circuit; if such however be the desire of the Council, the Return, at whatever expense or inconvenience, shall be forwarded. Perhaps, however, the nature of the information required might be specified and thus the labour of the Auditor's department considerably diminished.

*Government House,
15th, February, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 8.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution, passed by the Legislative Council on the 5th instant, in favour of the remission of Harbour Dues and Clearance Fees upon all Vessels engaged in the Coasting Trade of the Colony, until such time as an Ordinance be passed regarding the same.

The Governor has given instructions which will be satisfactory to the Legislative Council.

*Government House,
15th February, 1867.*

- On the Order of the day being read for the Council to go into Committee of Supply, The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconding, That approximate Returns of Revenue and Expenditure for 1866 be laid before the Council before going into Supply.
The Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Young seconding, that the word "Expenditure" be struck out.
On the motion as amended being put, it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.
Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of Supply on Monday.
- On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, to ask leave to bring in Mechanics' Lien Law Bill,
The Hon. Member asked leave for the same to be postponed till Thursday next.
Ordered that leave be granted.
- On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of Hon. Mr. Trutch's Land Bill,
Ordered that the same be considered in connection with the Bill standing next on the Order of the day.
- On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Pemberton's Land Bill to be read second time,
Ordered that the Land Bills of both Hon. Members be referred to a Select Committee, to be nominated by the Hon. the Presiding Member.
The following Hon. Members were selected accordingly:—The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Pemberton, Robson, Walkem, DeCosmos, Macdonald.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked leave to bring in a Homestead Exemption Bill.
Ordered that leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.
Bill read the first time accordingly.
Second reading ordered for Tuesday week.
- On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licenses Bill,
Ordered to be read second time on Friday week.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the English Law application Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and that its title be the "English Law Ordinance, 1867."
- The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved the adjournment till 2 o'clock, on Monday.
The Hon. Mr. Robson moved in amendment, 3 o'clock on Monday.
On the amendment being put it was carried, and the Council accordingly adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 18th instant.

Monday, the 18th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, Young, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Barnard, Robson, Smith, Southgate, Stamp.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 9.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In deference to the wishes of the Legislative Council, the Governor has struck out the 61st Section of the Standing Orders. He has likewise struck out from Section 21 all the words after "intention".

The imposition of fines for non-attendance having been withdrawn, the Governor has expunged further the 64th, 65th, and 66th Sections.*

*Government House,
16th February, 1867.*

* For Standing Orders as amended, see Sessional Papers, No. 8.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the Council to go into Committee of Supply
Ordered that the same be postponed till Thursday.

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

A debate arose.

On the question of the second reading being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 7.

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time at once.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Sheriffs' Law Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Sheriffs' Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into a Committee of the whole on the Interest Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Ferries and Bridges Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Intestate Estate Sales Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that considerable alterations having been made to the Bill it was now complete.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m., to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Trutch, Young, Crease, Hamley, Brew, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Barnard, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion,

That the House go into Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Legislative Council, so as to make the total number of Members twenty-four, one-third to be nominated by the Crown and two-thirds elected,

And the question of going into Committee of the whole, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 5.

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

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the said motion be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, in amendment, that the consideration of the question be adjourned for one week.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 9, *Noes* 10.

So the amendment was lost, and it was Ordered that the adjourned debate take place to-morrow.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain emendations.

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

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Bill had been gone through with certain alterations made, and that he was instructed to ask leave to sit again immediately to re-consider the 2nd Clause.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Council again went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member again resuming the Chair,

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Bill was now complete.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member accordingly presented the said Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Postal Bill.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Interest Bill was read third time, and it was

Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Interest Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Ferries and Bridges Bill,

Ordered that the Committal be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Barristers' Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved the re-committal of the same.

Motion lost.

Ordered to be read third time at once.

Read third time accordingly.

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Legal Professions Ordinance, 1867."

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved the adjournment till 3 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Young in amendment till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Southgate in amendment till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The last amendment having been put and carried,

The Council adjourned accordingly till 2 o'clock, p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Young, Brew, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Southgate, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Walkem, Stamp, Robson, Smith, Barnard.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson presented a Petition, which was afterwards withdrawn.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pemberton, in reference to taking precautions for the proper preservation of the Dredger, The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

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

Ordered to be Committed on the 27th instant.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Walkem to ask leave to bring in Legal Professions Bill,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion postponed to this day fortnight accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Intestate Estate Sale Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Game Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Game Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Indian Graves Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Indian Graves Ordinance, 1867."

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill to have been considerably altered, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robson then moved the adjournment.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 10.

So the motion for adjournment was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Ferries and Bridges Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

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

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved the adjournment till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, in amendment, till 3 to-morrow.

On the amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 8.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and the Council adjourned accordingly till 3 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 21st day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, O'Reilly, Hamley, Brew, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Smith, Barnard.

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

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

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

Ordered that the third reading of the Intestate Estate Sales Bill and the Ferries Bill do stand first on the Order of the day.

The Intestate Estate Sales Bill was accordingly read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Intestate Estate Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Ferries Bill, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for the re-committal of the same.

Motion lost.

The Bill was then read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Ferries Ordinance, 1867."

The Council then went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton moved the adjournment till 1 to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, in amendment, till 2 to-morrow.

The amendment having been put and lost after a division,

Ayes 9, Noes 10,

The Council adjourned till 1 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Friday, the 22nd day of February, 1867.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, Southgate, Robson, Stamp, DeCosmos, Smith, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Barnard.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades License Bill, Ordered that the second reading thereof be deferred till this day week.

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

Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked leave to bring in Mechanics' Lien Law Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time this day fortnight.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, and it was Resolved,

That a Select Committee be appointed to revise the Tariff.

The Presiding Member appointed the following Hon. gentlemen accordingly: The Hon. the Collector of Customs, the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Helmcken, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Smith.

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

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking for a Return of the amount of Fines and Seizures in the Customs Department, from 1860 to 1866 inclusive, and how appropriated.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton asked for an explanation of the following apparent discrepancy in the Return of the 11th instant, *re* Assay Department:

Total Expenditure for 1865.£1001 2 4

Do., Do., in published comparative statement of 1865, 2152 11 2

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary explained that it was owing to the expenditure of past years in England on account of Assay Department having been brought to account in 1865.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that some progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved the adjournment till 1 o'clock on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton, in amendment, till 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

On the amendment being put and carried, the Council adjourned accordingly till 11 o'clock to-morrow, the 23rd instant.

Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Trutch, Young, Crease, Hamley, Brew, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Robson, Barnard, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Young gave notice of motion.

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

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

The Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow him to place a notice of motion on the Order Book.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 25th instant.

Monday, the 25th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Hon. Mr. Brew then introduced a new Member of Council, William Hales Franklyn, Esquire, to whom the Hon. Presiding Member administered the customary oath of allegiance and office.

The Hon. Mr. Franklyn then took his seat at the Council.

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Sanders, Cox, Ball, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Barnard, Robson, Smith, Southgate, Stamp, Franklyn.

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

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be furnished to this Council, a copy of an address of the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island, passed about March, 1859, asking for the Establishment of a Mint in Vancouver Island, together with a copy of the reply thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconded, and it was Resolved,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully asked to cause a Return to be made to the Council at its next sitting, shewing the amount of moneys now at the credit of each Estate under the 'Trustees' Relief Ordinance and Intestate Estate Ordinance.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking for a Return shewing the earnings of the Steamer Sir James Douglas, during the year 1866.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved That the word "Expenditure" be added after "Receipts."

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

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that he was instructed to request the Presiding Member's decision on a point of order, and to ask leave to sit again immediately.

The point of order having been decided,

Ordered that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again immediately.

The Council again went into Committee of Supply.

On the Presiding Member again resuming the Chair,

The Chairman reported considerable progress made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m., to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Young, Ball, Sanders, Southgate, DeCosmos, Robson, Barnard, Franklyn, Smith.

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

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a Return be laid before this Council, exhibiting the amount of Revenue received annually, since the passing of the Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863, which would, in the absence of that Act, have been brought to account as Crown Revenue, together with the annual expenditure under the said Act.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Homestead Bill, On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson,
Ordered to be read second time this day week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked leave to bring in a Medical Professions Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member presented the said Bill accordingly.

Ordered that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Barnard's motion respecting the establishment of a Bonded Warehouse at Yale,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion postponed till to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Brew, Franklyn, Young, Wood, Ball, Cox, Southgate, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Robson, Smith, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 10.

FREDRICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, passed on the 26th instant, the Governor forwards a Return shewing the amount of the Crown Revenue of the Mainland portion of the Colony of British Columbia for the last three years, and the Salaries paid under Crown Salaries Act for the same period.*

Government House,

27th February, 1867.

Ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

*See Sessional Papers, No. 7.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 11.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In fulfilment of a pledge given by the Governor, in the Address with which he had the honor to open the present Legislative Session, he now lays before the Council his views on the subject of Education at the public expense.

He has to refer to two different sections of the Colony, in which the question has been treated in different ways. In Vancouver Island the attempt has been made to make the education of the youth in the Colony a burden on the community. The Governor lays before the Council statements of the present condition of the relations existing between the Government and the Public Schools of the Island,* and leaves the question as to indebtedness on the one side, or unreasonable expectations on the other, to be freely dealt with by the Council—one from which the Governor stands aloof. He will merely state that in the opinion of his Predecessor the system was not successful, and that other objects besides the intellectual advancement of the children of the Colony were sometimes allowed entrance into the consideration of the Board of Education.

On the Mainland the Governor has been compelled to acknowledge that the population is yet too small and scattered for any regular system of Education to be established. Where parents have been willing to pay towards the instruction of their children, he has, with the consent of the Legislative Council, assisted them from the public funds. The Schools have not been under the direction of the Government, and pupils have been led or sent from those that asked assistance from the public to those enjoying the dignity of independence, or back again as the parents might elect.

The Governor is of opinion that the Colony is not yet old enough for any regular system of Education to be established; nor would he wish, under the present constitution, to press his own views upon the Legislature, though he has no desire to conceal them. He thinks that any man who respects himself would not desire to have his children instructed without some pecuniary sacrifice on his own part. The State may aid the parent, but ought not to relieve him of his own natural responsibility, else it may happen that the promising mechanic may be marred, and the country overburdened with half-educated professional politicians or needy hangers-on of the Government.

As the Governor is aware that there is no subject upon which more words have been wasted than that of gratuitous instruction and the duty of the governing authority towards the people in the matter, he will at once proceed to consider the relations in which the Government may properly stand towards the parents. In his opinion, all that the State can do is to enable the children to overcome the almost mechanical difficulties which seem to bar their passage over the threshold of knowledge, and having effected this to leave to parental affection and knowledge of individual character the choice of the arms with which the child shall, at a future period, fight the battle of life. It is vain for the State to attempt to drive on in an even line the idle and the industrious—the boy of ready aptitudes and him whose brain becomes pained and confused in endeavouring to master the simplest problem. The Governor conceives it to be the duty of the governing power to assist in the giving to all elementary instruction, and then to offer inducements to those who are able to come to the front in the intellectual struggle with their fellow men.

But he will not, while addressing the Council, conceal any portion of his thoughts. He believes that the community in which he resides is one where complete toleration in religious opinion exists. It is not therefore, under those circumstances, for the State and its Salaried Officers to interfere with the belief of any one. The Government has not undertaken to prove to the Jew that the Messiah has indeed arrived; to rob the Roman Catholic of her belief in the merciful intercession of the Blessed Virgin; to give special support to the Church of England; to mitigate the acidity of the Calvinistic doctrines of some Protestant believers, or to determine, authoritatively, the number of the Sacraments. Therefore, the Governor is of opinion that when the time comes for the establishment of a large Common School, religious teaching ought not to be allowed to intrude. It is vain to say that there are certain elementary matters in which all Christians, leaving out the Jews, must agree. It is merely calling upon a man picked up at random, allured by a trifling salary, to do what the whole religious wisdom, feeling, and affection of the world has not yet done. The paring down of all excrescences which a man on a hundred and fifty pounds a year may think disfigure the several religions, and the reducing them to a common standard, becomes a sort of Methodism which may locally be named after the Schoolmaster who performs it.

In a Colony with which the Governor was recently connected he left the fol-

lowing School system. There was a public School open to all denominations, where the Schoolmaster did not presume to open to the children any sacred mysteries. The charge upon the children attending regularly was half a dollar a month. But there were Denominational Schools, also, to which the Government contributed, but in a moderate degree. It was found that these Denominational Schools, though more expensive to the parents, absorbed the greater number of the children. Such is the system he would desire to see in any concentrated community.

*Government House,
27th February, 1867.*

Ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation of Laws Bill, brought in a further Report, viz : the Gold Fields Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and that the Bill be read first time at once. Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into adjourned Committee on Victoria Incorporation Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable him to place a motion on the Order Book.

Ordered accordingly.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Smith, the Council adjourned till to-morrow the 28th instant, at 3 o'clock,

Thursday, the 28th day of February, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Franklyn, Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Southgate, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Robson, Smith, Barnard, Hamley.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 12.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the request of the Legislative Council, the Governor lays before the House a copy of the address of the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island, asking for the Establishment of a Mint.*

*Government House,
28th February, 1867.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconded, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a Bill may be introduced to establish a Standard of Weights and Measures, and to regulate Weights and Measures throughout the Colony.

*See Sessional Papers, No. 9.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that he was instructed to ask that a Select Committee on Internal Postage be appointed, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again, and that a Select Committee be appointed by the Presiding Member to enquire into the matter of Internal Postage.

The following Hon. gentlemen were appointed accordingly: the Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Ball, Sanders, Cox, Robson, Helmcken, Smith.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Barnard's motion respecting the establishment of a Bonded Warehouse at Yale,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into adjourned Committee on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council adjourned till to-morrow the 1st March, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, the 1st day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Franklyn, Cox, Stamp, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Smith, Walkem, Helmcken, Macdonald.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 13.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a letter which has been addressed to him by the Chamber of Commerce of New Westminster, in the Commercial interests of the Colony.*

*Government House,
1st March, 1867.*

Ordered that the same be printed for the use of Members, and that it be referred to the Select Committee for amending the Tariff.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades License Bill, Ordered that the same be postponed till Tuesday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Medical Professions Bill was read second time. Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

* See Sessional Papers, No. 10.

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

That His Excellency the Governor be empowered to offer a premium of not more than Five thousand dollars to any party who will erect the first Steam Quartz Crushing Mill in the Columbia-Kootenay District, capable of crushing 24 tons of Quartz in 24 hours; and if a less powerful Mill, the premium to be proportionately less.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Gold Fields Bill, The Hon. Mr. Young moved that a Select Committee be appointed to frame a Bill for the Regulation of the Gold Fields.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member appointed the following Hon. Members to form the said Committee:—the Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Cox, Walkem.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the said Committee, then handed in a Report, viz: the Gold Fields Regulation Bill.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Inventions Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Patents Ordinance, 1867."

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday, and

Resolved, That that portion of the Bill relating to the rates of Postage be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Postal matters.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m. on Monday the 4th, instant.

Monday, the 4th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Ball, Franklyn. Walkem, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Stamp, Barnard, Robson, Smith.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 14.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the unseasonable destruction of Game."

*Government House,
4th March, 1867.*

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from certain Merchants in Victoria, having reference to the Customs Tariff on Dry Goods.

Ordered that the same be received and do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of Patrick Everett.

Ordered that the same be received and do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Stamp gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Tariff, brought up a Report.*

Ordered that the same be received and printed for the use of Members.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council again went into Committee of the whole on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted, and

Resolved, That the Bill as amended be re-printed, and then referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. Solicitor General, Hon. Messrs. Young, Macdonald, Helmcken, DeCosmos, for re-consideration.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into Postal matters, brought up a Report.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved the adjournment till 3 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken, in amendment, till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

On the amendment being put it was carried, and the Council accordingly adjourned till 2 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow, the 5th instant.

Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Young, Ball, Sanders, Franklyn, Cox, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Macdonald, Walkem, Smith, O'Reilly, Hamley.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 15.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor, impressed with the expediency of making as far as possible each Enactment complete in itself, is of opinion that he ought not to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill submitted to him entitled "An Ordinance to promote conciseness in the drafting of Legislative Enactments."

The proposed Enactment appears to him to be in other respects free from objection.

*Government House,
5th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 16.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Bills entitled respectively:

An Ordinance to assimilate the Law relating to Sheriffs,

An Ordinance to prevent the violation of Indian Graves,

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of the Real and Personal Estate of Intestates.

*Government House,
5th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No 17.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council, that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled An Ordinance to declare the Law relating to Interest:

That the third Section be struck out, and that the fourth be numbered III.

*Government House,
5th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 18.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled An Ordinance to assimilate the general application of English Law:

That the third Section be struck out, and that the fourth be numbered III.

Government House,

5th March, 1867.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into a Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Interest Bill, and to the English Law Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the following Resolutions:

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendment made by His Excellency to the Bill entitled an Ordinance to Declare the Law relating to Interest.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendment made by His Excellency to the Bill entitled an Ordinance to assimilate the general application of English Law.

The Resolutions having been put were carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, in reference to confederation,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the same till Friday next.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Stamp seconding, the following Resolution:

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency recommending that Flour manufactured from grain grown in the Colony should be allowed to pass over the Public Roads Free of Toll.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 9.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. Stamp,

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

Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding, the following Resolution:

That in the opinion of this Council the Common School System at present in force in Vancouver Island is a great boon to a large number of the Inhabitants, and ought to be maintained especially in such parts of the Colony in which the population may be concentrated.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Young seconding,

That the Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, in order that the whole subject of Education may be more fully discussed,

Whereupon a debate arose, which having been prolonged for a considerable time,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch,

The debate was adjourned till Friday.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the discussion of the Estimates to have terminated, and handed in the following Resolutions which were severally put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the Council recommend that the sum of Seven hundred and one thousand five hundred and ten dollars and eighty cents be voted for the service of the year, 1867.

Resolved, That the head office of the Postal Department be established at Victoria.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the Supreme Court of Civil Justice should not be removed from Vancouver Island, and that a Court of Appeal should be established by the appointment of another Judge.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to consider the advisability of removing prisoners to Victoria, strictly in view of economy.

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that however useful the Assay Department may be to the Colony at large, yet in the present state of the Colonial Exchequer it must be dispensed with unless it can be made self-supporting.

The Council holding this opinion, have nevertheless voted the sum of money placed upon the Estimates for the Department, but solely with the object of enabling His Excellency the Governor to make it self-supporting, either by removal in part or altogether to some other place in the Colony, or by arrangement with the Banks. If however it be found that it cannot be made self-supporting, that His Excellency take steps at once to abolish the Department, so that no further sum of money be asked at any future time either by way of compensation or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully requested to increase the salary of the Constable at Quesnel by \$200.

Resolved, That the Council recommends that another Constable should be sent to the Columbia District, and that the salary of the Chief Constable be increased so as to become equal to the same appointment in Cariboo.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the sum set down in the Estimates for Hospitals is inadequate, and His Excellency the Governor is hereby empowered to increase it to a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand dollars.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to take such steps as may by him be deemed advisable to effect a reduction in the salaries provided under the Crown Salaries Acts, as in the opinion of this Council the present depressed state of the finances of the Colony calls for the strictest economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service, and the Council therefore respectfully beg to recommend the following sums instead of those already provided by law for the following offices:

His Excellency the Governor.....	from \$19,400	to \$14,550
The Colonial Secretary.....	3,880	3,000
The Treasurer.....	3,637	nil
The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	3,880	3,000
The Collector of Customs.....	3,152	3,000
	\$33,949	\$23,550

Being a reduction of 10,399 in the annual expenditure.

And the Council further respectfully recommend that a change be immediately made in the Registrar General's office, so as to dispose of one of the Registrars General.

Resolved, That the Council recommend that the arrears for Education for August, 1866, to March, 1867, in Vancouver Island be paid.

Resolved, That the Report and other papers of the Select Committee on the Postal Service be referred to the Executive, and that \$25,000 be recommended for Internal Postal Service for twelve months, which limit of term is considered for the present advisable.

Resolved, That the Council recommend that a sum of \$3,000 be put on the Estimates for conveyance of Mails to the Big Bend and Kootenay.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 a month, be placed at the disposal of the Government for Mail Service with San Francisco by Steamer.

On the Order of the day being read for Committee of Ways and Means, Ordered that the same do stand first on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconded, and it was Resolved, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Tariff be referred to the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved the adjournment till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch in amendment till 3 o'clock to-morrow.

On the amendment being put it was carried, and the Council accordingly adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 6th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Franklyn, Cox, Stamp, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Smith, Walkem, Helmcken, Macdonald, Hamley, Barnard.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 19.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled An Ordinance to assimilate and amend the Law prohibiting the sale or gift of Intoxicating Liquor to Indians:

That after Section X: the following clauses be added:

XI. No ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel, shall be allowed to clear from any Port in the said Colony without a clearance paper or permit, which may be in the form in the Schedule hereto marked 1, wherein the quantities and qualities of the fermented, spirituous, or intoxicating liquor on board shall be noted, together with the destination or purpose for which such fermented, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors shall be intended, and every Officer of Customs of the said Colony is hereby required to give such clearance paper or permit, and the Master of every outgoing ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel leaving any Port or place in the said Colony, may be required by any Officer of Customs at any Port in the said Colony to give to such Officer of Customs a Shipping Bill which may be in the form marked 2 in the said Schedule, and which shall contain the particulars indicated therein or required thereby, and sign a declaration at the foot of such Shipping Bill, certifying to the truth of such particulars, which said declaration may be in the form in the said Form 2 above specified, and may further be required to give to such Officer of Customs a bond, note, or security, with one sufficient surety, in the sum of not more than \$1,000, that the fermented, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors mentioned in such Shipping Bill shall be duly landed at their destination respectively, or consumed on board, or otherwise duly accounted for to the satisfaction of the Governor of the Colony.

XII. Every Master of any ship, boat, or canoe making any false Declaration of any matter required by this Ordinance to be declared, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be liable to the punishment incurred on the commission of Perjury

That the present XI Section be numbered XIII, the present Section XII to be XIV, and the present XIII Section be struck out.

The Governor further recommends that the following Schedule be appended to the Bill.

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

SCHEDULE.

FORM 1.

Name and description of Ship, Boat, Canoe, or other Vessel.	Whether British or Foreign, if Foreign, the Country.	Master's Name.	Destination of Liquors. If for Ships the, state so.	No.	Description of Liquor.

The fermented, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors above described, are hereby permitted to be carried and borne to the destination and for the purposes above specified.

(Signed.)

Name and description of Officer.
(Station of Clearance)

Dated this day of 186

FORM 2.

SHIPPING BILL FOR FERMENTED, SPIRITUOUS, OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Name and description of Ship, Boat, Canoe, or other Vessel.	Whether British or Foreign, if Foreign, the Country.	Master's Name.	Port or place of destination. If for Ships use, state so.	No.	Description of Liquor.

I declare the entries in this Bill to be correctly made.

Signed,

Master of the above Ship.

(Station of Clearance)

Dated this

day of

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(Countersigned)

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 20.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill entitled An Ordinance for the regulation of Ferries and Bridges.

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 21.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Bills, respectively:

An Ordinance to declare the Law relating to Interest;

An Ordinance to assimilate the general application of English Law.

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 22.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Petition addressed to him in Council by certain Merchants and others, residents in Cariboo, praying for an alteration of the Law affecting Debtor and Creditor.*

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No 23.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 22nd ultimo., the Governor forwards a Return of the amount of Fines and Seizures in the Customs Department, from 1860 to 1866, inclusive, stating how appropriated.†

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No 24.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council, that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled, An Ordinance to provide for the rights of Barristers-at-Law, Attorneys, Notaries Public, and Articled Clerks of the late Colony of Vancouver Island;

In lieu of the words in the title of the Ordinance "to provide for the rights of" the insertion of the words "making provision for."

Also in line 1 of the first and second recitals, substitute the words "to make provision for" in lieu of the words "that the rights of."

He would further wish that the words "should be declared" and "should likewise be declared" be struck out.

As an additional amendment, the Governor recommends that in line 5 of the I. and II. Clauses, the words "at the said date and not earlier" be substituted for the word "then."

Government House,
6th March, 1867.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the above Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, which being put was carried, and it was

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by His Excellency to "An Ordinance to provide for the rights of Barristers-at-Law, Attorneys, Notaries Public, and Articled Clerks of the late Colony of Vancouver Island."

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion:

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Ways and Means

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the second reading of the said Bill be postponed till to-morrow.

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

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member accordingly presented the said Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow week.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Stamp moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding, the following Resolution:

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that all Provisions used at such Saw Mills in British Columbia as come into competition with establishments of the same kind in Puget Sound, be exempt from paying duty, viz:—Hay, Barley, Ground Barley, Flour, Rice, Beans, Butter, Lard, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Molasses, Dried Apples, Salt Beef, Pork, and Bacon. Also that such Material as is necessary for the repairs and *bona fide* working of the same Saw Mills, such as Iron, Steel, Brass, Lead, Babbit Metal, Copper, Leather and India Rubber Belts, Fire Bricks, Lime, Blacksmith's Coal, Oil, Tallow, Saw Files, and Manufactured Machinery, be admitted duty free.

Whereupon a debate arose.

After which, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch,

Ordered that the consideration of the question be adjourned till Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald seconded, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to the Governor acquainting His Excellency, that this Council is of opinion that the present Admiralty Practice is too tedious and expensive for this Colony, and it is therefore moved that His Excellency the Governor be requested to take such steps as will ensure the adoption of the Admiralty Practice followed in England, as suggested during the last Session of this Council, and the Fees now taken by a Judge in Admiralty be paid into the Treasury for the use of Her Majesty.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 7th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Ball, Franklyn, Walkem, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Stamp, Barnard, Robson, Smith, Sanders.

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

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No 25.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance making provision for Barristers-at-Law, Attorneys, Notaries Public, and Articled Clerks of the late Colony of Vancouver Island.

Government House,
7th March, 1867.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved the adjournment till 1 to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, in amendment, till 3 to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 7.

The Presiding Member giving his vote with the noes, the amendment was lost.

The Council then adjourned till 1 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Friday, the 8th day of March, 1867.

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

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Franklyn, Brew, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Southgate, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Robson, Smith, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Helmcken, Hamley.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No 26.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, passed on the 4th of February, the Governor forwards a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to Establish a Standard of Weights and Measures.

The Governor leaves this as an entirely open measure to be dealt with by the Council.

Government House,
8th March, 1867.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion by the Hon. Mr. Walkem.

Ordered that the same be deferred till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Macdonald, for continuing the Free School system in Vancouver Island,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconding, the following Resolution:

That the present Common School system be continued on Vancouver Island until such time as another system of a more general character be adopted to meet the requirements of the whole Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved That the question be considered in Committee of the whole.

On the amendment being put it was lost.

On the Hon. Mr. Helmcken's motion being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 12,

On a request being made to that effect, the names were taken down by the Clerk as follows:

Ayes.

Messrs. Wood,
Smith,
DeCosmos,
Helmcken,
Pemberton,
Stamp,
Southgate,
Macdonald.

Noes.

Messrs. Birch,
Ball,
Crease,
Young,
Trutch,
Cox,
Franklyn,
Sanders,
O'Reilly,
Barnard,
Robson,
Hamley.

The previous amendment of the Hon. Mr. Robson was then put and carried, and it was

Resolved, That the original Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, in order that the whole subject of Education may be more fully discussed.

The Presiding Member appointed the following Hon. gentlemen to form the said Committee: Messrs. Crease, Young, Wood, Macdonald, Robson, DeCosmos, Barnard.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 27.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled An Ordinance to appropriate Five hundred and sixty six thousand, six hundred and fifty-eight dollars, thirty cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the Contingent Service of the year 1867.

*Government House,
8th March, 1867.*

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Bill read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion in reference to Confederation.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for this day week.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved the adjournment till 3 o'clock, on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The amendment having been put and carried,

The Council adjourned accordingly till 1 o'clock, p.m. to-morrow.

Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1867.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Trutch, Young, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Cox, Sanders, Franklyn, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Walkem, Robson, Barnard, Smith, Wood.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation Bill, brought in a further report, viz:

The Marriage Bill.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council went into a Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Excellency, in Message No. 19, to the Indian Liquor Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. Walkem's motion for the papers connected with the grant of the Grouse Creek Bed-Rock Flume Company,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and handed in a Schedule which had been prepared for the Trades Licenses Bill with certain recommendations, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that leave be granted to sit again on Tuesday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Weights and Measures Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendment.

Ordered to be read third time on Monday.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Ordered to be read third time on Monday next.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Homestead Bill was read the second time.
Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Gold Fields Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., on Monday next.

Monday, the 11th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, Wood, Young, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Franklyn, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Smith Walkem, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Stamp, Barnard.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Weights and Measures Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and that its title be the "Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill of Supply was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents out of the General Revenue of the Colony for the Contingent Service of the year 1867.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Trades Licenses Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the Bill be recommitted.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 9, *Noes* 11.

On a request being made to that effect, the names were taken down by the Clerk as follows:

Ayes.
Messrs. Barnard,
Smith,
DeCosmos,
Helmcken,
Pemberton,
Stamp,
Southgate,
Walkem,
Cox,

Noes.
Messrs. Ball,
Wood,
Crease,
Young,
Trutch,
Franklyn,
Sanders,
O'Reilly,
Brew,
Robson,
Hamley.

So the motion was lost.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 28.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the taking of Oaths and admission of Evidence in certain cases:

1. That the word "solemn" be inserted in the 13th line of the V. Section, or else expunged from the 1st line of the IX. Section.
2. That the X. Section be struck out as being inconsistent with the II. Section.
3. That the XI. Section be struck out.

*Government House,
11th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows;

Message No 29.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has carefully considered the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, which was forwarded to him on the 6th instant. He now returns it with some small alterations, which he recommends to the favourable consideration of the Legislative Council.

*Government House,
11th March, 1867.*

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Homestead Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee for assimilating the Laws of the Colonies.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the alterations proposed by His Excellency, in Message No. 28, to the Oaths and Evidence Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Wednesday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole, on the Postal Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered to be read third time on Wednesday.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

That the Council earnestly recommend His Excellency the Governor to abolish the Road Tolls in whole or in part during the present fiscal year, provided that the receipts of Revenue should warrant the Executive in making such reduction.

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till to-morrow the 12th instant, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, O'Reilly, Hamley, Brew, Wood, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Pemberton, Stamp, Southgate, Helmcken, Smith, Robson, Barnard, Franklyn.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. Stamp's motion for remission of Custom Duties on articles used by certain Saw-mills, was resumed.

After some discussion, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson,
Ordered that the debate be further adjourned for one week.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows :

Message No. 30. FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 26th February, the Governor forwards a Return of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Steamer "Sir James Douglas," in the year 1866.*

*Government House,
12th March, 1867.*

Ordered that the same be printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton moved a Resolution in reference to the appropriation of Fines and Fees of Office.

After some discussion, the Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.
Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding, the following Resolution:

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to furnish the Council with an approximate statement of the particulars of the Public Debt of Vancouver Island and the Mainland respectively at the time of Union.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Trades Licenses Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Licenses Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in a Schedule prepared for the Customs Tariff for adoption by the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Hon. Mr. Barnard asked that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to place a motion on the Order Book.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member then gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Franklyn, Cox, Stamp, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Smith, Barnard, Pemberton, Helmcken, Hamley, Brew.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Postal Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Postal Ordinance, 1867."

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.
 The Hon. Mr. Franklyn in the Chair of the Committee.
 The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
 The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.
 Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the alterations proposed in His Excellency's Message, No. 28, to the Oaths and Evidence Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair
 The Hon. Mr. Cox in the Chair of the Committee.
 The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the taking of Oaths and admission of Evidence in certain cases.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Medical Bill,
 Ordered that the same be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of, the Hon. the Solicitor General, the Hon. Messrs. Young, Helmcken, Robson.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding, the following Resolution:

That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that Hay, Barley, and Oats, used as feed by Teamsters and Packers on the roads, be exempt from Road Tolls, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to abolish the same.

On the question, being put the Council divided:

Ayes 8, Noes 10.

So it passed in the negative.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion, in reference to the proposed alterations to the Constitution of the Council,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos,

Ordered that the same be postponed till after the discussion of the Confederation question.

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation of Laws Bill, brought in a further Report, viz.: the Currency Bill and the Homestead Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Ordered that the Currency Bill be now read first time.

Bill read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Ordered that the Homestead Bill be committed to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m., to-morrow.

Thursday, the 14th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Hamley, Brew, Franklyn, Walkem, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Stamp, Pemberton, Robson, Barnard.

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

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

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

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

Ordered that the same be recommitted.

The Council went again into Committee on the Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill to have been amended by striking out a Clause.

On the question of the adoption of the Report of the Committee being put the Council divided.

Ayes 11, Noes 6.

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

On the question of the third reading of the said Bill being put, the Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be again recommitted.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 10.

So the amendment was lost.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved, that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Marriages Ordinance, 1867."

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

Ordered that the second reading be deferred for two sittings of the Council.

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

Resolved, That the following Acts now in force in Vancouver Island be referred to the Assimilation Committee, with a view to their extension to the whole Colony, viz: "The Vancouver Island Jury Act, 1865," the "Limitation of Foreign Actions Act, 1860," and the "Extension of Limitation of Foreign Actions Act, 1861."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Gold Fields Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means,

Ordered that the same be taken as an Order of the day further on.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Excellency, in Message No. 19, to the Indian Liquor Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolutions which were adopted by the Council:

Resolved; That the Council having taken into their most careful consideration the amendments to the Indian Liquor Bill proposed by His Excellency the Governor, in his Message No. 19, of the 6th March, 1867, is of opinion that if the provisions contained in the Clause proposed by His Excellency as Clause XI were carried out in their entirety a serious injury to legitimate traffic might be inflicted, and the commerce of the Colony greatly injured; and as it is evident that the object of the proposed Clause is only to provide an additional impediment to the illicit sale of Spirits to the Indians, the Council would respectfully recommend to His Excellency that the annexed Clause, with the Schedule, should be added to the Bill as Clause XI. in place of the Clause and Schedule suggested by His Excellency:

XI. No ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel having fermented, spirituous, or intoxicating liquor on board, shall leave any port in the Colony of British Columbia for any part of the Coast of the said Colony, or for any port or place on the Coast of Russian America, or to the northward thereof, without the Master of such ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel, making a declaration in the form marked 1 in the Schedule to this Ordinance, setting forth the quantities, description, and destination of such liquor as aforesaid as may be on board, and obtaining from the Officer of Customs at the port of departure a Permit to carry such liquors, which Permit may be in the form marked 2 in the said Schedule; provided always that all vessels over one hundred tons register, and all steam vessels engaged in carrying passengers, shall be exempt from the operation of this Section of this Ordinance; and provided further that it shall be lawful for the Officer of Customs, at the port of departure, to exempt any vessel from the operation of this Section of this Ordinance, whenever the cir-

circumstances shall be such as, in the opinion of such Officer, to render such exemption expedient and desirable."

The Council would further recommend that as Section XIII. has, in accordance with His Excellency's suggestion, been struck out, new Clauses to provide for the proper interpretation of the Ordinance should be added to make the Bill complete, and the Council has in consequence considered and passed the two Clauses also annexed, and marked XVI. and XVII.

XVI. In case of any summary conviction under this Ordinance, no warrant of commitment upon a conviction shall be held to be invalid by reason of any defect therein, if it be therein alleged that there be a good and valid conviction to sustain the same.

XVII. In the construction of this Ordinance, the word "Governor" shall be held to mean the Governor of this Colony, or other Officer administering the Government of this Colony for the time being; and whenever in this Ordinance in describing or referring to any person or party, matter or thing, any word importing the masculine gender or singular number is used, the same shall be understood to include and be applicable to several persons or parties as well as one person or party, and females as well as males, and bodies corporate as well as individuals, and several matters and things as well as one matter or thing, unless it otherwise be provided, or there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction.

SCHEDULE.

Form I.

SHIPPING BILL FOR FERMENTED, SPIRITUOUS, OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Name and description of ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel.	Whether British or Foreign, if Foreign the Country.	Master's Name.	Port or place of destination.	Quantity and description of Liquors on board.	To whom consigned, or if for ship's use.

I declare the entries in this Bill to be correctly made.

Signed,

Master of the above Ship.

(Station of Clearance.)

Dated this day of 186

Form 2.

PERMIT TO CARRY FERMENTED, SPIRITUOUS, OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Name and description of ship, boat, canoe, or other vessel.	Whether British or Foreign, if Foreign the Country.	Master's Name.	Port or place of destination.	Quantity and description of Liquor on board.	To whom consigned, or if for ship's use.

The Fermented, Spirituous, or intoxicating Liquors above described, are hereby permitted to be carried and borne to the destinations, and for the purposes above specified

Signed,

(Name and description of Officer.)

(Station of Clearance.)

Dated this day of 186

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete with some amendment.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended to enable him to introduce the following Bills:

Customs Tariff Bill,

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday next;

Real Estate Repeal Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next;

Harbour Dues Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock, a.m., to-morrow.

Friday, the 15th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Hamley, Brew, Cox, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Franklyn, Pemberton, Southgate, DeCosmos, Stamp, Walkem, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Gold Fields Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported considerable progress made with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 31.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill entitled

An Ordinance for the taking of Oaths and admission of Evidence in certain cases.

*Government House,
15th March, 1867.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Homestead Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and that its title be the "Homestead Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconded, and it was

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to cause to be prepared and introduced an Ordinance respecting Fences, with the following provisions:

To empower the Governor to establish Fence Districts in any part of the Colony on receiving a petition from two-thirds of the freeholders and pre-emptors of any proposed District, provided that the whole number of freeholders and pre-emptors of such District shall not be less than fifteen, such petition to define what a legal fence shall be for such District, but the definition of such legal fence shall be subject to amendment by the Governor in Council; Fence viewers to be appointed annually by the Governor, with power to settle disputes respecting fences; owners of lands that join each other in every such district or on the boundary line of such District to be liable respectively to make and keep in repair, at their own expense, their respective proportionate share of each boundary or party fence; no person in any such District to be entitled to compensation for loss of any cereals or vegetables by reason of their destruction by horses, cattle, hogs, or sheep belonging to some other person, if such person claiming compensation shall not have had his cereals and vegetables surrounded by such legal fence; other provisions necessary to make such Ordinance operative.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding, the following Resolution:

That in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that the Chief Custom House Department should be at Victoria, where the greatest amount of Revenue in the shape of Duties is received.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 11, Noes 8.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconding, and it was

Resolved; That in the opinion of this Council, Wheat of foreign growth should be admitted free of duty, if for the purpose of being ground into flour for exportation or for the use of Her Majesty's forces, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be deemed expedient and necessary for obtaining this object.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committee of Ways and Means,
Ordered that the same do stand as an Order of the day for Monday.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till Monday, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Monday, the 18th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, Wood, Young, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Franklyn, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Smith Walkem, Pemberton, Macdonald.

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

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from G. Booth.

Ordered that the same be received.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented a Petition from certain Merchants of Victoria.

Ordered that the same be received.

The Hon. Mr. Robson presented a Petition from certain Solicitors in Victoria.

Ordered that the same be received.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Currency Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Gold Fields Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned Committee of Ways and Means,

Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the same be read the second time to-morrow.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 10.

So the amendment was lost, and the Bill was read the second time.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved that the said Bill be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Bill be committed to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 11.

So the amendment was lost.

And the original question having being put and carried,

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that no progress had been made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

The Hon. the Collector of Customs moved that the Bill be committed at once.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Bill be committed to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 11.

So it passed in the negative, and it was Ordered that the Bill be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in Mortgages Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Real Estate Tax Repeal Bill,

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion in respect to taking steps to include British Columbia in the British North American Confederation.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution, which having been put to the Council was carried unanimously, and it was

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that at this juncture of affairs in British North America, East of the Rocky Mountains, it is very desirable that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take such steps, without delay, as may be deemed by him best adapted to insure the admission of British Columbia into the Confederation on fair and equitable terms, this Council being confident that in advising this step they are expressing the views of the Colonists generally.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till to-morrow the 19th instant, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, O'Reilly, Hamley, Brew, Wood, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Pemberton, Southgate, Helmcken, Smith, Robson, Franklyn, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No 32.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor, having had his attention recalled to the Report of the Committee of Supply of the Legislative Council respecting the Crown Salaries Act of 1863, hereby forwards a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to repeal a Proclamation, No. 12, of the year 1863, entitled 'Crown Officers' Salaries Act.'"

The Governor has directed all Public Officers to abstain from giving a vote upon the measure, which he leaves an open one for the decision of the Honorable Members appointed on the recommendation of the people, and of those also who have no pecuniary connection with the Government.

*Government House,
19th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No 33.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Bills, respectively:

An Ordinance for the protection of Inventions;

An Ordinance to establish a standard of Weights and Measures;

An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-six Thousand, Six hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars and Thirty Cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1867.

*Government House,
19th March, 1867.*

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos spoke to a question of privilege, in reference to certain words which fell from him in a discussion yesterday on the Customs Dues.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned consideration of the Hon. Mr. Stamp's motion in regard to certain Saw Mills,
Ordered that the same be deferred till Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked the following question of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary: Whether the Executive intends continuing the Collection of Customs Duties upon goods imported into Vancouver Island previous to the Union with British Columbia, and if so for how long a period, and under which Tariff?

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald seconding, the following Resolution:

That this Council is prepared and would gladly receive the promised Message of His Excellency the Governor, upon the subject of the Seat of Government of British Columbia.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 5.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking for Returns shewing how the public money voted for Schools on Vancouver Island, during the past three years, has been expended.

The same having been put and carried it was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Gold Fields Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into adjourned Committee on the Customs Tariff Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again presently.

Ordered that leave be granted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Customs Application Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered to be read third time at once.

Bill read third time, the Standing Orders having been suspended for that purpose,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Customs Declaratory Ordinance, 1867."

According to Order, the Council went again into Committee on the Customs Tariff Bill.

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

Ordered to be read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, the Standing Orders having been suspended for that purpose,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Customs Ordinance, 1867."

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended in order to enable the Hon. Member to place a notice of motion on the Order Book.

Notice of motion given accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Acts mentioned in Schedule B of the Assimilation of Laws Bill, brought in a further Report, which was read as follows:

The Committee of Assimilation beg to report that they have had under consideration the "Vancouver Island Jury Act, 1865," but they find considerable difficulty in dealing with this Act without dealing with the subject of Juries generally. The Jury Law of British Columbia is materially different from that of Vancouver Island. In British Columbia the old law of England prevails, except as limited by the "British Columbia Jurors' Act, 1860." In Vancouver Island eight jurors are by the rules of the Supreme Court a full jury, and the verdict of a jury need not be unanimous in civil cases.

The subject requires fuller consideration than your Committee are able at the end of the Session to give it, as it forms part of the procedure of the Supreme Court and the general administration of Justice.

They have further considered the Vancouver Island Acts for the Limitation of Foreign Actions and Suits, and have prepared a Bill to carry out their provisions in all parts of the Colony, but as such a Bill is precisely similar in effect to "The Limitation of Foreign Actions Ordinance, 1865," which has been disallowed, and is in violation of the views entertained by the best jurists of England and America, we conceive that the only way of dealing with the subject in order to assimilate the law, would be a simple enactment repealing the existing Acts of Vancouver Island on the subject.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and do lie on the table.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up a Land Bill, brought in a Report.

Ordered that the same be received, printed, and considered on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m., to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present, — The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Ball, Crease, Trutch, Wood, O'Reilly, Hamley, Sanders, Franklyn, Cox, Brew, Pemberton, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Macdonald, Walkem, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding, and it was

Resolved, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of \$3,000 be granted for the purpose of liquidating the debt of the Royal Hospital, such debts having been incurred upon the belief that the sum would as usual have been paid by the Government of Vancouver Island.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that a premium of \$5,000 be offered for the first Quartz Crushing Mill erected and put into operation in the Shuswap country, capable of crushing twenty-five tons of Quartz in twenty-four hours.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 9.

Four Hon. Members not having voted they were counted in the affirmative, so the division was counted as follows:

Ayes 10, Noes 9.

So the motion was carried and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in Vancouver Island Road Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

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

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Currency Bill.

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

Ordered that the said Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Currency Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, handed in for adoption a Schedule for the Harbour Dues Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that leave be granted to sit again on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Harbour Dues Bill.

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

On the question of the adoption of the Report of the Committee being put,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Bill be recommitted.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 11.

So the amendment was lost, and it was Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted, and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered, that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Hon. Member to introduce two Bills.

Standing Orders having been suspended accordingly, the Hon. Member introduced the Pilotage Bill, and the Harbour Regulations Bill.

Ordered that the said Bills be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bills be read second time on Friday.

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Victoria Incorporation Bill, brought up an amended Bill.

Ordered that the same be considered in Committee of the whole on Friday next

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m., to-morrow.

Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Hamley, Brew, Franklyn, Ball, Walkem, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Pemberton, Robson, Smith, Macdonald.

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

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

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of \$1,370.15 be granted out of the General Revenue of the Colony for the purpose of liquidating the debts of the Royal Columbia Hospital.

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

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that Barley imported into the Colony for brewing purposes may be allowed to come in duty free.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 13.

So the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Solicitor General asked leave to introduce Exchequer Debenture Bill.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, Ordered that the said Bill be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Harbour Dues Bill, The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the said Bill be now recommitted.

On the question being put whether the Standing Orders be suspended, the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 14.

So the amendment was lost, and it was Ordered that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Shipping Ordinance, 1867."

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the same be postponed till Monday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Victoria Real Estate Tax Repeal Bill,

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding, the following Resolution:

That the second reading of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Tax Repeal Bill, 1867, be postponed until the purchasers of Lands at Tax Sales, under the "Real Estate Tax Amendment Act, 1862," shall have had due and ample notice of the provisions of the said Bill; and that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor asking that the provisions of the said Bill, in substance so far as they may concern the purchasers of Land at Tax Sales, be telegraphed to Victoria and published in both the daily papers for one week, with

a request that all purchasers of Lands at such Sales may represent to the Government whether the said provisions of the said Bill meet with their concurrence, and if not to forward forthwith their objections to the same; and that His Excellency be further asked to lay before the Council a Return of the numbers of the Lots or Parcels of Land sold at Tax Sales and still unredeemed from the purchasers, the names of the delinquent tax-payers of the same, and the names of the purchasers of the said unredeemed Lots, together with the respective sums paid by such purchasers in respect of said unredeemed Lots.

On the amendment being put, a debate arose which having terminated the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 14.

So the amendment was lost and the original question having been put and carried, the Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Land Laws was read aloud by the Clerk as follows:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire first what system should be adopted in the general disposal of the Crown Lands of the Colony as most conducive to its interests, and secondly to enquire into the respective merits of the measures on the subject introduced and now before the Council, have the honor to report:

That in their opinion the fee simple of the Crown Lands of the Colony should as soon as possible be vested in its Legislature, with a view to the adoption of a system of free grants to intending settlers. To such a disposition, the assent of Her Majesty's Government is under the present law an absolute necessity, entailing a delay which, for obvious reasons, places the Colony at a great disadvantage. In arriving at such a conclusion, your Committee believe that the system, if adopted, will not only tend to attract a settled population, but will invite the investment of capital, which our law at present has an inclination rather to forbid than to encourage.

That our large tracts of agricultural land are rich in fertility is beyond all doubt, but with lands equally fertile in the adjoining Republic, some further inducement than is offered by nature ought, in the shape of free grants, to be presented to the vast tide of immigration annually flowing to the shores of this continent.

The adoption of such a principle is not the less desirable from another point of view. The construction, which the contemplated Confederation may hasten, of a highway, followed by a no less possible line of Railway, across the continent through British Territory, has already occupied the attention of this as well as of the Eastern Section of British North America. The successful termination of such an enterprise is too obviously calculated to advance the material prosperity of the Colony to need comment.

The Government should therefore be at once placed in a position which will enable it to foster the settlement of our lands and facilitate undertakings of such moment to the Colony.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a view to the attainment of objects so desirable.

Pending the consent of the Home Government, your Committee do not consider it advisable to make any radical change in the Land system now in force in this Colony, but, having carefully reconstructed the "Land Ordinance, 1865," and made certain amendments thereto, which will in their opinion render it more complete in practice, and form a clearer guide to intending Pre-emptors, they recommend this amended Bill for the adoption of the Council.

(Signed), J. W. TRUTCH, Chairman.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m., to-morrow.

Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Ball, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Hamley, Sanders, Franklyn, Brew, Pemberton, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Stamp, Walkem, Young, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

On the question of their confirmation being put, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken handed in the annexed protest in reference to the third reading of the Shipping Ordinance:

We, the undersigned elected Members of the Legislative Council, desire to place on record our protest against the 5th Section of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Harbour and Tonnage Dues, and to regulate the Licenses on the Vessels engaged in the Coasting and Inland Navigation trade.

Sec. "V. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time or times, should special circumstances make the granting of such privileges in his opinion desirable, hereafter to license and authorize any Foreign Bottoms to engage in the Coasting Trade or Inland Navigation of British Columbia."

1. Because we believe such Section to be contrary to Imperial Statute;
2. Because, whilst it is the policy of the Government to encourage the various industries of the Country, this Clause will have exactly the contrary effect upon the Shipping interest;
3. Because the very existence of such a Section is calculated to destroy confidence, and to interfere with and even prevent the investment of capital in either the building or owning of Colonial Vessels;
4. Because, whilst it tends to depress the legitimate business of the British Colonist, it is calculated to raise the expectations of the Americans;
5. Because it may be the means of diverting the Commerce of the Country, and of encouraging the growth of Commercial Towns in the neighbouring American Territory; to the great detriment of the Commercial City of the Colony:

J. S. HELMCKEN, Victoria, (elected),
 W. J. MACDONALD, Mayor of Victoria, (nominated),
 EDWD. STAMP, Lillooet, (elected),
 J. D. PEMBERTON, District No. 2, (elected),
 A. DECOSMOS, Victoria, (elected).

The Minutes were then confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 34.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Legislative Council, dated the 18th instant, in favor of the admission of British Columbia with the proposed Confederation of the Eastern British Colonies of North America.

He will place himself in communication on the subject with the Secretary of State, with Viscount Monck, Governor of Canada, and with Sir Edmund Head, Governor of the Hudson Bay Company,

*Government House,
 22nd March, 1867.*

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in The Harewood Railway Extension Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in Excise Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On the Order of the day being read for the motion standing in the Hon. Mr. Smith's name,

Ordered that the same be postponed till Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the adjourned consideration of the Hon. Mr. Stamp's motion, in regard to the drawback of duties on articles used by certain Saw Mills, was resumed.

The Hon. Mr. Stamp asked leave to withdraw his original motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

On the amendment of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 5.

So it was Resolved,

That His Excellency be recommended to grant a sum not exceeding fifty cents per thousand feet upon all sawn lumber exported from the Colony.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Roads (V. I.) Bill, Ordered that the same be postponed until Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Legal Professions Bill.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, handed in the Exchequer Debenture Bill, with the recommendation that it be read second time, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the Bill be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 11 a.m., to-morrow.

Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Young, Wood, Sanders, Southgate, Robson, Helmcken, Franklyn, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Ball.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message (No. 35.) **FREDERICK SEYMOUR.**

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bills entitled respectively:

An Ordinance to assimilate and amend the Laws relating to Licenses and direct Taxes on Persons;

An Ordinance to assimilate the Law exempting the Homestead and other property from forced seizure and sale in certain cases in all parts of the Colony of British Columbia.

Government House,

23rd March, 1867.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Legal Professions Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1867."

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

Ordered to be committed on Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, p.m., on Monday.

Monday, the 25th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, Wood, Young, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Franklyn, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Smith, Barnard, O'Reilly, Macdonald.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

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

That this Council recommend to His Excellency the Governor the necessity of appointing Justices of the Peace in the different districts throughout the interior of the Colony.

Also, that some person be empowered at Seymour and Kamloops, or Sayana's Ferry, to issue Mining Certificates and Record Mining Claims, with a view to the better convenience of the Miners engaged in these districts.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, *Noes* 11.

On a request being made to that effect, the names were taken down by the Clerk as follows:

Ayes.

Messrs. Barnard,
Smith,
DeCosmos,
Helmcken,
Southgate,
Robson,

Noes.

Messrs. Ball,
Crease,
Young,
Trutch,
Franklyn,
Sanders,
O'Reilly,
Brew,
Hamley,
Wood,
Cox.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald not having voted, his vote was counted in the affirmative.

So the vote was taken *Ayes* 7, *Noes* 11, and the Resolution was lost.

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

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a drawback of not exceeding \$2.50 a hogshhead be granted upon all Malt Liquors manufactured in the Colony exported, or for the use of Her Majesty's Navy.

The Hon. Mr. Young moved that the words "until 31st December, 1867" be added.

The Amendment having been put, the Resolution as amended was then put and carried, and it was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in the Ports of Entry Bill.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Southgate asked leave to bring in a Bill extending the County Courts Act of British Columbia to Vancouver Island, in order to facilitate the collection of small debts at Nanaimo.

Whereupon a debate arose, during which

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was read as follows:

Message No 36.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bills entitled respectively:

An Ordinance to declare the application of the existing Laws of Customs.

An Ordinance to amend the Duties of Customs.

He has seen with satisfaction the passage of an Ordinance to remove any doubt which might have been entertained as to the legality of the past collection of duties on the Mainland, on Goods imported without previous payment of duties from Vancouver Island.

Now, however, on consenting to the new Customs Law the Governor has given instructions that no further Customs duties be levied on Goods or Commodities transferred from one portion of the Colony to another.

Government House,
25th March, 1867.

The Hon. Mr. Young then moved the following amendment to the Hon. Mr. Southgate's motion:

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to make provision for the establishment of a District Court for the Collection of small debts at Nanaimo.

The amendment was then put and carried.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned Committee of the Victoria Incorporation Bill,

Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Exchequer Debenture Bill.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, handed in the Excise Bill, which had been amended for the adoption of the Council, and recommended that the said Bill be now read second time.

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

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Harewood Railway Extension Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Pilotage and Land Bills,

Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Harbour Regulations Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Cox, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight alterations.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Mortgages and Vancouver Road Bills,

Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

According to Order, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Excise Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight amendment.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Smith, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present.—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Hamley, Brew, Franklyn, Ball, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Sanders, Robson, Smith, Macdonald.

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

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Harbour Regulations Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and its title be the "Harbour Regulations Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Excise Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Excise Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Debenture Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Exchequer Debenture Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Victoria Incorporation Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Franklyn, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill to have been considerably amended and to be now complete.

Ordered to be read third time on Friday next.

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

Ordered that the same be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Brew, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight amendment.

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

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

Ordered that the same be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Cox, Chairman of the Committee, reported that slight progress had been made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1867.

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

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Ball, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Hamley, Sanders, Franklyn, Brew, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Young, Barnard, Cox, O'Reilly, Smith.

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

The Hon. Mr. Wood, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Medical Bill, brought up a Report, which was read aloud by the Clerk as follows:

Your Committee report that they have prepared a draft Bill which however has not been unanimously agreed to.

The point in doubt which is left for debate with the Legislative Council, is whether a register should be made of all Licentiates in Medicine and Surgery possessing a diploma from any existing school, British and Foreign, without regard to the amount of study exacted before grant of a licence, or whether it should be confined to those who have graduated in a school requiring a substantial course of study extending over a period of three or four years.

The majority of your Committee have drafted a Bill for the registration of all persons possessing a diploma of whatever sort it be, believing that such a measure is sufficient to protect the public against totally unauthorized practitioners, and it is suitable to the present condition of the Colony, leaving it for the Honorable the Legislative Council to adopt amendments if they please, or to leave the matter open for more perfect legislation at some future period when a School of Medicine can be established in the Colony.

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

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Land Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 37.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council, for their information, certain Petitions addressed to him requesting that Victoria may be made, according to some of these papers, the Capital, according to others the Seat of Government of the United Colony.

It is in no cavilling spirit that he points out that those first alluded to appear to have been signed under a false impression. There is no intention of erecting Public Offices in New Westminster during the present condition of the Colonial finances. The Government Officers do not complain of the accommodation afforded to them, and, if economy be alone considered, the retention of the Seat of Government on the banks of the Fraser is to be preferred, inasmuch as a considerable outlay would be required to make the Government House at Victoria permanently habitable.

It is a matter of sincere regret to the Governor that this vast and thinly peopled territory should, in the early stage of its political existence, have been divided into two separate Colonies, and that two necessarily rival towns should have been founded in comparatively close proximity. His labours would now be lighter, and the Colony more prosperous, had the spare resources of the inhabitants been concentrated in the erection of one town of magnitude, of sufficient importance and attraction to retain during the winter the greater part of the unattached population of the Colony. He would not care if the site for the Capital had been fixed where Victoria now stands, or on the Bay of Esquimalt, or at New Westminster. Nor could he, if the matter had been clearly understood by all, have objected to one scale of taxation being fixed, favorable to commerce, upon those who elected to live in the chief town or within a certain radius of it, and another upon those who took to other occupations in outlying districts. But it is not in order to express regret over the past that the Governor now comments on the Petitions he forwards.

New Westminster was by Proclamation, having the force of Law, created the "Capital" of British Columbia. Her Majesty was invited to name the young city and bestowed upon it the name it now bears. Though styled Capital it would not appear to have been the Seat of Government, and the affairs of the Mainland were directed from the chief town of the neighbouring insular Colony. Dissatisfaction, whether general or local, the Governor is not in a position to say, ensued, and Her Majesty was advised to separate the administration of the Government of British Columbia from that of Vancouver Island.

On his acceptance of office in this Colony the present Governor was instructed to use all means in his power to bring about an entire Union of the two Colonies, which the Secretary of State had reluctantly advised the Queen to disconnect. His Grace stated that it was the intention of the Government that New Westminster should be the Seat of Government of the Colony if a fusion could be obtained, although he believed that Victoria would always retain her commercial supremacy. The Legislature of the Mainland was accordingly called upon to provide a house, suitably furnished for the residence of the Governor, while no such provision was required from Vancouver Island.

On his arrival in the Colony the Governor found the sum of £10,000 voted for the erection of Public Buildings in New Westminster, but, with the cheerful concurrence of the Public Officers interested, he declined to lay out the money in that manner, choosing rather, in the general interest, to devote it to the lowering, by improvements in communication, the price of commodities in the Gold Districts.

The desire for Union, the Governor looked for, grew and matured in a section of the present Colony, until the Imperial Legislature considered the time had arrived for carrying into effect a policy Her Majesty's Government had steadily kept in view. Then British interests on the shores of the North Pacific were consolidated by Act of Parliament.

The Governor understands that, during the passage of the Act, it was stated in both Houses of Parliament that New Westminster should be the Seat of the General Government. An influential Member of the Government informed him a few days before his departure from England—"I do not think it necessary that the Secretary of State should give you instructions as to the Seat of Government. It is understood that New Westminster should be the Capital, and that you should visit Victoria when you think necessary. But if you wish for definite orders, you will do best to ask for them in a formal letter to the

"Secretary of State." The Governor has no doubt that such an application would have resulted in a Royal decision in favour of New Westminster, and and he may state that it was on his intercession alone, that the order to sell the Government House, at Victoria, was withheld.

He is of opinion that the question as to the future Seat of Government and of the assembling of the Legislature had better, ultimately, be decided on local recommendation. He would, however, not desire that the interests of New Westminster should be prejudiced, by his regard for the general interests of the Colony having been superior to that he felt for the comfort of himself and Public Officers. Nor, on the other hand, would he wish any undue consideration to be given in favour of Victoria, on account of a large outlay having been made on a Governor's residence, at a time when Vancouver Island could ill afford it. He would take no advantage of the fact of one section of the Colony having asked for unconditional Union, while the other stood aloof, nor would he maintain that any Proclamation, though having the force of Law, may not be repealed when the community reaches a more advanced state of population and mode of Government, but, for the present, he will leave matters as they are. He will watch, without preference or prejudice, over the general interests of the Colony as they may develop themselves in the uncertain future, and will be prepared to act upon his own judgment in the advice, if any, which he may lay before Her Majesty's Ministers.

He trusts that no immediate action may be urged upon him. He feels deeply the injury the Colony has sustained from political agitation, and now states plainly that should he find it necessary to set the present question at rest, he will humbly recommend to the Queen that he and his Successors in office be commanded to reside permanently in the present Capital of the Colony.

*Government House,
27th March, 1867.*

Ordered to be printed for the use of Members.

According to Order the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Land Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Southgate,

Ordered that the same be recommitted at once.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

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

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 "The Pilotage Ordinance, 1867."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Standing Orders were suspended in order to enable the Hon. Member to place a notice of motion on the Order Book for to-morrow.

The Hon. Member then gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved the first reading of the Limitation of Foreign Suits Bill.

Ordered accordingly.

Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion for a Committee of the whole on the subject of the Settlement of the Crown Lands,

The Hon. Member moved that the same be considered to-morrow.

Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Victoria Real Estate Tax Repeal Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the Committee of the whole on this Bill be instructed to divide the same into two parts, one for the repeal of the Tax, and the other dealing with the other matter contained in the Bill.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Franklyn, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill repealing the Tax to be complete, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and that the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Ports of Entry Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Hamley, Brew, Franklyn, Ball, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Sanders, Robson, Smith, Macdonald, Walkem, Barnard, Pemberton, Stamp.

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

The Hon. Mr. Franklyn gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Ports of Entry Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Ports of Entry Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the Land Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Cox, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight amendment.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Harewood Railway Extension Bill.

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

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

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

Ordered that the same be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

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

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

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Medical Bill,

Ordered that the same be postponed till Saturday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Limitation of Suits Bill, a debate commenced, during which,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 29th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, Hamley, Brew, Cox, Ball, O'Reilly, Sanders, Franklyn, Pemberton, Southgate, DeCosmos, Stamp, Walkem, Helmcken, Macdonald, Robson, Barnard.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended to enable the Hon. Member to introduce a Bill.

The Hon. Member introduced the Aliens Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Victoria Incorporation Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the consideration of the Governor's Message be taken first.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, *Noes* 6.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

The consideration of His Excellency's Message, No. 37, being before the Council,

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

This Council having taken into consideration His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 37, relating to the Seat of Government, as well as the numerous and numerous signed Petitions, from all parts of the Country, praying that Victoria may be made the Seat of Government,

Resolved, That were the Seat of Government at Victoria it would be consonant with the desire of the public, advantageous to the Administration, conducive to the best interests of the Country, and diminish the cost of Government.

That, without wishing to embarrass the Executive in any way, the Council would urge that such steps may be taken as may to His Excellency seem best toward carrying out the desire of the Petitioners.

That His Excellency the Governor be humbly solicited to cause the next Session of the Legislative Council to be holden at Victoria.

Whereupon a debate arose, and on the termination of the same, the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 13, *Noes* 8.

On a request being made to that effect, the names were taken down by the Clerk as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
Messrs. Pemberton,	Messrs. Bill,
DeCosmos,	Crease,
Helmcken,	Franklyn,
Southgate,	Brew,
Wood,	Hamley,
Cox,	Barnard,
Sanders,	Smith,
O'Reilly,	Robson.
Young,	
Trutch,	
Macdonald,	
Walkem,	
Stamp.	

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Harewood Railway Extension Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Harewood Colliery Company's Railway Extension Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Victoria Incorporation Bill,

Ordered that the same be postponed till Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Real Estate Repeal Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do now pass, and its title be "The Real Estate Tax Repeal Ordinance, 1867."

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

Ordered that the same be deferred till Monday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council adjourned till 11 a.m., to-morrow.

Saturday, the 30th day of March, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Wood, Young, Sanders, Cox, Brew, O'Reilly, Southgate, Robson, DeCosmos, Macdonald, Helmcken, Smith, Pemberton, Walkem, Stamp.

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

The Order of the day being read for the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franklyn,

Ordered to be deferred till Monday.

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

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

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 38.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council, that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the issue of Debentures for short temporary Loans."

Government House,
30th March, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No 39.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and assimilate the procedure of the County Courts in all parts of the Colony of British Columbia."

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30th March, 1867.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be read second time at once.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed on Monday.

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

Ordered to be postponed till Monday.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Pemberton, pursuant to the Order of the day, asked the Collector of Customs whether he is informed that the *Active* has been recently carrying freight or passengers for hire between Victoria and New Westminster, and if so, whether he has given any permission in the matter?

The Hon. the Collector of Customs replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Limitation of Foreign Actions Bill was read second time.

Ordered that the same be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain amendments.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was read as follows:

Message No 40.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

At the request of the Legislative Council, the Governor forwards a Return shewing the particulars of the Public Debt of Vancouver Island and the Mainland at the time of Union, exclusive of current liabilities.*

Government House,
30th March, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Land Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Land Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the motion set opposite the name of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos,

The Hon. Member moved that the adjourned debate on the alteration of the Constitution standing as an Order of the day be taken first, the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 13.

So the amendment was lost.

Ordered that the Order of the day be taken in regular rotation.

The Council accordingly went into Committee of the whole on the subject of the Settlement of the Crown Lands.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Brew, Chairman of the Committee, handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved

1. That the Council having had under consideration the advisability of making further provision to foster and encourage settlement on the Crown Lands, respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor that, in addition to the advantages offered to settlers by the provisions of the Land Ordinance, and by the stimulus to agriculture incidental to the operation of the revised Tariff, the Council would recommend that the Department of Lands and Works, in addition to its ordinary duties, be used as an Immigration Department.

2. That the Colony be divided into Land Districts; that the chief office be located in the district where the largest body of immigrants and floating population usually arrives, and from whence they distribute themselves throughout the Colony, or take their departure to other countries; that in each of the other districts a sub-office be opened; that the chief office be supplied with maps of the entire Colony, shewing the lands sold and pre-empted in each district, the lands open and suitable for pre-emption; that each sub-office be supplied with similar maps of the district to which it may belong; that the land or sub-office in each district be supplied with the best information obtainable, in a compendious printed form, respecting the adaptability of the soil of such district for agricultural purposes, the localities best suited for immediate settlement, the topography of the district generally, the character of the seasons, and such other climatic observations as may be of service to farmers and stock-raisers; also the nearest and best market for produce, with current or average prices of produce and stock, the distances to such markets, the probable time occupied in carrying produce to market, and whether land or water conveyance is required, with the expense of transportation; also the average rate of wages for farm labourers and other occupations, and the requirements of such districts for labourers, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, artisans, carpenters, or other professions; and also an abstract of the present condition of agriculture and general industry in such district.

3. That the annual Returns made by the Sub-Commissioners shall contain information as to the acreage occupied, cultivated, and open and suitable for pre-emption in his district; the variety of crops, quantity, and yield annually; the stock and varieties thereof; the average prices of produce and stock; the markets, distances, and rate of wages; the condition of industry in general; the population, distinguishing their respective callings; the annual increase or decrease of population; and such general observations on agriculture and industry, topography, climate, &c., as may be new, or deemed to be of public utility.

4. That such Returns be printed and published for general circulation; that each sub-office be supplied with the same, and such Returns laid before the Legislature early in the Session.

5. That the Chief Commissioner and his agents collect, continually, information as to persons willing to settle on Crown lands, or in want of employment; make himself acquainted with such persons as may have capital enough to engage in agriculture or other industry, and supply them with information as to the best places to locate, and otherwise assist or induce them to settle in the country; assist the unemployed in getting employment, and also organize settlements, with Government aid, from among those persons who may not possess sufficient capital to engage in agriculture, though otherwise willing to do so.

6. The Council would recommend that in the absence of power to make free grants of land to *bona fide* settlers, a bounty be offered to actual settlers, equivalent to the pre-emption price of the land that they may be liable to pay under the Land Ordinance, and that the payment of such bounty be made to correspond to the payment of instalments under Pre-emption Ordinance.

7. The Council would recommend that means be taken, as early as possible,

to induce or assist females, suitable for farmers' wives, to emigrate to the Colony, the want of this class being much felt.

On the question being put, Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted, and Resolved accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock, a.m., on Monday.

Monday, the 1st day of April, 1867.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Brew, Wood, Young, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Cox, Franklyn, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Stamp, Walkem, Pemberton, Macdonald.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, Ordered that the Petitions on the Capital question be printed for the use of Members.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Franklyn moved, the Hon. Mr. Southgate seconded, and it was

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to give directions for the extension of the Swine and Goat Act, of Victoria, V. I., to Nanaimo, V. I., the limits of the town to be considered a radius of one mile from the Court House.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Limitation of Actions Bill,

And the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 3.

So the Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Limitation of Actions Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Medical Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Medical Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of the whole on the County Courts Bill.

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

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No 41.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Legislative Council, asking for Returns shewing how the Public money voted for schools in Vancouver Island during the past three years has been expended.

He fears it will be difficult to procure these Returns during the present Session of the Council, but should he have prorogued the Council before their receipt he will direct the Returns sought for to be published in the *Government Gazette*.

*Government House,
30th March, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 42.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill authorizing the unforseen expenditure for the Mainland portion of the Colony in the year 1866.

It being impossible, at this early date, to lay before the Council fully detailed accounts of the expenditure of the past year, the Governor states for the information of the Council that the amounts appearing in the Estimates, now submitted, are merely items of account, not of actual expenditure over and above the amount voted for the service of 1866. The Estimates for that year as passed by the Legislative Council amounted to \$722,004. Resolutions passed by

the Council, and transmitted to the Officer Administering the Government, added \$10,000.

The total expenditure of the year, as brought to account in the Treasurer's books, however only approximated \$550,000.

*Government House,
1st April, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 43.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Legal Professions."

*Government House,
1st April, 1867.*

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

Message No. 44.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor consents to the greater portion of the suggestions made by the Legislative Council in regard to amendments in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to assimilate and amend the Law prohibiting the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to Indians."

He consequently substitutes for Clause XI. sent down by him to the Council in Message No. 19, the recommendations forwarded to him by the Legislative Council, and suggests that they form Clauses X, XVI, and XVII of the amended Ordinance, with the exception in the Clause XI. of the words after "provided always" to and including "further," and in the subsequent part of the same Clause the omission of the words "at the port of departure," and the substitution of the "Governor" for the "Officer of Customs."

*Government House,
1st April, 1867.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:

Message No. 45.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to confirm the expenditure of the sum of One hundred and thirty-two thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-four cents, for the service of Vancouver Island for the year 1866."

*Government House,
1st April, 1867.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved, That the Council recommend that a Supplementary Supply of \$96,918.11 be voted for the service of the year 1866.

Resolved, That the Council recommend that a Supply of \$141,295.15 be voted for the service of the Colony of Vancouver Island for the year 1866.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee of Supply be adopted.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Bill to be read second time forthwith.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Vancouver Island Supply Bill was read first time.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Bill to be read second time.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered that the same be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council went into Committee on the amendments proposed by His Excellency, in Message No. 44, to the Indian Liquor Bill.

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency, in his Message No. 44, to the Indian Liquor Bill.

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

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the V. I. Roads Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Victoria Incorporation Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, it being six o'clock, Ordered that the Council adjourn till 8 o'clock, p.m.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the Council resuming its sitting, pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into adjourned Committee of the whole on the Real Estate Sale Repeal Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments, subject to the annexed Resolution proposed for the adoption of the Council.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Resolved as follows:

That the Bill be read third time to-morrow, but that this Council is of opinion that His Excellency should be respectfully requested to suspend his assent to this Ordinance until he shall have been satisfied, by such means as to him may seem fit, of the truth of the preamble and the propriety of the Bill shall have been shewn.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into adjourned Committee on the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos' motion for altering the Constitution of the Council.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Trutch, Chairman of the Committee, reported:

The Council having continued to sit till after 12 o'clock on Tuesday morning, that the Committee had come to no conclusion on the subject of altering the Constitution of the Council.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1867.

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

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

Present,—The Hons. Messrs. Birch, Crease, Trutch, Young, Wood, O'Reilly, Cox, Hamley, Brew, Ball, Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Sanders, Walkem, Robson, Smith, Macdonald, Pemberton, Stamp.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Macdonald asked the Colonial Secretary why the Government require that the Mails from Yale to Soda Creek should be carried during the summer months in a "Stage waggon drawn by not less than four horses" while on the score of economy they deem it necessary to call for fresh tenders, and do they intend to limit the rate of fare by such waggons?

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary replied.

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

Message No. 46.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,

The Governor considers that in the present financial condition of the Colony the rate of Postage recommended for universal adoption by the Council is too low.

He recommends that the following Clause be inserted in lieu of Clause IX. in the Postal Ordinance, 1867:

"That every letter deposited in or passing through any Post Office in the Colony, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be paid a postage according to the following scale, that is to say:

"At or between Victoria or any Post Office in Vancouver Island and New Westminster, or any port in the Colony..... 5 Cents.

"Between Vancouver Island or New Westminster and Clinton or Savana's Ferry 12½ "

"Beyond those distances 25 "

"Between any two Post Offices above Yale, Hope, and Douglas ... 12½ "

"And for every additional half ounce, or fraction of half an ounce, beyond the above weight, there shall be paid on each such letter an additional postage according to the foregoing rates."

Government House,
2nd April, 1867.

A further Message from His Excellency, as follows:

Message No. 47.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,

In accordance with the desire expressed by the Legislative Council, the Governor forwards a Return showing the expenditure under the head of Education in Vancouver Island, during the years 1864, 1865, 1866, respectively.*

Government House,
2nd April, 1867.

Ordered to be printed for the use of Members.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole on the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Postal Bill.

The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved, That the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Postal Ordinance.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the County Courts Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "County Courts Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Vancouver Island Supply Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Ordinance to confirm the Expenditure of the sum of One Hundred and Forty One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars, and Fifteen Cents, for the Service of the Colony of Vancouver Island, for the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the British Columbia Supplementary Supply Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Ordinance to confirm the Expenditure for the services of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six, not authorised in the grant for that year."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Alien Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Aliens' Ordinance, 1867."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Mortgages Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Mortgages Ordinance, 1867."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Real Estate Tax Sale Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, Ordered that the same be recommitted. The Council went into Committee of the whole accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported that additions had been made to the Bill, and that it was now complete.

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

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Real Estate Tax Sale Ordinance, 1867."

Dissentiente, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Macdonald, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding, the consideration of His Excellency's Message No. 32 was brought up,

And the Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved the following Resolution, which was put and carried by the vote of un-official Members, the Official Members having, agreeably to His Excellency's instructions, abstained from voting on the question:

Resolved, That the popular Members, to whom the Bill repealing the Crown Salaries Act has been exclusively left, are of opinion that in the present depressed condition of the Colony, Her Majesty's Government should be respectfully prayed to remunerate the Chief Executive Officer of this Colony.

That the popular Members recognize with satisfaction the desire of the Executive to reduce the cost of Government, and are not unaware of the difficulties that beset his path in that direction.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to urge upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity of granting the Executive of this Colony power to simplify, centralize, and reduce the departmental system, so as to lessen the public expenditure to such a figure as the Colony is able to bear.

His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, Governor of the Colony, having entered the Council Chamber, accompanied by his Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, made the following Speech proroguing the Council:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

It is with great pleasure that I find myself enabled to-day to relieve you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties.

I acknowledge, with thankfulness, the care and candour you have bestowed upon all matters which have been brought under your consideration.

You have been informed by message that I have assented to nearly all the Bills which have been sent to me. I have now to add to our Statute Book the following Ordinances which, in Her Majesty's name, I have allowed:—

The Indian Liquor Bill, Harbour Regulations Bill, Marriage Bill, and those relating to Aliens, to the Gold Mining Districts, to the Excise Law, to Currency, to the Harbour Dues and Coasting Licenses, to that extending the time granted to the Harwood Coal Company, to the Bill relating to Pilotage, to that respecting Ports of Entry, to the Repeal of the Real Estate Tax of Vancouver Island, to the Bills affecting the Medical Profession and the Postal Service, to the Supply Bill for Vancouver Island, and the Supplemental Supply Bill for the Mainland.

I reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure the proposed Ordinance respecting the disposal of the Crown Lands. I shall transmit it with the Resolution passed by the Council in favour of a system of Free Grants of Land. I reserve, likewise, the Bill respecting the Limitation of Actions. That respecting Mortgages shall receive my early and most attentive consideration, as shall also the Bill to provide for the settlement of all outstanding questions relating to the Sale of Land for Taxes in Vancouver Island.

All the Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council shall have my full attention during the recess. You will not expect that I should allude to all of them separately, but there are some which I ought now to notice. I shall be glad to co-operate with you in any means for the promotion of Immigration and the occupation of the Crown Lands. The question as to whether the usually

objectionable system of a bonus on exportation of certain natural products or manufactured articles is specially desirable here, shall engage my attention in the Executive Council.

I shall be very glad if the state of the Public Revenue shall justify the reduction or abolition of the Road Tolls.

Every fair consideration shall be given to your recommendation in favour of premiums for the establishment of Quartz Mills. But special care must be taken in thus disposing of the Taxes levied on the people.

I have to thank you for the appropriations made for the requirements of the Public Service. I notice with pleasure the interest you display in the Public Hospitals.

The principal Custom House shall, as you desire, be established where the principal commerce of the Colony is carried on, nor shall in other respects our chief town lack any of the fostering aid of the Government. If, in spite of your Resolution in favour of Victoria, I still hesitate on removing my abode and the Seat of the Legislature from the spot established by Law, you will understand that I consider the public faith and honor engaged on the one side, and possible expediency on the other. If, as some persons assert, the present uncertainty be found to be more detrimental to the public interests than any decision which may be arrived at, I shall come to that decision and make public the recommendation I may lay before the Secretary of State. I however look confidently forward to the time when the centre of population will be found on the Eastern side of the Cascade Range.

I am about to communicate with the Secretary of State and the Governors of Canada and of the Hudson's Bay Company, respecting the wish you have expressed to enter into a confederation with the Eastern Provinces of British North America. I will inform you as a Council, if a Legislative Session is in progress, if not as individual Honorable Gentlemen, of the result of my enquiries.

Humbly trusting that the year now opening may be one of prosperity to our miners, farmers, and merchants, I will relieve you for a time from your Legislative duties. In December next I hope to give you a satisfactory account of the year's Executive Administration. In the succeeding month, I trust, under circumstances of greater prosperity, that works of improvement may be proposed to you and that simultaneously some of the weight of taxation may be removed.

I now proceed to prorogue this Legislative Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

APPENDIX.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.

NO. 1.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 1, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Extract from the Royal Instructions.

Eleventh.—And whereas by an Order in Council, bearing date the 11th day of June, 1868, we did constitute a Legislative Council, and did empower the Governor of our said Colony with the advice of our said Council, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of our said Colony, and did declare that until otherwise provided by us, the said Council should, in the Transactions of Business and Passing of Laws conform as nearly as might be to the Directions conveyed in certain Instructions therein mentioned, and bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1858, and to such further Instructions under our Sign Manual and Signet as might hereafter be addressed to the Governor of our said Colony in that behalf; and we did further declare that, subject to such Instructions, the said Council might make Standing Rules and Orders for the Regulations of their own Proceedings; and whereas by our Letters Patent, of even date herewith, we have revoked our said Instructions of the 2nd day of September, 1858, we do further Direct and Require you to frame and propose to the said Council for their adoption, such Standing Rules and Orders as may be necessary to ensure Punctuality of Attendance of the Members of the said Council, and to prevent Meetings of the said Council being holden without convenient Notice to the several Members thereof, and to maintain Order and Method in the dispatch of Business, and in the conduct of all Debates in the said Council, and to secure due deliberation in the passing of Laws, and to provide that, before the passing of any Law intended to affect the Interests of private persons, due notice of the same is given to all persons concerned therein, all which Rules and Orders, not being repugnant to the said Order in Council, or to your said Commission, or to those our Instructions, or to any other Instructions which you may receive from us, shall at all times be followed and observed, and shall be binding upon the said Council, unless the same, or any of them shall be disallowed by us.

Twelfth.—And we do further Direct that all Laws to be enacted by you with the Advice and Consent of the said Council, shall henceforth be styled "Ordinances enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council thereof," and that no other style or Form shall ever henceforth be observed in any such enactments.

Thirteenth.—And we do further Direct that all Ordinances made by you with the Advice of the said Council be distinguished by Titles, and that the Ordinances of each year be also distinguished by Numerical Marks, commencing in each successive year with the number One, and proceeding in arithmetical progression to the number corresponding with the total number of Ordinances enacted during the year, and that every such Ordinance be divided into successive Clauses or Paragraphs distinguished in like manner by Numerical Marks, and that to every such Clause be annexed, in the margin, a short summary of its contents.

Fourteenth.—And we do further Direct that all such Ordinances be drawn up in a simple and Compendious Form, and that subjects which have no proper relation to each other be not comprised in one and the same Ordinance. And that no Enactments be introduced into any such Ordinance which may be Foreign to its professed scope and object, and that no Perpetual Clause be part of any Temporary Ordinance.

Fifteenth.—And we do further Direct that you do not propose or assent to any Ordinance whatever in relation to any of the matters mentioned or referred to in the said Order in Council, or in your said Commission, or in these our Instructions, which shall be in anywise repugnant to or inconsistent with such Order in Council, or Commission, or Instructions.

ENCLOSURE No 2, IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 1, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of June, 1863.

PRESENT,
 THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
 LORD PRESIDENT, EARL RUSSELL,
 LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. MILNER GIBSON.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the 22nd year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," it was declared lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to authorize and empower such Officer as she might from time to time appoint to Administer the Government of British Columbia, to make provision for the Administration of Justice therein, and generally to make, ordain, and establish such Laws, Institutions, and Ordinances as might be necessary for the peace, order and good government of Her Majesty's Subjects and others therein; provided that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, so soon as she might deem it convenient, by any such Order in Council as aforesaid, to constitute or to authorize and empower such Officer to constitute a Legislature, to make Laws for the peace, order, and good government of British Columbia; such Legislature to consist of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony, and a Council or Council and Assembly to be composed of such and so many persons, and to be appointed or elected in such manner, and for such periods and subject to such regulations as to Her Majesty might seem expedient. And, whereas, by an Order in Council, bearing date on the 2nd day of September, in the year 1858, Her Majesty was pleased to authorize such Governor or Officer as aforesaid, to make provision for the Administration of Justice, and, as therein mentioned, to make Laws and Ordinances for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's Subjects and others in the said Colony. And, whereas, it is expedient to revoke the said Order in Council, and to constitute a Legislature for the said Colony, consisting of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government thereof, and the Legislative Council hereinafter established:

I. 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, or otherwise in that behalf, that the said recited Order in Council shall be and the same is hereby revoked. Provided, always, that nothing herein contained shall be held to invalidate any act or thing done, nor any appointment made in pursuance or under authority of the said Order in Council, but that every such act, thing, and appointment shall remain of the same force and effect as if the said Order in Council were still in operation.

And it is hereby further ordered as follows, that is to say:

II. 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.

III. There shall be in the said Colony a Legislative Council, constituted as hereinafter mentioned.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council, to make Laws for the peace, order, and good government of the said Colony.

V. The said Council shall consist of such Public Officers within the said Colony, as shall from time to time be designated, and of such persons as shall from time to time be named by or in pursuance of any Instructions or Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and of such other persons as may from time to time be appointed by the Governor, by Instruments to be passed under the Public Seal of the said Colony. Provided, that every such last mentioned appointment shall be provisional only until the same shall have been approved by Her Majesty, through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and may be made to determine at a period named in the Instrument making the same, and that the total number of Councillors shall not by any such appointment be raised above the number of Fifteen. Provided, also, that every Member of the said Council shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure only.

VI. The Precedence of the Members of the said Council may be from time to time determined by any such Instructions as aforesaid. In the absence of such determination the Members shall take rank according to the order of their appointment, or if appointed by the same Instrument according to the order in which they are named therein.

VII. The Governor or, in his absence, any Member of the Council appointed by him in writing, or in default of such appointment, the Member present who shall stand first in order of precedence shall preside at every meeting of said Council. All questions brought before the Council shall be decided by the Majority of the Votes given, and the Governor or Presiding Member shall have an Original Vote on all such questions; and also a Casting Vote if the Votes shall be equally divided.

VIII. No business (except that of adjournment) shall be transacted unless there shall be present Four Members of Council besides the Governor or Presiding Member.

IX. The Council shall, in the transaction of business and passing of Laws, conform as nearly as may be to the directions conveyed in that behalf to the Governor of British Columbia, in certain Instructions under the Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1858, until otherwise provided by US, and to such further Instructions under the said Sign Manual and Signet as may hereafter be addressed to the Governor in that behalf.

X. Subject to such Instructions the Council may make such Standing Rules and Orders for the regulation of their own proceedings.

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. If any Councillor shall become Bankrupt or Insolvent, or shall be convicted of any criminal offence, or shall absent himself from British Columbia for more than three months without leave from the Governor, the Governor may declare in writing that his seat at the Council is vacant, and immediately on the publication of such declaration he shall cease to be a Member of the Council.

XIV. The Governor may, by writing under his hand and Seal, suspend any Legislative Councillor from the exercise of his office, proceeding therein in such manner as may from time to time be enjoined by any such Instructions as aforesaid, and until otherwise ordered according to such directions respecting the suspension of Public Officers, as are contained in the above mentioned Instructions, bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1858. And the Most Noble the Duke of Newcastle, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ARTHUR HELPS.

NO. 2.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 2, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Auditor General to the Private Secretary.

COPY.

AUDIT OFFICE, 14th December, 1866.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that in accordance with instructions, I have made enquiry as to the position of the Public Accounts of Vancouver Island at the present date, and I have to state the result of my investigation, as follows:

1. The Treasurer's Cash Book for 1865, has been examined by the Auditor, and the Abstracts completed. The posting of the entries into the Ledger has not been finished, nor the Annual Account Current made out.

2. The Audit of the Accounts of the Crown Fund has been completed for 1865.

3. The Collectors' Cash Books, viz: the Harbour Master's, Post Office, Land Office, Police Court, Supreme Court, and Nanaimo Agent are yet to be examined for 1865.

4. The Treasurer's Cash Book for 1866, has been examined to the end of July, a large proportion of the payment Vouchers from July to the present date has been examined, and the receipt Vouchers for August and September.

5. The Treasurer's Books are not posted for 1866.

6. All the Collectors' Books for 1866, have yet to be examined.

7. The Crown Fund Account has not been audited for 1866.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

The Auditor General to the Colonial Secretary.

MINUTE.

To complete the examination of all the Vancouver Island Accounts so that I could certify the Account Current, and furnish the usual Statements required, it would take five or six months' industrious work, at a cost (say at the rate last voted for auditing by the House of Assembly, \$100 per month) of \$500 to \$600.

To finish the auditing of the Treasurer's Cash Book Entries for October—generally the largest month in the whole year—it might take six weeks to two months, at the present rate as above, \$150 or \$200.

26th January, 1867.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) R. K.

NO. 3.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 3, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
RETURN showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of the Assay and Melting
Department of British Columbia, and the Profit and Loss on the sale of
Gold Bars, during the Year 1864.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
FEES OF OFFICE.		Total Expenditure of the Department	
In Cash	£623 15 9	(including Salaries) as per monthly	
In Cornets, Clips, and scrapings..	231 6 6	Returns.....	£953 2 6
Estimated value of Clips on hand	27 17 9	Deduct for Arrears of Expenditure...	17 8 6
Assays made without charge.....	30 17 6		
Balance of Profit and Loss on sale			935 14 0
of Bars.....	39 7 11	Balance in favor of the Department...	17 11 5
	<u>£953 5 5</u>		<u>£953 5 5</u>
Profit on sale of Gold Bars.....	£74 2 2		
Loss " "	34 14 3		
		Balance in favor of Department.....	£39 7 11

STATEMENT OF GOLD BULLION ASSAYED.

For the Bank of British Columbia.....	Oz. 56,300	
For the Public.....	" 17,098	
For the Government.....	" 2,226	
		<u>Total.....Oz. 75,624 Value £241,920</u>

RETURN showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of the Assay and Melting
Department of British Columbia, and the Profit and Loss on the sale of
Gold Bars, during the Year 1865.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
FEES OF OFFICE.		Total Expenditure of the Department	
In Cash	£582 6 11	(including Salaries) as per monthly	
In Cornets, Clips, and scrapings..	259 9 7	Returns	£1,001 2 4
Assays made without charge.....	13 18 6		
Balance of Profit and Loss on sale			
of Bars	18 15 10		
	<u>874 10 10</u>		
Deficit.....	126 11 6		
	<u>£1,001 2 4</u>		<u>£1,001 2 4</u>
Profit on sale of Gold Bars.....	£28 12 6		
Loss " "	9 16 8		
		Balance in favor of Department.....	£18 15 10

N.B.—The above deficit is due to a reduction having been made in the charges for assaying
Bars for the Bank of British Columbia. Had it not been for this reduction there would have
been a balance in favour of the Department of £63 4s. 7d., instead of a deficit of £126 11s. 6d.

STATEMENT OF GOLD BULLION ASSAYED.

For the Bank of British Columbia (Bars)	Oz. 42,377.00	Value \$736,172 65
" " " (Dust)	" 30,085.26	" 495,052 12
For the Public.....	" 20,717.47	" 349,566 56
For the Government	" 442.22	" 7,794 88
	<u>TotalOz. 93,621.95</u>	<u>\$1,588,586 21</u>

ANNUAL RETURN OF THE ASSAY DEPARTMENT, 1866.

EXPENSES.		RECEIPTS.	
Salaries.....	\$4,665 00	In Cash	\$1,089 32
Office Contingencies	91 91	In Cornets, &c.....	726 10
	<u>\$4,756 91</u>		<u>\$1,815 42</u>
		Deficit.....	\$2,941 49

A profit of \$404 54 was realized on Gold Dust received as Revenue, and melted and assayed in this Office.

Besides the above expenditure, there was an expense of \$107 57 incurred for freight, wharfage, drayage, &c., of Stores received from England, for projected branch Assay Office at Kootenay, and a further sum of \$123 57 for freight, insurance, wharfage, &c., of casks containing Slag shipped to England for experiment. This Slag, which has been accumulating for the past seven years, is expected to realize a considerable profit. Both these expenditures were specially authorized, the latter under the head of Transport, and have not been included in the above amount as they do not form part of the current expenditure of the Assay Office.

AMOUNT OF GOLD ASSAYED.

Oz. 23,571.26 Value \$392,340 48
Average value of dust per Oz. during the year \$16 64½

MINERAL ASSAYS AND ANALYSES.

Free of charge..... 35
Paid for..... 3
Total..... 38

Besides the above mineral assays proper, a very much larger number of specimens have been continually brought for inspection or for opinion, in many cases taking up a great deal of time, but these have hitherto not been entered in the Office records. It is proposed however for the future to do so.

F. G. CLAUDET,-

Superintendent.

New Westminster, 21st January, 1867.

REPORT.

The chief cause in the great falling off in the amount of Gold assayed during the past year, compared to that assayed in 1865, is to be attributed to the abolition of the Gold Export Tax, which had the effect, during its existence, of throwing nearly the whole of the Gold (with the exception of that which evaded the duty) through the Government Assay Office.

During the past year the main bulk of the Gold has continued to pass through the hands of the two Colonial Banks, who, having Assay Offices of their own, one at Cariboo and the other at Victoria, assay their own Gold at a loss to themselves, for they would incur less expense and obtain better bars by availing themselves of the Government Office, which it is presumable they will eventually do.

I believe I am correct in stating that most of the Gold brought down by private hands finds its way to this Office, with the exception of small quantities which are occasionally taken by parties going direct to San Francisco to be there coined, indicating that the public, when they can be the choosers, prefer the Government Assay to any other.

The cause of the larger proportion of the Gold passing through the hands of the Banks is obvious.

The conversion of Gold dust into Notes in the Mining Districts is rendered necessary partly from the want of a circulating medium, and partly from the Miners preferring in many cases to dispose of their Gold on the spot, to running any risks in bringing it down upon their persons, although the price given for it by the Banks is necessarily below its value, to allow for the expense of transmitting the treasure from the Mines to its market, and to leave a certain margin for profits.

Most of the Gold, however, which is not thus disposed of finds its way to the Government Office, and it is a pleasing fact that all the principal Traders and Miners have evinced their satisfaction in the Government Assay, not only by continuing to avail themselves of it whenever possible, but also in many instances by expressing their discontent with assays done elsewhere.

Before the establishment of the Government Assay Office, it is a well known fact that Gold assayed by the private Assayers then in Victoria, turned out two and three per cent. below its real value, and it would have probably yielded still less had the Colony been allowed to continue any longer without the wholesome check of a responsible Office.

In a purely mineral country like British Columbia, however, there are many other important advantages accruing from a Government Assay Office besides that of checking the value of Gold. Gold quartz and metallic ores have been discovered in every direction, and it is obvious that to have an accurate knowledge not only of the commercial value of these ores, but also of their mineral composition, and the metallurgic treatment necessary to extract the metal contained in them is absolutely necessary before they can be rendered available, and this can only be satisfactorily obtained from competent and responsible persons. Capital has frequently been lost in mining enterprise in other countries, from confiding in imperfect and fictitious assays, to the great detriment of mining interests, and in a country as yet in its infancy, and depending upon its mines for its development, too great caution cannot be observed in the prevention of any such practices being initiated. Owing to their having so frequently been the victims of irresponsible parties, it is with the greatest difficulty that English capitalists can be induced to engage in mining enterprise in new countries.

Examples are not wanting even in this Colony of attempts to get up a false excitement.

As one instance, I may cite a supposed Silver mine, specimens from which, assayed in Victoria, yielded thousands of Dollars per ton, while the Government Assay proved the rich Silver ore to be nothing more than a common slate rock interspersed with crystals of small iron pyrites, without even a trace of Silver, and it was not until a considerable sum of money had been uselessly expended, and that the Government Assay had been persistently disputed, that the shareholders found out their mistake and abandoned the imaginary mine.

In connection with this subject, may be mentioned the expediency of forming a Museum of the mineral products of the Colony, a small commencement of which has already been made, and

placed for view in the Public Library. As the country becomes developed this will form a most interesting and valuable collection.

It is much to be regretted that the past year has been such an unfavourable one as regards the receipts of the Assay Office; but it is reasonable to anticipate that the present one will prove far more satisfactory.

But even should the expenditure continue to exceed the receipts, the comparatively small cost to the Colony of maintaining the Department will be far more than counterbalanced by the advantages derived from it, and this will manifest itself more and more as the mineral resources of the Colony become developed.

In conclusion, it may be as well to state that there is a supply of fuel, apparatus, and chemicals in store, sufficient to last for two or three years, or even longer, and the expenditure of the Department during that period, with very trifling exceptions, will consist merely of the salaries of the staff.

F. G. CLAUDET,

Superintendent of the Assay Office.

New Westminster, 21st January, 1867.

NO. 4.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 5, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A RETURN (closely approximate) shewing the Amount received for ROAD TOLLS during the Year 1866.

Lytton, to 25th June.....	\$14,129	84
Yale.....	41,434	45
Hope.....	2,485	55
Lillooet, including Clinton.....	17,889	67
Douglas.....	3,605	49
	<u>\$79,544</u>	<u>50</u>

NOTE.—Returns from two Stations have yet to be received for the month of December, hence the Statement being approximate.

ROBERT KER,

Auditor General.

Audit Office, February 8th, 1867.

A RETURN shewing the Amount received for TONNAGE DUES at the Port of New Westminster, during the Year 1866.

Tonnage, Dues.....	\$13,850	02
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ROBERT KER,

Auditor General.

Audit Office, 8th February, 1867.

STATEMENT of moneys expended in Construction of and Repairs to ROADS, on which TOLLS are collected, during the Year 1866.

New Road, Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry.....	\$18,546	00
Trails, Shuswap Lake to Columbia River, &c.....	25,538	64
Completion of Trail, Osoyoos to Wild Horse Creek.....	2,836	87
Trail, Bridge River District.....	3,978	97
Trails in the Cariboo District.....	671	32
Completing Alexandria and Quesnel Road.....	10,763	60
Do. Cottonwood and Richfield.....	12,193	10
Fifth Instalment, Richfield and Cameronton.....	1,350	00
Cayoosh Creek Bridge.....	2,527	43
Repairs, Douglas to Clinton Road.....	4,811	65*
Do. Yale to Clinton.....	27,511	49
Do. Clinton to Cameronton.....	2,571	83
Do. Hope to Osoyoos.....	659	80
	<u>\$113,960</u>	<u>20</u>

* MEMO.—In addition to the above, a sum of about \$300 has been expended on the Douglas to Clinton Road, Returns of which have not yet reached this Office.

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works
and Surveyor General.

Lands & Works Dept., 8th February, 1867.

NO. 5.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 6, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Petition of Your Memorialists, humbly sheweth;

That the Road Tolls, as in existence, were imposed by and with the consent of the people in the Upper Country, and have hitherto been paid solely by them;

That the consent to the payment of these Tolls was the only condition on which the Government of the Colony would undertake the construction of the Grand Trunk Road to the Mines;

That at the time this consent was obtained from the people, it was, in their estimation, an absolute necessity, as the cost of delivering the necessaries of life at the Mines prior to the construction of the Grand Trunk Road was so high that Miners would have been compelled to leave the country comparatively unprospected; and inasmuch as the amount of Tolls collected is now bearing heavily on the Forwarders and Traders of the Colony; and inasmuch as the raising of the money for the payment of these Tolls falls chiefly on those engaged in the carrying trade, many of whom are compelled to borrow money at ruinous rates of interest, in order to obtain employment for their men and animals, we would from our practical experience earnestly represent that under the present severe financial crisis, unless this impost is removed, there will be a large decrease in the present population within the next twelve months, and the knowledge of such impost being still continued will tend largely to retard immigration;

That during the past year the amount paid for Tolls in cash has averaged at least one-eighth of the amount received for freight, thereby being a tax of twelve and one-half per cent. on the unrealized labour of the men and stock engaged in the carrying trade of the Colony;

That inasmuch as the Roads to the Mines have been and still are of as much advantage to every Town and City in the Colony as they are to the inhabitants of the Mines, reducing as they do the cost of transport, facilitating travel, expediting the transmission of orders and remittances, and in fact regulating and systemizing the whole business of the Colony, it is only just that the cost of these Roads should be equally borne by the entire population;

That in order to meet the deficiency in the Revenue arising from the proposed abolition of the Road Tolls, we would most respectfully recommend, that as Customs Duties bear most equally on all classes, this deficiency may be collected in that way; and that the Farmers who have been induced to settle under the present system, whereby Colonial produce was exempted from Toll, may be adequately protected by a sufficient duty being imposed on foreign produce;

That the present is the most auspicious time for the removal of this obnoxious tax, as in the opinion of Your Petitioners a remodelled Tariff to meet the requirements of the Island and Mainland will be passed in the Legislative Council.

And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed by 66 Merchants, Traders, &c.

STATEMENT of the Average Prices of the principal Articles of consumption, according to the value reported by the Magistrates resident at Cariboo, during the last four Years, viz:

	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.
Ale, in wood	per gal.
English Ale, in bottle.....	doz.
Bacon.....	lb.	\$1 18	0 87	0 68
Barley.....	" "	0 62	0 50	0 30
Beans.....	" "	0 69	0 50	0 40
Butter.....	" "	2 20	2 20	1 35
Candles.....	" "	1 69	1 22	0 75
Cheese.....	" "	1 87	...	1 35
Cigars.....	m.	220 00	200 00	\$180 & 160
Coffee.....	lb.	1 75	1 25	1 25
Flour.....	ttl.	138 00	90 00	68 00
Lard.....	lb.	1 50	0 92	0 62
Meat, fresh.....	" "	0 52	0 60	0 40
Oil, Coal.....	gal.	10 00	10 00	\$7 & 10
Oats.....	lb.	0 60	0 50	0 30
Rice.....	100lb	91 00	61 00	45 00
Sugar.....	lb.	1 28	0 80	0 57
Spirits.....	gal.	30 00	25 00	15 00
Tea.....	lb.	2 31	1 50	1 35
Tobacco.....	" "	3 62	4 00	3 50
Champagne.....	case	100 00	80 00	65 00
Claret.....	" "	50 00	30 00	\$25 & 20
Various Wines, Port and Sherry ..	" "	25 00	20 00	\$18 & 20

NO. 6.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS.

1. The Council shall at each day's adjournment fix the day and hour for the next meeting as may be deemed most convenient for the dispatch of business.

2. As near as may be to the hour of meeting fixed for any particular day, the Member present who shall be first in order of precedence, shall take the Chair.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

3. Nine Members inclusive of the Presiding Member shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and in the event of a quorum not being present at the hour of meeting of the Council, it shall be lawful for the Presiding Member to summon any absent Members, and any Members so sent for and not attending forthwith shall be held to be guilty of contempt, unless he shall have obtained leave of absence from the Governor.

4. No Member shall depart the House without the leave of the Presiding Member; and upon the adjournment of the Council Members will keep their seats till the Presiding Member shall have left the Chair.

5. Any Member requiring leave of absence from the Council during its Session shall make application to the Governor personally, or by writing through the Presiding Member.

6. Immediately after the Presiding Member takes the Chair the Minutes of the proceedings of the previous day's sitting shall be read by the Clerk, in order that any error therein may be corrected, and when correct the same shall be approved and signed by the Presiding Member.

RULES OF DEBATE.

7. The Presiding Member shall preserve due order and decorum during each Session of the Council, and protect all the Members thereof in the enjoyment of all their rights and privileges. He shall decide all questions of order that may arise, giving his reasons for such decisions when required by any Member, and citing the rule applicable to the case; but otherwise without comment.

8. Every Member shall, in discussing any question, address the Chair, and shall stand while so doing; and should he wish to allude to the Speech or opinion of any other Member he must do so without naming him; Official Members may be designated by their appointments.

9. If any two or more Members rise to speak at the same time the President shall call on the person entitled in his opinion to pre-audience.

10. Upon any Member being called to order he shall take his seat till the question of order be decided.

11. No motion, except to adjourn or for the previous question shall be introduced, except the same be written in ink and contain the name of the mover and seconder.

12. Every motion shall be read by the mover thereof, standing in his place, upon which it shall be handed to the Clerk, who shall also read it, and it shall then be put to the Council by the Presiding Member, after which it shall be considered before the Council; but any motion may be withdrawn at any time, before a decision thereon, by the mover and seconder thereof, with the consent of the Council.

13. No Member shall speak more than once, except in explanation to the motion, except the mover thereof, who shall be allowed to reply.

14. After the reply of the mover of any motion, no further discussion shall be allowed thereon; but unless an amendment be moved thereto, it shall be immediately put to the vote, after which no Member shall speak or leave his seat, until the final vote is taken.

15. While any motion is under debate no other motion shall be entertained, except a motion to amend, to commit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, or a motion for the previous question, or to adjourn, which latter motion shall always be in order, except when the Council is in Committee of the whole.

16. A motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments.

17. A motion to postpone, shall include a day for the further consideration of the question.

18. When a motion to lay on the table prevails, the matter so delayed may be called up again on any subsequent day, by the motion of any Member.

19. A motion for the previous question until it is decided, shall preclude all debate; and all motions for amendments or otherwise shall be put in the following words: "Shall the main question be now put?"

20. Any Member intending to introduce a Bill, Resolution, or other matter into the Council, shall give one day's notice of his intention.

21. In every case, an amendment which has been moved and seconded, shall be put before the original question, and every later amendment before a former one.

22. A motion to amend a proposed amendment cannot be put until the proposed amendment shall have taken the place of the original question, nor after it shall have been adopted, and no question can be put to the vote which is substantially the same as one on which the judgment of the Council has already been expressed in the current Session.

23. To prevent any misunderstanding in the Council, no Member shall be liable to answer for a motion made, or words spoken in the Council, unless it be at the same sitting, and before the adjournment; and the Council shall receive no information from without doors, of words spoken openly in the Council.

24. All imputations of improper motives shall be considered as being highly disorderly, and such conduct shall be minuted in the Journals, if it shall appear to a majority of the Council to be necessary.

25. An adjournment of the discussion of any question may be moved by a Member at any time, and if seconded, may be adopted or not by the majority.

26. No amendment shall be proposed upon an amendment which is under discussion.
 27. No Member shall be allowed to read any Speech.
 28. Every motion and amendment must be in writing, and must be seconded before it can be put to the vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

29. The business of the Council shall be taken up and disposed of at each daily Session, in the following order:—

- First.*—Reading the Minutes.
Second.—Reading and referring Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications.
Third.—Notices of Motion.
Fourth.—Orders of the Day.

30. On the first day of the Session the Governor's Speech shall be read, with the Despatches, Bills, and other Documents accompanying it, and such reading shall be the first reading of the said Bills. The Committee to prepare an address on the Governor's Speech on opening the Session, shall then be appointed by the Presiding Member on motion in Council.

31. With the exception of questions of privilege, which shall take precedence of all others, all business shall be taken in the order in which it appears in the "Order Book," unless by permission of the President, on good reasons being shewn for such deviation.

BILLS—RESOLUTIONS.

32. Every Bill, except those sent down to the Council by the Governor, shall be introduced by leave granted to some Member, on motion therefor.

33. Every Bill before it passes, shall be read three times.

34. No Bill shall pass two readings on the same day, without the unanimous consent of the Council.

35. After the second reading of a Bill, the Council shall always resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the same, for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the said Bill, and any amendments to be proposed thereto, and in such Committee the Bill shall be gone through clause by clause.

36. Excepting where amendments are proposed by the Governor, a Bill which has been reported from a Committee of the whole Council, and agreed to, shall not be recommitted for the purpose of altering or reversing anything therein contained, but solely for the introduction of new or supplemental matter, in aid of the provisions of the Bill previously agreed to.

37. When a Bill has been passed by the Council, it shall be presented by the President, for Her Majesty's assent, to the Governor.

38. Whenever the Governor shall propose amendments to any Bill or Resolution sent up to him by the Council, the Council shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the same; but the provisions of the said Bill or Resolution as previously passed by the Council, shall not then be taken into consideration, save in so far as the amendments proposed affect or have reference to the same.

39. When the Committee shall have reported to the Council on such proposed amendments, and the Council shall have come to a decision on such Report, a copy of the Resolution of the Council, giving the result of the determination, or requesting a conference, shall be forwarded to the Governor.

40. No Bill which has been rejected by the Council, shall be re-introduced during the same Session.

41. Upon the final reading and passage of any Bill, the same shall be certified by the signature of the Presiding Member.

42. It shall be in the power of the Governor to reserve Bills for Her Majesty's consideration, and to assent to them when so instructed, although the Council shall have been prorogued.

43. The Council may at any time request a conference with the Governor, particularly if there be matter to be considered which it might be detrimental to the interests of the Colony to have openly discussed in the first instance.

COMMITTEES.

44. The Council may resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of any Bill or any other matter, upon the motion of a Member. When any such motion prevails, the Presiding Member may leave the Chair, appointing one of the Members as Chairman of the Committee.

45. When the Committee rise, which shall be by motion of some Member, and decided without debate, the Chairman shall report to the Presiding Member all amendments and resolutions adopted therein, who shall immediately refer the same to the Council for concurrence.

46. When any report of the Committee of the whole shall be submitted to the Council, as provided by the last preceding rule, no discussion shall be had thereon, and no amendment made thereto, but it shall be either adopted or rejected, or referred back with instructions, or postponed to a time to be fixed for asking the concurrence of the Council.

47. Select Committees may be granted upon motion of any Member, the selections to be made by the Presiding Member, unless named in the motion granting the same; provided, always, that the Member moving for a Select Committee shall in all cases be a member thereof.

48. A majority of the whole number of Members chosen to compose any Committee, shall form a quorum thereof; the first Member named to be Chairman of the Committee.

49. The Reports of all Special and Select Committees shall be submitted to the Council in writing, bearing the date of the day of their adoption, and the signature of the Chairman thereof.

50. No discussion shall be allowed upon the reception of the Report of any Committee, but the same shall be forthwith either adopted or rejected, or referred to a Committee of the whole, or laid on the table, or deferred to some future time to be fixed by the Council.

PETITIONS.

51. Petitions may be presented to the Presiding Member by any Member, immediately after the Chair is taken; provided that there shall be endorsed upon it a certificate signed by the Member presenting the same, or some other Member of Council, that in his opinion the Petition is throughout perfectly respectful and deserving of presentation, and that the statements contained therein are generally correct.

52. It shall be competent to any Member to move that such Petition be read; but in making such motion he shall state concisely the purport of the Petition, together with his reasons for wishing to have the same read, and the motion being seconded, the question shall be put whether the Petition be read.

53. No debate shall take place on presentation of any Petition, except as to receiving or reading such Petition, and every Petition after being received shall be laid on the table of the Council, for at least one day before it is again taken up and disposed of.

54. In any case where individual rights or interests may be peculiarly affected by any proposed Ordinance, all parties so affected may be heard before the Council when in Committee upon such Ordinance, either in person or by Counsel.

MISCELLANEOUS.

55. Whenever a division is taken upon any question before the Council, it shall be the duty of every Member present to vote on the same; and any present Member who shall not distinctly give his vote on either side, shall be considered as giving his vote in the affirmative, and shall be counted among the Ayes accordingly.

56. Upon any division which may take place, the Ayes and Nays shall be taken down by the Clerk, if any one Member shall so desire.

57. Whenever leave shall be given to any Member to introduce a Bill, Resolution, or other matter, a day shall be appointed for the introduction thereof, and all such appointments shall be entered in a Book, to be entitled "Order Book," and notified on a Board, to be entitled "Order of the Day," and to be affixed to the door of the House.

58. All dropped Orders of the day must be considered dropped, and brought up again in the usual way. Messages and Bills, and other Documents from the Governor, shall be read at the time they are received, or as soon as practicable; but the Council cannot adjourn until the Message, Bill, or Document has been read to the Council.

59. When any motion has been made and seconded, it shall be put to the vote whether the matter be debated or not.

60. On the motion of any Member, though not seconded, "That Strangers do withdraw," such Strangers must withdraw, including the Press.

CLERK.

61. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to make Minutes of the Votes, Resolutions, Addresses, Orders, Reports, Divisions, and all other proceedings of the Council, and to preserve the original Documents; to prepare for the use of the Printer copies of the Votes, and of all Papers and Documents directed to be printed therewith; to see that they be correctly printed and distributed to the Members; to read aloud all such Documents as the Council may order to be read, with the exception of Messages from the Governor, which must always be read by the Presiding Member.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

62. Should any emergency arise, it is in the power of the Council to suspend the foregoing Standing Orders for the time being, by unanimous vote.

NO. 7.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 10, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

STATEMENT exhibiting the amount of Crown Revenue of the Mainland, received during the following Years, and Salaries paid under Crown Salaries Acts, for the same period:

	1864.	1865.	1866.	TOTAL.
Total Crown Revenue.....	\$77,192	\$52,960	\$57,496	\$187,648
Crown Officers' Salaries	42,275	47,045	47,045	136,365

ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

Audit Office, 27th February, 1867.

NO. 8.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 11, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Memorandum for the information of the Governor, upon the School Question in Vancouver Island.

1. The Common Schools now existing in Vancouver Island have been established under the "Common School Act, 1865."

2. This Act empowers the Governor to appoint from time to time not less than nine persons, who shall constitute a General Board of Education. It also empowers the Governor to appoint a Superintendent of Education, at a maximum Salary of \$1,500, and to appoint School Teachers. The Superintendent of Education is to remain in Office for one year, and must therefore be re-appointed annually.

3. The Board of Education, with the approval of the Governor, can establish as many "School Districts" as they may deem expedient.

4. The Act is not clear as to how the Schools themselves are to be established, or from what source the cost of the Buildings is to be defrayed.

5. It provides however, that "every Common School" shall be open to the children of persons of all Denominations. It is silent as to how the Teachers are to be remunerated, or as to what or whether any School Fees are to be paid by the children.

6. The Act has been practically worked in Vancouver Island, by the creation of a Board of Education; the probationary appointment of a Superintendent of Education, at a Salary of \$1,500 a year; the probationary appointment of Teachers, at certain fixed Salaries; the hiring and fitting up of Buildings for School Houses; and by the admission of children free of all charge; in short by the entire cost of the Establishment, including, besides Salaries and Rent, Books, Fuel, Water, and other Contingencies, being defrayed out of the General Revenue of the Colony.

7. Whether the framers of the Act contemplated this arrangement, I know not. (I was in England when it passed). The Act itself certainly does not require it.

8. The Governor consequently, could only undertake the responsibility of the expenditure thus incurred, by the means being provided under an annual vote of the Legislature.

9. The sum of \$10,000 was voted in the Appropriation Act for 1865, under the head of "Education, District Schools," and this sum was devoted towards the outlay (before described in Paragraph 6) for that year.

10. To provide for a similar expenditure in 1866, the sum of (in round numbers) \$15,000 was placed upon the Estimates, and on the faith of this sum being voted, the School Establishments were continued during 1866, and the charges thereof defrayed up to the 31st August, 1866.

11. On the 31st August, 1866, the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island had, practically, ceased to exist. No Appropriation Act had been passed by the Legislature, and it was evident that none would be passed. The Governor therefore took instant measures to relieve himself of the responsibility of further unauthorized expenditure on account of Schools, by causing a Letter (copy annexed) to be addressed to the Superintendent of Education, stating that there being no Ways and Means at his disposal for defraying the expenditure, he would not guarantee payment of Salaries, Rent, or other items beyond the 31st day of August, 1866.

12. The onus of providing for the maintenance of the Schools was thus thrown upon the Board of Education, and the Schools have been continued up to the present time under some arrangement made by the Board of Education, the precise nature of which, however, I do not know.

13. Mr. Waddington was appointed on the 7th June, 1865, Superintendent of Education, on probation for six months. He was not confirmed at the expiration of the period, nor has any subsequent appointment been issued to him. The School Teachers were likewise appointed on probation, and their appointments have not been confirmed.

14. On the 31st July, 1866, the Board of Education recommended certain Teachers for confirmation in their appointments, and solicited the re-appointment of Mr. Waddington as Superintendent of Education. By a reply, dated 10th August, 1866, (hereunto annexed) the Board was informed that the Governor declined to confirm any appointments until it was clear that the Ways and Means would be forthcoming to meet the expense of Salaries.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

3rd February, 1867.

The Colonial Secretary to Mr. Waddington.

COPY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

VANCOUVER ISLAND, 10th August, 1866.

SIR,—I have received and laid before the Governor your Letter of the 31st ultimo.

2. In reply thereto, I am to state that His Excellency will not lose sight of the recommendation therein made by the Board of Education, but as His Excellency has not yet received the Estimates for the current year, and is much embarrassed by the present financial position of the Colony, he is precluded from confirming appointments to offices, until it is clear that the Ways and Means are forthcoming to pay the recipients of such appointments.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

The Colonial Secretary to Mr. Waddington.

COPY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
31st August, 1866.

Sir,—Adverting to my Letter of the 10th instant, wherein a doubt was conveyed to you, as to whether the Ways and Means would be forthcoming to pay yourself and certain of the School Teachers, who had been recommended by the Board of Education for confirmation in their appointments, I am desired by the Governor now to notify you for your own information, and also for the information of the Board of Education, and of the different School Trustees, that there does not appear any probability of the Ways and Means being at the disposal of the Governor to meet the Expenditure on account of Education; and that therefore His Excellency is compelled at once to state that he will not guarantee the payment of any further expenditure under that head, whether on account of Salaries, Rent, or other matters, beyond the 31st day of August next.

2. His Excellency desires me to express the extreme regret which he feels in finding it incumbent upon him to make this communication; but the present unfortunate condition of public affairs must necessarily take precedence of his own feelings in the matter, and no alternative is left him, than so far as possible to avoid a greater inconvenience by giving the earliest notification consequent upon the circumstances in which he is placed.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

NO. 9.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 12, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
31st March, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER has the honor to inform His Excellency the Governor that the following Address was agreed to this day:—

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Home Government the desirability of establishing a Mint in this Colony; and also that the money therein coined shall be Decimal Currency of the same value as that of the United States of America.

Proposed by the Honorable Member for Esquimalt.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, V. I.,
6th April, 1859.

To the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr. Speaker, dated on the 31st day of March, transmitting the following Address:—

“That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Home Government the desirability of establishing a Mint in this Colony; and also that the money therein coined shall be Decimal Currency of the same value as that of the United States of America.”

I have to assure the House that I will, without delay, enter into communication with Her Majesty's Government, strongly recommending the expediency and advantage of establishing a Mint on Vancouver Island.

(Signed) JAMES DOUGLAS,
Governor.

NO. 10.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 13, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Officers and Members of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, in approaching Your Excellency, desire to lay before you the following Resolutions, passed by this Chamber, at a Meeting held on the 28th of February, instant, as an expression of the wishes of the Mercantile community of New Westminster and the Towns of the Lower Fraser:

1. *Resolved*, That this Chamber considers it expedient to promote by every legitimate means the Commercial interests of this Colony; and whereas it is of opinion that nothing can be more

conducive to this object than a regular and economical Steam Communication between San Francisco and this Port, touching both ways at Victoria, would earnestly urge upon the Government the necessity of granting a Mail Subsidy of sufficient amount to secure such a communication, and thus enable passengers and freight from California to have access to both portions of the Colony—the Island and the Mainland—with cheapness, certainty, and dispatch.

2. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Chamber no alteration should be made in the Customs Tariff, with the exception of the following, which are intended chiefly as a protection to the agriculturist and manufacturer, viz:

Oxen, Bulls, and Cows to pay an import duty of \$5 per head.	
Calves under six months old.....	1 "
Sheep	1 "
Hogs	2 "
Horses, Asses, and Mules	2.50 "
Fir and Cedar Lumber, rough	3 per m.
" " " dressed.....	5 "
Fruit (green)	1 cent per lb.
Poultry (dead or alive)	20 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> .
Eggs.....	20 "
Hay	20 "
Confectionery	30 "
Hard Bread	20 "
Rice.....	1½ cts. per lb.

And that in view of promoting trade with the Indians and others from the Russian Possessions, provision should be made in the Customs Law to admit Furs and Peltries in an unmanufactured state duty free. And that in the event of the non-abolition of the Road Tolls, a tax or an equivalent be placed upon all goods imported into British Columbia *via* the Southern Boundary.

That having understood it to be the intention of the Government to abolish the collection of Tonnage Dues and Head Money, the Chamber of Commerce would recommend the immediate removal of these taxes, as any continued uncertainty in regard to the Tonnage Dues would only tend to prevent the shipment of bulky articles, and so act as an impediment to the opening of the spring trade. The collection of Head Money on arrival in the Colony has long been obnoxious to the people, and is decidedly inimical to what we are all most anxious to encourage, immigration.

We have, &c.,

HENRY HOLBROOK,
President, B. C. C. C.

JNO. S. CLUTE,
Secretary, B. C. C. C.

NO. 11.

RATES OF DUTY PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

The Hon. the Collector of Customs, *Chairman*,
Hon. H. M. Ball, Hon. J. Robson,
Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Hon. J. J. Southgate,
Hon. R. T. Smith.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES, AS FOLLOWS:

Ale and Porter, in wood...15 cts. per gallon	Live Stock:—
Do., in bottle...30 cts. per doz. (quarts)	Horses and Mules.....\$2 per head.
Bacon and Hams	Beef Cattle.....\$3 per head.
Barley, Oats, and Malt.....30 cts. per 100 lbs.	Milch Cows
Beans	Sheep and Goats
Bitters	Hogs
Butter	Potatoes
Bran and Shorts	Rice.....
Candles	Sugar, raw
Cheese	Do., refined
Cider	Spirits — [proof.
Cigars	Brandy
Coal	Gin, Whiskey, Rum.....
Coffee, raw	All other kinds.....
Do., manufactured	Tea
Eggs	Tobacco
Flour	Vegetables, viz:—
Fresh Fruits, viz:—Apples,	Onions
Pears, Plums, Cherries,	Other kinds, fresh
Currants, Raspberries,	Wheat.....
Strawberries, & Goose-	Wines, viz:—
berries	Champagne and Moselle \$3 per doz. (quarts),
Gunpowder, sporting	China Medicated
Do., blasting	California, red & white 25 cts. per gall.
Hay	Claret
Lard	Port, Sherry, and all
Lime	other descriptions.....
Lumber:	Buckwheat
Rough, fir and cedar.....\$3 per 1000 feet.	Oatmeal
Dressed, do.\$5 per 1000 feet.	Cornmeal
Shingles.....\$1 per 1000.	Hops
Fence Pickets	Shot
Laths	

UPON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES THE SEVERAL AD VALOREM DUTIES SET OPPOSITE EACH ARTICLE TO BE CHARGED.

PER CENT.	PER CENT.
Axes	Molasses
Beef, salt	Nails
Billiard and Bagatelle Tables	Nuts and Almonds
Blankets	Oils
Boots and Shoes	Opium
Bread	Paints
Cards, playing	Pork, salt
Chocolate	Plants, trees, and shrubs
Clothing, ready made	Poultry, dead and alive
Confectionery	Quicksilver
Drugs, medicines	Soap
Dry goods	Stationery
Bathenware	Tinware
Fish, preserved, dried, and salt	Vegetables, preserved and salt
Fire arms	Waggons, Carriages, &c.
Fruits, preserved and dried	Trunks
Furniture	Watches and Clocks
Glass and Glassware	Window Sashes and Doors
Groceries	Ship building material, viz —
Hardware and Ironmongry	Manufactured Sails
Harness and Saddlery	Cotton Canvas
Leather	Woodenware
Jewellery	Yeast Powders
Machinery	All other articles not enumerated
Matches	in either of the above lists, nor
Meat, preserved	in the following list of free goods
Do., fresh	

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES SHALL BE ADMITTED FREE OF DUTY.

Agricultural Implements, Books Printed and Manuscript, Bricks, all Fresh Fruits not enumerated in Schedule of Specific Duties, Gunny Sacks, Iron and Steel, all kinds of Woods not enumerated in Schedule of Specific Duties. Calves under 12 months old, Personal Effects, Salt, Garden Seeds, Grain for Seed, Tar and Pitch, Tin and Zinc, Wire (Iron and Brass), Copper Sheets, Boiler-plates, and Bolts, Copper, Zinc, and patent metal for Ships, Iron Hoops, Sheet Iron, Rough and partially manufactured Woods used in construction of Carriages and Waggons, and Steel Springs, Anchors, Cables, Chains, and Copper Bolts for Ship Building, Fresh Fish, Fish Oil, Whalebone, Raw Hemp for Rope Making, Tallow, Gas Retorts, Fire Clay, Furs, Hides, Lemon and Lime Juice, Guano, Wool, Oakum and Jute, Rope and Cordage, Hemp, Canvas.

NO. 12.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 22, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled.

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That we, your Petitioners, Merchants, Traders, and others in the District of Cariboo, British Columbia, are labouring under grievous disadvantage in collecting our Debts, in consequence of there being in existence here no Law of Attachment or Garnishee, whereby we can levy on the property of the Debtor, where we know such property exists at the time of serving the Writ of Summons, and hold such property in the hands of the Court until a decision in the cause is given.

That your Petitioners well know that Creditors have been ousted out of their just rights by the collusive transfer of property between the date of service of Summons and that of judgment rendered; and that such transfers are considered by dishonest Debtors sufficient security against any judgment being enforced against them.

We therefore pray for the creation of a Law of Attachment and Garnishee to apply in our County and Commissioner's Courts, as will meet the exigencies of the case; also your Petitioners would pray that the Law of Capias on Debtors absconding should be reduced to Fifty Dollars; that within the knowledge of your Petitioners some Debtors have kept their accounts within One hundred Dollars purposely to evade the Law of Capias as it now exists, and left the country bidding defiance to their Creditors, when it was well known they were possessed of ample money to meet their indebtedness.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed by 40 Merchants, Traders, and others.

Barkerville, B. C., December 14th, 1866.

NO. 13.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 23, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RETURN OF FINES AND SEIZURES.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

FROM 1860 TO 1866.

In the year 1860	£306 18 11
" 1861	190 16 0
" 1862	527 11 10
" 1863	1270 1 8
" 1864	137 19 9
" 1865	318 15 5
" 1866	111 6 7

The amount of Fine is settled by the Magistrate before whom the case is tried. The Seizures represent the proceeds of the sale of the seized goods, after the expenses have been paid. The distribution is made in the manner specially prescribed by the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1858."

W. HAMLEY.

Custom House, New Westminster,
5th February, 1867.

NO. 14.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 30, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Mr. Pearse to the Colonial Secretary.

LANDS AND WORKS, VICTORIA, B. C.,
5th March, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor, in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo, to transmit herewith a Return of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Steamer "Sir James Douglas" for the year 1866.

It will be apparent to you that this is far from a true statement of her yearly expenditure; as the sum of \$2,700 was required to fit her for passenger traffic. This sum includes the cost of making cabins, saloon, and fore-castle cabins, removing and altering galley, making and fitting entirely new masts, spars, rigging, and sails; also, alteration of screw shaft, which was lengthened and made to rest on bearings on the aftermost sternpost.

The amount credited to the Steamer for carrying the East Coast Mails is that actually offered by tender, in a Vessel totally unfit for the purpose. I have, &c.

B. W. PEARSE.

STEAMER "SIR JAMES DOUGLAS."

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1866.
(Unaudited).

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Freight, Passage Money, Conveyance of Government Stores, Visiting Light Houses in V. I., Transport of Government Officers, Coal for Government Offices, &c., &c.	Wages
\$9,099 62	\$5,090 75
Subsidy for carrying Mails from Victoria to Cowichan, Saltspring Island, Chemainis, Nanaimo, and Comox, at \$470 per month	Provisions
5,640 00	2,051 78
Expenses whilst employed in carrying Mails to New Westminster from Ocean Steamers, from 28th October to 24th November, Coal, Oil, &c., \$229-10—Half Wages, say \$255*..	Coal, brought to account
484 10	4,329 35
	" not brought to account
	800 00
	Stores.....
	628 00
	Miscellaneous
	21 50
	Repairs
	1,090 84
	Fittings
	1,616 21
\$15,223 72	\$15,128 43

STATISTICS.

No. of Passengers carried	1,005
" Tons Freight	566 1/2
" Head of Cattle, Horses, Pigs, &c.	274

*The whole amount returned for this service by the Master of the Vessel was \$605. She however performed the coast service when not actually running to the Fraser.

NO. 15.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 37, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Humble Petition of the inhabitants of Vancouver Island respectfully sheweth, That the Union of the Colonies having been consummated, the Seat of Government should be placed where it will meet the concurrence of, and afford the greatest accommodation to, the majority of the inhabitants of the Colony;

That Victoria is the most suitable place that can be chosen for the Seat of Government, and that its selection for that purpose would meet with the concurrence of the majority of the inhabitants of the United Colony; whether they reside on the Mainland or on this Island;

That continued uncertainty on the subject can only result in protracted want of confidence, and in exhaustion of the vitality of the entire community;

Your Petitioners therefore pray that in deference to the wishes of the great majority of the people, Your Excellency may be pleased to settle the Seat of Government at Victoria, at the earliest date consistent with the exigencies of the Public Service.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c.

(Signed) W. J. MACDONALD,
Mayor of Victoria,
ROD. FINLAYSON,
C. Factor, H.B.C., Victoria,
AND 1465 OTHERS.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor, and the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Columbia.

The humble Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth

That, notwithstanding they are real property holders in the City of New Westminster, they humbly pray that, in accordance with the general wish, the Seat of Government may be placed in the City of Victoria.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) p. pro. DICKSON, CAMPBELL, & Co.,
J. C. NICHOLSON,
DAVID LENEVUE,
AND 48 OTHERS.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, and to the Honorable Legislative Council.

The Memorial of the undersigned Merchants, Farmers, Traders, Packers, Miners, and others, resident in the interior of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

1. That when the country is more completely settled the Capital of the Colony would be most conveniently placed if fixed in the interior of British Columbia.

2. That the present circumstances of the Colony do not appear to justify such a step in the existing state of road and water communication, and in the absence of a permanently settled population.

3. That the financial affairs of the Colony are such as to render any further present outlay for Government buildings and works next to an impossibility.

4. That there are no suitable or convenient Government Offices in New Westminster, while those in Victoria are well adapted for Executive and Judicial purposes, and are capacious enough to meet the requirements of the United Colonies for many years to come.

5. That as our business generally concentrates in Victoria, and is still likely to do so, from its being the nearest seaport to the ocean, the general depot for merchandise and the head quarters of the Banks; it will be to our convenience and advantage that it should be made the Seat of Government until such time as it may be deemed advisable to remove the Capital to the interior of the Country.

6. That with no feeling of prejudice against New Westminster, we respectfully deprecate its being selected as the Capital, as such selection must necessarily involve expense to the Government and inconvenience to us, inasmuch as unless placed in the interior, Victoria offers greater facilities for the transaction of our business as a Capital than New Westminster could ever do unless attended with a very considerable outlay.

7. Your memorialists, in view of the foregoing considerations, and with the firm belief that the proposed change would be the greatest good of the greatest number, respectfully pray that the Seat of Government may be removed to Victoria at the earliest date consistent with the exigencies of the Public Service. And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) BUIE, BROS.,
Merchants, Williams Creek,
ROBERT BURRELL,
Bank of B. N. A., Barkerville,
AND 316 OTHERS.

Similar Petitions were also received from Cariboo, with 245 signatures; from Kamloops and Columbia District, with 147 signatures; from Yale, Harrison River, and New Westminster, with 58 signatures; from Lillooet, with 43 signatures; from Lytton to Soda Creek, with 36 signatures.

NO. 16.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 40, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

STATEMENT (approximate) shewing the particulars of the PUBLIC DEBT of VANCOUVER ISLAND and the MAINLAND respectively, at the time of UNION, (exclusive of Current Liabilities.)

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Road and Harbour Loan of 1862	\$194,000
Temporary Loan Act, 1866.....	70,000
Due to Crown Fund Account.....	13,000
Temporary Loan.....	8,000
Due to the Imperial Government on account of Light-Houses	30,298
Mail Steamer Subsidy, "Active".....	15,000
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DEDUCT	380,298
Sinking Fund Investments.....	86,600
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TOTAL.....	\$293,698

MAINLAND.

Roads' Loans of 1862, 1863, and 1864.....	\$ 970,000
Temporary Loans.....	166,983
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DEDUCT	1,136,983
Sinking Fund Investments.....	134,000
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TOTAL.....	\$1,002,983

ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

Audit Office, 29th March, 1867.

NO. 17.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 47, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A RETURN shewing the EXPENDITURE under the head of EDUCATION on VANCOUVER ISLAND during the years 1864, 1865, and 1866, respectively.

1864.	
Salaries	\$4,993 76
1865.	
Salaries.....	\$6,658 61
Contingencies, Stationery, Fuel, Books, &c.....	187 50
Rent	403 55
Repairs to Buildings	874 67
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	\$8,124 33
1866.	
Salaries	\$7,598 56
Contingencies, Stationery, Fuel, Books, &c.	1,114 11
Rent	918 00
Repairs to Buildings.....	156 00
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	\$9,786 67
Arrears still due \$3,551 05	

ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

Audit Office,
April 1st, 1867.

NO. 18.

REPORT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POSTAL SERVICE IN THE COLONY.

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the Postal Service of the interior of the Colony, and the rates of Postage on letters carried within the Colony, having availed themselves of all the information on the subject at their command, have the honor to report:

1. That your Committee are unanimously of opinion that it is impracticable to depend at present on an Express Company alone for the carriage of all letters within the Colony as Express matter.

2. That in the opinion of the majority of your Committee, it is advisable to pay a subsidy to Messrs. Dietz and Nelson of \$25,000 per annum for three years, for the carriage of the Mails between New Westminster and Cariboo, on the conditions set forth in clauses 1, 2, and 5 of the advertisement for tenders for such Mail Service, issued by the Postmaster General, on the 11th January, 1867, except that the Mail be carried once a month only during the winter months.

3. That the rates of postage be $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per single letter on all letters passing through the Post Office, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents additional on all letters carried between Yale or Douglas and Cariboo and intermediate points, or *vice versa*.

4. That a sum not exceeding \$3000 be appropriated for the conveyance of the Mails between Seymour and the Big Bend and Hope and Kootenay, or *vice versa*, in such a manner as may be found most advisable.

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, Chairman.

Council Chamber, New Westminster,
4th March, 1867.

1867.

**COLONIAL ESTIMATES,
BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

A. & B.

NEW WESTMINSTER:

PRINTED AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.



A.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year 1867, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1865, being the year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

	Estimate for 1867.	Revenue of 1865.
Customs.....	\$ 400,000	\$ 359,354
Port and Harbour Dues		29,542
Roads' Tolls.....	80,000	83,048
Excise Duties	1,000	947
Land Sales.....	12,000	6,432
Land Revenue.....	3,000	4,259
Rents, exclusive of Land.....	2,500	1,243
Free Miners' Certificates	18,000	12,567
Mining Receipts, General	18,000	21,314
Licences	60,000	25,195
Postage	12,000	8,859
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court	14,000	7,145
Fees of Office	8,000	6,349
Sale of Government Property.....	500	3,153
Reimbursement in aid of Expenses incurred by Government.....	10,100	8,020
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	250	11,487
Interest	3,545
Arrears of Taxation, due by Vancouver Island	36,000
TOTAL.....	\$ 675,350	\$ 592,459

B.

ABSTRACT of the SUMS REQUIRED to defray the Expenses of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year from 1st of January to the 31st December, 1867, showing also the amount actually expended in the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz. 1865.

Page of Detail	Item of Estimate.	Salaries.		Allowances	Office Contingencies.	Estimate for the year 1867	Expenditure of 1865.	
		Fixed Establishment	Provisional & Temporarily					
9	1	Establishments \$	156,124 55	2,865 00	750 00	9,275 00	169,014 55	195,869 62
9	2	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities.....				3,395 00		727 50
9	3	Revenue Services, exclusive of Establishments.....				600 00		2,056 18
9	4	Administration of Justice, . Do.				7,800 00		9,849 28
10	5	Ecclesiastical Do.				—		—
10	6	Charitable Allowances.....				9,500 00		8,054 41
10	7	Education, exclusive of Establishments.....				10,000 00		4,242 44
10	8	Hospitals Do.				—		—
10	9	Police and Gaols Do.				14,900 00		15,545 20
10	10	Rent				800 00		1,881 01
10	11	Transport				7,260 00		22,237 59
10	12	Conveyance of Mails				52,820 00		36,445 61
10	13	Works and Buildings.....				11,400 00		86,266 48
11	14	Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....				45,000 00		280,927 72
11	15	Miscellaneous Services.....				5,612 25		31,397 41
11	16	Interest.....				89,440 00		64,034 67
11	17	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.....				600 00		2,311 11
11	18	Immigration				—		—
11	19	Redemption of Bonds				42,125 00		31,040 00
11	20	Sinking Fund.....				40,770 00		33,123 44
11	21	Temporary Loans.....				170,000 00		—
11	22	Government Vessels.....				10,674 00		—
11	23	Lighthouses				10,000 00		—
TOTALS.....						\$ 701,710 80		825,509 67

Vancouver Island Expenditure, 1st January to 15th December, 1865, the latest date to which Vancouver Island Accounts are made up 270,526 49

\$1,096,036 16

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
The Governor (provided under Crown Officers' Salaries Acts.)	-	
Private Secretary	-	\$1,450
Messenger	-	485
		<u>1,935</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.	-	100
Extra Assistance	-	500
		<u>600</u>
Total His Excellency the Governor		\$2,535

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Clerk	-	\$600
Messenger	-	200
		<u>800</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, Fuel, Light, &c.	-	400
Total Legislative Council		\$1,200

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Colonial Secretary (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")	-	
Chief Clerk	-	\$1,940
Clerk	-	1,450
Clerk	-	1,220
Messenger	-	250
		<u>4,860</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.	-	750
PRINTING BRANCH.		
SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent	-	1,220
Two Printers, \$875 each	-	1,750
Assistant Printer and Messenger Legislative Council	-	530
		<u>3,500</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.	-	750
Total Colonial Secretary		\$9,860

TREASURER.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Treasurer (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863," if required.)	-	
Chief Clerk	-	\$1,700
Clerk	-	1,450
Clerk	-	1,220
Messenger	-	250
		<u>4,620</u>
Sub-Accountant, Victoria	-	
		Provisional and Temporary.
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.	-	400
Total Treasurer		\$5,020

ASSAY AND REFINERY OFFICE.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent of Assay	-	\$2,300
Chief Melter	-	1,450
		<u>3,750</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, Fuel, Chemicals, &c.	-	200
Total Assay and Refinery Office		\$3,950

AUDITOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Auditor General	-	\$2,400
Chief Clerk	-	1,450
		<u>3,850</u>
Clerk	-	
		Provisional and Temporary.
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.	-	200
Total Auditor General		\$5,250

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND SURVEYOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")		
Assistant Surveyor General and Superintendent of Light-Houses, resident at Victoria		\$1,900
Clerk		1,220
Clerk		1,220
Draughtsman		1,220
Messenger		250
		5,810
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.		500
Total Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General		\$6,310

CUSTOMS.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Collector of Customs (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")		
Chief Clerk		\$1,800 00
Clerk		1,450 00
Messenger		250 00
Deputy Collector, Southern Boundary		1,700 00
		5,200 00
OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.		
Revenue Officer, Victoria		1,700 00
Landing Waiter		1,450 00
Landing Waiter		1,000 00
Two Boatmen		1,396 80
		5,546 80
Deputy Collector Burrard Inlet		Provisional and Temporary. 250 00
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$100		225 00
Total Customs		\$11,221 80

REGISTRAR GENERAL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Registrar General and Postmaster General (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")		
Registrar General, Victoria		\$1,940
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c, \$100, Temporary Assistance \$250		350
Total Registrars General		\$2,290

HARBOUR MASTER.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Harbour Master, Government Pilot, and Superintendent of Light Ship		
		\$1,800
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.—Nil.		
Total Harbour Master		\$1,800

POST OFFICE

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Deputy Postmaster and Harbour Master, Victoria		
Deputy Postmaster, Williams Creek		\$1,450
Clerk and Messenger		970
		750
		3,170
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$100, Fuel and Light \$150		250
Total Post Office		\$3,420

TOTAL OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED UNDER VOTES

His Excellency the Governor.....	\$2,535 00
Legislative Council.....	1,200 00
Colonial Secretary.....	9,860 00
Treasurer.....	5,020 00
Assay and Refinery Office.....	3,950 00
Auditor General.....	5,250 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General.....	6,310 00
Customs.....	11,221 80
Registrar General.....	2,290 00
Harbour Master.....	1,800 00
Post Office.....	3,420 00
	\$52,856 80

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

JUDICIAL.

SUPREME COURT.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Judge of Supreme Court (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")	-	\$5,820
Do.,	-	-
Registrar	-	1,450
Deputy Registrar	-	1,220
		8,490
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.,	-	500
Total Supreme Court	-	\$8,990

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Attorney General (provided under Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.)	-	-
Clerk	-	1,220
Solicitor General during Session of Legislative Council	-	Provisional and Temporary. 485
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$200, Fuel and Light \$50	-	250
Total Attorney General	-	\$1,955

HIGH SHERIFF.

SALARIES.—Nil.		Fixed Establishment.
ALLOWANCES		
In lieu of Travelling Expenses	-	750

TOTAL JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.....\$11,695

Supreme Court.....	\$8,990
Attorney General.....	1,955
High Sheriff.....	750
	\$11,695

POLICE, INCLUDING PRISONS AND GAOLS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
POLICE.		
Chief Inspector of Police, acting as Magistrate (provided under "Crown Officers' Salaries Act, 1863.")	-	-
High Constable	-	970
Two Constables at \$700 each	-	1,400
Toll Collector and Constable at Douglas	-	1,080
		3,450
GAOL.		
Warden	-	1,220
Two Gaolers at \$700 each	-	1,400
Medical Officer	-	500
		3,120
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, Indian Messenger, &c.,	-	300
Total New Westminster District	-	\$6,870

MAGISTRATE AT VICTORIA.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Magistrate	-	\$2,250 00
Clerk	-	1,000 00
One Serjeant of Police	-	900 00
Three Constables at \$1.75 each per diem	-	1,916 25
		6,066 25
GAOL.		
Gaoler	-	912 50
Assistant Gaoler	-	730 00
Superintendent of Convicts	-	912 50
Two Convict Guards at \$638.75 each	-	1,277 50
Two Door Guards, and one Cook, at \$547.50 each	-	1,642 50
Medical Officer	-	600 00
		6,075 00
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.,	-	200 00
Total Victoria	-	\$12,341 25

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Gold Commissioner	-	\$3,400
Assistant Gold Commissioner, Kootenay	-	2,425
Clerk to Gold Commissioner	-	1,940
Constable, Do.	-	1,100
Clerk and Constable, Kootenay	-	1,700
Constable, Do.	-	1,400
Clerk and Constable, Fort Shepherd	-	1,400
Constable, Osoyoos	-	1,220
		<u>14,885</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$500, Fuel and Light \$700	-	1,200
Total Columbia and Kootenay District	-	<u>\$16,085</u>

CARIBOO, INCLUDING QUESNEL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner &c.,	-	\$3,400
Clerk	-	1,940
Chief Constable	-	1,940
Two Constables at \$1,450 each	-	2,900
One Do. Quesnel	-	1,220
		<u>11,400</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$300, Fuel and Light \$700	-	1,000
Total Cariboo, including Quesnel	-	<u>\$12,400</u>

HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON DISTRICT.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner	-	\$2,400
Chief Constable, Yale	-	1,220
Constable	-	1,000
Chief Constable, Lytton	-	1,100
Toll Collector, Yale	-	1,164
		<u>6,884</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$200, Fuel and Light \$350	-	550
Total Hope, Yale, and Lytton District	-	<u>\$7,434</u>

LILLOOET, CLINTON, AND SODA CREEK.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.,	-	\$2,400
Chief Constable	-	1,150
Constable, Postmaster, and Toll Collector, at Clinton	-	1,000
		<u>4,550</u>
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$375	-	500
Total Lillooet, Clinton, and Soda Creek District	-	<u>\$5,050</u>

NANAIMO.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Magistrate and Collector of Revenue	-	1,700
Constable	-	Provisional and Temporary. 730
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c.,	-	150
Total Nanaimo District	-	<u>\$2,580</u>

No. 1.—RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Page in Detail.		Salaries.		Allowances.	Office Con-tingencies.	TOTAL.
		Fixed Establishment	Provisional and Temporary.			
	CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS:					
	Crown Officers' Salaries, as provided by Acts	47,045 00				47,045 00
5	Governor	1,935 00			600	2,535 00
5	Legislative Council	600 00	200		400	1,200 00
5	Colonial Secretary	8,360 00			1,500	9,860 00
5	Treasurer	4,620 00			400	5,020 00
5	Assay and Refinery Office	3,750 00			200	3,950 00
5	Auditor General	3,850 00	1,200		200	5,250 00
6	Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, &c	5,810 00			500	6,310 00
6	Customs	10,746 80	250		225	11,221 80
6	Registrar General	1,940 00			350	2,290 00
6	Harbour Master	1,800 00				1,800 00
6	Post Office	3,170 00			250	3,420 00
	JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS:—					
7	Supreme Court	8,490 00			500	8,990 00
7	Attorney General	1,220 00	485		250	1,955 00
7	High Sheriff			750		750 00
7	Police Establishments	18,711 25			500	19,211 25
	GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, AND STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES:—					
8	Columbia and Kootenay	14,885 00			1,200	16,085 00
8	Cariboo, including Quesnel	11,400 00			1,000	12,400 00
8	Hope, Yale, and Lytton	6,884 00			550	7,434 00
8	Lillooet, Clinton, and Soda Creek	4,550 00			500	5,050 00
8	Nanaimo	1,700 00	730		150	2,580 00
	<i>Deduct proposed Refunds by Crown Officers;</i>	161,467 05	2,865	750	9,275	174,357 05
	His Excellency the Governor \$2,500 00					
	Colonial Secretary -					
	Attorney General -					
	Treasurer -					
	Chief Commr. Lands & Works } 2,842 50					
	Collector of Customs -					
	Chief Inspector of Police -					
	Registrar General -					
		5,342 50				5,342 50
	TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS	\$156,124 55	2,865	750	9,275	169,014 55

No. 2.—PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES.

Pension to D. Cameron, Esq., retired Chief Justice, Vancouver Island	-	-	-	2,425
Do. Mrs D. McLean-	-	-	-	485
Do. Mrs. J. D. B. Ogilvy	-	-	-	485
				Total Pensions, &c. - \$3,395

No. 3.—REVENUE SERVICES (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty	-	-	-	500
Trades Licences, Victoria	-	-	-	100
				Total Revenue Services (exclusive of Establishments) \$600

No. 4.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Summoning Jurors and Witnesses, and other Contingencies	-	-	-	\$1,450
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees, &c.	-	-	-	1,750
Expenses of Judge and Registrar on Circuit	-	-	-	4,000
Expenses attending Inquests, &c., New Westminster and Victoria	-	-	-	600
				Total Administration of Justice - \$7,800

No. 5.—NIL.

No. 6.—CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Hospitals	-	-	-	\$9,000
In aid of the destitute Poor and sick	-	-	-	500
				Total Charitable Allowances - \$9,500

No. 7.—EDUCATION (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

District Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
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No. 8.—*Nil.*

No. 9.—POLICE AND GAOLS (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

New Westminster.—Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,700
Victoria.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	4,950
Nanaimo.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	500
Columbia and Kootenay	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	500
Carboo.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	1,000
Hope, Yale, and Lytton.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	750
Lillooet.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	500
Total Police and Gaols (exclusive of Establishments)									\$14,900

No 10.—RENT.

Rent, Government House, Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 50
Do., Court House, &c., Lillooet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Do., Harbour Master's Office, Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Do., Gaol, Nanaimo.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Total Rent									\$ 800

No. 11.—TRANSPORT.

<i>His Excellency the Governor.</i>										
Expenses, visiting Victoria, tours in the Interior, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500
<i>Colonial Secretary</i>										
Expenses of tours in the Interior, visiting Victoria, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
<i>Treasurer.</i>										
Freight upon remittances of treasure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
<i>Auditor General.</i>										
Travelling expenses Inspecting Accounts \$200, Freight upon Accounts to England \$60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260
<i>Chief Commissioner Lands and Works.</i>										
To Inspector of Steamers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750
<i>Gold and Assistant Gold Commissioners.</i>										
Actual travelling expenses of Officers on duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Keep of horses throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total Transport									\$7,260	

No. 12.—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

<i>Ocean Mail Service</i>										
To and from San Francisco, (Arrears, Vancouver Island)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15,000
To and from Victoria and New Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500
To and from Victoria and New Westminster (Arrears, Vancouver Island)-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
To and from Victoria and Esquimalt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420
To and from Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,200
To and from Carboo, Columbia, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
To and from Columbia, (per Steamer <i>Marten</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
To and from Victoria and Saanich	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300
Total Conveyance of Mails									\$52,820	

No. 13.—WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Leech River Ditch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,600
Repairs to Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Fog Bell, Race Rocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800
Total Works and Buildings									\$11,400	

No. 14.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

Repairs to Roads throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	-	\$45,000
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No. 15.—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Expenses connected with Indian Tribes, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000 00
Aid to Fire Companies	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Do. Public Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
Taking charge of Government House and Grounds, Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Insurance, Government Buildings, Do.	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Do. Do. Do. New Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	225 00
Expense of Telegram from House of Assembly to Imperial Government	-	-	-	-	-	187 25
Completing the Audit of Treasurer's Books, Vancouver Island	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Total Miscellaneous Services						\$5,612 25

No. 16.—INTEREST.

Interest on Loan of 1862	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,550
Do. 1863	-	-	-	-	-	14,550
Do. 1864	-	-	-	-	-	29,100
Interest on Temporary Loans	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Interest on Vancouver Island Loan of 1862	-	-	-	-	-	11,640
Do. Temporary Loan from Bank, and on Debentures	-	-	-	-	-	9,600
Total Interest						\$89,440

No. 17.—DRAWBACKS AND REFUND OF DUTIES, &c.

Of Customs Duties	-	-	-	-	-	\$500
Of other Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	100
Total Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.,						\$600

No. 18.—NIL.

No. 19.—REDEMPTION OF BONDS.

Cook's Ferry and Clinton Road Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,125
Vancouver Island Debentures, due 31st December, 1867	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
Total Redemption of Bonds						\$42,125

No. 20.—SINKING FUND.

In Redemption of £50,000 Loan, 1862	-	-	-	-	-	\$20,400
Do. Do. 1863	-	-	-	-	-	7,275
Do. £100,000 1864	-	-	-	-	-	7,275
Vancouver Island Loan of 1862	-	-	-	-	-	5,820
Total Sinking Fund						\$40,770

No. 21.—TEMPORARY LOANS.

Bank of British Columbia, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	\$170,000
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No. 22.—GOVERNMENT VESSELS.

Sir James Douglas—Pay of Crew,	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,174
Coals, and other articles	-	-	-	-	-	5,500
Total Government Vessels						\$10,674

No. 23.—LIGHTHOUSES.

Race Rocks and Fisguard—Salaries, Stores, and general maintenance of Lighthouses	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,500
Light-Ship, mouth of Fraser River	-	-	-	-	-	4,500
Total Lighthouses						\$10,000

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.	Ecclesiastical	Charitable Allowances.	Education.	Hospitals.	Police and Gaols.	Rent	Transport.	Conveyance of Mails.	Works and Buildings.	Roads, Streets, and Bridges.	Miscellaneous Services.	Interest.	Fund of Duties, &c.	Immigration.	Redemption of Bonds.	Sinking Fund.	Temporary Loans.	Government Vessels.	Light Houses.	TOTAL.
CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.																								
Governor	19435 00									50 2300					725									22,710 00
Legislative Council	1200 00										500													1,200 00
Colonial Secretary	13240 00										250													13,740 00
Treasurer	7657 50		100																42125	40770	170000			350,442 50
Assay and Refinery Office	3950 00														200									3,950 00
Auditor General	5250 00																							5,710 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.	9490 00										750		11400	45000								10674		82,814 00
Customs	14221 80		500																					15,221 80
Registrar General	4590 00																							4,590 00
Harbour Master	1800 00									400														6,700 00
Post Office	3420 00										52820													56,240 00
Judicial Establishments	19700 00	2425		7500																				29,325 00
Ecclesiastical Establishments																								
Education Establishments																								
Police Establishments	21511 25			600					11650															33,761 25
Gold, Asst. Gold Coms. & Sipy. Magistrates	43549 00								3250	350 3000														50,149 00
Pensions, &c.		970																						9,500 00
Charitable Allowances						9500																		10,000 00
Education							10000																	
Hospitals																								
Works and Buildings																								
Roads, Streets, and Bridges																								
Miscellaneous															4687 25									4,687 25
Government Vessels																								
Light Houses																								
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