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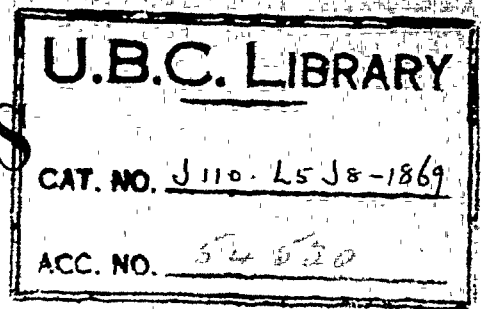




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OF

British Columbia,

FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

BEING THE YEARS 1868-9, 32^o VICTORIA.

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AND SURVEYOR GENERAL
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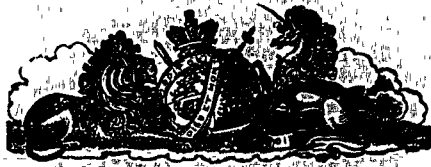
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Mining	Do.	" "	" 25	Jan. 27, 28, 29, Feb	" 1	" 15	Amended by Governor.
Savings Banks	Do.	" "	" 7	January 12 [1, 26	Jan. 18	Feb. 23	
Registration of Voters.....	Hon. Mr. Helmcken.	" 22	" "	February 15, 26	Feb. 25	" "	Withdrawn.
Drawbacks.....	Hon. Mr. Drake.	" 21	Feb. 10	February 18, Mar. 2	March 9	" "	Referred to Select Committee; amended by Governor; recom-
Loan	Hon. Mr. Carrall.	" 11	" 5	February 5, 8	March 1	March 9	Assent deferred. [mitted; Conference; assent deferred.
Cattle	Hon. Mr. Davie.	" 12	Jan. 18	February 15	Feb. 16	March 9	Amended by Governor.
Anatomy	Hon. Mr. Carrall.	" "	Feb. 9	" "	" "	" 11	Withdrawn.
Wolves and Panthers	Hon. Mr. Davie.	" 7	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
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Crown Coats	Hon. Mr. Ring.	" "	" 26	February 2	" 5	" "	Recommitted; assent deferred.
School	Hon. Mr. Alston.	" 25	Feb. 3	Feb. 9, 10, 16, 23	" 24	March 13	
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Game	Hon. Mr. Drake.	Feb. 1	" 5	February 8	" 9	March 13	Amended by Governor.
Queen Charlotte Coal Co.....	Hon. Mr. Crease.	Jan. 20	" 26	January 29	" 2	Feb. 24	Recommitted.
By-Law.....	Do.	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	February 22	" "	" "	Lapsed.
Municipal.....	Do.	" "	" 22	Feb. 25, Mar. 1, 3, 9	March 11	March 15	
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Reconveyance	Do.	" 10	" 16	February 16	" 17	Feb. 25	
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Evidence.....	Hon. Mr. Walkem.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Lapsed.
Replevin.....	Do.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Lapsed.
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Religious Institutions	Hon. Attorney General.	March 1	" 9	March 12	" 12	" 15	Do.
County Courts.....	Do.	" 3	" 11	March 12	" 11	" "	Lapsed.
Water	Hon. Mr. Trutch.	" 2	" 12	March 12	March 12	March 15	
Indian Reserves	Hon. Attorney General.	" 11	" "	" "	" "	" "	

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FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

By His Excellency's Command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
3rd December, 1868.

IN obedience to Her Majesty's command, 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

William Alexander George Young,

Henry Pering Pellew Crease,

Joseph William Trutch,

Wymond Ogilvy Hamley,

Arthur Thomas Bushby,

the Officers lawfully acting for the time being as Colonial Secretary, as Attorney General, as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, as Collector of Customs, as Postmaster General, respectively, for the said Colony.

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

The Honorables

Edward Graham Alston,
Henry Maynard Ball,
Henry Holbrook,
Peter O'Reilly,
Augustus Frederick Pemberton,
Edward Howard Sanders,
George Anthony Walkem,
Thomas Lett Wood.

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

The Honorables

William Weir Carrall, Cariboo,
John C. Davie, Victoria District,
Montague William Tyrwhitt Drake, Victoria City,
Henry Havelock, Yale,
John Sebastian Helmcken, Victoria City,
Thomas B. Humphreys, Lillooet,
David Babington Ring, Nanaimo,
John Robson, New Westminster.

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 first day of August, A. D. 1871, and no longer.

By His Excellency's Command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1868.

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

The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, Ball, Pemberton, Drake, Helmcken, Alston, Wood, Carrall, Davie, Ring, Walkem.

At 2 o'clock, p.m., His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Governor of the Colony, entered the Council Chamber, accompanied by his Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, administered the oaths of allegiance and office to the Members present.

His Excellency then delivered the following gracious Speech:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

In meeting you for the first time in our new Capital, it is my pleasing duty to state that the Colony does not appear to be in a position to create despondency.

It is true that the brilliant days of the early discovery of gold have not returned, nor do they seem likely to do so. The bars on the Fraser which once furnished occupation to ten or twelve thousand men are now abandoned to the rockers of some half-dozen Chinamen. Yet Cariboo, in spite of the disastrous fire at Barkerville, which awoke all our sympathies, continues to improve. New creeks of great promise are being discovered in the District, and I am informed that the yield of gold will exceed that of any preceding year. Further South, at the Kootenay, a new Gold Field, of which the most favourable expectations are entertained, is already being worked by a considerable body of Miners. The farming resources of the Country are being developed to an extent little anticipated at the time when Gold Mining was the prominent thought in every mind. In the Yale District alone forty-six new farms were established previous to the month ending with August, in the year about to expire. Nor must I forget to congratulate you on the extensive exportation of Spars and Lumber which we now see going on, and on the general prosperity of our principal Coal Mines.

Before entering formally on the business of the present Session, it will be well that I should inform you of the fate of the measures already passed. The great

majority of the Ordinances have been confirmed by Her Majesty. I shall not mention them in detail, but I specify those which have not been thus favourably received.

The Act to incorporate the Sisters of Saint Ann has been thought to savour too much of the principles of Mortmain.

The Mortgage Bill is considered objectionable by the Secretary of State, who has consequently been unable to advise its allowance by Her Majesty. Further information on this subject shall be laid before you by Message.

A decision on the Land Bill of the last Session is deferred, pending the consideration of certain returns which I have, by command, forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Judiciary Bill has not been allowed; nor can it be so, until Her Majesty's Government are in a position to provide for one of the two Chief Justices of the Colony. No exertion has been wanting on my part in the past, nor shall be in the future, to secure a solution of an embarrassing question.

To turn to the work before us. I shall lay before you a Bill to provide for the fencing of land in British Columbia. The subject is one of very considerable difficulty, and I should have hesitated in moving in it, but that I know that the measure will not pass through your hands without ample consideration.

It has been found that the system of Royalties and Inspection of Accounts on behalf of the Government now in use in the Mining Leases of the Crown, by no means gives satisfaction to the people, nor profit to the Treasury. Companies likewise object to the usual clauses, under the present leasing system, to ensure effectual working, and to satisfy the Government as to the amount of Capital paid up. I propose to you to abandon the principle of Mining Leases save as ancillary to the general system which I am about to submit. It is desirable, in my opinion, that any person of whatever nationality, who shall duly, as will be provided, obtain and effectually work a tract of Mining Ground, should have every facility for acquiring a Fee. The Bill will be so soon before you that I shall not enter into further details. Suffice it to say that you will find it sufficiently liberal. The machinery for working the measure is largely borrowed from the Gold Mining Laws which have given general satisfaction. Silver, Copper, Lead, Cinnabar, and Coal are within the provisions of the Bill. As I contemplate obtaining a very large renunciation of the rights of the Crown, a suspending clause will be necessary in our enactment.

Some amendments in the Vancouver Island Road Act shall be proposed to you.

A Bill is in preparation, intended to confer very considerable powers upon a Board of Health to be appointed in case of need by the Governor.

The scarcity of our securities in the market, and the high price which they command, shews that confidence in the financial stability of the Colony is sufficiently restored to justify me in proposing to you the establishment of a Savings Bank. A Bill for the purpose will be laid before you. I propose that a moderate rate of interest shall be allowed on deposits above a certain amount, and that the depositor shall have the security of the General Revenue.

A Bill to legalize the unforeseen Expenditure of the year 1867 is ready for your consideration. Let me assure you that it contains nothing unusual. There are certain amounts paid for compensation to Public Servants for loss of office, and others to cover the necessary expenses growing out of the now almost forgotten complications on Grouse Creek.

The Estimates for the ensuing year shall be brought at once before you. It is therefore needless that I should enter into any lengthened consideration of their details. They are not unreasonable. The expectations for 1869 are founded upon the experience of 1868. The accounts have not yet been received from the outlying districts of this vast territory; but we are already in a position to state that the Receipts will, within a few dollars, equal the Revenue estimated for the current year. I am not aware of any unusual expenditure for which to invoke your support. The Public debt has been considerably reduced, yet large sums have been expended on works of public utility, such as keeping the main lines of communication with the Gold Mines and the logging stations in a good condition. Certain Bridges near Victoria have been repaired. A new one is in course of construction, and the channel within our harbour is now being clearly marked out. The Buoys at the mouth of the Fraser have been put into repair again.

As the Revenue shows more elasticity you will find in the Estimates for 1869 a greater amount than usual asked for the repair of the Public Roads, and for the support of Schools and Hospitals. It is sought likewise to obtain a large grant for Public Works. A moderate amount will be required of you for the establishment of a branch of the Government Assay Office in Cariboo. No increase of Public Officers will be necessary for the purpose. The present staff will be simply divided. I have not in the Estimates asked for a grant, but, should the finances allow of it, the Executive Government will be prepared to assume the responsibility of anti-

pating the wishes of the public by removing one of the Sister Rocks which render difficult, if not dangerous, the navigation of a portion of Fraser River.

The Salaries will be much the same as in 1868. A Return shall be laid before you shewing the great reduction of the Civil Establishment that has been made since the Union of the Colonies, exhibiting a total saving of \$67,048.

Previous to Union, I had reduced the expenditure on Salaries on the Mainland by \$21,049, making a total saving since my assumption of the Government of the continental portion of the Colony of \$88,092. It has been by unmitigated economy. I have never appointed a higher Officer than a Constable.

Having just referred to the repairing of the Bridges leading towards Esquimalt, I suggest for your consideration, whether it might not be advisable, if it can be done without injury to the Harbour of Victoria, to shorten the distance between the two Ports, by the erection of a Bridge from the foot of Johnson Street to the Indian Reserve. An Ordinance for the purpose would, I believe, be required. But we are not pressed for time. The repaired Bridges will last a few years longer.

Several gentlemen connected with this Colony and with the Hudson's Bay Company have, in England, made efforts to procure the admission of British Columbia into any Treaty of Reciprocity which may be negotiated with the United States, in regard to the trade of the Eastern Colonies. The question having been brought before me, I find it one of considerable difficulty, and I shall be glad if you will favour me with your advice in arriving at an opinion as to its expediency.

My attention has been more than once called to the desire of a large portion of the community that this Colony should enter into Confederation with the Dominion of Canada. There is no Englishman who would not rejoice to see a vast State, still under his own flag, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific; but the practical difficulties of effecting a Union with our far distant fellow Colonists on the other Ocean are very great. I telegraphed, on the 11th March, 1867, to urge that a provision be inserted in the Bill then before Parliament, for the ultimate admission of British Columbia into the Eastern Confederacy. Thus anticipating, by seven days, the formal resolution expressive of the wishes of the Legislative Council on the point. I am informed, in reply, as I stated on a previous occasion, that "the question must at all events await the time when the intervening Territory, now under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company, shall have been incorporated with the Confederation."

When transmitting formally the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council, I expressed myself desirous of seeing the project carried out, if it were practicable. To this, and to all my further communications to the Secretary of State on the subject, the reply has simply been that my despatches have been forwarded to the Governor of Canada.

If I may judge from some unofficial letters I have received, there is a desire on the part of Her Majesty's Government to see all Her possessions on the Continent of North America united, but the Secretary of State, with more information before him than we can possess, thinks the obstacles to the scheme to be extremely formidable.

It is not improbable that the natural desire of the people to take a larger share in the conduct of public affairs, and in the Government of the Colony, has led to the wish for union with a self-governing kindred State, regardless of the natural, physical, and administrative difficulties which present themselves. It is not for me to rake up the controversies of the past, or enquire why the liberal institutions accorded to one portion of the Colony were not considered to have been perfectly successful. The principal was right. Being of this opinion, I have taken an important step towards bringing about a greater freedom of communion between the Government and the people. I have obtained Her Majesty's gracious permission to place within the Executive Council two gentlemen, Members of your House, not necessarily connected in any way with the Government. Assisted by this reconstituted Council of Advice, I shall proceed to consider whether some reconstruction might not also be desirable in the Legislative body.

One change appears to me perfectly simple and unobjectionable, and that is, under our present restricted Constitution, to allow the people to elect their representatives, without having to obtain the concurrence of the Governor in their choice.

The more the population of the Colony increases, and the greater its prosperity so much the easier will it be to introduce the principles of self-government.

For an increase of population and a return of prosperity I confidently look. It is but natural that in a community which in its early days has been thrown upon its own resources, there should be violent oscillations between extreme confidence and equal despondency. I think that the Colony is now, however, entering on a condition of moderate but progressive prosperity, and I can hardly long for the vast tide of immigration which, on its influx, a few years ago, created exaggerated expectations, and on its ebb left disappointed hopes and much misery behind. There is now every evidence of individual well-being. The rate of wages is high; a consid-

erable public revenue is raised under a tariff, the main principle of which is the taxing of luxuries. If it be contended that the aggregate community is deeply in debt, I reply that our debt does not exceed two years revenue. I know of no State in Europe, or on this Continent, whose liabilities are comparatively so light.

Did I not consider that the embers of discord have burnt out, I should feel especial satisfaction in meeting you at a time of the year when we are about to commemorate the greatest event the world has seen; a time when, after pouring out our love and gratitude to the Almighty, our one object is to cultivate the affection of our kindred, and the friendship and regard of our fellow-men.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber.

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

The Presiding Member acquainted the Council that in order to prevent any mistakes he had obtained a copy of the Governor's Speech.

Ordered that the same be read aloud by the Clerk.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Hon. Mr. Bushby seconding,
Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be printed for the use of Members.

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

The following Hon. Members were named accordingly:—The Hon. Messrs. Ball, Carrall, Drake, Alston, Davie.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 3 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem then moved that the Council do now adjourn till 1 o'clock on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, in amendment, that the Council adjourn till 3 o'clock on Friday.

The amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 5. Noes 8.

So the amendment was lost.

The original motion having been put and carried, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday, the 21st instant.

Monday, the 21st day of December, 1868.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, O'Reilly, Hamley, Pemberton, Ring, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Havelock, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the Presiding Member produced a *Dedimus Potestatem* from the Governor, empowering him to swear in Members of the Council during the present Session, and read the same aloud as follows:—

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FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

To William Alexander George Young, Esquire, Presiding Member of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, and whom else it may concern;

Greeting.

KNOW YE that I, FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, reposing especial trust and confidence in the fidelity, learning, and integrity of the said William Alexander George Young, and under and by virtue of all powers and authorities me the said Frederick Seymour, as such Governor, in that behalf enabling, have appointed, and by these presents do

give and grant unto the said William Alexander George Young, full power and authority to administer the customary oath to Members of the Legislative Council, during the present Session.

The Hon. the Presiding Member then administered the customary oath to Henry Havelock, Esquire, who was introduced to the Council Chamber, and took his seat at the Board.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from Joseph Carruthers Nicholson.*
 Ordered to be received and read.
 Read accordingly
 Ordered to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Davie presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Vancouver Island, in reference to a Fence Bill.
 Ordered that the same do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Presiding Member then administered the customary oath to Peter O'Reilly, Esquire, who was introduced to the Council Chamber, and took his seat at the Council Board.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to draw up and submit a report in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, brought up the same.
 Ordered that the same be read aloud by the Clerk.
 Read accordingly as follows:—

To His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Columbia, &c., &c., &c.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Council assembled, have heard with feelings of satisfaction the great improvement visible in the general prosperity of the Colony.

The great advance which has taken place, not only in the Agricultural Districts and Gold Fields, but also in the increased exportation of Coal, Spars, and Lumber induce us to believe that our progress will be steady and permanent.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that all the measures which are brought under our consideration shall receive our most careful attention.

It is to be regretted that Her Majesty's Government has not thought it expedient to pass the Judiciary Bill, but we trust that some measure will be introduced during the present Session, which will terminate the existing anomalies in the administration of the law, and to which Her Majesty will be able to assent.

A Fence Bill is one which will confer a great boon on the Settlers. The importance of a good Mineral Law cannot be too highly estimated, and we are glad to hear from Your Excellency that the measure to be proposed will be liberal in its character, and trust that it will lead to the increased development of the vast mineral resources known to exist in the Colony.

We congratulate Your Excellency on the improved financial condition of the Colony, and the reduction which has been effected in the public debt. Fully impressed with the importance of exercising a rigid economy in all Departments of the Government, the Estimates prepared on this basis will receive our support.

We view with satisfaction the prospect of an increased expenditure on Public Works, as the opening up and repair of roads to various parts of this large territory affords the only permanent means of settling the Country.

We are glad that the important topics of Reciprocity with the United States and Confederation with the Dominion of Canada will be discussed, and trust that some satisfactory solution of these important questions will be arrived at.

We cordially concur with Your Excellency in believing that the time has now arrived when the people should have the full right of electing their representatives in the Legislature, and we hope that its constitution will be still further amended, so as to develop with greater freedom the principles of self-government.

* See Sessional Papers, No. 1.

In conclusion, we trust that all classes and parties will harmoniously work together for the common good, and endeavour by wise measures, under the Divine blessing, to win for the Colony a high position amongst the Dependencies of Great Britain.

(Signed) H. M. BALL,
Chairman of the Select Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding,
Ordered, That the above Report be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding,
Resolved, That the Presiding Member be requested to learn at what hour His Excellency the Governor would be prepared to receive the reply of the Council.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Presiding Member acquainted them that His Excellency was prepared to receive the Council at their convenience.
The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Presiding Member informed the Council that, attended by the Members of the Council, he had waited on 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 you have been good enough to present to me. I sincerely trust that the efforts we are about to make for the improvement of the Colony will be attended with success. I am glad that you have placed on record your conviction of the enormous resources of the Colony; and, turning to the last paragraph, let me assure you that on my part nothing will be wanting to keep alive the good feeling which I trace in your address.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Fence Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for 7th January, 1869.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second Reading ordered for 7th January, 1869.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Mining Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for 20th January, 1869.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved for leave to bring in a Bill altering the Constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Whereupon a debate arose,

Which having lasted some time, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken,

Ordered that the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved for leave to introduce the Customs Drawback 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 the 8th January, 1869.

The Standing Orders having been suspended for the purpose, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of 2 motions.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow, the 22nd instant.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1868.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, Bushby, Pemberton, Ring, Wood, Davie, Havelock, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented a Petition from the Victoria Fire Department.
Ordered that the same be received and do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that a day be named for consideration in Committee of the whole of that part of His Excellency's address relating to a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of North America.

Ordered that the question be considered in Committee on Monday, the 12th January, 1869.

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit to this Council any papers relating to (1) The Land Bill; (2) The Judiciary Bill; (3) The Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of America; (4) The question of Confederation with Canada.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Member, Ordered, That the same be postponed till 12th January, 1869.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked the following questions of the Acting Colonial Secretary:—

Whether it be the intention of the Executive to make provision for the encouragement of Immigration?

Whether it be the intention of the Executive to open the Eagle Pass route at an early date?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked leave to bring in Registration of Voters 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 the 13th January, 1869.

On the Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. Helmcken's motion for leave to bring in a Bill altering the Constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils,

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give a further notice on this subject.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Hon. Member gave a notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 7th January, 1869, at 1 o'clock.

Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, O'Reilly, Bushby, Pemberton, Ball, Walkem, Wood, Alston, Drake, Carrall, Helmcken, Davie, Humphreys, Havelock.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Thomas Basil Humphreys, Esq., was then introduced to the Council Chamber, and the customary oaths having been administered to him by the Presiding Member, took his seat at the Council Board.

The Hon. Mr. Davie presented a Petition from the Settlers of Cowichan.

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Havelock gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken rose to speak to a question of privilege, and moved the following Resolution:—

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the allegations contained in the Petition of J. C. Nicholson, with power to send for papers and persons, and to report to this Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Resolution withdrawn accordingly.

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

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Davie asked leave to bring in Wolves and Panthers Destruction 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 Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved that the Council go into Committee to consider a Resolution in reference to the alteration of the Constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Ordered that the Council go into Committee accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Chairman handed in a report.

Whereupon, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council went again into Committee.

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 1 o'clock, to-morrow.

Friday, the 8th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, O'Reilly, Bushby, Ball, Walkem, Alston, Drake, Carrall, Helmcken, Davie, Humphreys, Ring, Havelock.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

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

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Havelock gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

- On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Drawback Bill,
The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding,
That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report upon; and the said Committee shall also enquire whether any other changes in the Customs Laws would be beneficial to the interests of the Colony; if so, specifying the same. That the said Committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and move from place to place, and make record of the evidence.
On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved accordingly.
- The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Select Committee:—
The Hon. Messrs. Walkem, Ball, Hamley, Drake, Helmcken, Bushby, Havelock.
- On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, in reference to the repeal of the Crown Salaries Act,
Ordered that the same be postponed till Monday.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Havelock asked the Hon. the Attorney General Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for a uniform system of Education for the Colony?
The Hon. the Attorney General replied.
- On the Order of the day being read for a motion of the Hon. Mr. Davie, in reference to the Petition from the Settlers of Cowichan,
On the motion of the Hon. Member, Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.
Withdrawn accordingly.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Davie asked the Acting Colonial Secretary Whether any and what steps have been taken by the Government towards the discovery of the perpetrators of the Salt Spring Island Murder?
The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Fence Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Wednesday next.
- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council resumed, in Committee, the adjourned consideration of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken's Resolution in respect to altering the Constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils.
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 Monday next.
- Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Alston, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 11th day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Edward Howard Sanders, John Robson, and Henry Holbrook, Esquires, were then introduced into the Council Chamber, and, the customary oaths having been administered by the Presiding Member, took their seats at the Council Board.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, Ordered, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Hon. Mr. Havelock to present a Petition.

The Standing Orders having been suspended accordingly,

The Hon. Mr. Havelock presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Lyttou.

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly.

Ordered that the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee to consider the question of Reciprocity with the United States of America.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported that some progress had been made with the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the same do stand as the first Order of the day on Wednesday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked leave to introduce the Loan and Investment 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 the Monday, the 18th instant.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow, the 12th instant.

Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked the Hon. the Attorney General Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in any measure to amalgamate the Laws of this Colony, and whether any steps will be taken to grant to the Supreme Courts of this Colony concurrent jurisdiction?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked what amount of public funds have been expended by the Government on the Roads and Bridges in the District of Nanaimo, since Union?

The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Carrall seconding,

That the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish this Council with a Return of the amount of Revenue contributed or collected from Nanaimo since the Union.

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

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

Mr. Ring, for leave to bring in a Bill relating to Crown Costs,

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

Ordered that leave be granted.

Postponed till Friday accordingly.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked leave to bring in Anatomy Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday, the 18th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked the Government to extend aid to the Cariboo Literary Institute.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked the Government if they intend to extend aid to the Barkerville Fire Department, and if so, how much?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked the Government if they cannot increase, this year, the allowance to Cariboo Hospital?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Davie asked leave to bring in a Cattle Protection 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 Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to order that a sum of money be set aside for the establishment of a School at Lillooet and Clinton.

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

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to furnish this Council with a Return, as soon as it may be convenient, of the names of the Teachers of Common Schools in Vancouver Island, to whom salaries have been paid, since the Union of the Colonies up to the 31st December, 1868, with the amounts so paid.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit a Bill to this Council to enact that Supplies for Ships' use going to Foreign parts may be had free of Customs Duties, the law now in force being very injurious to Commerce.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,

That this question be referred to the Select Committee upon the Drawback Bill, to be included in their enquiry, and form the subject of a Special Report.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked the Government if the Salaries of the School Teachers of Vancouver Island, previous to Union, have been paid?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Savings Banks 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 Friday next.

The Hon. Mr. Bushby asked to be relieved from serving on the Committee on the Drawback Bill.

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the Hon. Mr. Robson to serve on the said Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Davie, pursuant to Order, called the special and early attention of the Government to the state of the Saanich and Metchosin Roads.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works replied.

The Hon. Mr. Havelock, pursuant to Order, moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that immediate steps be taken towards removing one of the "Sister's" Rocks in Fraser River.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a regular Mail communication, this season, between this part of the Colony and the Kootenay and Perry Creek Mines?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works If it is the intention of the Government to make a Road from Lytton to Lillooet; and if so, when?

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works replied.

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

Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, Pemberton, Ball, Sanders, Drake, Helmcken, Alston, Wood, Carrall, Davie, Walkem, Ring, Robson, Holbrook, Havelock, Humphreys.

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. 1.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council certain applications addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, praying that His Grace will endeavour to secure that, in the case of its renewal, the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty shall be extended to British Columbia.*

He thinks it hardly necessary to point out that if any relaxation of the Tariff should be made in favour of the United States, existing Treaties require that the same advantage should be extended to other Countries.

*Government House,
13th January, 1869.*

Ordered to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on adjourned consideration of Reciprocity with the United States.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, expressed the wish of the Committee that certain papers be laid before the Committee, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the papers be laid before the Committee, and leave granted to the Committee to sit again at once.

The Council went again into Committee.

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

Ordered that leave be granted, and that this question do stand first in order of precedence to-morrow.

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

Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ball, Walkem, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, Robson, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Humphreys, Havelock, Davie, Ring.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on the subject of Reciprocity with the United States of America.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and that this question do stand first in order of precedence to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for a question standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring, relative to the amendment of the Courts of Justice,

On the motion of the Hon. Member, Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a Resolution standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Drake, relative to the Courts of the Colony,

The Hon. Member asked leave to postpone the same.

Ordered to be postponed till this day week.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Alston asked the Hon. the Attorney General Whether it is his intention to introduce a measure for the Registration of Births and Deaths?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Davie seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to obtain from the Board of Education of Vancouver Island, and transmit to this Council, a Report embodying the following details:—(1) The Financial condition of the Board; (2) The Schools in actual operation from the Union to the present time; (3) The proximate number of Pupils at each School; (4) The names and Salaries of Teachers; (5) Such other matters as the Board may deem proper to be alluded to in their Report.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked the Hon. the Attorney General If it is the intention of the Government to introduce in this Colony the recent English Criminal Statutes?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Carrall asked the Hon. the Attorney General If it is the intention of the Government to amend the Gold Mining Laws?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

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

Ordered that the same be postponed till Saturday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Wolves and Panthers Destruction Bill,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Davie, Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Hon. Member gave a notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 15th day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on the subject of Reciprocity with the United States.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the deliberations of the Committee on Reciprocity had terminated, and that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

Ordered that the same be taken as read.

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

That this Council having taken into consideration the portion of His Excellency's Speech, and the recent Message, requesting an expression of the views of the Legislative Council as to the advisability of entering into a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of North America, is of opinion:—

That until there is sufficient information before the Council as to the terms of the Treaty now under negotiation between the Dominion of Canada and the United States, to enable this Council to judge how far it would be advantageous, or the reverse, to British Columbia to be included within its general provisions, the Council is unable to come to a definite conclusion on that point.

They are, however, clearly of opinion that a Treaty, if need be, a separate one, which should reciprocally admit the *following articles* free of any kind of duty, or at a very small mutual rate of duty, from British Columbia into the United States, and *vice versa*, would not only be acceptable to this Colony but equally beneficial to that power; that is to say:—

Coal,	Quicksilver,
Timber,	Sewing Machines,
Lumber of all kinds, round, hewn,	Agricultural Implements,
and sawn,	Marble,
Fish of all kinds,	Limestone,
Firewood,	Sandstone,
Cranberries,	Granite, or any other rough Stone,
Fish Oil,	Slate,
Coal Oil,	Furs,
Turpentine,	Hides,
Wheat,	Wool,
Maize, whether ground or whole,	Hair,
Tar,	Horns,
Pitch,	Skins,
Cotton Canvas,	Bones,
Clocks,	Pelts.

That, for the reason above given, it would be advisable to stipulate that any provision in such general or special Treaty, which should embrace any of the details in the above list, should only come into operation upon its adoption by an Ordinance of this Legislature.

The Hon. Mr. Alston reported a further Resolution for the adoption of the Council, as follows:—

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to those gentlemen who brought the subject of Reciprocity before Her Majesty's Government, for their valuable exertions in behalf of the interests of this Colony, and that this Resolution be forwarded to those gentlemen.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,
Resolved, That a deputation be appointed to carry up the Resolution on the subject of Reciprocity to His Excellency the Governor, in order to explain the views of the Council.

The Hon. the Presiding Member appointed the following Hon. Members accordingly:—

The Hon. Messrs. Young, Helmcken, Drake, Ring, Trutch.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee, reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday next.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Member, Ordered, That the same be postponed till Tuesday.

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

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish a Return of the amount of duties received at Victoria by the Collector of Customs on Goods consigned to Nanaimo, as distinguished from those duties transmitted to the Collector by the Collector at Nanaimo.

On the question being put it passed in the negative, and the Resolution was lost.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. Havelock seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to order that all Colonial Flour, Bran, and Shorts required by Farmers for their own use, be exempt from Road Tolls.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 7.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary gave notice that on Monday next he would introduce the Estimates for the year.

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

Monday, the 18th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Hanley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Alston, Holbrook, Robson, Helmcken, Humphreys, Davie, Wood, Ring, Drake, Walkem, O'Reilly, Sanders, Carrall.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary introduced the Estimates for the year.

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply tomorrow.

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

That this Council conscious that the condition of the Colony now differs very materially from that existing at the time when the Crown Salaries Ordinance and other Ordinances relating thereto were framed and enacted, deem it advisable earnestly to ask His Excellency the Governor to transmit to this Council an Ordinance repealing the Crown Salaries Ordinance, and other Ordinances relating thereto, in order that a reduction of some of the salaries therein named may be made; and in order that some of the offices therein provided for may be abolished, or at all events struck out of the Civil List.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated,

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding, That the words from "conscious" to "enacted" be struck out.

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

On the original Resolution being put as amended the Council divided. ~~AYES 5~~
~~NOES 8~~

Ayes 5, *Noes* 8.

On the names, pursuant to a request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

Ayes.
The Hon. Messrs. Ring,
Wood,
Humphreys,
Carrall,
Helmcken,
Drake,

Noes.
The Hon. Messrs. Davie,
Robson,
Holbrook,
Alston,
Walkem,
Ball,
Sanders,

The vote was found to stand as follows:—

Ayes 6, *Noes* 7, the Hon. Mr. Ring having voted in the negative, but on the names being taken down claimed to have voted in the affirmative.

This claim was overruled by the Hon. the Presiding Member, who decided that the vote on the question stood *Ayes* 5, *Noes* 8, as originally declared,

So the Resolution passed in the negative and was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee to consider the Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, in reference to altering the Constitution of the Legislative and Executive Councils.

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 Monday, the 25th instant.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Loan Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Anatomy Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Health Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for this day week.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Registration of Voters Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Monday, the 25th instant.

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

Ordered that leave be granted, and 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 Cattle Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Savings Banks Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Savings Banks Ordinance, 1869."

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to authorize the Stipendiary Magistrates of settled Districts to pay suitable rewards for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers.

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Carrall, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

Wednesday, the 20th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Drake, Helmcken, Alston, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Robson, Ring, Havelock, Holbrook.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Victoria, in reference to the Mining Law.

Ordered to be read and printed.
Read accordingly.

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

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

Ordered to be deferred.

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

Ordered to be deferred.

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

The Hon. Member then moved the following Resolution, of which he had just given notice:—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause the following Returns to be supplied to this Council;—(1) The Revenue and Expenditure on account of Steamer Douglas for the year 1868; (2) The income and expenditure on account of Assay Office, 1868; the total amount of Gold assayed at that office during 1868; the probable amount of Gold taken out of the Mines during that period; (3) An account of the Income and Expenditure (approximate) under the various heads for the year 1868, together with an account of the sums paid to the various Officers dispensed with; (4) The cost of a prisoner per diem at New Westminster; Do. at Victoria; (5) The amount expended during 1868, upon the main trunk road of the Mainland; the average annual expense of keeping it in repair.

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

Pursuant to Order, 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 sums voted, and Resolutions passed, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved that the following votes be agreed upon:—

Department of the Governor	\$2,552 00
Legislative Council	900 00
Colonial Secretary	9,424 00
Treasurer	4,552 00
Auditor General	5,077 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	4,348 00
Customs	12,920 00
Registrar General.....	735 00
Harbour Master	1,940 00
Post Office	2,750 00
Supreme Court	3,452 00
Attorney General.....	1,008 00
High Sheriff	1,500 00

Police and Gaols	17,306 50
Stipendiary Magistrate, &c., Kootenay.....	9,716 00
" " Cariboo	12,088 00
" " Yale.....	4,320 00
" " Lillooet	4,608 00
" " Nanaimo	2,484 00
Pensions.....	970 00
Revenue Services	1,000 00
Administration of Justice	4,400 00
Charitable Allowances	10,500 00
Education	10,000 00
Police and Gaols	12,000 00
Rent	875 00
Transport	6,660 00

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that the present system adopted in keeping the public accounts of this Colony is of too complex a character, and one that leads to unnecessary expenditure; and this Council, therefore, respectfully requests that His Excellency will be pleased to obtain such change in the system as will appear desirable and most compatible with economy; and this Council would further especially refer to the practice of auditing the accounts of the Colony in England, as being one that might with advantage be dispensed with.

That the item of \$900 for a Revenue Officer at Burrard Inlet be increased to \$1,200, and that he also act as Constable.

That this Council desires to express to His Excellency the Governor its opinion that the system of employing convict labour upon the public streets exerts a most demoralizing and injurious influence upon the convicts themselves, as well as upon the community.

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to allow the former salary of \$1,940 to the Chief Constable and Clerk of Cariboo; this Council is of opinion that the reduced amount in the Estimates of this year is insufficient to support the incumbents.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully recommended to increase the amount of salary it is proposed to pay the Toll Collector, Constable, and Postmaster, at Clinton, to \$1,250.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to make an immediate appropriation to pay off the debts of the Royal Hospital, Victoria, and the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

On the question of the adoption of the above Resolutions being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Ordered that leave be granted to the Committee of Supply to sit again tomorrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Mining Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the further Committal of the Fence Bill,
Ordered to be deferred till Monday.

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

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish a Return stating the amount received from the Estates of Intestates in Vancouver Island, by the Registrar or Official Administrator, since the retirement of Chief Justice Cameron down to the present time; also stating the amount now lying to the credit of the Intestate Fund.

On the question being put the Council divided:

Ayes 3, *Noes* 9.

The names, as requested, having been taken down by the Clerk, as follows:

Ayes.
The Hon. Messrs. Ring,
Drake,
Bushby,

Noes.
The Hon. Messrs. Wood,
Davie,
Robson,
Holbrook,
Alston,
Sanders,
O'Reilly,
Crease,
Trutch.

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

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Robson, relating to Harbour Master's Report on Fraser River,
 On the motion of the Hon. Member, Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.
 Withdrawn accordingly.

According to a deferred Order, the Hon. Mr. Alston moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,
 That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor respectfully requesting him to transmit to this Council a Bill for the Registration of Births and Deaths.
 On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

According to a deferred Order, the Hon. Mr. Crease asked leave to bring in Queen Charlotte Coal Co.'s Registration 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended.
 The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Hon. Member gave notice of 2 motions.

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

Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from Robert Homfray, and moved that the same be read.
 On the question being put the Council divided.
Ayes 12. Noes 3.
 So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered to be read.
 Read accordingly.
 Ordered to be considered on Tuesday next.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Havelock gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.
 The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

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

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, in reference to Customs Return,
 Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.
 Withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee of Supply.
 On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following sums voted and Resolutions passed, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved that the following votes be agreed upon:—

Conveyance of Mails	\$29,400
Works and Buildings	12,000

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of \$200 for the carriage of Mails between New Westminster and Burrard Inlet, and that a Post Office be established at the latter place.

That His Excellency the Governor be humbly requested to make provision for a Mail communication once a week to Metehosin.

That His Excellency the Governor be humbly requested to order that the Mail now carried from Clinton to Lillooet, be sent from Lytton to Lillooet. This applies to the Mail from Victoria.

That this Committee is of opinion that a trail through the Eagle Pass should be made as soon as the season will admit.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to instruct the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to report on the condition of the East Saanich Road, and that a sum sufficient to place this road in passable condition be placed on the Estimates.

That the Governor will be pleased to direct that the Metehosin Road, from Weir's to Vine's, be laid out and made.

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

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

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

That this Council is of opinion that the existing condition of the Supreme Courts of this Colony is highly anomalous, mischievous, and inconvenient, and, pending an organic Ordinance for the establishment of one Supreme Court, an Ordinance should be passed forthwith to establish (1) A concurrent jurisdiction in each of the Supreme Courts throughout the entire Colony; (2) An appeal as of right from the decision of either of the existing Supreme Courts to the Judges of both Courts, with the addition of a third Judge of Appeal.

Whereupon a debate arose,

Which having terminated, Ordered that the debate on this question be adjourned till to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow, the 22nd instant.

Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a further Petition from Mr. Nicholson.*

Ordered that the same be read aloud by the Clerk.

Read accordingly.

Ordered that the same do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following sums voted, and Resolutions passed, and asked leave to sit again.

* See Sessional Papers, No. 3.

Resolved, That the following votes be agreed upon:—

Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	\$62,500
Miscellaneous	16,500
Interest.....	22,000
Drawbacks	2,100
Temporary Loans	100,000
Government Vessels	16,800
Light Houses	10,000

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, it is of the utmost importance that the Road connecting New Westminster with Burrard Inlet should be kept in a passable condition, and His Excellency is recommended to make the necessary appropriation for the same.

That this Council fully recognizing the importance of establishing communication by land between the seaboard and the interior of British Columbia, recommend to His Excellency the Governor the early survey of a Trunk Road from New Westminster to Yale, and the division of such road into sections of say a mile each; and that provision should be made for the gradual construction of said road by the issuing of land scrip for the payment of three-fourths of the work, the remaining fourth to be paid for in money.

That His Excellency be pleased to place upon the Estimates a sum of \$1,000 for the Fire Companies of Victoria.

That a suitable appropriation of money for the establishment of a Fire Department at Barkerville be placed in the Estimates.

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully recommending that a Court House be erected in the town of Yale during the present year.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

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

Monday, the 25th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, O'Reilly, Hamley, Ring, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Havelock, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake, Holbrook, Bushby, Sanders, Humphreys, Robson.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read. On the question of their confirmation being put, the following protest was placed on the Book:

PROTEST.

The undersigned Representative Members of the Legislative Council, whilst they would not do any injustice to the gentlemen now actually performing the duties of Governor, Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Commissioner of Lands and Surveyor General, and Collector of Customs, do protest against any person who may hereafter perform those duties receiving any greater salary than the following, viz.:—

Governor	£2,500 per annum.
Colonial Secretary	600 ,,
Attorney General, with practice	350 ,,
Commissioner of Lands and Surveyor General	600 ,,
Collector of Customs	600 ,,

and further protest against the office of Treasurer and of the Chief Inspector of Police being retained upon the Civil List, and against any person being appointed to those offices.

(Signed)

J. S. HELMCKEN, Victoria City.
R. W. W. CARRALL, Cariboo.
J. C. DAVIE, Victoria District.
M. W. T. DRAKE, Victoria City.
T. B. HUMPHREYS, Lillooet.
H. HAVELOCK, Yale.

The Minutes were then confirmed.

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

Message No. 2.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 12th instant, the Governor forwards a Return shewing the amount of Revenue collected from Nanaimo since the Union of the Western Colonies.*

*Government House,
23rd January, 1869.*

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented the Petition of William Steinberger.†

Ordered to be received and read.

Read accordingly

Ordered that the same do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:—

That the Government be respectfully recommended to make provision for the establishment of a Law Library for the use of the Courts of Law.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in the Common Schools Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Wednesday, the 3rd February.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee to consider the Hon. Mr. Helmcken's Resolution altering the Constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without a report.

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

A debate arose, which having terminated,

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

Ayes 14, Noes 5.

So it passed in the affirmative, and the Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

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

Ordered that the rest of the Orders of the day be postponed till to-morrow, and that the second reading of the Mining Bill do stand as the first Order of the day.

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

Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1869.

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

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

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

* See Sessional Papers, No. 4.

† See Sessional Papers, No. 5.

On the Minutes being read, the Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Protest on the subject of the Crown Salaries therein appearing be struck out, as it referred not to a vote of the Council but to a matter treated of in Committee of the Council which had not come before the Council, and was therefore irregular.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the Hon. Member withdrew his motion.

The Minutes were then confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Mining Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of Robert Homfray.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that it be referred to a Select Committee for Report.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Select Committee:—
The Hon. Messrs. Robson, Wood, Trutch.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion in regard to the Law of Probate, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring,
Ordered that the same be postponed till this day week.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Havelock, on the subject of the abolition of the Road Tolls,
The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.
Ordered that leave be granted.
Resolution withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,
That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send down an Ordinance to this Council to provide for the better administration of Justice in causes of Action between the Crown and the Subject.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 4.

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending the immediate establishment, at San Francisco, of an Emigration Agency for the purpose of affording information respecting the Colony, and the best means of reaching it.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, enquiring whether Her Majesty's assent is still withheld from the "Land Ordinance, 1867;" and if so, upon what grounds? and that any correspondence referring to the same between the Imperial and Colonial Governments, or extracts from such correspondence, may be laid before this Council.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Crown Costs Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

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

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

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

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Queen Charlotte Coal Co. Registration Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Ordered that the two next motions, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, be postponed.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,

That Returns of the amount of Revenue derived from Kootenay, during the year 1868, be respectfully asked of His Excellency the Governor.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That His Excellency the Governor be pleased to send down Returns of the Exports from British Columbia during 1868.

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

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

Wednesday, the 27th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Alston, Wood, Walkem, Holbrook, Robson, Humphreys, Ring, Davie, Havlock, Helmcken, Carrall, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Fire Company's Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second Reading ordered for 3rd February.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding, the following Resolution:—

That the Government be respectfully recommended to provide for the establishment of a Public Library and Museum, or to give pecuniary assistance to existing local institutions of a like nature.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 12.

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

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Carrall, Ball, Alston, Holbrook, Robson, Helmcken, Humphreys, Davie, Wood, Ring, Drake, Walkem, O'Reilly, Havelock.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Alston, on Indian affairs,

Ordered that the same be postponed till this day week.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Message No. 3.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of Four hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1869."

*Government House,
28th January, 1869.*

Ordered that the Supply Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday next.

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

Friday, the 29th day of January, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, Bushby, Ring, Wood, Havelock, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake, Walkem, Humphreys, O'Reilly, Sanders, Robson, Holbrook, Davie.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

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

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Queen Charlotte Coal Company Bill.

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

Ordered to be read third time on Monday next.

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

Ordered to be postponed till Monday.

Accordingly, to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in Bail and Affidavits 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 Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Davie seconding, the following Resolution:—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the Members elected from the Mainland be paid their expenses during the time of their attendance at the Council, within a limit of 40 days, and that a sum sufficient be placed by His Excellency on the Supplemental Estimates.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved in amendment, that the word "reasonable" be inserted before expenses; and the words "within a limit of 40 days" struck out.

This amendment having been put and carried,

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved the following amendment:—

That the word "travelling" be inserted before "expenses," and substitute "incurred in their attendance upon this Council" for rest of clause after word "expenses;" erase "from the Mainland."

On the question being put, words "from the Mainland" erased; word "travelling" lost; that the words "incurred in their attendance upon this Council" be substituted for rest of clause after word "expenses" lost.

The Resolution as amended stood as follows:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the Members elected be paid their reasonable expenses during the time of their attendance at the Council, and that a sum sufficient be placed by His Excellency on the Supplemental Estimates.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, *Noes* 5.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

[Monday, the 1st day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, O'Reilly, Hamley, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Havelock, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake, Holbrook, Bushby, Sanders, Humphreys, Robson, Pemberton.

On the Minutes of the previous Meeting being read, the Hon. Mr. Walkem proposed to place a protest on the books against a vote of the Council yesterday, on the subject of paying the expenses at Council of elected Members.

Ordered to be rejected.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook proposed to place a protest on the books against a protest of the 25th January, on the Crown Salaries, having been allowed to remain on the books.

Ordered to be rejected.

The Minutes were then confirmed.

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

Message No. 4.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Return of the Exports from British Columbia in 1868.*

Government House,

1st February, 1869.

Ordered to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition of Messrs. Jones and Jenkinson.

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

* See Sessional Papers, No. 6.

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

The Hon. Mr. Havelock gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to introduce Game Amendment 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 Supply Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that His Excellency be pleased to direct that a sum of money (say \$250) be appropriated to the Victoria Agricultural Society.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved in amendment,

That the Governor be respectfully requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of \$1,000 to be applied to the service of the several Agricultural Societies throughout the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Davie having withdrawn his Resolution in favour of the Hon. Mr. Robson's amendment, the same was put, and having passed in the negative, the Resolution was lost.

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

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be recommitted for the purpose of striking out certain words.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, *nemine contradicente*, the Bill was recommitted.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Queen Charlotte Coal Company Bill,

Ordered to be recommitted.

Recommitted accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Health Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor recommending that the duty on Wheat be reduced to 15 cents per 100 lbs.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved the *previous question*, which having been put and carried the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Davie seconding, the following Resolution:—

That His Excellency be requested to send down an Ordinance to alter the duties on Spirits manufactured in the Colony from \$1 to 50 cents a gallon, and to amend the Excise Ordinance.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 7.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Davie, on the subject of certain reports published in England on Confederation,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

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

Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Havelock gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Fence Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Fence Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Queen Charlotte Company Office Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Queen Charlotte Mining Company's Office Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supply Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Four hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the sum of \$1,500 be recommended to be allowed for the carriage of the Mails between Victoria and New Westminster, in addition to the amount already voted for that purpose, and that an amount be placed by His Excellency the Governor to meet the same on the Supplementary Estimates.

Whereupon a debate arose, during which the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were received, which being read are as follows:—

Message No. 5.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council on the 20th January. He will forward to Her Majesty's Government that recommending a simplification of the mode of keeping the public accounts.

The other Resolutions are receiving his earnest consideration.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1869.*

Message No. 6.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 26th January, in favour of his transmitting a Bill for the Registration of Births and Deaths.

The subject is one of great difficulty in this Colony, and the efforts made to pass an Ordinance for the purpose indicated failed on the Mainland.

As he cannot construct a measure which would satisfy himself, he forwards for the inspection of the Council a despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding a copy of an Ordinance passed in Ceylon, and which has there given satisfaction.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1869.*

Message No. 7.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council, asking for information respecting the delay of the Royal Assent to the Land Bill of 1867. It is not in the power of the Governor to forward copies of the correspondence which has passed on the subject, and if it were, but little information would be received by the Council from the papers he would lay before them.

It is believed that the existing laws relating to the acquisition of land are liberal.

The matter is still under consideration.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1869.*

Message No. 8.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council, requesting him to transmit a Bill for the better administration of justice in causes of action between the Crown and the Subject.

He would remind the Council, that each individual member of it has the power of initiating Bills, which when perfect, receive the utmost consideration.

But he must add, that the present system does not, in his opinion, work unjustly towards any one.

The Crown simply represents the public interests.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1869.*

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken rose to a question of Order, and it was decided by the Hon. the Presiding Member, that the Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook was not in order, having been already dealt with in the Estimates.

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

That a sum be recommended to be allowed for the conveyance of the Mails per steamer, between New Westminster and Yale, and that His Excellency be requested to place an amount to meet the same on the Supplementary Estimates.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6. Noes 11.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in Probate Amendment Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for February 16th.

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

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

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

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

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

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Havelock asked whether it is the intention of the Government to cause one of the "Sister's" Rocks in the Fraser River to be removed this year, as recommended by the Council?

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner replied.

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

That in the opinion of this Council it is of importance that the Department of Lands and Works should be so conducted as to afford those arriving in the Colony the fullest possible information respecting the country, its various resources, the Agricultural and Mineral Lands occupied, the lands still open for pre-emption or purchase, the position and character of such lands, the rate of

wages and the cost of living in the various districts, the population, stock, and improvements therein, and all other information likely to prove interesting or useful to persons desirous of settling in the country, or of engaging in any pursuit therein; that a branch of the Department, provided with the means of supplying all such information should be established at some convenient spot on the Mainland, and that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying these views.

Moved in amendment by the Hon. Mr. Crease,

That the words from "that a" to "Mainland" be struck out, and that the words "that all Assistant Commissioners throughout the Colony should be provided with the means of supplying such information" be substituted.

The amendment having been put and carried.

On the amended Resolution being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

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

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully asked for Returns of moneys paid to elected or selected Members of the Legislative Councils of British Columbia since their formation, and to whom paid.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 11.

So the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Health Bill.

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

Ordered to be read third time on Monday next.

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

Wednesday, the 3rd day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Bushby, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Ball, Sanders, Drake, Helmcken, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Robson, Holbrook, Havelock, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

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

The Order dropped.

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

That the Governor will be pleased to obtain and place before this Council, during the next ensuing Session, Statistics of the amount of the various Agricultural, Horticultural, and Dairy productions produced in Vancouver Island and on the banks of the Lower Fraser, during the year 1869, and similar information with regard to the Interior of the Mainland; also the quantity of Live Stock (domestic), the number of acres taken up, the number of farms and population existing in each respectively.

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

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

That in the opinion of this Council it would be beneficial to the Colony were a site appropriated for the deposition and continual exhibition of its natural and other productions.

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

According to Order, the School Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

According to Order, the Fire Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

According to Order, the Affidavits Bill was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Davie moved, that a day be named for the Council to consider Confederation with the Dominion of Canada.

A debate arose, which having terminated, and the question having been put, as to whether a day should be named to consider the question of Confederation, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 5.

So it passed in the affirmative, and it was Ordered that this subject be considered on Wednesday the 17th instant.

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

Thursday, the 4th day of February, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, Ordered that the discussion of Indian Affairs be postponed till the 10th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Affidavits Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved, that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Oaths Ordinance, 1869."

The Hon. Mr. Trutch, Chairman of a Select Committee, appointed to draw up a Report on the Petition of Robert Homfray, brought up the same, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee has duly taken the Petition of Robert Homfray into consideration, and have examined such witnesses as have been deemed necessary, and finds:—

1. That the claim as preferred by the Petitioner has been fully substantiated, to the extent of its being a debt against the Crown, in the event of funds being available from the Revenue of Leech River Ditch.

2. The Petitioner, however, asserts that the debt was assumed absolutely by the Government of Vancouver Island, contingent only on the Ditch being completed, and there being funds in the Colonial Treasury to meet the demand.

3. The testimony on this latter head is conflicting and unsatisfactory.

4. In view, however, of the fact that the Government has taken over the Ditch, and so far has availed itself of the services for which Mr. Homfray now claims to be paid, and considering that no revenues have been derived, or are likely, for some time to come, to be derived from such Ditch, your Committee is of opinion that the payment of the Petitioner's claim should be no longer deferred.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding, and it was Resolved *nem. con.*:—

That this Council is of opinion that the present practice of confining Lunatics in the common prisons of the Colony, is both inhuman and inconvenient, and that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, earnestly recommending that a suitable building may be provided in which such unfortunate persons may receive proper treatment.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Cattle Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,
The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

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

Friday, the 5th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ball, Walkem, Wood, Pemberton, Robson, Helmcken, Carrall, Davie, Drake, Havelock, Ring, Sanders.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Davie presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Chemainus.
Ordered to be read.
Read accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.
The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 2 motions.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Crown Costs Bill,
Ordered to be recommitted.
The Council went again into Committee on the said Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill now complete.
Ordered to be read third time at once.
Read third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Crown Costs Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. Drake's Resolution regarding the Courts of the Colony was resumed, after which it was Ordered that the debate be again adjourned till Monday.

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

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

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the School Bill.
Ordered to be postponed till Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Cattle Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

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

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.
Motion withdrawn accordingly.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Robert Homfray be transmitted to the Governor, with a request that the claim should be paid, without its forming any precedent.

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

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and lay before this Council, during the present Session, a Scheme for promoting Immigration to this Colony, and for disseminating correct information respecting the same.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Select Committee:—
The Hon. Messrs. Robson, Drake, Ball, Bushby, Alston.

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

Monday, the 8th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, O'Reilly, Hamley, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Carrall, Helmcken, Ring, Sanders, Humphreys, Bushby, Robson.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Select Committee, brought up a Report in reference to the Drawbacks Bill, and other matters affecting the Customs.

Ordered that the same do lie on the table, and be considered on Wednesday next.

Ordered that the Drawbacks Bill be read second time on the same day.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Alston called the attention of the Government to the condition of the Victoria Cemetery, and asked the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary whether a site can be appropriated for a new Cemetery, outside the city limits?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Crease asked leave to introduce the Victoria By-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 on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Crease asked leave to introduce Municipal Amendment Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the following question of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,

The Hon. Member asked leave to make it the subject of an address to the Governor, as follows:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure, in accordance with the intimation in the Opening Speech, to enable the people to elect nine Representatives, without being subject to the concurrence of the Governor, or not?

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.
Motion withdrawn accordingly.

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

Message No. 9.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Supreme Courts of Justice of British Columbia."

*Government House,
8th February, 1869.*

Ordered that the Bill be now read first time.
Read first time accordingly.
Second reading Ordered for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. Drake's motion respecting the Courts,
Ordered that the same be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Mining Bill,
Ordered that the same be postponed till Monday, 15th inst.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went again into Committee on the Health Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, 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 on the Fire Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Game Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.
Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee on the Cattle Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Wednesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 9th day of February, 1869.

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

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, O'Reilly, Bushby, Ball, Alston, Drake, Helmcken, Davie, Humphreys, Ring, Robson, Wood, Havelock, Pemberton, Sanders, Carrall, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion on promoting the manufacture of Beet Root Sugar, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Havelock,
Ordered that the same be postponed.
Postponed accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a question standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken.
Ordered to be postponed.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in 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 Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Health Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Health Ordinance, 1869."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Game Bill, The Hon. Mr. Davie moved that it be read this day six months.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, *Noes* 14.

So the amendment was lost.

On the question of the third reading being put the Council divided.

Ayes 14. *Noes* 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and the Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Game Ordinance, 1869."

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

The Hon. Mr. Ring moved that the next Order of the day be first dealt with. On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 8.

The names having been taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Ring,	The Hon. Messrs. Crease,
Wood,	Trutch,
Davie,	O'Reilly,
Humphreys,	Alston,
Havelock,	Sanders,
Carrall,	Ball,
Helmcken,	Bushby,
Robson,	Hamley.
Walken,	
Drake.	

So it was carried in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the last Order, the adjourned debate on the Hon. Mr. Drake's motion was resumed.

The following amendment of the Hon. Mr. Davie was withdrawn after a division on the question of leave being granted therefor.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 8.

That this Council is of opinion, that the existing condition of the Supreme Courts of this Colony is highly anomalous, mischievous, and inconvenient, and calls for immediate remedy at the hands of the Executive.

The original question was then put and carried, after a division:—

Ayes 10, *Noes* 8.

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that the existing condition of the Supreme Courts of this Colony is highly anomalous, mischievous, and inconvenient, and, pending an organic Ordinance for the establishment of one Supreme Court, an Ordinance should be passed forthwith to establish:—(1) A concurrent jurisdiction in each of the Supreme Courts throughout the entire Colony; (2) An appeal as of right from the decision of either of the existing Supreme Courts to the Judges of both Courts, with the addition of a third Judge of Appeal.

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

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Bill be read this day six months.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw his motion, on which the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 8.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson then moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding:

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for the purpose of having it reconstructed, upon the basis set forth in the Resolution for the alteration of the Courts, and that the same Committee be instructed to draw up an Address to Her Majesty, shewing the condition of the Supreme Courts of this Colony, and praying for the establishment of one Supreme Court and a Court of Appeal.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 9.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, 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 second reading of the Anatomy Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the Bill be read this day six months.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, Noes 8.

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

The Bill was then read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

Wednesday, the 10th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, O'Reilly, Ball, Sanders, Drake, Helmcken, Davie, Walkem, Robson, Alston, Ring, Havelock, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to report on Female Immigration, brought up the following Report:—

Your Select Committee on the subject of Assisted Female Immigration have the honor to lay before the House the following Report on that important subject:—

1. Your Committee think that, taking into consideration the state of the Colony, they would not be justified in advising the House to apply to His Excellency the Governor for too large a grant of the public money to be employed for this purpose, but propose that for the first year, at least, the scheme should be on a limited and economical scale, and that His Excellency should respectfully be asked to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 towards carrying out the following scheme:—

2. Your Committee would suggest that assisted Immigration to the Colony should for the present be restricted to Female Servants, from the age of 18 to 30 years, and that the number for the first year be limited to 40. That, as the rate of passage and small incidental expenses is computed to be about \$175, the Government should be asked to supply \$75 of that sum, the person applying for a servant giving \$50 (in consideration of the small rate of wages at which a servant would be secured), and that the additional \$50 should be advanced by the person applying for a servant, this latter sum being refunded in monthly instalments by the servant from her wages; each servant to be bound down to two years' service.

3. That the Governor be requested to appoint a Board of three persons to assist in carrying out the proposed scheme, and that their duties should be as follows:—

1. The Board to have the disposal of the Government Grant for the furtherance of the proposed scheme.
2. To receive applications from persons desirous of obtaining servants, and deal with the same.
3. To make all necessary arrangements in England for procuring servants, according to the applications.
4. To take all necessary steps to promulgate all useful information with reference to the Colony, in Great Britain, San Francisco, and elsewhere.
5. To make periodical reports to His Excellency the Governor, of their proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. ROBSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Ordered that the same be adopted and considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to an Order of yesterday's date, the Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Hon. Members to form a Select Committee to consider a Report on the Supreme Courts Bill:—

The Hon. Messrs. Robson, Drake, Havelock, Ring, Carrall.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Reconveyance Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading Ordered for Tuesday next.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the duty on horned cattle imported into British Columbia be increased to \$5 per head, duty on sheep to \$1 per head.

Moved in amendment by the Hon. Mr. Davie,

That the words after "praying that" be omitted, and "yearlings be admitted duty free" inserted in their place.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 10.

So the amendment was lost.

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

Ayes 9, Noes 7.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Alston moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding, the following Resolution:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting him to issue a Commission to enquire into and report upon the best system of administering Indian affairs, and managing their reserves.

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

Ayes 12, Noes 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on Drawbacks and other matters, the following Reports were read and adopted.

Your Select Committee beg to report that they have carefully considered the provisions of the "Drawbacks Ordinance."

The measure advocates three principles: 1st—The extension of the privileges of our Export Laws to all Vessels of ten tons and upwards; 2nd—The adoption of a system of Drawbacks in the nature of a Return of Customs Duties to Exporters of Goods who have paid the usual Import Dues thereon; and lastly—The abandonment of the present system of Certificates.

Your Committee are of opinion, and the weight of evidence tends to shew, that a great improvement in trade would follow the removal of the restrictions at present imposed upon it.

By the 117th Section of the Customs Act of 1853, vessels under 50 tons burden are precluded from engaging in our Export Trade, though its proportions have, since the Union of the Colonies, been seriously contracted.

To meet the wants of the Mercantile community, your Committee would strongly recommend the extension of the provisions of the above Statute to Vessels of ten tons burden and upwards.

Before passing to the consideration of the second part of the proposed Ordinance, your Committee beg to call the attention of this Council to what may be termed the Certificate system.

At present the Customs authorities require our Export Merchants to produce a Certificate, signed by a Foreign Collector of Customs, that the goods sold and shipped hence have been landed at the port of their destination. This requirement should be dispensed with, as the evidence taken on the subject shows that it tends to hamper trade to a serious extent.

With reference to the second principle of the Ordinance, your Committee believe that the proposed system of Drawbacks will, if adopted, materially revive and increase our Foreign Export business, by enabling our Merchants to sell to the Foreign consumer at prices which will give them manifest advantages over other competitors.

The provisions of the Ordinance should, in the opinion of your Committee, be extended to all classes of merchandize, except wines, spirits, and liquors.

Your Committee are further of opinion that the system or scheme of requiring sureties, as proposed in the Ordinance, is impracticable, and contrary to sound business principles. In other matters of detail the Ordinance requires amendments and alterations, which your Committee are prepared to submit for the consideration of this Council.

(Signed) GEO. A. WALKEM,
Chairman.

Your Select Committee appointed by Resolution of this Council to enquire into the several matters therein contained, including the question of supplying Ships' Stores, &c., duty free, beg to report:—

That the evidence given upon the latter subject, is to the following effect:—

That previous to the extension of the Customs Laws of the Mainland to Vancouver Island, a very extensive business in supplying ships with stores, &c., was carried on; but since that period it has declined to such an extent as to be now comparatively insignificant. Many of the vessels which formerly bought their supplies and stores here, do so no longer, though still frequenting our Ports.

That vessels bound on a voyage, estimated to occupy a period of *forty days*, are allowed to purchase their stores, &c., out of Bond, duty free; but if the voyage be of a shorter duration, this privilege is denied them, though their destination be a Foreign Port.

That there are many large vessels sailing from this Colony to Foreign parts, upon voyages occupying less than forty days, and such vessels would, without doubt, purchase their stores here, if the restrictions mentioned were removed.

That no vessel of less than fifty tons burden should be entitled to purchase stores, &c., duty free.

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that trade would be largely increased in the Colony, and no injury would eventually accrue to the Revenue of Customs, if Foreign bound vessels of fifty tons and upwards were permitted to purchase their Supplies, &c., duty free, however short the duration of their voyage might be.

(Signed) GEO. A. WALKEM,
Chairman.

Your Select Committee, conformably to the Resolution of this Council, beg to report as follows:—

They would recommend that the present Pilotage system be abandoned, and that Pilots should in future be Salaried Officers of the Government.

That the Pilotage Fees should be merely nominal, and be collected by the Government.

That the Pilots should be under the control of the Customs Department.

That each Pilot be made an Officer of Customs.

That the Captain of the steamer Sir James Douglas be made an Officer of Customs also.

(Signed) GEO. A. WALKEM,
Chairman.

Ordered that the Report on the Drawbacks Bill be sent down to the Committee when such Bill is committed.

According to Order, the Drawbacks Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

- According to Order, the Council went again into Committee on the School 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 Monday next.
- On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Fire Bill,
 Ordered to be postponed till Monday.
- Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, to give the Council any information in the possession of the Government, relative to the proposed construction of a Graving Dock at Esquimalt Harbour?
 The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works replied.
- Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Alston, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock, on Monday the 15th inst.

Monday, the 15th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, Bushby, Ring, Wood, Carrall, Helmcken, Drake, Walkem, Humphreys, Holbrook, Sanders, Robson, Pemberton, Davie.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the By-Law Bill,
 Ordered to be postponed.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Municipal Bill.
 Ordered to be postponed till this day week.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Mining Bill.
 Ordered to be deferred till to-morrow.

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

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the By-law Bill.

A debate arose, which having terminated, and the question of the second reading being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

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

That His Excellency the Governor be humbly requested to order that a voyage to any foreign port shall be considered of not less than 40 days' duration, and that Vessels of 50 tons burden and upwards, bound foreign, shall be allowed to have their stores duty free.

The Hon. the Collector of Customs moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That Vessels of 50 tons and upwards, clearing for a foreign port, shall be allowed to have their stores duty free, in quantities proportioned to their respective voyages.

On the amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 10.

So the amendment was lost.

On the original motion being put, the Council again divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 7.

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

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, 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. Carrall, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Hamley, Trutch, O'Reilly, Bushby, Alston, Ball, Drake, Helmcken, Davie, Humphreys, Ring, Robson, Wood, Carrall, Havelock, Sanders, Walkem, Holbrook.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

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

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

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on Female Immigration.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding:—

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending the adoption of the Immigration Scheme set forth in the Report of the Select Committee on that subject, and recommending the necessary appropriation of money for carrying out the same.

On the question being put it was carried *nemine contradicente*, and Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Reconveyance Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ring, Ordered that the second reading of the Harewood Railway Bill be taken next.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Mining Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday, next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Anatomy Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Anatomy Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee on the School 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 Tuesday next.

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

Wednesday, the 17th day of February, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in the Civil Cases 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. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in Partnership Bill.

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

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for Monday next.

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

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

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Harewood Railway Extension Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Harewood Colliery Company's Railway Extension Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Reconveyance Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Vancouver Island Reconveyance Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the subject of Confederation.

The Hon. Mr. Davie moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding:—

That this Council impressed with the conviction that under existing circumstances, the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada would be undesirable, even if practicable, urges Her Majesty's Government not to take any decisive steps towards the consummation of such Union.

Whereupon a debate arose, during which,

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding:—

That this Council is of opinion, that in order to render Confederation of any practical benefit to British Columbia, the great territory lying east of the Rocky Mountains must first be transferred to the Dominion of Canada and opened up to Immigration and settlement; that, inasmuch as the transfer of that territory is still an open question, it would be premature for this Council to give any definite expression of opinion on the subject.

Which having been debated for some time, the Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw it.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Alston then moved the following amendment, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding:—

That however desirable Confederation with Canada may hereafter become, this Council believes that until the great territory intervening between this Colony and the Dominion is transferred to the Crown, and contains a larger and more settled population, it would be premature to express any definite opinion on the subject.

On this amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 11.

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

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Havelock, Humphreys, Carrall, Robson, Walkem.	The Hon. Messrs. Davie, Trutch, Helmcken, Drake, Sanders, O'Reilly, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Ball, Pemberton.

So the amendment was lost.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch then moved that the original motion be amended by the insertion of the word "present" between "the" and "consummation."

The Hon. Mr. Crease seconding.

On the question of this amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 11, *Noes* 5.

The names having been taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Davie, Trutch, Helmcken, Drake, Sanders, O'Reilly, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Ball, Pemberton.	The Hon. Messrs. Havelock, Humphreys, Carrall, Robson, Walkem,

So the amendment was carried.

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

Ayes 11, *Noes* 5.

The names having been taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Davie, Trutch, Helmcken, Drake, Sanders, O'Reilly, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Ball, Pemberton.	The Hon. Messrs. Havelock, Humphreys, Carrall, Robson, Walkem.

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

That this Council, impressed with the conviction that under existing circumstances the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada would be undesirable, even if practicable, urge Her Majesty's Government not to take any decisive steps toward the present consummation of such Union.

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

Thursday, the 18th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Carrall, Robson, Ball, Alston, Holbrook, Helmcken, Humphreys, Wood, Drake, Havelock, Hamley, Pemberton, O'Reilly.

On the Minutes of the previous Meeting being read, the following Protest was placed on the Books, after which, they were confirmed:—

PROTEST.

We, the undersigned Members of the Legislative Council, desire to place on record our protest against the action of the Council at its last sitting upon the subject of Confederation with Canada.

1. It has been conceded by all that the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada is not likely to take place until the territory intervening has first been admitted and more thickly settled. Under these circumstances it was premature and injudicious for the Council to discuss and pronounce an opinion on the subject.

2. The Council as at present constituted is not a Representative body, and hence does not fairly reflect public opinion on this subject.

3. The Colonists resident on the Mainland, the larger and more productive portion of the United Colony, together with a large minority in Vancouver Island, are nearly unanimous in favour of Confederation upon fair and equitable terms, when the proper time shall have come for its consummation. This will appear evident from the simple fact that all the Elective Members from the Mainland were returned as Confederationists, and that every one of those Members now join in this protest.

(Signed)

R. W. W. CARRALL, Cariboo District,
HENRY HAVELOCK, Yale District,
T. B. HUMPHREYS, Lillooet District,
E. G. ALSTON, J.P., (as to the first clause),
JNO. ROBSON, New Westminster District.
GEO. A. WALKEM, J. P.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor recommending that a drawback of 75 cents may be allowed on every barrel of Flour manufactured within the Colony from imported Wheat, upon which Duty of Customs has been paid.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 9, *Noes* 6.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a drawback may be granted upon Biscuit made in the Colony from imported Flour, equal to the duty on such Flour, provided that the Biscuit be exported.

Resolved accordingly.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending him to grant the sum of \$1,000 as a reward to any party who will discover a suitable pass, proper to make a trail, from Columbia River, in the neighbourhood of Eagle Pass, to Wild Horse Creek, so as to avoid the river navigation of 150 miles to the mouth of the Kootenay River; the said pass to pass through the Selkirk Range of mountains at not a higher elevation than 2,500 feet; and His Excellency the Governor in Council to be the judge as to when the reward is earned.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, *Noes* 8.

So the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding, the following Resolution:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to offer a premium of \$2,500, or such sum as he may deem fit or proper, for the erection, in this part of the Colony, of the first Gold Quartz Mill, capable of crushing not less than five tons per day; provided, also, that the said Mill shall have been worked *bona fide* for three months after its erection.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 2, *Noes* 10.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Loan Bill.

Ordered to be postponed.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor recommending that for the purpose of encouraging the manufacture of Sugar from Beet Root in the Colony, the following bounty be offered:—

For the first 100 bags of Sugar, containing 100 lbs. each, \$1,000; for the same quantity produced the next succeeding year \$150; for the same quantity produced the next succeeding year \$100; provided that the said Sugar be manufactured in the Colony, and from beet grown therein.

On the question being put, the Council divided:

Ayes 10, *Noes* 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to a deferred Order, the Council went into Committee on the Loan Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Friday, the 19th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Alston, Walkem, Holbrook, Robson, Humphreys, Ring, Pemberton, Drake, Havelock, Helmcken, Carrall, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were then read.

On the question of their being confirmed being put,

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved that a Protest on the subject of the vote on Confederation appearing therein be erased.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated the Council divided.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 10.

So the motion was lost, and the Minutes were confirmed as read.

PROTEST.

The undersigned, Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, protest against the statements contained in the Protest placed yesterday upon the Journals against the vote of this Council on the subject of Confederation with Canada:—

1. Because the preamble thereto is wrong in principle, as reflecting upon the Council and as tending to restrict the undoubted right of the Council to discuss all matters relating to the Colony, and to come to a conclusion thereon.

2. Because, although it states that "It has been conceded by all that the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada is not likely to take place until the territory intervening has been admitted and more thickly settled," still that concession being only known by the result of the discussion, shews that the discussion itself was neither premature nor injurious.

3. Because it was necessary to pronounce an opinion upon the subject, for the following reasons:—

(a.) The present Session is the first held after a General Election, at which General Election the subject of Confederation was for the first time brought before the Constituencies, it was necessary for the Elected Members to express the opinion of their Constituents upon the subject.

(b.) The Council had, in answer to His Excellency the Governor's address at the opening of the Council, stated that "the important topics of Reciprocity and Confederation with Canada will be discussed, and trust that some satisfactory solution of these important questions will be arrived at."

(c.) The result of the discussion, differing from that arrived at in former Councils, proves the necessity, seeing that the last Resolution rescinds those of former Sessions.

(d.) The protestants themselves brought forward a Resolution pronouncing an opinion upon the subject, that Resolution however not being in accordance with their protest.

(e.) "Common report" tended to show that efforts were being made to induce Her Majesty's Government to join this Colony to the Dominion of Canada.

4. Because the second section of the said Protest is mere assertion.

5. Because the statement that "the Colonists resident upon the Mainland, together with a large minority in Vancouver Island, are nearly unanimous in favour of Confederation," is a mere assertion, but that all the Members returned by Vancouver Island were anti-Confederationists is a fact.

6. Because there is reason to believe that the statement "that all the Elective Members from the Mainland were returned as Confederationists" is incorrect; and "that every one of those Members join in this protest" is not a fact, because one Elected Member from the Mainland has not yet taken his seat in the Council.

(Signed) J. S. HELMCKEN, Victoria,
M. W. T. DRAKE, Victoria,
THOMAS L. WOOD, J. P.,
HENRY HOLBROOK, J. P.,
J. C. DAVIE, Victoria District.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 3 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the By-Law Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Pemberton, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without a report, so the Probate Bill lapsed.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

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

Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

On the question of their confirmation being put, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Carrall seconding:—

That the counter Protest now read in the Minutes of Friday's proceedings, be expunged.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the Council divided.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 12.

The names having been taken down as follows:—

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

So the amendment was lost, and the Minutes were confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked leave to bring in the St. Andrew's Church Incorporation 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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding, the following Resolution:—

That the Governor be respectfully asked to direct that a sum of \$3,000 be entered on the Supplementary Estimates, to be applied to the repair of the Bridges and Roads in the District of Nanaimo.

After which, 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. Crease moved, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to take the matter of Protests into consideration, and to send down to the Council a Standing Order regulating the insertion of Protests on the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

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

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that certain arrears due School Teachers be paid out of the sum voted in the Estimates for School purposes.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 8.

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

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

That there shall be three evening sittings of this Council per week during the remainder of this Session, viz.: on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On such days, Mr. President shall leave the Chair at 5 o'clock p.m., without question put, and take the chair again at 7 o'clock p.m., at which time the business shall be taken up at the point where it may have been left off.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 11, Noes 8.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

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

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Mining Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

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

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday next.

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

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Companies Bill.

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday next.

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

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Volunteer Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading Ordered for Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved that the Council do now adjourn till 11 to-morrow.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 11.

So the motion was lost.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the By-Law 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 Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Pre-emption Bill.

Ordered that the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading Ordered for Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Stipendiary Magistrates Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday.

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

Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, O'Reilly, Wood, Sanders, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Walkem, Robson, Alston, Ring, Havelock, Humphreys, Holbrook.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, Chairman of a Select Committee, appointed to consider the Supreme Court Bill, brought up a Report.*

Ordered that the same be read.

Read accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved that this Report be considered the day after to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved, in amendment, that it be considered to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12. Noes 8.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding, the following Resolution:—

That a Select Committee be appointed to draw up and submit for the approval of His Excellency, proper Standing Orders respecting the introduction of Private Bills, and regulating the fees to be charged thereon.

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

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

* See Sessional Papers, No. 7.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the St. Andrew's Church Bill,

A debate arose, during which,

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

Message No. 10.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council the Returns respecting the Schools of Vancouver Island,* called for in their Resolution of the 12th of January.

*Government House,
23rd February, 1869.*

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

Ayes 10, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the Bill was read the second time. Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

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

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

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

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

Ordered to be read third time on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1869.

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

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

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Common School Ordinance, 1869."

On the Order of the day being read for a motion relative to Customs Certificates, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken,

Ordered that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Drake seconding, the following Resolution:—

That the Governor be respectfully requested to issue a Commission to revise and consolidate the Laws of the Colony.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 4.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding, the following Resolution:—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking for copies of the correspondence relating to the demand of the Chief

* See Sessional Papers, No. 8.

Justice of Vancouver Island to retain certain portions of the Fees of the Inferior Courts of Civil Justice, and of the Bankruptcy Court.

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

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

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 14, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Ordered that leave be granted.

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

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 14, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Ordered that leave be granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Supreme Courts Bill.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General moved in amendment,

That an Ordinance to regulate the Supreme Courts of Justice of British Columbia be now read a second time, and that the Report of the Select Committee on the Supreme Courts Bill be considered in Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Robson then withdrew his motion, leave having been granted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General being put,

It was carried in the affirmative and the Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith, and that the Report of the Select Committee be sent down to the Committee.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments, and asked leave to sit again on the Report.

Ordered that the Bill be read third time to-morrow, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again presently.

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

Message No. 11.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to establish Banks for Savings within the Colony of British Columbia."

Government House,

23rd February, 1869.

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

Message No. 12.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for promoting the Public Health in the Colony of British Columbia."

Government House,

23rd February, 1869.

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

Message No. 13.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$419,335.50, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1869."

Government House,

23rd February, 1869.

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

Message No. 14.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to enable the Queen Charlotte Mining Company, Limited, to change their Registered Office from the City of New Westminster to the City of Victoria."

Government House,

24th February, 1869.

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

Message No. 15.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the appointment of Commissioners to take Affidavits and Bail."

*Government House,
24th February, 1869.*

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

Message No. 16.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony of British Columbia for the year 1867, as certified by the Auditor General.

The amount provided for by Acts for the service of the year was	\$706,853·30
The actual Expenditure	505,868·42

Leaving saved or unexpended.....	\$200,984·88
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It will be seen, however, on reference to the details of expenditure, that there is included in the actual expenditure a sum of \$85,476·29 made up of disbursements either in excess of distinct votes or occasioned by the unforeseen requirements of the public service. These disbursements are consequently not covered by the Appropriation Act for the year.

It will also be seen by the enclosed Statement that the sum of \$12,073·76 is included in the disbursements of the year, on account of arrears of expenditure for Vancouver Island; and \$36,915 93 on account of arrears of the Mainland for previous years.

The Governor forwards a Bill to authorize this expenditure.

*Government House,
24th February, 1869.*

Ordered that the above Message be printed, and the Bill now read first time.
Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Report of the Select Committee on the Supreme Courts Bill.

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

That the Report of the Supreme Courts Bill be referred back to the Select Committee.

Ordered that the Report be referred back accordingly.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to ask the Presiding Member if it were competent for the Committee to move the Resolution handed in.

The Hon. the Presiding Member deferred judgment.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, and pursuant to the Order of the day, the Civil Cases Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

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

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

According to Order, the Partnership Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, 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 Companies Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Friday.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, the 25th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Carrall, Robson,
Ball, Alston, Holbrook, Helmcken, Humphreys, Wood, Drake, Hanley,
Crease, Pemberton, O'Reilly, Walkem, Ring, Davie.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Supreme Court
Bill, brought up a supplement to their Report, in the shape of an address to
the Queen on the subject of the condition of the Courts of the Colony.

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly.

Ordered that the Report be received and considered on Tuesday next.

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

That the Government be recommended to make provision for the establish-
ment of a labour exchange, with an Office at New Westminster, and another
at Victoria.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 9, *Noes* 7.

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked leave to bring in
Victoria City Water 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 Wednesday next.

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

That a sum of money (say \$500) be granted to any one who discovers the
best line of road to Cowichan.

After which, the Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Stipendiary Magistrates Bill was
read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title
be "The Stipendiary Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Partnership Bill was read the third time,
and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Partnership
Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Civil Cases Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Civil Procedure Ordinance, 1869."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Supreme Court Bill, The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that it be read third time this day six months. On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 11.

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

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

The vote was found to stand, *Ayes* 9, *Noes* 10, the Hon. Mr. Davie having voted in the negative, but on the names being taken down, claimed to have voted in the affirmative.

The claim was overruled by the Presiding Member, who declared the vote to stand as originally declared, *Ayes* 8, *Noes* 11.

So the amendment was lost.

On the question of the third reading of the Bill being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, *Noes* 8.

The names having been taken down as follows:—

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

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the Bill was then read third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Supreme Courts Ordinance, 1869."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Drawbacks Bill, The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the said Bill to be recommitted.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, *nemine contradicente*, the Bill was recommitted.

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

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

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Drawbacks Ordinance, 1869,"

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook *dissentiente*.

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

Message No. 17.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Reconveyance of Vancouver Island to the Crown."

Government House,
25th February, 1869.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the By-Law Bill, The question being put, the Bill lapsed, the motion to leave the Chair having been negatived.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the St. Andrew's Church 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 leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Municipal Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted to sit again presently.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On resuming its sitting, the Council went again into Committee on the Municipal Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress made, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Monday.

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

Motion negatived.

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

Standing Orders suspended, and the Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Presiding Member, pursuant to a Resolution of yesterday's date, appointed the following Hon. Members as a Select Committee on Private Bills: The Hon. Messrs. Holbrook, Alston, Wood, Helmcken, Havelock.

The Hon. the Presiding Member gave his decision on a question of Order from the Chairman of the Mining Bill Committee, referred yesterday.

That the amendment offered was out of order, the clause to which it referred having been already reported complete, and the Report having been adopted.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 26th day of February, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Hamley, Trutch, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Alston, Davie, Wood Robson, Humphreys, Ring, Pemberton, Carrall, Havelock, Helmcken, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the article of Boiler Tubes, having evidently been inadvertently omitted from the free list, may be included therein, and that the proper Officer be instructed to that effect.

On the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 8.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Pre-emption Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

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

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

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

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting,

According to Order, the Companies Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, reported 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 on the Volunteer Bill.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the St. Andrew's Church 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 on Wednesday next.

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

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

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

The Standing Orders having been suspended, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, on the the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting,

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday next.

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

Monday, the 1st day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, Bushby, Ring, Wood, Helmcken, Drake, Walkem, Humphreys, Pemberton, Davie.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Cattle Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Cattle Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Pre-emption Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Pre-emption Payment Ordinance, 1869."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Road Bill,
Ordered to be deferred till later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Mining Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Trutch introduced the Water Bill.

Ordered to be read first time at once.
Read first time accordingly.
Second reading Ordered for Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Crease asked leave to bring in Religious Institutions Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and the Bill now read first time.
Read first time accordingly.
Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supplemental Supply Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete.
Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time to-morrow.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee, reported that no further progress was made, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that leave be granted for Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of Mr. Nicholson's Petition,

Ordered to be postponed till Wednesday next.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.
Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time on Wednesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, O'Reilly, Wood, Drake, Helmcken, Carrall, Walkem, Alston, Ring, Humphreys, Havelock, Ball, Davie, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

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

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

Message No. 18.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Governor forwards a Return shewing the amount of Revenue derived from Kootenay, during the year 1868.*

*Government House,
1st March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 19.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to extend the time granted to the Harewood Colliery Company, Limited, by 'The Harewood Railway Company's Act, 1864,' for making and completing a Tramway from the Company's Mines to Departure Bay, Nanaimo."

*Government House,
1st March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 20.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Supreme Courts of Justice of British Columbia."

*Government House,
1st March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 21.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the Fencing of Land in British Columbia."

*Government House,
1st March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 22.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, dated 20th January, 1869, the Governor forwards a Return shewing the Revenue and Expenditure on account of the steamer Sir James Douglas, for the year 1868;† a Return shewing the Income and Expenditure on account of the Assay Office, for 1868, and the total amount of Gold assayed at that office during the same year.‡ The probable amount of Gold taken out of the Mines cannot be stated.

The Governor also forwards Returns shewing the cost per diem of keeping a prisoner at New Westminster Gaol, and at the Victoria Gaol;§ and likewise the amount expended during 1868, upon the Main Trunk Road of the Mainland portion of the Colony, and of the average annual expense of keeping it in repair.||

*Government House,
1st March, 1869.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Road Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Road Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Fire Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Fire Companies' Aid Ordinance, 1869."

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

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

* See Sessional Papers, No. 9. † See Sessional Papers, No. 10. ‡ See Sessional Papers, No. 11.

§ See Sessional Papers, No. 12. || See Sessional Papers, No. 13.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Volunteer Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Volunteer Ordinance, 1869."

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

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Address to the Queen on the state of the Courts of the Colony, which had been prepared by the Select Committee on the Supreme Courts 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.

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

That this Council thinks it advisable that Moselle Wine and Sauterne should be considered as being included in the term Claret, and that this Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

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

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

Wednesday, the 3rd day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, O'Reilly, Bushby, Alston, Ball, Drake, Helmcken, Davie, Humphreys, Ring, Wood, Carrall, Walkem, Havelock, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supplemental Supply Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of One hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the years 1866-7, respectively.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the St. Andrew's Church Incorporation Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Companies Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Companies Ordinance, 1869."

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

That the interests of the Colony demand, and it would be wise on the part of the Government to ordain, that the Customs Duties upon articles in which a trade can be carried on with Foreign Ports should be very materially reduced, at the earliest possible period.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 9, *Noes* 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to bring in the County Courts Declaratory 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.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, respecting Court Fees;

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, respecting Beacon Hill Park,

Ordered that the same be postponed till later in the day.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Water Bill,
The Bill lapsed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Council went into Committee on the Municipal Amendment Bill.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to a deferred Order, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That in the opinion of this Council it would be advantageous to transfer, by a proper Deed of trust, Beacon Hill Park to the Municipal Corporation of the City of Victoria, for the use of the Public.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

On the question of leave to withdraw being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 8.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Ayes 3, Noes 9.

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

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

Thursday, the 4th day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, Wood, Davie, Walkem, Carrall, Helmcken, Ring, Humphreys, Bushby, Drake, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

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

That the Indian Liquor Law, being both inoperative and mischievous, should be forthwith repealed.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 6.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of Messrs. Jones and Hayward, window-sash manufacturers.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. Davie seconding:—

That the Petition of Messrs. Jones and Hayward be forwarded to the Governor, with the request that the prayer be complied with.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 6.

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

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

That the Report of the Select Committee, appointed on the Drawbacks Bill, be transmitted to the Governor, with the humble request that the suggestions made in that Report may be carried out.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Water Supply Bill, Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of J. C. Nicholson.

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

That a Select Committee be now appointed to enquire into the Petition of J. C. Nicholson.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Select Committee:—
Hon. Messrs. Helmcken, Carrall, Walkem, Ball, O'Reilly.

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

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

Ordered to be read third time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee on the Address to the Queen on the subject of the position of the Courts of the Colony.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that no further progress was made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday next.

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

Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1869.

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

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

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

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. 23. FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received certain Resolutions passed in the Committee of Supply of the Legislative Council of the 20th January, 1869.

The Governor agrees with the Council in the opinion that the present system adopted in keeping the public accounts of this Colony is of too complex a character, and one that leads to unnecessary expenditure. He will, therefore, place himself in communication on the subject with the Secretary of State. He would, however, observe that the practice of doubly auditing the accounts of the Colony has been introduced and maintained solely for the protection of the public during the present undeveloped Legislative Constitution of the Colony.

2. The item of \$900 for the Revenue Officer, Burrard Inlet, shall be increased to \$1,200. The person appointed to the office shall be directed to act as Constable.

3. The Assistant Gold Commissioner at Cariboo has already been directed not to reduce the salaries of the Chief Constable and Clerk of the District.

4. The whole arrangements connected with the Lillooet-Clinton District are now under consideration.

*Government House,
8th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 24.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Despatch received from His Grace the late Secretary of State, in reply to one in which the Governor brought forward, very earnestly, the claim to compensation of such Public Officers as had, through no fault of their own, suffered grievous losses by the removal of the Seat of Government from New Westminster to Victoria.*

2. With equal earnestness, he presses the matter upon the favourable consideration of the Legislative Council; but the Session being so near its close, he should be glad to be authorized to deal with the question during the recess, assisted by an enlarged Executive Council.

*Government House,
8th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 25.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council requesting him to take the matter of Protests into consideration, and to send down to the Council a Standing Order to regulate the insertion of Protests on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Council.

The only case in which it appears to him that a protest will be required from dissentient Members of Council, is where the full force of the Government is used to carry a measure against the unanimous wishes and votes of the Un-official Members. In such a case it would be the duty of the Un-official Members to enter on the Minutes of the Council a protest setting forth the grounds of their objection, and require the Governor that he should transmit it for the consideration of the Secretary of State.

It is thus that in communities in which, from the absence of large constituencies, the Crown still retains the greater Legislative power, the responsibility of the Government can still be made effective.

The Secretary of State is responsible to Parliament, and Parliament is not slow to listen to any complaint of alleged misgovernment in the Colonies.

The Governor proposes to reconsider the Standing Orders before he again meets the Council.

*Government House,
8th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 26.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor, fully concurring in the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 16th February, recommending the adoption of a scheme for the promotion of Female Emigration to this Colony, will place himself in communication on the subject, at once, with the Secretary of State.

*Government House,
8th March, 1869.*

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

Message No 27.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor sends down to the Legislative Council certain amendments to the Mineral Ordinance, 1869, calculated to improve its working.

*Government House,
9th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 28.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor sends down to the Legislative Council the "Cattle Ordinance, 1869," for the insertion of a suspending clause.

*Government House,
9th March, 1869.*

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented a Petition of certain of the inhabitants of Victoria, in reference to the supply of Water.

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Davie gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of motion.

* See Sessional Papers, No. 14.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of J. C. Nicholson.

Ordered that the same be referred to Committee of the whole House.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, reported that no amendments had been made to the Report, and that the Committee recommend its adoption.

On the question of the adoption being put,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding, That the Report be printed, and its adoption postponed till it had been placed in the hands of Members.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, *Noes* 10.

So the amendment was lost.

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

Ayes 11. *Noes* 5.

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

Ayes.
The Hon. Messrs. Ring,
Wood,
Davie,
Humphreys,
Carrall,
Helmcken,
Drake,
Robson,
Ball,
Sanders,
O'Reilly.

Noes.
The Hon. Messrs. Crease,
Alston,
Trutch,
Hamley,
Pemberton.

So the Report was adopted.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee to consider the alteration proposed by the Governor to the Cattle Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for adoption by the Council:—

That the Governor be respectfully acquainted that this Council has concurred in the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Cattle Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Water Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee on the address to the Queen on the subject of the condition of the Courts of the Colony.

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 Thursday.

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

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday.

Pursuant to a deferred Order, the Council went into Committee on the Municipal Amendment Bill.

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

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

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

Message No. 29.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the better protection of Cattle, and the better prevention of Cattle Stealing."

Government House,

9th March, 1869.

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

* See Sessional Papers, No. 15.

Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Trutch, Crease, Sanders, Carrall, Robson, Ball, Alston, Helmcken, Humphreys, Wood, Hamley, Pemberton, Davie, Havelock, O'Reilly, Walkem, Ring.

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. 30.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Pre-emption Claims."

*Government House,
10th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 31.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Stipendiary Magistrates."

*Government House,
10th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 32.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends that the following additions be made to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to entitle Exporters of Goods to certain Drawbacks, and for other purposes":—

"Provided that this Ordinance shall not take effect until Her Majesty's approval thereof shall have been published in this Colony."

*Government House,
10th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 33.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law of Partnership."

*Government House,
10th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 34.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of \$134,465.98 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the years 1866-7 respectively.

*Government House,
10th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 35.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled the "Game Ordinance, 1869":—

That the words "but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent bona fide Settlers in Country Districts from killing or getting such Game at any season for their own consumption merely" be added at the end of Clause II.

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 36.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendment be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the property of Religious Institutions in the Colony of British Columbia":—

That the words "after the consent of the Governor first had and obtained" be inserted after word "may" in Clause I, line 10.

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 37.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to establish a Volunteer Force."

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 38.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the maintenance, improvement, and construction of Roads in British Columbia."

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 39.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the practise of Surgery, and for the encouragement of the Study of Anatomy."

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 40.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the procedure in Civil Cases."

*Government House,
11th March, 1869.*

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee to consider the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Drawbacks Bill.

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

That this Council humbly requests a conference with his Excellency the Governor, upon the subject of the Drawbacks Bill,

And asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee to consider the amendment proposed by the Governor to the Game Bill.

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

That the Governor be respectfully acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Game Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee to consider the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Religious Institutions Bill.

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

That the Governor be respectfully acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Religious Institutions Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Municipal Amendment Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, that the Council consider in Committee, the Governor's Message No. 24, on the subject of compensation to certain officers.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

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

That the Governor's recommendation with regard to compensation to Public Officers be agreed to.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration His Excellency's Message No. 26, on the subject of Female Immigration.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding:—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully and earnestly recommending the immediate appointment of a Local Board for the purpose of carrying out the Immigration Scheme adopted by this Council during the present Session, and the appropriation of the sum asked for.

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

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

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to order that the future execution of the Law of Capital Punishment in this Colony be assimilated to that of England.

Whereupon a debate arose,

During which the Hon. the Presiding Member intimated to the Council that the Governor was prepared to grant the conference sought by the Council on the Drawbacks Bill.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Hon. the Presiding Member acquainted the Council that a conference had taken place with the Governor, on the subject of the Drawbacks Bill.

The Council went into Committee to consider the subject.

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

That in accordance with the result of the conference had this day with the Governor, the Drawbacks Bill be respectfully referred back to His Excellency.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Discussion resumed on the Hon. Mr. Davie's motion on capital punishment.

The debate having terminated, and the question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 8.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Standing Orders suspended.
The Hon. the Attorney General then introduced the Indian Reserve Bill.
Read first time.
Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On resuming its sitting, the Council went into Committee on the amendments proposed by the Governor to the Mineral Lands Bill.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, reported some progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Water Supply Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee to consider the Address to the Queen, on the subject of the condition of the Courts of the Colony.
On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Address for the adoption of the Council:—

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

The humble Petition of the Legislative Council of Your Majesty's Colony of British Columbia,

SHewETH:—

1. That previous to "The British Columbia Act, 1866," passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, whereby the then separate Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island were united into the existing Colony of British Columbia, each of such separate Colonies possessed a Supreme Court presided over by a single Judge, having sole authority within his Colony, with no appeal from his decision except to Your Majesty in Council, a proceeding too costly to be resorted to except in rare cases.

2. On the Union of the two Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, no provision was made by the Organic Act effecting such Union for the reconstruction of the Courts of Justice of the new Colony, and thus an important advantage anticipated from Union was not obtained. The new Colony still remained subject to two separate jurisdictions as before the Union; each portion of the United Colony being, so far as the Administration of Justice was concerned, distinct and unconnected in every respect as if such Union had not taken place.

3. The Legislative Council of British Columbia during their Session in the year 1868, passed a Supreme Court Ordinance (No. 1 annexed hereto) whereby a single Supreme Court was intended to be established in the existing Colony of British Columbia, presided over by one Chief Justice with one or more Inferior or Puisne Judges, with a constitution moulded in analogy to the Institutions of Great Britain, and those of Your Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

4. This Ordinance failed to meet with Your Majesty's approval, in consequence, as your Petitioners infer, of the absence of any provision by way of pension for one of the Chief Justices, whose position would have been somewhat disadvantageously modified by the proposed change. We regret that such provision is beyond what the finances of this Colony can at present bear.

5. "The Supreme Courts Ordinance, 1869," (No. 2, annexed hereto) passed by the Legislative Council of British Columbia, during their present Session, in deference to the judgment of Your Majesty's advisers in England, continues the order of things existing previously to the Union of Vancouver Island with British Columbia, "until a vacancy be created by the death, resignation, or otherwise," of either of the existing Chief Justices of our two Supreme Courts. Although provision is made for mutual assistance being rendered by each of such Chief Justices to the other, yet this privilege is not given as matter of course, and as a right of the subject; but only as occasion may arise by favor, and with the consent of both of the existing Chief Justices.

6. For these reasons, your Petitioners regret to say that, to the best of their

judgment, the Ordinance is not calculated to meet the requirements of their fellow Colonists, nor to sustain the high character which British Justice has generally enjoyed in Your Majesty's Dominions.

7. Your Petitioners deem it unnecessary to specify in detail the loss, the inconvenience, and the miscarriage of justice which have ensued, and which cannot but ensue in a Colony where there exists the anomaly of two Supreme Courts, whose jurisdictions are not concurrent, whose process can only run over separate and distinct portions of such Colony, and where no practical appeal can be had as of right from the decisions of single Judges. Your Petitioners, therefore, most earnestly and respectfully represent to Your Majesty, that the interests of your Subjects, in this your Colony, require the establishment of a single Supreme Court, presided over by a Chief Justice and one or more Puisne Judges, as indispensable to the due and impartial administration of Justice.

8. Your Petitioners would, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty may be pleased to take the circumstances of their case into Your most gracious consideration; and they would further, humbly solicit that as a practical solution of their difficulties, Your Majesty would be pleased to provide for one of the existing Chief Justices of Your Colony of British Columbia, as to Your Majesty may seem fit.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted, and the address forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that the same may be transmitted to the Queen, through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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

Friday, the 12th day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Hamley, Trutch, Ball, Croase, Helmcken, Alston, Davie, Wood, King, Carrall, O'Reilly, 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. 41.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

With reference to the subject discussed in the conference the Governor had the honor to have yesterday with the Legislative Council, he has now to state that on deliberation he has determined not to assent to the Drawback Bill without instructions from Home. He will, however, forward it for the consideration of the Secretary of State by the earliest opportunity, with no unfavourable comments.

*Government House,
12th March, 1869.*

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Victoria, against the Water Supply Bill.*

Ordered to be read.

Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the County Courts Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The County Courts Amendment Ordinance, 1869."

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

That His Excellency the Governor be humbly requested to take such means as he may deem advisable, to put a stop to the practice of the employment of Spies in this Colony, by the Government of the United States of North America. Motion subsequently withdrawn, by leave.

* See Sessional Papers, No. 16.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken asked the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary, under what and whose authority Foreign steam-boats are allowed to carry Coal from Nanaimo, and land it upon the wharves at Victoria?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Indian Reserve Bill was read a second time. The Council went into Committee on the said 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.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Indian Reserve Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went again into Committee to consider the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Mineral Bill.

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

That the Governor be acquainted that the Council have agreed to the amendments to the Mineral Bill proposed by His Excellency.

The Council beg to recommend that in Section XVI, line 6, the word "ten" before the words "thousand dollars" be changed to "five."

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

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

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Alston, Chairman of the Committee, stated that it had risen without a report.

So the Bill lapsed.

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

Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Trutch, Crease, Robson, Davie, Helmcken, Ball, Alston, Humphreys, Wood.

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. 42. FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled the "Game Ordinance, 1869."

Government House,
13th March, 1869.

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

Monday, the 15th day of March, 1869.

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

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

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Young, Crease, Trutch, Ball, Alston, Hamley, O'Reilly, Ring, Wood, Helmcken, Humphreys, Robson, Davie, Carrall, Havelock.

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. 43.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to enable the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria to establish a permanent fund for the support of the Fire Establishments of the said City."

*Government House,
13th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 44.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the "County Court Ordinance, 1867":—

That Clause II. be struck out. He is not prepared to say that the provision it contains may not be desirable hereafter;

That in lieu thereof a new Clause be inserted and become Clause II., that is to say:—

"Whereas doubts have arisen as to the effect of the Order of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island, made on the 3rd day of April, 1860; for the avoidance of all such doubts, be it enacted that no fees or moneys heretofore received from or on account of any proceedings in the Inferior or Summary Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island, shall be deemed to be or to have been due or payable or be paid to any Officer of the said Court, or other person whosoever, but the same shall be and continue to be accounted for as part of the Revenue of the said Colony, any Rule, Law, or Order of any Court to the contrary notwithstanding."

*Government House,
13th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 45.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to establish Public Schools throughout the Colony of British Columbia."

*Government House,
13th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 46.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to facilitate the working of Mineral Lands."

*Government House,
15th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 47.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the property of Religious Institutions in the Colony of British Columbia."

*Government House,
15th March, 1869.*

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

Message No. 48.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Indian Reserves."

*Government House,
15th March, 1869.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee to consider the amendments proposed by the Governor to the County Courts Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, Chair-

man of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for adoption by the Council:—

That the Governor be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendments proposed by His Excellency to the County Courts Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall presented 2 Petitions from the inhabitants of Okanagan and Osoyoos Districts.

Ordered to be read.

Read aloud by the Clerk accordingly,

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Hon. Mr. Carrall moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding, :—

That the above Petitions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

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

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

Message No. 49.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend 'The County Court Ordinance, 1867.'"

*Government House,
15th March, 1869.*

After which, His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, Governor of the Colony, having entered the Council Chamber, attended 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 will be no less gratifying to you than it is to me to close, for a time, our Legislative labours. It would be ungrateful on my part did I not acknowledge the care and candour with which you have considered every measure which has come before you.

I have, likewise, to thank you for the spirit of initiation you have displayed, more conspicuously now than in any previous Session. The Government and people having vied to select the most eligible men to watch over the Public interests, I have felt it my duty to treat with the utmost respect all measures proposed by you.

It is unnecessary that I should mention all the Ordinances to which I have assented. As a rule, the Bills received from you have become Law.

I have, however, hesitated, from no want of good feeling, over the Bill to incorporate the Members of St. Andrew's Church. I do not like the Companies' Bill. I have in another Colony, found the placing the Crown and the Subject on the same footing as regards Costs in Civil Actions work very badly. There is no precedent for the principles enunciated in the Investment and Loan Societies Bill, that I am aware of.

Understand, that not one of these proposed measures is finally disallowed. The Drawback Ordinance shall be forwarded with a favourable recommendation, by the earliest opportunity, to England, for instructions. Pending the receipt of them, I shall carefully consider how far my powers extend to remove any restrictions not absolutely required by law, which may appear to impede the operations of Commerce.

I am unable to concur with you in the alterations proposed in the Tariff and Excise. It is better to be faithful to a code, even when suspected of error, than to be constantly changing its details. I admit that our scale of taxation on Imports is not perfect, and I hope that I shall, before the next Session, be prepared to propose some amendments to it.

Turning to mere Executive matters, I will at once consider the question of paying the expenses of Elected Members of Council; though I say at the outset that the principle is a bad one.

I fully concur with you as to the propriety of appointing a Local Board for the furtherance of Female Immigration.

I think the question of a Law Library can be settled on a somewhat larger scale than contemplated.

The consolidation of the Laws of the two sections of the Colony shall receive earnest consideration during the recess.

The Magistrates are authorized, in their discretion, to pay suitable rewards for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers.

The support of the Government shall be given to the establishment of a Labour Exchange at New Westminster and Victoria. I shall communicate with Her Majesty's Consul at San Francisco, respecting the expediency of instituting an Emigration Agency towards these shores in that town.

Depend upon it that the interests of New Westminster and Burrard Inlet shall not be overlooked.

I shall gladly endeavour to secure a site for the deposition and continual exhibition of the natural and other productions of the Colony.

Your remonstrance as to the present position of the Supreme Courts shall not go Home unsupported.

Spring, the emblem of hope, has early come upon us, and I trust will secure a long season at the Gold Mines, and an early and rich crop on the Farms. It would be wrong for us to despond when Nature is doing all for this Country of unbounded resources and most charming climate.

It seems to me impossible to believe that the attractions of British Columbia, though the bars of the Fraser have lost their wealth, will fail to obtain the notice of the world. I have the settled conviction that a few years will see this Colony among the most flourishing of Her Majesty's many possessions. Already individual well-being is universal.

With great satisfaction I proceed to relieve you from further attendance on your Legislative duties. I now prorogue Your Honorable Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

APPENDIX.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.

No. 1.

PETITION OF JOSEPH CARRUTHERS NICHOLSON.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

The humble Petition of JOSEPH CARRUTHERS NICHOLSON,

Sheweth:

That your Petitioner is the Agent of Dickson, Campbell, & Co., Merchants, of Victoria.

That your Petitioner, acting under the instructions of Charles W. Wallace, executed a Bill of Sale of certain property belonging to Mr. Wallace, to the representative of Dickson, Campbell, & Co., on the 26th of October, 1865.

Mr. Wallace confirmed the action of your Petitioner on his return to the Colony, and, in May, 1867, your Petitioner received from Mr. Wallace possession of the property so assigned.

On the 9th of September, 1867, Mr. Wallace was adjudicated a Bankrupt, on the petition of the Vancouver Coal Co., and your Petitioner ordered the property to be sold, which was accordingly done. An investigation of the proceedings was made by the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island, sitting in Bankruptcy, and a portion of the proceeds of the sale, which was not covered by the Bill of Sale, was paid into Court to the credit of the Bankruptcy, and, on the 23rd of October, 1867, an order was made by the Chief Justice to have the whole of the remaining portion, amounting to \$932 09, paid into Court, to abide the result of an action.

During the proceedings, an objection was made to the Chief Justice trying the case, on the ground that he was indirectly interested in the result, as his brother was a shareholder in the Vancouver Coal Co., and that the Chief Justice had publicly stated that he was bound in honor to make good any loss which might be incurred by his brother in consequence of his taking over the shares which had belonged to the Chief Justice, who was also a Director of the Company up to the time of his leaving England for this Colony.

On the 18th of October, 1867, the whole of the creditors of Mr. Wallace signed a request to the Chief Justice desiring that the money, \$932 09, should be paid to your Petitioner; and this application was refused by the Chief Justice, who also refused to hand it over upon substantial security being given to answer any action that might hereafter be thought necessary.

Afterwards, an action was brought by your Petitioner, as representative of Dickson, Campbell, & Co., against Richard Woods, the Official Assignee of this Estate, for the recovery of the money, and the same was set down for hearing, by consent of the Chief Justice, on the 18th of February, 1868, and a Special Jury were summoned, and Counsel and Witnesses all attended on that day, but were informed by Mr. R. Woods, the Registrar, that the Judge had ordered the Jury to be discharged, and that he would not try the case.

Your Petitioner is informed, and believes, that Mr. Woods, the Official Assignee, has given no security for the performance of his duties, and is advised that if he recovers in the action he will be unable to obtain payment of his costs and expenses.

Your Petitioner has already been put to great expense and trouble, and, although he has made numerous applications to the Governor to have the case tried by another Court, he is unable to get any satisfaction.

The Chief Justice advised your Petitioner not to throw good money after bad, and said that if the case came before him it would come before an adverse Judge.

Your Petitioner is unwilling to have the case tried before the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island, for the reasons set forth above, and prays your Honorable House to take his case into your consideration, and pass an Act, if need be, to enable this cause to be tried before another Court and Judge; and to give him such relief as the nature of the case will permit.

For full particulars with reference to the case he would most respectfully refer your Honorable House to copies of correspondence herewith on the subject.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c. &c., &c.

Victoria, B. C.,

18th December, 1868.

(Signed) J. C. NICHOLSON

No. 2.

ENCLOSURES IN MESSAGE No. 1.

Messrs Sproat, Anderson, and Irwin, to the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

Copy.

London, 11 King William Street, E. C.,
5th October, 1868.

MY LORD DUKE,—We have been requested to present to Your Grace the accompanying Memorial, which bears the signatures of the leading Firms and Companies, representing in London, the trade and the productive industry of British Columbia.

Many influential names would have been added, if it had not been deemed of pressing importance that Your Grace's attention should be drawn to the subject at the earliest moment.

Newspapers lately received (*Colonist* newspaper 22nd August, 1868,) from British Columbia, and also private advices received by the Memorialists, express the anxiety of the Colonists of British Columbia, that the opportunity of benefiting by the new Reciprocity Treaty should not be lost; and the Memorialists hope that Your Grace may feel justified in endeavouring to secure through the Foreign Office, the opportunity for the Colony to give more formal expression to its claims and wishes in regard to the extension of the Treaty to the British Columbian trade with the neighbouring American States.

(Signed) GILBERT M. SPROAT,
JAMES G. S. ANDERSON, } Honorary Secre-
JAMES V. H. IRWIN, } taries to the Mem-
} orialists.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCIAL, BANKING,
LANDED, AND OTHER INTERESTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sheweth:

1. That the United States Government have opened negotiations with the British Government and the Dominion of Canada, with a view to the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the States, and that these negotiations are being rapidly pressed forward.

2. That a movement is in progress in Prince Edward Island, and also in the States, in favor of the extension of the new Reciprocity Treaty to the Trade of that Colony with the United States.

3. That the Inhabitants of the North Western States generally desire Reciprocity of Trade along the North Western Frontier.

4. That in British Columbia there has long prevailed a strong feeling in favor of greater freedom of Commercial intercourse with the neighbouring Pacific States of the Union.

5. That your Memorialists are satisfied that an equitable re-adjustment of Duties as between British Columbia and the United States would promote a greatly increased international traffic, and a large development of the material resources of the Colony.

6. That they believe that as regards British Columbia, this object can be sooner and more surely attained by the Colony being included in the Treaty now under negotiation than by a separate Treaty hereafter.

7. That in the opinion of the undersigned, it might reasonably be made a stipulation that the provisions of the new Reciprocity Treaty shall extend to all the British North American Colonies which shall desire its extension to them, and shall modify their Tariffs to its requirements.

8. The memorialists therefore pray that Your Grace will move Lord Stanley that he may see fit to instruct Mr. Thornton at Washington to endeavour to secure that the benefits of the Reciprocity Treaty shall be extended to all the North American Colonies, so that the option may be reserved to British Columbia to make formal application to that effect

(Signed) ANDERSON, THOMSON, & Co.,
AND 24 OTHERS.

Lord Kimberley to Mr. Elliott.

Copy.

Hudson's Bay House, London,
October 17th, 1868.

SIR,—The Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company have recently received a copy of a Memorial addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that His Grace will move Lord Stanley to instruct Her Majesty's Minister at Washington in the negotiations for the renewal of the Treaty for Reciprocity of Trade between Canada and the United States, to endeavour to secure the extension of its provisions to British Columbia.

The Committee desire me to express their general concurrence in the prayer of the Memorialists, and to add that in their opinion an equitable re-adjustment of Duties as between the United States and British Columbia would tend greatly to promote the trade of that Colony, in which the Company are largely interested. I have, &c.,

(Signed) KIMBERLEY,
Governor.

No. 3.

FURTHER PETITION OF J. C. NICHOLSON.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

With reference to my humble Petition to your Honorable House, dated the 18th ulto., praying for relief with regard to a case pending in the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island, I would now most respectfully beg to submit for your consideration further proceedings which have been taken since the date of my Petition.

On the 6th instant my Solicitors, Messrs Drake, Jackson, and Aikman, were served with an order from Chief Justice Needham, to appear before him, that the issue might be tried at the next sitting of the Supreme Court, which was on the 19th instant. I declined to appear, and handed in a protest setting forth the grounds upon which I objected to the case being tried before Mr. Needham, and although he fixed the 19th inst., as the day upon which the trial was to take place, nothing was then, or has since been done in the matter.

Your Petitioner has ascertained that the money \$982 09, has been paid into the Treasury, and again prays your Honorable House to take his case into your consideration and grant him such relief as the case requires.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c., &c., &c.

Victoria, B. C.,
22nd January, 1869.

(Signed) J. C. NICHOLSON.

No. 4.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 2.

RETURN SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE COLLECTED
FROM NANAIMO, SINCE UNION.

From 20th November, 1866, to 25th December, 1867	\$2,788 15
From 26th December, 1867, to 25th November, 1868	4,329 64
Total.....	\$7,117 79

NOTE.—The Returns from Nanaimo for December, 1868, have not yet reached this Office.

Audit Office,
22nd January, 1869.(Signed) ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

No. 5.

PETITION OF WILLIAM STEINBERGER.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

The humble Petition of William Steinberger, of Victoria, Distiller,

Sheweth:—

That your Petitioner is a Distiller, and commenced business at Yale in 1864. After the Union your Petitioner removed to Victoria, believing that by so doing he would be able to increase his business;

That he has expended upwards of \$5,000 in the erection of a Distillery and other premises, and commenced business in February, 1868, but found that it was impossible to obtain more than \$2 a gallon, wholesale, for his spirits;

That the cost of manufacture is \$1 a gallon if the spirits are made from molasses, and \$1.50 if made from grain;

That he has been compelled to stop all business in consequence of the high excise duty imposed on the manufacture of spirits;

That a duty of 50 cents a gallon would, in the opinion of your Petitioner, be remunerative to the Government, and enable Distillers to continue in business. Without a reduction it will be impossible to continue business.

There are three Distilleries only in British Columbia, which cannot continue business under the present duty.

Your Petitioner, therefore, prays your Honorable House to reduce the present duty to 50 cents a gallon, or such other sum as to your Honorable House shall seem advisable.

(Signed) WM. STEINBERGER.

No. 6.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 4.

EXPORTS FROM THE COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 1868.

COUNTRY TO WHICH EXPORTED.	VALUE OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE.	VALUE OF FOREIGN MERCHANDISE.
The United Kingdom.....	\$ 182,906	\$ 20,560
BRITISH POSSESSIONS:—		
New South Wales.....	9,570	
South Australia.....	7,000	
Victoria.....	10,100	
FOREIGN COUNTRIES:—		
Chili.....	25,979	
China.....	31,875	
Mexico.....	11,688	
Peru.....	40,580	
Sandwich Islands.....	14,373	14,793
United States of America.....	306,832	72,634
	\$ 640,912	\$ 107,987

SUMMARY OF ARTICLES.

COLONIAL PRODUCE.	VALUE.	FOREIGN PRODUCE AND MANUFACTURES.	VALUE.
Coals, 30,524 tons.....	\$ 198,405	Ale and Porter.....	\$ 5,342
Cranberries, 942 bbls.....	8,523	Dry Goods and Clothing.....	18,980
Fish, 1283 bbls., 133 ½ bbls., 50 kits,	7,679	Groceries.....	2,535
Fish Oil..... [29 cases]	26,642	Iron.....	10,232
Furs.....	204,428	Miscellaneous.....	35,022
Furniture.....	888	Molasses.....	1,058
Hides.....	1,947	Oils.....	735
Lumber.....	184,135	Spirits.....	11,909
Lime, 200 bbls.....	505	Sugar.....	16,183
Live Stock.....	275	Salt.....	1,725
Miscellaneous.....	428	Tobacco.....	706
Vegetables.....	827	Wines.....	1,253
Wool.....	6,230	Waggons, (Telegraph returned).....	2,297
TOTAL.....	\$ 640,912	TOTAL.....	\$ 107,987

Custom House,
1st February, 1869.

(Signed) W. HAMLBY.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUPREME COURTS.

Your Committee have to report on the questions submitted to them with regard to the condition of the Courts of the Colony of British Columbia:—

1. That the Supreme Court of the Colony of Vancouver Island was constituted under Statute 12 and 13 Victoria, chap. 48, and the Orders in Council passed the 4th day of April, 1856.

2. By this Statute and these Orders, the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island had Jurisdiction in all Civil and Criminal cases within the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, as it existed prior to the Act of Union, known as "The British Columbia Act, 1866." The Judge of this Court is styled the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Vancouver Island.

3. By the Act of 12 and 13 Victoria, chap. 48, the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island was empowered to alter or amend the Constitution of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island. "The British Columbia Act, 1866," does not, in any way, refer to that Statute; but the power formerly possessed by the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island is now vested in the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

4. The Supreme Court of British Columbia was constituted under Statute 21 and 22 Victoria, chap. 99, with a general Jurisdiction in all matters Civil and Criminal in and over the Colony then known as the Colony of British Columbia, and the Judge of that Court was styled the Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia.

5. "The British Columbia Act, 1866," provides for the Union of the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, reserving to each portion of the Colony such Laws as were passed and in force at the time of the Union. Since the Union, the two Supreme Courts have continued to exercise their powers as separate and distinct Courts of Judicature, nominally confined within the limits which were originally assigned to them; but the Supreme Court of British Columbia claims to exercise a Jurisdiction over the whole Colony, which exercise of power is strenuously denied by the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

6. The result of this conflict of Jurisdiction however, is that the proceedings of each of the Courts has been ignored by the other, and the Judgments rendered and Orders made by either of the said Courts have been treated as Foreign Judgments by the other. This anomalous position of affairs works very great injustice to litigants, particularly when it is considered that a very large proportion of the Law suits are connected with the local trade and commerce of the Colony. It is necessary to point out more in detail how the present system works, in order that a clear understanding should be arrived at on the subject.

7. If a Merchant, resident in Victoria, deals with a man carrying on business on the Mainland, and wishes to obtain payment of his debt, he has to sue in the Supreme Court on the Mainland. He obtains a Judgment there, and on execution being issued he fails to obtain satisfaction. His debtor, however, has property on Vancouver Island. Now, in order to affect that property, the creditor has to commence a fresh action in the Judgment so obtained, giving the debtor time to dispose of all his property, to the prejudice of his creditor. This is similar to making a Judgment of the Queen's Bench in England nugatory in the County of York.

8. Again, the Writ of *Capias ad. re.* is a very necessary and useful proceeding for creditors, considering the facilities there are for debtors to leave the country, and the peculiar nomadic character of a large portion of our population. Under the present system, the Court of British Columbia refuses to issue a *Capias* when the debtor is leaving the Mainland for Vancouver Island (which is the general port of embarkation for the whole Colony), because it cannot be proved that the debtor is going to quit the Colony of British Columbia; and if the creditor pursues his debtor to Vancouver Island, he has to go to the expense of a fresh action before he can apply to the Court for a *Capias*. Before the Union, this difficulty did not arise, as the Colonies were treated as Foreign Countries, and the forms and procedure of the "Common Law Procedure Act," relating to Foreign Countries was carried out.

9. Again, the same difficulties arise under the Bankruptcy Laws, and in a late case the action of the Messenger of the Supreme Court of the Mainland in seizing goods of a Bankrupt trader, who was carrying on business both in Vancouver Island and the Mainland, was ignored by the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

10. In a commercial community, it is essentially necessary that all conflict of Jurisdiction should be avoided, and Law and Justice made as simple and expeditious as possible.

11. The Ordinance proposed by the Government legalizes the past and continues the present most obnoxious system, which is prejudicial to the public interests, and practically throws greater difficulties in the way of enforcing the rights of a creditor against his debtor than if the parties were resident in a Foreign Country.

12. The hostile attitude of the two Courts can only be counteracted by giving them concurrent Jurisdiction, and enabling the Judges of either Courts to try causes where most convenient for the litigants, and not as now to compel suitors, at great expense and loss of time to bring double actions for the same cause, or have to travel very great distances through a wild, unsettled country, which during the winter months is nearly impassable, in order to obtain the Justice which is the right of every inhabitant of Her Majesty's Colonies.

13. Having slightly touched upon some of the evils which now exist, we beg to turn to another portion of the subject, on which a very strong feeling is manifested. It is that of the establishment of a Colonial Court of Appeal. The only remedy for a person dissatisfied with the decision of the Supreme Court, is the expensive process of an appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council, a proceeding, which from the delay and amount of expense involved in it, is in all small cases impracticable.

14. It is necessary then, that an appeal as of right should exist in all cases Civil and Criminal, for from the very fact of a single Judge having sole power, and no Superior Court to control him, decisions may be given, which if referred to others might be greatly modified and altered. Under present circumstances, people in most instances prefer to abandon their legal rights, or else agree to decide them by arbitration, sooner than trust to the decision of a Court from which there is no appeal.

15. The interests involved in litigation are often of considerable importance, and of a very varied character, on which the litigants are compelled to accept the sole decision of one Judge, without the right of appeal, except under the Orders in Council. Thus the whole power of the Judicial bench is vested in one man, a state of things which calls for immediate remedy.

16. And your Committee beg further to report to this Honorable Council, that they have carefully considered the Ordinance to regulate the Supreme Courts of Civil Justice in British Columbia, and have modified it by giving a concurrent Jurisdiction to both Courts, which in the opinion of your Committee was the intention of the original Ordinance on which this is founded, and that the changes made in Section VI. and Section VIII. of this Ordinance are such as to preclude the construction which it was the evident intention of Her Majesty's Government to give to it. Clause VI. in the original Ordinance is of dubious meaning, but taken in connection with the Despatch which accompanied it, there is little doubt as to the intention of Her Majesty's Government in framing that Clause, and your Committee have consequently substituted a Clause which will not be open to the same objection.

17. Your Committee have also prepared three additional Clauses for the purpose of giving an appeal, which the Resolution passed in this Council urgently calls for.

(Signed)

JNO. ROBSON,
Chairman of Committee.Victoria,
February 23rd. 1869

No. 8.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 8.

ABSTRACT OF A REPORT ON THE SCHOOLS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND,
MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Whole amount of money received from Government since July 1st, 1867.....	\$10,777 00
From sale of School Books	173 12
	Total.....
	\$10,950 12
Whole amount of money paid by Chairman of Board for School purposes since September 1st, 1866	10,973 15
Leaving a balance to the debit of the Chairman of.....	23 03
Total cost of District Schools since September, 1866	\$15,168 18
Leaving 6 months unpaid, viz.: from 15th January to 15th June, 1867, and the month of December, 1868, amounting to	4,195 03
	\$10,973 15
Total cost of District Schools for Vancouver Island in 1868	\$4,622 85
Do. Do. Do. 1866	\$11,414 75

SCHOOLS NOW IN OPERATION, WITH THE NAMES OF THOSE CLOSED; NUMBER OF PUPILS; AND THE NAMES AND SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Names of Schools.	No. of Pupils	Names of Teachers.	Salary per Month.
Central School, Victoria—still going on.....	75	John Jessop	\$75 00
District School, Victoria..... do.	60	W. H. Burr	75 00
Craigflower School..... do.	30	W. Harrison	60 00
Lake School..... do.	25	C. C. McKenzie.....	41 66
Nanaimo School	60	C. Bryant	75 00
Esquimalt School—discontinued March, 1868	40		
South Saanich—discontinued June, 1867.....	25		
Cowichan School—discontinued December, 1867.....	25		
Cedar Hill School—discontinued December, 1867.....	20		
Salt Spring Island (no School).....	20		
Central School, Victoria (Girls')—closed January, 1867	45		
Total number of pupils.....	425		

ARREARS OF SALARY, 1867 AND 1868.

John Jessop, Teacher, Central School, Victoria	\$588 30
W. H. Burr, ,, District School	588 30
C. Bryant, ,, Nanaimo	502 73
W. Harrison, ,, Craigflower	367 98
C. C. McKenzie ,, Lake	255 20
Central School Rent, at \$40 per month	215 32
A. Waddington, late Superintendent	641 64
Mrs. H. Fisher, late Teacher, Esquimalt.....	213 85
Miss Macdonald, ,, Central School (Girls').....	253 65
Mrs E. Fisher, 2½ months. Dr. to books \$30.35.....	109 65
C. N. Young, late Teacher, Saanich.....	211 36
Congregational Church Rent.....	139 00
Doughty, for cleaning Central Schools.....	95 05
Nanaimo School Rent and cleaning	13 00

\$4,195 03

From this total \$500 may be deducted, as that amount was provided by the Government, in December last, to close School Accounts for 1868, leaving \$3,695.03 arrears at the beginning of the year 1867.

(Signed) I. W. POWELL,
Chairman Board of Education.

No. 9.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 18.

RETURN SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE DERIVED FROM KOOTENAY.

From 26th December, 1867, to 25th October, 1868 \$12,831 21

NOTE.—The Returns for November and December, 1868, have not yet reached this Office.

Audit Office,
30th January, 1869.

(Signed) ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

No. 10.

ENCLOSURES IN MESSAGE No. 22.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE STEAMER SIR JAMES DOUGLAS, FOR 1868.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Amount received for Freight and Passage Money.....	Actually made during the year
Do. for carrying the Mails along East Coast of V. I.	Do. in 1869, on account of liabilities incurred during 1868
	Amounts still due, incurred in 1868.....
	Receipts in excess of Disbursements

This statement does not include the services performed by the vessel in the inspection of Lighthouses on Vancouver Island, or the transport of Officers, Magistrates, and Constables on duty up and down the Coast.

\$12,323 27

(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
4th February, 1869.

\$12,323 27

No. 11.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 22.

RETURN showing the ordinary current expenses of the ASSAY AND MELTING DEPARTMENT of British Columbia, the weight and value of the Gold assayed, and the Receipts by fees, &c., for the year ending 25th December, 1868.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
In Cash	\$691 13	Salaries of Staff	\$3,750 00
In cornets, scrapings, &c.	315 56	Other Expenditure	66 61
Total	\$1,006 69	Total	\$3,816 61

Weight of Gold Assayed 13,725·32 oz. Value \$229,410·27.

(Signed) F. G. CLAUDET,
Superintendent.

No. 12.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 22.

RETURN shewing the average cost per diem of the KEEP OF A PRISONER in Victoria and New Westminster Gaols, respectively, as taken from the actual expenditure of the year 1868.

Average cost of a prisoner at Victoria, including all expenses of the Department	\$1 24
Do. Do. New Westminster	1 50
Average cost of food alone at Victoria	25
Do. Do. New Westminster	36

Audit Office,
5th February, 1869.

(Signed) ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

No. 13.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 22.

Expenditure on Main Trunk Road to Cariboo, during the year 1868, \$32,893 14
Estimated annual expense of repairs and maintenance of same 30,000 00

(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
4th February, 1869.

No. 14.

ENCLOSURE IN MESSAGE No. 24.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor. Seymour.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.
No. 91.

Downing Street,
24th October, 1868.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 101, of the 11th August, enclosing applications addressed to you by Officers of your Government, praying for compensation for losses they have sustained by permanently removing from New Westminster to Victoria.

I sincerely lament the losses to which these gentlemen have been subjected by the consolidation of the two Colonies, and would gladly learn that the Colonial Legislature had voted them, in land or money, some compensation for those losses.

It is for the Government and Legislature of British Columbia to consider how and to what extent this could be done, as it is not in my power to recommend that any indemnity should be given them from Imperial funds. I have, &c.,

(Signed) BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

No. 15.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF
J. C. NICHOLSON.

Your Committee beg to report:—

1. That the attendance of His Honor Chief Justice Needham and of Mr. Woods, the Registrar of the Court, was requested; but that the former wrote to say that he could not, consistently with his duty, comply with the request; the latter that he had referred the matter to the Colonial Secretary for instructions.

2. From the general tenor of the evidence adduced, your Committee are of opinion, that the statements contained in the Petition presented to your Honorable House are substantially correct.

3. Your Committee are of opinion that this is one of the unfortunate cases arising out of the hitherto conflicting jurisdictions of the Supreme Courts of the Colony, but that a remedy is now afforded under the 9th Clause of "The Supreme Courts Ordinance, 1869."

Council Chamber,
March 9th, 1869.

(Signed) J. S. HELMOCKEN,
Chairman.

No. 16.

PETITION AGAINST THE WATER BILL.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Council assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned resident freeholders and leaseholders of the City of Victoria, B. C.,

Humbly sheweth:—

1. That your Petitioners have observed with much regret, that the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the Supply of Water to the City of Victoria," has passed a second reading before your Honorable House.

2. Your Petitioners believe that the nature of the scheme for supplying the City of Victoria with Water, was not rightly understood by the subscribers to the Petition relating to the same, recently presented to your Honorable House; neither did such subscribers suppose that the matter would be placed in the hands of the Municipal Council, and power be given to such Council to impose Taxes *solely* on owners of Real Estate in Victoria.

3. Your Petitioners respectfully submit, that if the said Bill became law, and its provisions be enforced, its operation will be productive of great injury to the community, particularly to those members of the community who own or lease Real Estate. Taxation, in many forms, is now so heavy, that your Petitioners believe it would be unjust, as well as injurious and inexpedient, to lay any further burdens on citizens.

4. Your Petitioners respectfully submit, further, that the supply of Water for the City should, under existing circumstances, be left entirely to private enterprise, assisted by a guarantee from the Government.

5. Your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Honorable House will be pleased to reconsider the said Bill, and either reject the same or modify its provisions, so as to leave the supply of Water to private enterprise.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c., &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. McNEILL,
W. H. OLIVER,
W. F. TOLMIE,
AND 34 OTHERS.

1869.

COLONIAL ESTIMATES,

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A. & B.

VICTORIA:

PRINTED AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

A.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year 1869, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1867, being the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

	Estimate for 1869.	Revenue of 1867.
Customs	\$ 400,000	\$ 270,002 02
Port and Harbour Dues		
Roads' Tolls	65,000	59,522 86
Excise Duties.....	5,000	795 75
Land Sales	5,000	3,496 60
Land Revenue	5,000	3,665 56
Rents, exclusive of Land	2,000	1,954 75
Free Miners' Certificates.....	12,000	13,645 00
Mining Receipts, General	18,000	22,208 13
Licences	50,000	53,850 27
Postage	13,000	12,704 60
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court	5,000	8,441 19
Fees of Office.....	4,000	7,855 63
Sale of Government Property	2,000	1,403 44
Reimbursement in aid of Expenses incurred by Government	13,000	8,582 90
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	1,000	188 83
Interest	2,616 02
Arrears, Vancouver Island	2,000	12,171 85
TOTAL	602,000	483,105 40

B.

ABSTRACT of the SUMS REQUIRED to defray the Expenses of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the Year from 1st January to the 31st of December, 1869, showing also the amount actually expended in the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz. 1867.

Page of Detail.	Item of Estimate.	Salaries.		Allowances.	Office Contingencies.	Estimate for the Year 1869	Expenditure of 1867.	
		Fixed Establishment.	Provisional and Temporary					
8	1	Establishments	\$150,398 00	...	\$1500 00	\$900 00	152,798 00	147,753 61
9	2	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities					3,395 00	8,768 23
9	3	Revenue Services, exclusive of Establishments.....					1,000 00	1,346 90
9	4	Administration of Justice, Do					4,400 00	5,299 97
9	5	Ecclesiastical, Do					—	—
9	6	Charitable Allowances					10,500 00	7,971 63
9	7	Education, exclusive of Establishments					10,000 00	5,064 18
9	8	Hospitals, Do					—	—
9	9	Police and Gaols, Do					12,000 00	19,795 31
9	10	Rent					875 00	1,210 70
9	11	Transport					6,660 00	8,126 57
10	12	Conveyance of Mails					29,400 00	36,028 44
10	13	Works and Buildings					12,000 00	7,844 26
10	14	Roads, Streets, and Bridges					62,500 00	26,844 32
10	15	Miscellaneous Services					16,500 00	16,390 22
10	16	Interest					91,840 00	98,914 89
10	17	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties.....					2,100 00	2,655 87
10	18	Immigration					—	—
10	19	Redemption of Bonds					—	2,425 00
10	20	Sinking Fund					50,197 50	58,269 77
10	21	Temporary Loans					100,000 00	31,745 48
10	22	Home Government Account					—	—
10	23	Government Vessels					16,800 00	9,037 40
10	24	Lighthouses					10,000 00	9,481 27
10	25	Deposits					—	804 40
TOTAL.....						\$592,965 50	505,868 42	

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
The Governor (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Acts).	
Private Secretary	\$1,452
Messenger	500
	1,952
CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, &c.	100
Extra Assistance	500
	600
Total His Excellency the Governor.....	\$2,552

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Clerk	\$600
Messenger	200
	800
CONTINGENCIES.	
Fuel, Light, &c.	100
Total Legislative Council.....	\$900

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Colonial Secretary (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Assistant Colonial Secretary	\$1,940
Two Clerks.....	2,904
Messenger	500
	\$5,344
CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, Fuel, and Light.....	200
PRINTING BRANCH.	
SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent	\$1,320
Two Printers, \$600 each.....	1,920
Assistant Printer and Messenger Legislative Council	640
	3,880
Total Colonial Secretary	\$9,424

TREASURER.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Clerk	\$1,900
Clerk	1,452
Clerk	1,200
Total Treasurer.....	\$4,552

AUDITOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Auditor General	\$2,425
Chief Clerk	1,452
Clerk	1,200
Total Auditor General.....	\$5,077

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND SURVEYOR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Commissioner (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Assistant Surveyor General and Superintendent of Lighthouses.....	\$1,900
Clerk	1,224
Draughtsman	1,224
Total Chief Commissioner Lands and Works and Surveyor General	\$4,348

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.

CUSTOMS.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Collector of Customs (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Chief Clerk	\$1,940
Clerk	1,452
Deputy Collector, Southern Boundary	1,704
	5,096
OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.	
Revenue Officer	1,704
Landing Waiter	1,704
Do. Esquimalt	900
Two Boatmen and Watchmen, \$696 each	1,392
Revenue Officer, Burrard Inlet	900
Constable at Osceyoos	1,224
	7,824
Total Collector of Customs.....	\$12,920

REGISTRAR GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Registrar General and Postmaster General (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Registrar General of Titles, Victoria	\$485
Assistant in Office	250
Total Registrar General.....	\$735

HARBOUR MASTER.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Harbour Master and Government Pilot	\$1,940

POST OFFICE.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Postmaster, Victoria	\$2,000
Clerk and Messenger, New Westminster	750
Total Post Office.....	\$2,750

TOTAL OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED UNDER VOTES \$45,198

His Excellency the Governor	\$2,552 00
Legislative Council	900 00
Colonial Secretary	9,424 00
Treasurer	4,552 00
Auditor General	5,077 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General	4,348 00
Collector of Customs	12,920 00
Registrar General	735 00
Harbour Master	1,940 00
Post Office	2,750 00
	\$45,198 00

JUDICIAL.

SUPREME COURT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Judge of Supreme Court (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Do. Do.	\$1,452
Registrar of Court, B. C.	1,500
Do. Do. V. I.	500
Messenger, V. I.	500
Total Supreme Court.....	\$3,452

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

JUDICIAL.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Attorney General (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
Clerk	\$1,008

HIGH SHERIFF.

ALLOWANCES.	
In lieu of travelling expenses and allowances	\$1,500

TOTAL JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS..... \$5,960

Supreme Court.....	\$3,452
Attorney General.....	1,008
High Sheriff.....	1,500
	\$5,960

POLICE, INCLUDING PRISONS AND GAOLS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

POLICE.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Inspector of Police (provided for under Crown Officers' Salaries Act).	
High Constable	\$972 00
Two Constables, \$1.75 each per diem	1,277 50
Indian Messenger,	180 00
GAOL.	
Warden	1,224 00
One Gaoler.....	708 00
Medical Officer.....	500 00
	4,861 50

VICTORIA.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Stipendiary Magistrate	\$2,250 00
Clerk	1,200 00
One Sergeant of Police, \$2.50 per diem	912 50
Three Constables, at \$1.75 each per diem.....	1,016 25
GAOL.	
Gaoler, \$2.50 per diem	912 50
Assistant Gaoler, \$2 per diem	730 00
Superintendent of Convicts, \$2.50 per diem.....	912 50
Two Convict Guards, \$638.75 each	1,277 50
Two Door Guards at \$547.50 each, and one Cook \$638.75	1,733 75
Medical Officer.....	600 00
	12,445 00
Total Police and Gaols.....	\$17,306 50

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Gold Commissioner.....	\$3,000
Clerk to do.....	1,704
Constable	1,404
Clerk and Constable, Kootenay	1,704
Constable, Kootenay	1,404
Clerk and Constable, Fort Shepherd	500

Total Columbia and Kootenay District \$9,716

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

CARIBOO, INCLUDING QUESNEL.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner	\$3,400
Clerk	1,500
Chief Constable	1,500
Two Constables at \$1,224 each	2,448
Two Constables at \$1,008 each	2,016
Constable at Quesnel	1,224
Total Cariboo District.....	\$12,088

HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON DISTRICT.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Constable, Yale	1,104
Constable	1,008
Chief Constable, Lytton	1,104
Toll Collector, Yale	1,104
Total Hope, Yale, and Lytton District.....	\$4,320

LILLOOET, CLINTON, AND SODA CREEK.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner	\$2,400
Chief Constable	1,104
Constable, Postmaster, and Toll Collector, Clinton	1,104
Total Lillooet, Clinton, and Soda Creek.....	\$4,608

NANAIMO.

SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Magistrate and Collector of Revenue	\$1,704
Constable	730
Total Nanaimo District.....	\$2,434

No. 1.—RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Page in Detail.		Salaries.		Allowances.	Office Con-tingencies.	TOTAL.
		Fixed Establishment	Provisional and Temporary.			
	CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS:					
5	Governor	1,952	00		600	2,552 00
5	Legislative Council	800	00		100	900 00
5	Colonial Secretary	9,224	00		200	9,424 00
5	Treasurer	4,552	00			4,552 00
5	Auditor General	5,077	00			5,077 00
5	Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, &c	4,348	00			4,348 00
5	Customs	12,920	00			12,920 00
6	Registrar General	735	00			735 00
6	Harbour Master	1,940	00			1,940 00
6	Post Office	2,750	00			2,750 00
	JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS:					
6	Supreme Court	3,452	00			3,452 00
7	Attorney General	1,008	00			1,008 00
7	High Sheriff			1500		1,500 00
7	POLICE ESTABLISHMENTS:	17,306	50			17,306 50
	GOLD, AND ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, AND STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES:—					
7	Columbin and Kootenay	9,716	00			9,716 00
8	Cariboo	12,088	00			12,088 00
8	Hope, Yale, and Lytton	4,320	00			4,320 00
8	Lillooet, Clinton, &c,	4,608	00			4,608 00
8	Nanaimo	2,434	00			2,434 00
	TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS.....\$	99,230	50	1500	900	101,630 50

No. 2.—PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES.

Pension to Mrs. D. McLean	-	-	-	-	-	\$485
Do. Mrs. J. D. B. Ogilvy	-	-	-	-	-	485
Total Pensions, &c.						\$970

No. 3.—REVENUE SERVICES (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty, Arrest and prosecution of Smugglers, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
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No. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Summoning Jurors and Witnesses, and other Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	\$800
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	800
Expenses of Judge and Registrar on Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Expenses attending Inquests	-	-	-	-	-	300
Total Administration of Justice						\$4,400

No. 5.—Nil.

No. 6.—CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Hospitals	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
In aid of the destitute Poor and Sick	-	-	-	-	-	500
Total Charitable Allowances.....						\$10,500

No. 7.—EDUCATION (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

District Schools	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
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No. 8.—Nil.

No. 9.—POLICE AND GAOLS (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS.)

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,000
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No. 10.—RENT.

Rent, Government House, Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	50
Do. Lillooet	-	-	-	-	-	240
Do. Nanaimo	-	-	-	-	-	585
Total Rent						\$875

No. 11.—TRANSPORT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.						
Travelling Expenses on duty	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
COLONIAL SECRETARY.						
Travelling Expenses on duty	-	-	-	-	-	500
TREASURER.						
Freight upon remittances of Treasure	-	-	-	-	-	250
AUDITOR GENERAL.						
Travelling expenses Inspecting Accounts \$100, Freight upon Accounts to England \$60	-	-	-	-	-	160
Inspection of Steamers	-	-	-	-	-	750
Actual Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Keep of Horses throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total Transport						\$6,660

No. 12.—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

To and from San Francisco	-	-	-	-	6,000
To and from Victoria and New Westminster	-	-	-	-	500
To and from Victoria and Esquimalt	-	-	-	-	490
To and from Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, &c.	-	-	-	-	4,200
To and from Cariboo, Columbia, &c.	-	-	-	-	18,000
To and from Victoria and Saanich	-	-	-	-	300
Total Conveyance of Mails					\$29,400

No. 13.—WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Repairs to Buildings, &c., throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	10,000
Surveys, Explorations, &c.	-	-	-	-	2,000
Total Works and Buildings					\$12,000

No. 14.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

Repairs and construction of Roads throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	\$62,500
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No. 15.—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Expenses connected with Indian Tribes	-	-	-	-	500
Taking charge of Government Buildings	-	-	-	-	1,000
Insurance Government Buildings	-	-	-	-	1,500
Exchange on Drafts for remittance	-	-	-	-	500
Telegrams	-	-	-	-	1,000
Stationery, Fuel, &c., for all Departments	-	-	-	-	4,000
Expenses connected with Assays of Minerals, &c.	-	-	-	-	5,000
For establishing Branch Assay Office at Cariboo	-	-	-	-	3,000
Total Miscellaneous Services					\$16,500

No. 16.—INTEREST.

Interest on Temporary Loans and Debentures	-	-	-	-	\$22,000
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No. 17.—DRAWBACKS AND REFUND OF DUTIES, &c.

Of Customs Duties	-	-	-	-	2,000
Of other Taxes	-	-	-	-	100
Total Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.					\$2,100

No. 18.—Nil.

No. 19.—REDEMPTION OF BONDS.

No. 20.—SINKING FUND.

No. 21.—TEMPORARY LOANS.

Repayment of Loans	-	-	-	-	\$100,000
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No. 22.—Nil.

No. 23.—GOVERNMENT VESSELS.

Sir James Douglas—Wages, Stores, Fuel, &c.	-	-	-	-	\$11,000
New Boiler	-	-	-	-	5,000
Dredger—Ship-keeper and incidental repairs	-	-	-	-	800
					\$16,800

No. 24.—LIGHTHOUSES.

Race Rocks and Fisgard—Salaries, Stores, and general maintenance of Lighthouses	-	-	-	-	5,500
Light Ship, mouth of Fraser River	-	-	-	-	4,500
Total Lighthouses					\$10,000

No. 25.—Nil.

SUMMARY

OF THE FOREGOING ESTIMATES.

Provided by permanent Acts, on account of Salaries				\$51,167 50
Do. Do. Do. Pensions				2,425 00
Do. Do. Do. Interest on Loans				69,840 00
Do. Do. Do. Sinking Fund on Loans..				50,197 50
				<u>\$173,630 00</u>
Required to be provided by Vote for contingent service of year 1869:—				
Establishments				101,630 50
Services exclusive of Establishments.....				317,705 00
				<u>419,335 50</u>
				\$502,965 50
Estimated excess of Revenue over Expenditure				9,034 50
				<u>\$602,000 00</u>