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BEING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.



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OF THE

HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS

OF

British Columbia,

FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

BEING THE YEAR 1866. 29° VICTORIÆ.

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Confirmatory	Hon. Attorney General.	23rd Jan. '66	23rd Jan.	23rd January	23rd January	24th January	
Trustees Relief	Do.	" "	25th "	25th "	29th "	" "	
Western Union Telegraph	Do.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Trades Licences	Do.	1st February.	8th Feb.	8, 9, 15, 22nd Feb.	23rd Feb.	22nd March	[Amended by O. A. G. Recommended. A-Lapsed.
Compulsory Mining Licence	Do.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Joint Stock Companies	Hon. Mr. Walkem.	8th Feb.	14th "	15th and 16th Feb.	22nd "	8th March	Recommended. A-
Ferry Regulation	Hon. Attorney General.	19th Feb.	23rd "	23rd February	26th "	23rd "	[Amended by O. A. G.
Intestate Estate Sales	Do.	" "	22nd "	22nd "	23rd "	22nd "	Amended by O. A. G.
Supply Bill	Officer Administering Govt	22nd Feb.	23rd "	23rd "	26th "	5th "	[Amended by O. A. G.
Williams Creek Bed-Rock Flume	Hon. Mr. Walkem.	23rd Feb.	6th March	7th March	16th March	4th April	Recommended. A-
Pilotage	Hon. Attorney General.	2nd March.	" "	6th "	7th "	5th "	Amended by O. A. G.
Sinking Fund	Do.	" "	" "	7th "	12th "	15th March	Recommended.
Homestead	Hon. Mr. Smith.	12th March.	" "	" "	" "	" "	Thrown out.
County Court Amendment	Hon. Mr. Elliott.	" "	19th "	" "	" "	" "	Amended by O. A. G.
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Currency Adjustment	Hon. Mr. Walkem.	4th April.	4th April.	27th "	27th "	" "	Thrown out in Com-
County Court Jurisdiction	Officer Administering Govt	" "	5th "	5th "	5th "	5th "	[m t

BRITISH COLUMBIA.



ARTHUR N. BIRCH.



PROCLAMATION

By His Honor ARTHUR N. BIRCH, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

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

Greeting.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the said Colony stands prorogued without any time fixed for re-assembling, and it is expedient to convene the same;

NOW KNOW YE that I, ARTHUR N. BIRCH, under and by virtue of all powers and authorities in me in that behalf vested, as the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of British Columbia, do hereby command and, by the tenor of these presents, enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the Council Chamber, New Westminster, personally you be and appear FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat and conclude upon those things which in the said Legislative Council may be ordained.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia, this ninth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

CHARLES GOOD,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Thursday, the 18th day of January, 1866.

Pursuant to the above Proclamation, the Legislative Council met this day, the following Members being present:—The Honourables The Acting Colonial Secretary; the Attorney General; the Treasurer; the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; the Collector of Customs; Chartres Brew, J. P.; P. O'Reilly, J. P.; J. A. R. Homer; Henry Holbrook; G. A. Walkem; Robert Smith.

At 2, P.M., His Honor Arthur N. Birch, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency Frederick Seymour, entered the Council Chamber, accompanied by the Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, administered the customary oaths of allegiance and office to the new Members, the Hon. J. W. Trutch, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the Hon. Robert Smith, Member for Quesnel.

His Honor then delivered the following gracious Speech:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

It is with feelings of no ordinary interest and satisfaction that I meet you to-day, and have recourse to your advice and assistance in promoting the welfare of this Colony.

Of the twenty-eight Ordinances passed by this Council during the late Session, twenty-three have received Her Majesty's approval. Her Majesty has been pleased

to disallow the Ordinance to declare the limitation of Foreign Suits and Actions. The Secretary of State has suggested certain alterations in the Ordinance in aid of the Trustees' Relief Act before it can receive the Royal assent. This Ordinance, in the amended shape, will be laid before you. A decision on the Ordinance respecting Marriages in British Columbia, and on the Supply Ordinance is deferred. I have received no intimation of the Secretary of State's views on the Ordinance to amend the Duties of Customs.

I shall take an early opportunity of laying before you, copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, in reply to the Resolutions adopted by this Council on subjects relating to Naval Protection, the Expenditure incurred by the Colony on account of the Expedition against the Chilicoten Indians, and the claim made by the Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of erecting the Buildings at the Camp, lately occupied by the Detachment of the Royal Engineers.

Unforeseen obstacles have retarded the Government in carrying out the Resolution, adopted by this Council, as regards the Survey of Pre-empted Lands throughout the Colony. Arrangements are, however, in progress which will, I trust, enable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to undertake this work without further delay. Measures will, at the same time, be taken to alter the present unsatisfactory system of Indian Reserves. I am in no way convinced of the necessity of any Legislative enactment for this purpose. In all matters connected with the Native Race a large discretionary power must necessarily, in my opinion, be left in the hands of the Executive.

A Statement of the Votes required to cover Expenditure incurred during the past year, for which a previous Vote has not been taken, will be laid before you in a Supplementary Estimate, together with a detailed account of the actual Revenue and Expenditure. The Votes taken for the Public Service of the year 1865, amounted to £225,946, and, as near as can be ascertained at this early period of the year, the total Expenditure, embracing the Supplementary Estimates, to £185,000.

You will be prepared for the announcement I have to make to you that the Revenue falls short of the Estimate by a considerable amount. That Estimate, as you are aware, was based on the supposition that a large immigration would take place to the newly discovered mines in the Kootenay District. The counter attractions offered by fresh discoveries in the neighbouring Territory left this District comparatively deserted. The main items, however, under which the Estimate has proved in excess of the actual Revenue, are the Gold Export Tax and the Road Toll Receipts. The Estimate for the amount to be derived from Road Tolls was based on the Revenue obtained from the same source in the two previous years. The cause of the great falling off must be attributed partly to the extreme severity of the winter, which prevented communication with our Northern Mines, and retarded the general traffic of the country until the month of May, and partly in consequence of the Ordinance passed by this Council, late in the last Session, allowing farm produce to be exempt from Road Tolls. The loss to the Revenue by this exemption is a subject for congratulation rather than otherwise, as it is an evidence of the increasing amount of produce now raised by the Settlers in the Upper Country.

With much satisfaction, I refer you to the Public Works undertaken during the past year. The main waggon road is now completed to the very centre of the Cariboo District. Communication between the towns of Richfield and Camerontown is facilitated by the formation of a road. A substantial pack trail has been constructed, by way of the Southern Boundary, to the Kootenay District—or rather, I might say, to the Rocky Mountains—a distance estimated at three hundred and eighty miles from the town of Hope. The country lying between the Fraser and the Columbia has been carefully surveyed, and a trail is already opened to connect the Columbia River with the navigable waters of the Shuswap Lake. Several Exploration parties have been fitted out by Government, and large tracts of country explored, with what varied success you are already aware, from the Reports which have from time to time appeared in the *Government Gazette*. A Light Ship has been built, and is stationed at the entrance to the Fraser River. Substantial Iron Buoys having arrived from England, will shortly be placed in position clearly to define the channel. The construction of a waggon road between New Westminster and Yale is nearly completed, having been undertaken in conjunction with the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose line of Telegraph following this route has already penetrated upwards of four hundred miles into the Interior, and will, I trust, should the same energy be displayed as heretofore, place us in Telegraphic communication with the whole civilized world before the close of another season.

The Estimates of expected Revenue, and proposed Expenditure for the present year, will be laid before you without delay. Fully impressed with the necessity of retrenchment, you will find that considerable reductions have been made in the Establishments to the extent of nearly \$30,000, without I trust, unduly weakening the efficiency of the Public Service. A portion of this reduction will, however, be absorbed in new Offices, which it has been necessary to create, such as those connected with the Light Ship.

You will find the Estimates contemplate a large outlay in the construction of roads and trails to facilitate access to the new mining district of the Columbia. Fully persuaded that you will agree with me, in the importance of opening communication with the Upper Columbia, for the early spring traffic, I have already sanctioned the construction of a waggon road from the main trunk line at Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry, and arrangements have been entered into for a Steamer to be in readiness for the navigation of the Kamloops and Shuswap Lakes, at once placing the new Gold Fields of the Upper Columbia within easy and cheap access of the Fraser River. The expenses connected with these undertakings will be found in the Estimates. An appropriation will also be asked for opening a route to the newly discovered Gold Diggings on the upper branches of the Bridge River.

It is with great reluctance that I propose to you the abolition of the Duty on the Export of Gold. Of the justice and equity of the Tax, I am as fully convinced as when in this Council I strongly advocated the measure, and I should now hesitate to take this step, did I not consider it to be the paramount duty of the Executive to carry out as far as possible the well understood wishes of the community. I cannot but observe that from various causes a large majority of the people of British Columbia formerly in favour are now opposed to this mode of taxation. Admitting this, I am confident I only carry out the wishes of the Governor in taking this course; to use His Excellency's own words—"The last thing the Government of this Colony would desire to do, is to discourage the miners from developing its resources, or allow any portion of our population to lapse into a state of political discontent."

The public works which I think you will agree with me as absolutely necessary to be undertaken in promotion of the progress and welfare of the Colony, oblige me to propose to you additional taxation to meet the loss which will accrue to the Revenue by the abolition of the Gold Tax. Following out the recommendation of the Mining Board, I advise that the Mining Licence be made compulsory on all employed in mining pursuits. Her Majesty's "Instructions" forbid any restrictions being placed on "persons of African, Asiatic, or Indian birth, to which persons of "European birth or descent are not subjected or made liable." It is therefore, only by this measure that our large Chinese population can be made to contribute to the Revenue in equal proportion to the white race. Few Chinamen now take out a Mining Licence, whereas on the other hand few white miners are to be found without one.

I further suggest for your consideration the propriety of increasing the Trade and Liquor Licences throughout the Colony.

Should you agree with me in the expediency of abolishing the Duty on the Export of Gold, there will be no means left to the Executive to obtain any statistical information of the annual yield of Gold, a matter I consider of much importance. I therefore invite you to consider whether some system of Registration might not be adopted for this object, not liable to the same objections as those brought forward against the Gold Export Tax.

The Postal Service requires your attentive consideration. Tenders for the conveyance of the Mails during the present year have been called for by Public Notice, and when received will be laid before you. It will be for you to consider whether the Revenue justifies a bi-weekly service to our Northern Mines, especially at a time when I believe you are unanimous in the opinion that it is incumbent upon the Government to provide direct Steam communication with San Francisco. The establishment of direct Steam communication is a matter of the utmost importance. I am now in correspondence on this subject, and trust to be able to make satisfactory arrangements before the commencement of the spring traffic.

The material interests, and the permanent stability of the Colony are dependent on a fixed population. I would invite your earnest attention to the best means to adopt for introducing and fostering the immigration of a class of Settlers likely to make this country their home. The opening of new and extensive mining and agricultural districts during the past season, and also of different lines of access to them, offer many and favourable inducements for settlement hitherto unknown. The experience of the last year has clearly shown that the agricultural lands of this Colony are well adapted for the cultivation of cereals and vegetables of all descriptions, and large tracts of the best lands are fortunately most favourably situated for the supply of the principal Mining districts.

I am aware that a numerous signed Petition will shortly be presented to you, emanating from Miners and Traders in the Cariboo District, praying that some alteration may be made in the Mining Laws "to provide for the speedy hearing and determining of all disputes concerning Mining interests." I fully agree with the Petitioners that the present expensive system of litigation is "productive of great injury to the general welfare, progress, and development of the whole Mining interests of the Colony." A considerable portion of our last Session was occupied in consolidating and amending the Mining Laws, more especially with a view to remedy the evil of which the Petitioners complain, the Draft Ordinance introduced

with this object having been framed under the immediate superintendence of the Mining Board of Cariboo. Although I still believe the Laws at present in force are capable of meeting every requirement, I shall be anxious to give my most attentive consideration to any suggestions you may wish to offer on this important subject, when the Petition is before you.

The Law relating to the Pilotage of Vessels within the waters of British Columbia requires immediate alteration. A Bill with this object will be laid before you.

I shall take the opportunity as the Session progresses of bringing other measures of importance before you by Message.

The absence of crime in the past year is worthy of more than a passing notice. During the extended circuit of the Supreme Court, only two white men were convicted on criminal charges, and the Indian population throughout the Colony has been, I rejoice to say, peaceable and orderly.

Reflecting on the extent and number of our resources, so largely added to by the discoveries of the past year, and day by day being developed, I recognize on every side subjects for congratulation and thankfulness, and confidently hope that the year which has just dawned upon us will be one of unusual success. I earnestly invite your cordial co-operation in the passage of those measures best calculated to promote the prosperity of the country, and I fervently trust that He who holds the destiny of nations in the hollow of His Hand will guide our deliberations to a happy issue.

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Hon. H. M. Ball, Acting Colonial Secretary, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to be named by the Presiding Member, to draw up and submit to the Council a reply to His Honor's gracious Speech.

The Presiding Member named the following Honourable gentlemen accordingly:—The Honourables the Attorney General, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, J. A. R. Homer, P. O'Reilly, G. A. Walkem.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 22nd instant.

Monday the 22nd day of January, 1866.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
January 18th, 1866.

WHEREAS, by a Proclamation issued under the hand of the Officer Administering the Government of British Columbia, and dated the 9th of December, 1865, the Legislative Council of the said Colony, was convened to meet on the 18th instant;

AND, WHEREAS, Her Majesty, by Instructions issued under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and dated the 31st day of July, 1863, appointed and declared that the following Public Officers shall be, during Her Majesty's pleasure, Members of the said Legislative Council, that is to say the respective Officers lawfully acting for the time being

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

THESE ARE FURTHER TO NOTIFY and declare that, in pursuance of the power and authority given under the Order in Council of the 11th June, A. D. 1863, and Her Majesty's instructions as aforesaid, already published in the *Government Gazette* of the 9th January, 1864, the Officer Administering the Government has nominated

and appointed the undermentioned Public Officers and Non-Official Members to be, during Her Majesty's pleasure, Members of the said Legislative Council:—

The Honourables

Chartres Brew, Magistrate, New Westminster,
Peter O'Reilly, Magistrate, Kootenay,
Andrew Charles Elliott, Magistrate, Lillooet,
John Carmichael Haynes, Magistrate, Osoyoos,

Joshua Attwood Reynolds Homer, for New Westminster,
Henry Holbrook, for Douglas-Lillooet,
Clement Francis Cornwall, for Yale-Lytton,
George Anthony Walkem, for Cariboo East and Quesnel Forks,
Robert Smith, for Cariboo West and Quesnelmouth.

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 June, A. D. 1866. AND THESE ARE FURTHER TO NOTIFY, SUMMON, AND CONVENE the various Officers and persons as aforesaid, to meet at New Westminster, on MONDAY, the 22nd JANUARY, 1866, to which day the Council stands adjourned.

By Command.

H. M. BALL,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Pursuant to the above notice and to special notification from His Honor, the Council met at 2 o'clock, the following Members being present:—The Honourables Messrs. Ball, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Elliott, Homer, Holbrook, Cornwall, Walkem, Smith.

His Honor then entered the Council Chamber, and administered the oath of allegiance and office to all the Members present.

His Honor then retired.

The Hon. Mr. Ball took the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to prepare an address in reply to His Honor's opening Speech, brought up a report, and the same was read as followeth:—

To *His Honor Arthur N. Birch, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government of British Columbia, &c., &c., &c.*

The humble Address of the Legislative Council.

May it please Your Honor:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, have received the opening Speech with which Your Honor has inaugurated the proceedings of the Legislative Council for 1866, with the greatest satisfaction.

2. The result of the labors of this Council during the past year having so generally met with confirmation, encourages us to hope that measures of such extreme importance as those still awaiting adoption may also, ere this, have obtained Her Majesty's assent.

3. The promised Despatches relative to Naval Protection, the expenses of the Chilicoten Expedition, and the Military Expenditure of the Royal Engineers stationed in this Colony, will be perused with much interest.

4. We hail with much pleasure the determination expressed by Your Honor to carry out an early and definitive survey and settlement of our agricultural lands, and to adjust the Indian Reserves.

5. The Supplementary Estimates, when laid before us, shall receive our best attention.

6. We join with Your Honor in regretting that the Revenue of the past year has not fulfilled the expectations of the Council, in common with the rest of the community with respect to it, and we regret the unexpected causes which led to this result.

7. The judicious promptitude with which Your Honor has initiated a system of retrenchment is accepted as a proof of the care and economy with which the Government is conducted.

8. Whilst on the one hand the proposed Estimates will be scanned on this account with unusual interest, every assurance on the other hand is given that no

reasonable sacrifice will be spared to aid the Government in procuring direct steam communication with San Francisco, in extending the main lines of inland communication, in developing its Gold Mines of Big Bend, Cariboo, Bridge River, Kootenay, and other Districts, and in fostering all interests on which the wellbeing of the Colony depends.

9. The Postal Service is, in our opinion, a matter of great importance, and shall receive our careful consideration when the respective tenders shall be laid before the Council.

10. We are rejoiced to find that the Explorations of last year have resulted in the discovery of an easy and natural pass for rail or waggon between the valleys of the Fraser and Columbia Rivers, so that the construction of a continuous line of road from our Gold Fields through the Rocky Mountains, to connect with the various Emigrant Routes to Canada by the Saskatchewan, is now proved to be feasible. The importance of this discovery can scarcely be overrated.

11. The proposed Laws, and all other measures that will advance the moral and material interests of the Colony, shall have our constant attention.

12. The absence of crime among our white population, and the peaceful condition of the Indian Tribes throughout our extended Territory, are subjects of heartfelt congratulation, and are mainly to be attributed, in our estimation, to the firm and conciliatory policy of His Excellency the Governor, whose unwearied assiduity in promoting the best interests of this Colony command our heartfelt acknowledgments and thanks.

13. We have the utmost confidence in the natural wealth and capabilities of the Country, and in the steps now in progress to attract capital and population for its development.

14. We recognize in the skill and good faith with which the Government has been administered during the absence of His Excellency, an earnest of the vigour with which all these advantages will be turned to profitable account; and, relying on the Great Disposer of Events, look forward with hopeful confidence to a period of more than average prosperity.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. R. Smith, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,
Ordered, That the report be received and the Committee discharged.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, Hon. Mr. Elliott seconding,
Ordered, That the report as submitted by the Select Committee be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cornwall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Elliott,
Ordered, That the reply to His Honor's Speech be engrossed and signed by the Presiding Member.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,
Ordered, That the reply be presented to His Honor by the whole House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding,
Ordered, That the Presiding Member be requested to ascertain at what hour His Honor would be pleased to receive the address.

The Hon. the Presiding Member stated that His Honor would be pleased to receive the Council at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till half-past 1 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 23rd instant.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1866.

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

All the Members present on the names being called over, except the Hon. Mr. Brew, absent on leave.

His Honor the Officer Administering the Government, having entered the Council Chamber, administered the oath of allegiance and office to the Hon. C. W. Franks, Treasurer.

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Presiding Member informed the Council, that, in pursuance of the order of the Council, he, in company with several Members of the Council, had attended upon the Officer Administering the Government, to deliver the address in reply to His Honor's speech at the opening of the Session, and that His Honor had been pleased to make thereto the following answer.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I thank you sincerely for the address which has just been read, and for the assurance you give me that the business of the Session shall receive your careful consideration.

It is a source of much gratification to me to find that you are prepared so generally to approve the actions of the Government.

During my temporary administration of the affairs of the Colony, my earnest endeavours shall be directed to support as far as circumstances will permit the policy inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,
Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amounts received during the past year for Roads' Tolls, as far as is now ascertained, and a Return of the amounts expended in repairs and clearing away snow on the Waggon Roads, particularizing the several districts from which the money has been received and in which the expenditure has been made.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,
Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for Tonnage Dues at the Port of New Westminster during the past year.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,
Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for the Export Duty on Gold during the past year at the Port of New Westminster, as far as has been ascertained; also the amount received for the same tax at the Southern Boundary.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,
Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount of Customs Duties received at the Southern Boundary during the past year, as far as has been ascertained, and at the same time to inform the Council if the Customs duties are charged on the price of goods at the place they cross the Boundary from the American Territory as being the last place of shipment, or on the price of goods at Portland.

The Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Trustees' Relief Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

also the Union Telegraph Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

also the Confirmatory Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Attorney General,

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow of the said Bill being read first and second time, committed, and passed in one day.

Bill read the second time accordingly.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Confirmatory Ordinance, 1866."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franks, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 25th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Honor the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 1.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government transmits for the information of the Honourable the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Resolution passed by the Council on the subject of the expense incurred by the Colony in the Expedition against the Chillicoten Indians.*

*Government House,
25th January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

Message No. 2.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government informs the Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Ordinance entitled

No. 1. An Ordinance in confirmation of certain Ordinances.

*Government House,
25th January, 1866.*

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

On the same Hon. Member giving further notice of motion, a debate arose on the question of the said motion being placed on the Order Book.

On the question being put a division took place.

Ayes 11, Noes 2,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council, at as early a date as possible, Returns of the amount of money paid by Government to the Hospital at Cariboo during the past year, 12 months, also the number of patients received in that Hospital or who have had relief from the institution during that time; also a Return of the amount paid to the Hospital at New Westminster during the same period, and the number of the patients that have been received in or have had relief from the institute.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trustees' Relief Act,

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Union Telegraph Bill.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Homer, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, Friday, the 26th instant, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, the 26th day of January, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

At a quarter past 2 o'clock, there being no quorum, the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 29th instant, without a question first put.

Monday, the 29th day of January, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 3.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council the only Tender which has been received for the Conveyance of Mails within the Colony.

The Officer Administering the Government is of opinion that, in view of the improved means of communication with Cariboo and the large reduction in the price of grain throughout the Colony, the terms offered by Messrs. Dietz and Nelson are excessive.

The Officer Administering the Government would suggest that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the subject of the Postal Service, with a view to remodel the present system.

*Government House,
29th January, 1866.*

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Council do go into Committee of the whole to consider this Message.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved in amendment that the words "with closed doors" be added.

On the amendment being put it was carried *nem. con.*, and Ordered accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

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

Ordered that leave be granted on next session of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,

That His Honor be respectfully requested to inform this Council whether it is true that the Government of Vancouver Island have sent in an account asking the Government of this Colony to pay the sum of \$9,360 towards the support of their Light Houses, and the sum of \$15,125 for carrying their Mails between San Francisco and Victoria, and whether this Government entertains the payment of such a demand.

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved in amendment that the words "His Honor be respectfully" be altered to "The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 7,

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.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,
That this Council do now go into a Committee of the whole to consider His
Honor's Message in reference to the Chilicoten Expedition.
On the question being put the Council divided.
Ayes 4, Noes 9,
So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,
The Trustees' Relief Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that
this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Trustees' Relief Ordinance, 1866."

On the Order of the day being read therefor,
The Telegraph Extension Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that
this Bill do pass and its title be the "International Telegraph Ordinance, 1866."

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that this Council do now adjourn till 3 o'clock p.m.
on Thursday next.
The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved in amendment that the Council do adjourn
till 3 to-morrow.
On the amendment being put the Council divided.
Ayes 8, Noes 4.
So it passed in the affirmative, and it was Ordered that the Council do adjourn
till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the 30th January.

Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is
as follows:

Message No. 4.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer
Administering the Government transmits a Return shewing the Revenue
derived from Road Tolls during the past year; also a Return of the amount
expended, in the same period, in repairs and clearing away snow on the Roads
upon which Tolls are levied.*

*Government House,
29th January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, which was read as follows:

Message No. 5.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer
Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount received for
Tonnage Dues at the Port of New Westminster, during the past year.†

*Government House,
29th January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

Message No. 6.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer
Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount received for
the Duty on the Export of Gold during the past year, at the Port of New
Westminster and at the Southern Boundary.‡

*Government House,
29th January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, read as followeth:

Message No. 7.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer

* Sessional Papers, No. 2.

† Sessional Papers, No. 3.

‡ Sessional Papers, No. 4.

Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount of Customs Duties received at the Southern Boundary, during the past year.*

*Government House,
29th January, 1866.*

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of His Honor's Message on Postal matters.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in a Resolution, which the Committee suggested should be adopted.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding, Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that a Mail Service from New Westminster to Cariboo and Savana's Ferry twice a week during the summer months is of advantage to the Colony, but that the sum of £7,000 asked for it by the tender of Messrs. Dietz and Nelson is excessive.

If the price be reduced to £6,000 the Council would recommend this tender to be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding, Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for Mining Licences during the past year.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott moved the adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow him to place on the Order Book notice of certain Bills.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that on Thursday next he would introduce the following Bills:

A Bill to consolidate and amend the Trades Licences;

A Bill to make the payment of Mining Licences compulsory.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday, the 1st day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Brew absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 8.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled An Ordinance in relief of the Trustees' Relief Act.

*Government House,
31st January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

Message No. 9.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled An Ordinance to incorporate the Western Union Telegraph Company, in lieu of the Western Union Telegraph Extension Company.

*Government House,
31st January, 1866.*

The Hon. the Attorney General brought in, according to Order, the Mining Licences Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.
 Read first time accordingly.
 Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next, the 8th instant.
 and the Trades Licence Bill.
 Ordered that the same be read first time forthwith.
 Read first time accordingly.
 Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next, the 8th instant.
 Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock
 on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
 At a quarter past 3 o'clock p.m., there not being a quorum present, the Hon. H. M.
 Ball took the Chair as Presiding Member, and adjourned the Council till 3
 o'clock on Thursday, the 8th instant, without a question first put.

Thursday, the 8th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
 All Members present.
 The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.
 The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.
 A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as
 follows: *Message No. 10.*
 ARTHUR N. BIRCH.
 In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer
 Administering the Government transmits a Return of the number of Mining
 Certificates issued during the year 1865.*
Government House,
8th February, 1866.

A further Message from His Honor, as follows: *Message No. 11.*
 ARTHUR N. BIRCH.
 With reference to the Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on the
 14th March last, the Officer Administering the Government lays before the
 Council copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, on the subject of the
 Imperial claim on account of Military Expenditure during the years 1859-60.
Government House,
8th February, 1866.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.
 According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for leave to bring in the Joint
 Stock Companies Amendment Bill.
 Ordered that leave be granted.
 The Hon. Member, accordingly, presented the said Bill.
 Ordered that the same be read first time forthwith.
 Read first time accordingly.
 Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to
 allow him to lay a Petition just received by him before the Council.
 Standing Orders suspended accordingly.
 The Hon. Member presented and read the Petition of certain workmen on
 Munroe's Road.
 The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Council do go into Committee of the
 whole on this Petition on some day to be named.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved in amendment that the said Petition be referred to a Select Committee to be named by the Presiding Member.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Presiding Member named the following:—The Honourables Messrs. Crease, Brew, Elliott, Holbrook, Walkem.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licence Bill, a debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 11, Noes 1.

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

Bill read the second time, and Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem that another Chairman should be appointed, the Hon. the Presiding Member stated that it was not in his power to remove the present Chairman, but that he was at liberty to resign.

The Hon. Mr. Franks resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee on the the Trades Licence Bill accordingly.

Ordered that the Council do go into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary laid the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the present year before the Council.

Ordered that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow, the 9th instant.

Friday, the 9th day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All Members present.

The Minutes having been read and the question being put if they should be passed as read, the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 1,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary to inform the Council what steps the Government propose to take in regard to opening the communication from Lillooet to the Bridge River Mines in the ensuing spring.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned consideration in Committee of the Trades Licences Bill,

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman said he was instructed to hand in the accompanying Resolution, embodying a question on which it was the desire of the Committee to obtain the decision of the Hon. the Presiding Member, and to ask leave to sit again immediately.

The Resolution was as follows:

Moved by the Hon. the Attorney General, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Trutch, That the Committee do rise and report progress, and refer to the President the decision of the question as to whether or not the decision of the Chairman of this Committee that the amendment to the 3rd clause of this Bill was negatived was correct or not, and ask leave to sit again immediately.

The Presiding Member decided that the motion to which reference was made in the Resolution was duly carried, according to the Standing Orders of the Council, and it was Ordered accordingly.

Leave having been granted for the Committee to sit again immediately,

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall asked that the Standing Orders may be suspended in order to allow him to make a notice of motion.

Ordered accordingly, and notice of motion given.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday, the 12th instant.

Monday, the 12th day of February, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall asked the Acting Colonial Secretary to inform this Council what steps have been or are to be taken with reference to the extensive Indian Reserves on the Okanagan Lake and Thompson River.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That it is the opinion of this House that, for the due protection of life and property, it is requisite that some strong handrail be erected on the outside of the more dangerous parts of the road between Yale and Lytton, or that other means be taken to answer the same purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding, That the words "what the Government shall consider" be inserted between "of" and "the."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, *Noes* 7,

So it passed in the negative.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

Ayes 7, *Noes* 5,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Trades Licences Bill,

The Presiding Member left Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the subjoined Resolution for the approval of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this Council recommend that the following supplies be voted for the several Establishments named:

His Excellency the Governor.....	\$21,929	50
Legislative Council	2,220	00
The Colonial Secretary	16,195	50
The Treasurer	9,427	00
Assay and Refinery Office	4,790	00
Auditor General	4,080	00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	13,595	00
Collector of Customs	13,848	65
Registrar General	2,925	00
Harbour Master.....	5,400	00
Postmaster General	4,310	00

Ordered that the report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 13th instant.

Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the subjoined Resolution for the approval of the Council:

Resolved, That this Council recommend that the following supplies be voted for the several Establishments and services named:

Judicial Establishment	\$13,047	50
Police and Gaols	11,118	80
Gold Commissioners & Stipendiary Magistrates	55,471	10
EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.		
Pensions	970	00
Revenue Services	2,000	00
Administration of Justice	7,150	00
Charitable Allowances.....	8,000	00
Education	5,000	00
Police and Gaols	11,950	00
Rent	1,650	00
Transport	12,750	00
Conveyance of Mails ..	31,281	00
Works and Buildings	26,000	00
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	125,500	00
Miscellaneous Services	8,225	00
Interest	66,630	00
Drawbacks and Refunds	600	00
Redemption of Bonds	20,612	50
Sinking Fund	42,437	50
Temporary Loans.....	170,000	00
Government Vessels.....	3,000	00

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, the 14th day of February, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall rose to speak to a question of privilege, in reference to the reports of the proceedings of the Council as they appeared in the newspaper entitled the *British Columbian*, which he alleged were intentionally incorrect, and moved the following Resolution censuring the Reporter of that newspaper, the Hon. the Treasurer seconding:

That the Reporter of the *British Columbian* newspaper receive the censure of this House for a report of certain proceedings made *mala fide* and incorrectly.

On the question being put the Council divided after a debate.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 4,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that the names be taken down by the Clerk. Names taken down as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Franks, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Elliott, Cornwall.	The Hon. Messrs. Holbrook, Homer, Walkem, Smith.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and reported the discussion and passing of the Estimates terminated.

Resolved, That this Council recommend the following additions and increase to be made to the Estimates:

\$1,000 for a Gaol at Lillooet (increase),
500 for destitute poor and sick (increase),
1,000 for Court House at Yale (addition),
5,000 for Clinton-Yale Road (increase),
2,500 for handrail on Yale-Lytton Road (addition).

Ordered that the report be adopted.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the committal of the said Bill be deferred till to-morrow.

According to Order, the Joint Stock Companies Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Elliott absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

On the Minutes being read and the question of their being confirmed being put, a debate arose.

The Council divided.

Ayes 7, *Noes* 4.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the said Order do stand as the last Order of the day.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported certain amendments made to the said Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Trades Licences Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported some further 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 committal of the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill do lapse.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow, Friday the 16th instant.

Friday, the 16th day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Elliott absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the following Bills:

Ferry Regulation Bill,
Intestate Estate Sales Bill.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:

That the vote of censure on the Editor of the *British Columbian* be reconsidered for the purpose of its expulsion from the Minutes, and the Editor of the *British Columbian* be brought before the Bar of the House for explanation.

On the question being put a debate arose and the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 7,

So it passed in the negative.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the said Bill be re-committed.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill passed with certain additions.

Ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Trades Licences Bill,
Ordered that the committal thereof be deferred till Thursday, the 22nd inst.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franks, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock
on Monday, the 19th instant.

Monday, the 19th day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Elliott, Walkem Smith, absent on leave; all other
Members present.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as
follows:

Message No. 12.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Council an
Extract of a letter lately received from the Gold Commissioner of the Cariboo
District, recommending that a premium be offered for the first Quartz Mill
erected on Williams Creek, in the Cariboo District.

The Officer Administering the Government highly approves of this sugges-
tion, and would urge upon the Legislative Council the propriety of empowering
the Government to offer a liberal premium in furtherance of this desirable
object.

*Government House,
19th February, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

The Council went into a Committee of the whole on the above message.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Attorney General brought in the Ferry Regulations Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

also the Intestate Estate Sales Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Council adjourned till 2
o'clock on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All Members present.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 13.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and five cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

Government House,

22nd February, 1866.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

Message No. 14.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Council a Petition signed by 312 Miners, Merchants, and Traders, in the District of Cariboo, complaining of the delay in litigation between Miners concerning Mining Interests.

The Officer Administering the Government has already had occasion to refer to this subject.

He would suggest that a Select Committee be appointed to report to the Council whether it is expedient to make any changes in the existing laws.

Government House,

22nd February, 1866.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease,

Ordered that a Select Committee, to be named by the Presiding Member, be appointed for the purpose of preparing a Report on the Petition for the amendment of the laws relating to delay in Mining litigation.

The Presiding Member nominated the following Honourable Members to constitute the said Committee:—Messrs. Crease, O'Reilly, Elliott, Cornwall, Walkem.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem presented a Petition from Merchants and Traders for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

Ordered that the same be received and read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the said Petition be considered in a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up a Report on the Petition from Munroe's workmen, handed in the following Report according to Order:

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of sub-contractors and labourers who have worked for Mr. Malcolm Munroe, under his road contract, beg to report that they consider the subject matter of the Petition should be left to the discretion of the Executive.

At the same time they recommend that if sufficient work has been done on the road to warrant it, and sufficient money should remain unapplied in the hands of the Government, the question of the payment of the men should be taken into favourable consideration.

Ordered that the Report be received and the Committee discharged.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider His Honor's Message in regard to offering a premium for the erection of a Quartz Mill at Williams Creek.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That His Honor the Administrator be requested to appropriate a sum of not more than \$5,000, unless under special circumstances when the

grant may be increased by His Honor, for offering a premium for the erection of a Steam Quartz Crushing Mill in Cariboo, and that the amount of the premium to be given should be proportionate to the capability of the Mill.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding,

Ordered that the said Resolution be adopted.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Trades Licences Bill.

The Presiding Member left Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Bill might be re-committed for alteration.

Motion negatived.

On the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer,

Ordered that the Bill be re-committed for the addition of supplemental matter.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that a slight addition having been made the Bill was now complete.

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the third reading of the Joint Stock Companies Bill be taken as the next Order of the day.

Bill read third time accordingly,

And Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and its title be the "Companies' Ordinance, 1866."

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

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

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Intestate Estate Sales Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow, the 23rd instant.

Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook, according to Order, asked the Acting Colonial Secretary when the Iron Buoys lately arrived at Victoria, from England, will be laid down at the mouth of the River.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for leave to bring in Williams Creek Bed-rock Flume Company's Bill,

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member presented the said Bill accordingly.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendment.

Ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

According to Order, the Trades Licences Bill was read a third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Trades Licences Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Ferry Regulations Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Intestate Estate Sales Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Intestate Estate Sales Ordinance, 1866."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m.

Monday, the 26th day of February, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the Sinking Fund Bill and Pilotage Bill.

According to Order, the Bill of Supply was read the third time,

And it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and five cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

According to Order, the Ferry Regulations Bill was read third time,

And it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Ferry Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that he might be

enabled to place a motion on the Order Book.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., on Thursday the 1st March.

Thursday, the 1st day of March, 1866.

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

At a quarter past 3, the Hon. Mr. Trutch took the Chair as Presiding Member, being the senior Member present in order of precedence, and there not being a quorum present, adjourned the Council till 2 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow, the 2nd instant, without a question first put.

Friday, the 2nd day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member:

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

The Hon. Mr. Smith presented the Petition of Messrs. Brown and Gillis for compensation for land resumed by Government at Quesnelmouth.

Ordered that the same be read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered, That the Council do go into Committee of the whole on the said Petition on Monday next.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked the Acting Colonial Secretary to furnish an approximate calculation of the number of pounds avoirdupois of Merchandize which have entered this port during the past year.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the said Bill be read second time on Tuesday next.

Ordered accordingly.

According to Order, the Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Pilotage Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

and the Sinking Fund Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 15.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council a Petition against the present system of Road Tolls and Tonnage Dues imposed on supplies for the Upper Country.*

The Officer Administering the Government is led to believe that under the existing circumstances of the Colony this Petition would not have been presented at the present time but for the great uncertainty which prevails in regard to facility of access to the Upper Columbia Mines by other routes. If, as the Petitioners state, Merchandize taking the route by way of Fraser River is unduly burdened, it becomes the duty of the Government to consider the prayer of the Petition.

There can be no doubt that constant alterations in our fiscal arrangements must tend to weaken confidence in the Colony, and interfere with trade. The Officer Administering the Government is therefore most unwilling to make any important alterations until he is in possession of further information as to the extent and resources of the new District.

Representations have been made that goods passing over one hundred and ten miles of the main waggon road should not, in justice, pay Tolls equal to the goods passing over the entire length of road. Should the Council be of opinion that it is absolutely necessary for some alteration to be made to enable Merchants of these Colonies to enter fairly into competition for the trade of the Columbia Mines, the Officer Administering the Government would suggest for the consideration of the Council, whether as a temporary expedient it may not be advisable to remove the Toll Gates from Lillooet and Lytton and establish one Gate at Clinton instead, thus relieving the Columbia trade and reducing the cost of collection. He would further suggest that the present rate of Tonnage Dues be imposed on all supplies arriving at the Ports of Entry.

*Government House,
3rd March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the Message be considered presently in Committee of the whole.

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

Message No. 16.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen Dollars and five Cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

*Government House,
5th March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

Message No. 17.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the following amendments to be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Joint Stock Companies:"

In clause 6, line 4, the word "and" be omitted.

In line 5, of the same clause, the word "him" be omitted, and the following words be inserted in its place: "the said Supreme Court of Civil Justice."

*Government House,
5th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill, a debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, *Noes* 1.

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

Bill read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

According to Order, the Pilotage Bill was read second time,

And it was Ordered that the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Sinking Fund Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed to-morrow.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Council, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of His Honor's Message and the Petitions in reference to the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the consideration of the alterations to the Companies' Ordinance suggested in His Honor's Message No. 17, be placed on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Smith, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 7th instant.

Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 18.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends to the Legislative Council, that a clause suspending the operation of the Ordinance authorizing the sale of the Real Estate of Intestates be added to the Bill.

The Officer Administering the Government considers that in a matter effecting the descent of Real Property, it is advisable to consult the Imperial Government before so important a change comes into operation.

Government House,
7th March, 1866.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the consideration of the above Message do form the first Order of the Day.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem rose to apologize for certain expressions which fell from him yesterday in the debate on the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Honor to the Intestate Estate Sales Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendment made by His Honor to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Sale of the Real Estate of Intestates."

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

According to Order, the Council went into a Committee of the whole on the Bed Rock Flume Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read third time on Friday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the consideration of the amendment proposed by His Honor to the Companies Ordinance be taken as the next Order of the day.

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

The Presiding Member left Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Homer in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendment made by His Honor to the Bill entitled "The Companies Ordinance, 1866."

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

According to Order, the Pilot Bill was read the third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Pilotage Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Sinking Fund Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read the third time on Friday next.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, *Noes* 6,

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

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Trutch, O'Reilly, Elliott, Haynes, Cornwall, Walkem.	The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Brew.

So it was Resolved as follows:

That the Road Tolls now collected at Lytton and Lillooet be abolished, and also the existing Tonnage Dues, and that the difference caused thereby be made good by an equivalent in the form of Tonnage Dues on Imports at the Ports of Entry, and at the Southern Boundary.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday next, the 9th instant.

Friday, the 9th day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 19.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Joint Stock Companies."

*Government House,
8th March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

Message No. 20.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate the laws relating to Licences:"

That Clause III. be altered to allow fractional portions of any month, quarter, half-year, or year, to be paid for proportionately.

In Clause VI., line 1, the word "Trades" be omitted.

In Clause (e) of Schedule, line 3, after the word "wholesale," add "that is to say in quantities of not less than two gallons."

In Clause (d) of Schedule, line 2, after the word "profit" the figures "35" be struck out, and "30" substituted.

In line 4 of the same Clause, after the word "additional," the figures "20" be struck out, and "10" be substituted.

In Clause (e) of Schedule, in line 3, after the word "Trader," "\$15" be substituted for "\$20."

In line 4 of the same Clause, the word "and" be omitted; also, after the word "Trader," "\$5" be substituted for "\$7.50."

In Clause (e), to add the words "Under the last mentioned licence, the word 'Trader' shall include Master Mechanics, Manufacturers, and Artizans employing one or more Journeymen, and not already paying a licence under this Ordinance."

To omit Clause (f) in Schedule.

Clause (l) in Schedule to read "By every person following any of the occupations of Conveyancer, Surveyor, Land Agent, or Scrivener."

*Government House,
9th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Honor to the above Bill be considered in Committee of the whole presently.

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

Message No. 21.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In reference to the Resolution of the 8th March, the Officer Administering the Government requests a conference with the Honourable the Legislative Council.

*Government House,
9th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

That the Council do adjourn during pleasure, in order to enable the Council to confer with his Honor as requested,

A division took place.

Ayes 11, Noes 2.

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

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, there not being a quorum present, the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till Monday, the 12th instaut, at 3 p.m., without a question first put.

Monday, the 12th day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Walkem absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Elliott gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the alterations proposed by His Honor to the Licences Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendments made by His Honor to the Bill entitled the "Licences Ordinance, 1866."

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

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Smith asked leave to bring in the Homestead Bill
Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member therefore presented the said Bill, and moved that the same be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Member that the Bill be read second time on Friday next,

The Council divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 1,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill,

Ordered that the third reading thereof be deferred till Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Sinking Fund Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be re-committed forthwith for the addition of supplemental matter.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered to be read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly,

And Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Sinking Fund Ordinance, 1866."

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration in Committee of the whole of the Petition of Messrs. Brown and Gillis.

The Hon. Attorney General moved that it be considered this day six months.

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved in amendment that it be considered on Monday next.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 2,

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

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Friday next, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Friday, the 16th day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly absent with leave; Hon. Mr. Homer absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 22.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "No 6. An Ordinance regulating the Sinking Fund of Public Loans."

Government House,

16th March, 1866.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cornwall,

Ordered, That strangers do withdraw, including the Press.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Elliott asked leave to bring in Small Debts Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the said Bill be read the first time on Monday next.

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

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding,

That the Bill be read the second time this day three months.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 1,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill be re-committed to allow the addition of supplemental matter.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Williams Creek Flume Ordinance, 1866."

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 23.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council, copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, in reference to the Paris Exhibition of 1867.

It is the intention of the Officer Administering the Government to appoint a Committee without delay, and he would suggest that the Council should authorize the expenditure of a certain amount from the Public Funds to enable the Committee to procure and forward as complete a collection as possible of the products and resources of the Colony.

Government House,

16th March, 1866.

Ordered that the same be considered in Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 19th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Monday, the 19th day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly absent with leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A letter from the Hon. Mr. Homer, apologizing for his absence at the last Meeting was read aloud by the Clerk.

Ordered that the Hon. Member's apology be accepted.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Small Debts Act Amendment Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding,
That this Bill be read the first time this day six months.

Before any question was put, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved that strangers do withdraw, including the Press.

Strangers having withdrawn accordingly,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,
That strangers be re-admitted, including the Press.

A debate here arose.

On a question of order having arisen, the Presiding Member decided that the Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion could not be put until the Hon. Mr. Cornwall had explained to the House his reasons for moving that Strangers withdraw.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall explained his reasons to the Council accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion having been put and carried, it was

Ordered that Strangers be re-admitted.

The amendment of the Hon. the Attorney General was then put to the Council.

The Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 7.

So the amendment was lost, and it was Ordered that the Small Debts Act Amendment Bill be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committee of the whole to consider Brown and Gillis' Petition,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works seconding,

That this Petition be considered this day six months.

On the question being put a debate arose and the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 5,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committee to consider His Honor's Message on the Paris Exhibition of 1867,

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved that it be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franks, the Council adjourned till Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Smith absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 24.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government has received the Resolution of the Legislative Council suggesting the abolition of the Toll Gates at Lillooet and Lytton, and the imposition of an equivalent in Tonnage Dues.

The numerous representations made to the Officer Administering the Government since the passing of the Resolution, by those interested in the Lumber trade, in the prosecution of the Coal discoveries on the Coast, and in other enterprises requiring the investment of a large amount of capital before any return can be expected, has convinced him that to impose Tonnage Dues equal to six dollars a ton would act with undue hardship on those undertakings in their present early stage, and possibly prevent the successful development of these sources of wealth.

The Officer Administering the Government is anxious to relieve the burdens of the Upper Country, and equalize taxation as much as circumstances will permit, and with this object the abolition of the Gold Export Tax and the increase in the Trades Licences was proposed.

Under the agreement entered into with Mr. G. B. Wright, the Government in any exercise of the power of reducing or varying the rate of Tolls prescribed by the Ordinance "shall not reduce or vary the same so as to lessen the gross proceeds of such Tolls for the time being."

While the Officer Administering the Government cannot, at the present time, comply with the Resolution of the 8th instant, he is desirous that the Merchants of this Colony shall have every advantage it is practicable to afford in securing the trade of the New Mining District, he therefore proposes to instruct the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to enter into immediate negotiations with Mr. G. B. Wright for the surrender of his right to collect Tolls at Lillooet, and when a satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at the Gates at Lillooet and Lytton will be abolished, and one Gate established at Clinton, in view of further reduction, when the financial state of the Colony will admit.

*Government House,
21st March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

Message No. 25.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council, an additional Supplementary Estimate for 1864. The necessity for these Estimates has been occasioned by the Supplementary Estimates for that year having been passed previous to the closing of the Treasury Books.

*Government House,
21st March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

Message No. 26.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council, the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1865.

The Acting Colonial Secretary and other Official Members of the Council have been instructed to furnish the fullest possible information on the several items.

*Government House,
21st March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the Council do presently resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates sent down by His Honor.

A letter from the Hon. Mr. Smith, apologizing to the Council for his unavoidable absence, was read aloud by the Clerk.

Ordered that the Hon. Member's apology be accepted.

The Council then went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Council recommend that the following Supplementary Supplies be voted for the service of the years 1864-5:

1864.			
ESTABLISHMENTS:			
	£	s.	d.
Post Office.....	19	11	11
Gold Commissioners and Stipendiary Magistrates...	107	1	3
EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS:			
Charitable Allowances	11	2	2
Conveyance of Mails	150	5	2
Works and Buildings	164	8	11
Drawbacks and Refund of Duties.....	10	17	1
1865.			
ESTABLISHMENTS.			
The Governor	43	2	8
Colonial Secretary	450	0	0
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works	145	0	0
Post Office.....	235	0	0
Judicial	47	0	0
Police and Gaols	42	3	4
Gold Commissioners and Stipendiary Magistrates...	1306	12	9
EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.			
Pensions ..	150	0	0
Revenue Services.....	100	0	0
Administration of Justice	425	0	0
Charitable Allowances	540	0	0
Police and Gaols	401	0	0
Rent	10	6	1
Transport	626	0	0
Conveyance of Mails	7496	3	1
Works and Buildings	3486	0	0
Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	15420	17	2
Miscellaneous	766	0	0
Interest	156	0	0
Deposits.....	73	17	5
Colonial Pay and Allowances	22	2	2
Redemption of Treasury Notes.....	8	0	0

Ordered that the Report of the Committee of Supply be adopted.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the Cattle Duty Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Attorney General brought in the Gold Export Repeal Bill.

On the question of the first reading of the said Bill being put the Council divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 2.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and the Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read the second time on Friday next.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider His Honor's Message No. 23, on the subject of the representation of British Columbia at the Paris Exhibition of 1867.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the sum of \$5,000 be placed at the disposal of the Executive, exclusive of any amount which may be expended in the purchase of gold specimens for exhibition, to enable British Columbia to be represented at the Paris Exhibition of 1867.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding,

That the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 4,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the County Court Amendment Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Elliott moved that the said Bill be read second time on Friday next.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved in amendment that it be read second time on Monday next.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 7,
 So the amendment was lost.
 On Mr. Elliott's motion being put, the Council again divided.
Ayes 7, Noes 3,
 So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered that the said Bill be read second time on Friday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Hamley, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m., Friday next, the 23rd instant.

Friday, the 23rd day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Messrs. Hamley and Smith absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 27.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Ordinances:
 "An Ordinance to consolidate the Laws relating to Licences;"
 "An Ordinance authorizing the sale of the Real Estate of Intestates;"
 "An Ordinance for the regulation of Ferries and Bridges."

*Government House,
 23rd March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

Message No. 28.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled

"An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of Thirty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds, seven shillings, and five pence, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four and five respectively."

*Government House,
 23rd March, 1866.*

Ordered that the Supplemental Supply Bill be read the first time at once.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read second time and committed forthwith.

Bill read the second time accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendment.

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

According to Order, the Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Cattle Import Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in Currency Adjustment Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Franks seconding:

That the Government be requested to apply a sum not exceeding \$ (*sic*) towards the provision of direct Steam communication between San Francisco and New Westminster.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved in amendment, Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding:

That the Government be requested to appropriate such a sum as they may

deem necessary for the purpose of Steam communication between New Westminster and other Ports.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved in amendment, Hon. Mr. Elliott seconding:

That the Government be requested to appropriate such a sum as they may deem necessary for the purpose of Steam communication between this Colony and San Francisco, and other Ports.

On the Hon. Mr. Trutch's amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 5,

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Gold Export Repeal Bill,

The Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 1.

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

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without alteration.

Ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the County Court Amendment Bill, a debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved an adjournment till Monday.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 6.

The Presiding Member gave a casting vote with the Noes, so the motion for adjournment was lost.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That this Bill be read the second time this day six months.

After a lengthened debate on the question, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved an adjournment till Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved for Saturday in amendment.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 3,

So it was Resolved in the affirmative.

The Council accordingly adjourned till to-morrow, Saturday, the 24th instant, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Saturday, the 24th day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the Pre-emption Amendment Bill.

According to Order, the 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 Thirty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds, seven shillings, and five pence, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four and five respectively."

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the second reading of the County Court Amendment Bill was resumed.

During the discussion, the Hon. the Treasurer, having been called to order by the Presiding Member, questioned the decision and appealed to the Council.

On the question being put whether it is the pleasure of the Council to support the Chair, the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 1.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Hon. the Attorney General's motion "That this Bill be read the second time this day six months" being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 8.

So the amendment was lost.

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

Ayes 8, Noes 5,

The Clerk having been requested to do so, the names were taken down as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Trutch, O'Reilly, Brew. Elliott, Haynes, Cornwall, Smith,	The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Homer, Holbrook, Walkem.

So the second reading of the said Bill being ordered, it was read the second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday, the 26th instant.

Monday, the 26th day of March, 1866.

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

The Hon. Mr. Walkem absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A letter from the Hon. Mr. Walkem, apologizing for his unavoidable absence from the Council was read aloud by the Clerk.

Ordered that the Hon. Member's apology be accepted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Cattle Import Bill, the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 5.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and the Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

According to Order, the Gold Export Repeal Bill was read the third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Gold Export Repeal Ordinance, 1866."

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Pre-emption Amendment Bill, the Council divided.

Ayes 11, Noes 1.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and the Bill was read the first time.

Ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the County Court Amendment Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cornwall, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m., Tuesday next, the 27th instant.

Tuesday, the 27th day of March, 1866.

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

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:

That the Government be requested to remove the Tonnage Dues from Home Grown Produce and Manufactures.

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding:

That the Tonnage Dues be abolished on all goods, foreign or domestic, leaving New Westminster for the Upper Country.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 3, *Noes* 10.

The Clerk having been requested to do so, the names were taken down as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Brew, Smith, Cornwall.	The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Franks, Trutch, Hamley, O'Reilly, Haynes, Elliott, Holbrook, Homer, Walkem.

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

Ayes 6, *Noes* 7.

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

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Cattle Import Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill thrown out in Committee.

Ordered accordingly.

According to Order, the Pre-emption Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read third time forthwith.

Read the third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Pre-emption Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the County Court Amendment Bill was read the third time,

And it was Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and its title be the "County Court Ordinance, 1866."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 4th April.

Wednesday, the 4th day of April, 1866.

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

The Hon. Messrs. Haynes and Franks absent with leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 29.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Ordinances: "No. 10. An Ordinance conferring certain privileges on the Williams Creek Bed Rock Flume Company."

"No. 11. An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of Thirty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds, seven shillings, and five pence, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the years 1864 and 1865 respectively."

"No. 12. An Ordinance to Repeal the Ordinance for imposing a Duty on Gold."

*Government House,
4th April, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

Message No. 30.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the following alterations in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance amending the procedure of the County Courts of the Colony of British Columbia:"

In Section II., line 2, after "61," insert "14° and 15° Victoria, Chapter 52."

In Section III., erase the words between "shall" and "\$500," and in their place insert "be any sum not exceeding."

For Section VII., substitute the following:

"If either party, in a cause of the amount to which jurisdiction is given to the County Court Judges under this Ordinance, shall be dissatisfied with the determination or direction of any such Judge in point of law, or upon the admission or rejection of any evidence, such party may appeal from the same to the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, and it shall be lawful for any Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia to hear and determine all such appeals.

It shall be lawful for the Judge of the County Court, in the event of an appeal, to make such orders as to security for debt or costs as he may see fit."

For Section IX., substitute the following:

"It shall be lawful for any County Court Judge of British Columbia to grant a warrant for the arrest of an absconding debtor, in accordance with the provisions of the 14° and 15° Victoria, Chapter 52. Provided, always, that every creditor who shall cause such warrant to be issued shall, within 42 days of the date of such warrant, cause a writ of *caus* to be issued out of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, and served on such debtor."

In view of the strong objections raised by the law adviser of the Crown against the enactment, the Officer Administering the Government further recommends the introduction of a clause suspending the operation of the Bill until Her Majesty's pleasure is known.

*Government House,
4th April, 1866.*

Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole at once to consider the alterations proposed by His Honor to the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendments made by His Honor to the County Court Amendment Bill.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

A further Message from His Honor, read as followeth:

Message No. 31.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to an Ordinance entitled

"No. 13. An Ordinance further to define the law regulating the acquisition of Land in British Columbia."

*Government House,
4th March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

Message No. 32.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

To allow sufficient time for the due publication of the Rules and Regulations to be made and adopted by the Governor in Council, under the provisions of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Pilotage," the Officer Administering the Government recommends the following alterations:

In Clause I., line 3, erase the words "are hereby repealed," and in their place insert the following: "shall be and be deemed to have been repealed as and from the 1st day of July now next ensuing."

Clause II. shall read "From and after the 1st day of June now next ensuing it shall be lawful," &c.

Clause III, line 2, erase the word "hereafter," and in place thereof insert the following: "after the 1st June now next ensuing."

*Government House,
4th April, 1866.*

Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole at once to consider the alterations proposed by His Honor to the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the alterations proposed by His Honor to the Pilotage Bill.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Currency Adjustment Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time at once and committed

Read second time accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

A further Message from His Honor, which was read as follows:

Message No. 33.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council for their consideration, a Bill to define the jurisdiction of County Courts, under the Small Debts Act, 1859.

*Government House,
4th April, 1866.*

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

The Hon. the Presiding Member acquainted the Council that it was His Honor's intention to come down to prorogue the Council to-morrow, the 5th instant.

Then, on the motion of the above Hon. Member, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, at 1, p.m.

Thursday, the 5th day of April, 1866.

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

The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Brew, and Haynes, absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 34.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:

"No. 14. An Ordinance amending the procedure of the County Courts of the Colony of British Columbia;"

"No. 15. An Ordinance for the regulation of Pilotage."

*Government House,
5th April, 1866.*

The Hon. Mr. Crease, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition from the Miners of Cariboo, handed in a Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the Petition of numerous Miners, Merchants, and Traders in Cariboo, beg to report that, in view of the great injury accruing to all mining interests by prolonged and complicated litigation, they have given the present Petition mature consideration, without, however, being able to advise any alteration in the existing law.

In the present state of the Colony the Appeal Courts can only sit for limited periods, and at limited intervals, but as population and revenue increase the facilities for reviewing the decisions of the inferior Courts will be proportionately enlarged.

Your Committee are of opinion that the relief desired is rather to be found in this direction than in the further extension of the existing powers of the local Mining Courts.

Your Committee are impressed with the conviction that however desirable finality in law proceedings may be, a limitation or suppression of the existing power of appeal from Gold Commissioner's decisions will be productive of far more serious injury to the mining community, and consequently to the public interest, than the evil which the petitioners seek to cure.

The recent alterations in the law and practice regulating suits in Chancery, and the facilities afforded by the legislation of the present Session to companies in the regulation of their affairs and settlement of disputes, in the opinion of your Committee, offer additional and, it is hoped, sufficient security for the speedy and satisfactory administration of justice, without intrenching upon what the miner may fairly deem his constitutional safeguard against injustice or oppression—the unrestricted right to appeal.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Committee discharged.

According to Order, the Currency Adjustment Bill was read third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Currency Adjustment Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the County Court Jurisdiction Bill was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at once.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

The Council being unanimous on the question of the third reading, the Bill was read the third time,

And Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "County Court Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1866."

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, His Honor A. N. Birch, the Officer Administering the Government, entered the Council Chamber, attended by his Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, notified his assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:

"An Ordinance respecting the conversion of Sterling Money into Decimal Currency in certain cases;"

"An Ordinance to define the jurisdiction of the County Courts, under the Small Debts Act, 1859."

His Honor then made the following Speech proroguing the Council :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

The time has arrived when I am able to release you from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

I have assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the seventeen Ordinances which have been passed. Circumstances have prevented this Session from being as fertile in Acts relating to Public Affairs as previous Sessions. I have considered it advisable to defer bringing forward several measures it was my intention to introduce, preferring rather to allow matters, not of pressing importance, to remain in abeyance until the Imperial Government had arrived at a decision as to the future relations of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, a decision which must so materially affect our legislation.

In regard to your Resolution on the subject of the Postal Service for the Interior, I agree with you that a more frequent communication with our Northern Mines would be of advantage to the Colony, if the amount of subsidy named in the tenders placed before you could have been reduced, and with this object in view fresh tenders were called for and further negotiations entered into with the former contractors, but without the desired result. A contract has therefore been made for a weekly service to Cariboo and the intermediate Districts, as the present population of the Colony does not justify the very large additional subsidy required for the increased service. The Telegraph, now in working order to Quesnelmouth, will to a great extent supply the want of more frequent Postal communication, and it will always be in the power of the Government to make further arrangements as the requirements of the public demand.

Your Resolution in reference to the Ocean Mail Service, shall receive the careful consideration of the Government. I concur with you in the advantage of continuing direct communication with San Francisco. The present contract with the California Steam Navigation Company remains in force until July. Further arrangements will then be made; and it is to be hoped that the sister Colony will consider it advantageous for both Colonies to unite in subsidising one line of steamers to perform the service required in the interests of each Colony.

You have adopted a Resolution in Committee of Supply, recommending additions and increases to be made in the Estimates for the erection of a Court House at Yale, a Jail at Lillooet, and for further expenditure on the Yale-Clinton Road. I am aware from personal observation that the buildings referred to are much required. I am also of opinion, that further expenditure on road repairs, beyond the amount set down in the Estimates, could be incurred with advantage to the public. I shall take your recommendations as authority to apply the amount named in the manner specified, should the Revenue justify this further expenditure.

The sum you have placed at the disposal of the Executive to enable British Columbia to be represented at the Paris Exhibition, I gladly accept, considering it of importance that every opportunity should be taken to advertise the numerous resources of this young Colony, and I shall do my utmost to assist the Committee in procuring a complete collection.

The Petition from the labourers employed in constructing the Waggon Road from Quesnelmouth to Richfield, forwarded in your Resolution of the 25th February, shall receive my careful attention. While I extremely regret the hardships these workmen have undergone, I cannot admit that the Revenue should suffer by the failure of a Public Contractor to fulfil his engagements. I trust, on the completion of the road, a balance may remain sufficient to liquidate the claims of these men, who are fairly entitled to every consideration at the hands of the Government.

I specially thank you for the liberal sum you have recommended to be offered as a premium on the erection of a Quartz Mill in Cariboo. I hope it will prove an inducement to capitalists to commence an undertaking which would at once give a permanent character to mining operations in that extensive Gold District. I confidently look forward to a season of unusual success in that portion of our Gold Fields. The privileges you have considered it advisable to grant to the Bed-rock Flume Company will, I believe, enable the company successfully to complete their important undertaking without further delay, and thus open up for mining operations a large portion of Williams Creek known to be rich, but which it has hitherto been found impossible to work.

The Return asked for by your Resolution of the 25th January, showing the Expenditure incurred during the past year on account of the Hospitals at Williams Creek and at New Westminster, could not be correctly furnished without reference to the Magistrate of the Cariboo District. When the Return is received, it shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

The opening of trails and roads to the several Mining Districts has commenced, and will be prosecuted with the utmost vigour and dispatch. The snow has been removed from the main waggon roads. The trail to the new Mining District on

Bridge River is in course of construction. A party under the superintendence of Mr. Moberly has left for Seymour, with instructions to use every exertion to improve, without delay, the existing trail to the Columbia River, and to continue the same to the centre of the present Mining District. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works will, in the course of a few days, proceed to Cache Creek, to inspect and take over the road already completed for waggon traffic from that point to Savana's Ferry, and will be authorized to enter into negotiations with Mr. G. B. Wright, in view of an immediate alteration in the position of the Upper Toll Gates.

I trust during the present season we shall be enabled to continue the Exploration of the Selkirk Range of Mountains, and thus, connecting our own Explorations with those of Captain Palliser, remove all doubt of the practicability of a route for Road or Railway from Canada, through British Territory, to the Shores of the Pacific.

I have directed the accounts of the Explorations undertaken last year to be printed and laid before you.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I thank you for the manner in which you have discharged the business of the Session.

It now only remains for me to prorogue this Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.

NUMBER 1.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Seymour.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.
No. 46.

DOWNING STREET,
22nd July, 1865.

SIR,

I have received your Despatch No. 39, of the 3rd May, transmitting a Resolution passed by the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in which Her Majesty's Government are requested, for the reasons therein stated, to bear one-half of the expenses incurred in the recent expeditions against the Chilicoten Indians.

I am aware that the Colony has been subjected to a serious expenditure on account of the pursuit of the Murderers of the Road Makers at Bute Inlet. But, at whatever cost, the Expedition was demanded as an act of Retributive Justice, and as being needful for the safety of all persons who might be engaged hereafter in similar undertakings. It is gratifying to know that complete success attended the labours of the party which accompanied you, and that no accounts have reached you of further outrages on the part of the Indians in any quarter of your Government.

The cost of the Expedition must, however, fall upon the Colony. I cannot admit that Her Majesty's Government are in any sense responsible for that expense, and it is not in my power to hold out a hope that any part of it can be defrayed out of funds to be voted for that purpose by the Imperial Parliament.

I have &c., &c.,
(Signed,) EDWARD CARDWELL.

NUMBER 2.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DATED 23RD JANUARY, 1866, FOR

"A Return of the amounts received during the past year for Road Tolls, as far as is now ascertained, and a Return of the amounts expended in repairs and clearing away Snow on the Waggon Roads, particularizing the several Districts from which the Money has been received, and in which the expenditure has been made."

Amounts received for Road Tolls during the year 1865, at Lytton*	£	4,935	10	7
Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	Do.	Yale*	7,585	3 3
	Do.	Hope*	756	14 10
	Do.	Lillooet	915	4 1
	Do.	Douglas	2,269	8 9
		TOTAL.....	16,462	1 6

* The Returns for the month of December from Lytton, Yale and Hope not having yet been received at this office prevent this from being a complete statement for the year. The entire collection may, however, be safely taken at £16, 500.

Audit Office,
25th January, 1866.

(Signed,) ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

Amount expended for repairs and clearing away Snow on the Waggon Roads, during the year 1865.	Hope and Similkomeen	£1,089	11	7
Do. Do. Do.	Yale and Alexandria	6,858	7	2
	Harrison and Lillooet	2,390	1	9
	Total.....	10,188	0	6

In addition to the above amounts, certain expenditures have been incurred by the Assistant Land Commissioners which have not yet been brought to account.

Lands and Works Department,
27th January, 1866.

(Signed,) J. W. TRUTCH,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works
and Surveyor General.

NUMBER 3.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
DATED 23RD JANUARY, 1866, FOR

“A Return of the amount received for Tonnage Dues at the Port of New Westminster during the past year.”

Amount received for Tonnage Dues for the year 1865.....£3,703 2 10

Custom House, (Signed.) W. HAMLEY,
25th January, 1866.

NUMBER 4.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
DATED 23RD JANUARY, 1866, FOR

“A Return of the amount received for the Export Duty on Gold during the past year at the Port of New Westminster, as far as has been ascertained, also the amount received for the same Tax at the Southern Boundary.”

Amount received for Duty on the Export on Gold, during the year 1865, at the Port of New Westminster £9,119 13 3
Do. Do. at the Southern Boundary 1,309 0 11

Custom House, (Signed.) W. HAMLEY,
27th January, 1866. Collector of Customs.

NUMBER 5.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
DATED 23RD JANUARY, 1866, FOR

“A Return of the amount of Customs Duties received at the Southern Boundary during the past year, as far as has been ascertained.”

Amount received for Customs Duties during the year 1865:
Imports and other Duties £8,796 19 7
Tonnage Dues 974 12 1
Total..... £9,771 11 8

Custom House, (Signed.) W. HAMLEY,
23rd January, 1866. Collector of Customs.

NUMBER 6.

RETURN TO A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
DATED 30TH JANUARY, 1866, FOR

A Return shewing the number of Free Miners' Certificates issued during the year 1865.

Free Miners' Certificates.....£2,320

NOTE:—The Collectorate Statements for the month of December, from several of the out-stations, not having been received, this Return can only be taken as closely approximate.

Audit Office,
5th February, 1866.

ROBERT KER,
Auditor General.

NUMBER 6A.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Seymour.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. 7.

DOWNING STREET,

24th February, 1865.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 60, of the 8th October last, on the subject of the claim of the Imperial Treasury to the sum of £10,704 16s. 7d. on account of the buildings erected by the Royal Engineers.

The reasons advanced by you for relieving the Colony from this claim appeared to me deserving of consideration, and I accordingly referred your Despatch to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Their Lordships, however, have informed me that they are unable to submit to Parliament a further Vote on account of the excess of expenditure in British Columbia for the years 1859 and 1860, a step which a compliance with your recommendation in behalf of the Colony would render necessary.

I have therefore instructed the Crown Agents to repay the amount out of the proceeds of the Loan raised under the Ordinance of the 10th of March, 1864.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.) EDWARD CARDWELL.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. 30.

DOWNING STREET,

1st June, 1865.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 23, of the 11th of March, enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed by the Legislative Council, representing the hardship of enforcing the payment of the claim on account of the buildings lately occupied by the Royal Engineers.

By my Despatch, No. 7, of the 24th February, you will have learned that I had not failed to bring your representations on this subject before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, but that their Lordships had felt unable to adopt your proposal that the Colony should be relieved of the present charge. It will therefore be necessary to defray it out of the proceeds of the Loan at any future time when the Crown Agents may be able to succeed in raising the money.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) EDWARD CARDWELL.

The Secretary of State to the Officer Administering the Government.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. 85.

DOWNING STREET,

31st October, 1865.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Seymour's Despatch, No. 88, of the 26th June, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Board of Treasury, stating that their Lordships cannot consent to a further postponement of the repayment of the sum of £10,704 16s. 7d. for the cost of the Buildings erected for the Royal Engineers, and that the Paymaster General has accordingly been authorized to receive that amount.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) EDWARD CARDWELL.

ENCLOSURE.

Mr. Hamilton to Sir F. Rogers.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,

25th October, 1865.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of 18th of September last, and its enclosures from the Governor of British Columbia, on the subject of the claim upon that Colony for £10,704 16s. 7d. for the cost of the Buildings erected for the Corps of the Royal Engineers, I am desired by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Cardwell, that their Lordships are not prepared to consent to any further postponement of the repayment of the sum in question.

My Lords have lately received a communication from the Crown Agents, reporting that they are prepared to pay the sum, and directions have been given to the Paymaster General to receive it accordingly.

I am, &c.

(Signed.)

G. A. HAMILTON.

NUMBER 6B.

Mr. Cox, J. P. to the Colonial Secretary.

RICHFIELD,

22nd December, 1865.

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In the present condition of the mining interests of this District, Auriferous Quartz appears to be attracting more attention than formerly, and in every probability will be of great importance in drawing to and retaining in this portion of British Columbia a stable population.

The Quartz explorer has to contend against obstacles unknown to the ordinary miner which must, unless he be possessed of large means, prevent his ultimate success.

Quartz of considerable value has been found in different localities, sufficiently rich to justify the expenditure of capital in opening the various lodes.

A miner's capital is small as a general rule, and that of the explorer is no exception : they work long with no results, eventually find valuable ore, and after having spent their all in the research, are unable to get it crushed, through no facilities for that purpose presenting themselves at a nearer point than San Francisco, a distance I need scarcely say they could find no means of their own to transport any quantity of Quartz.

I would therefore recommend to His Honor the Administrator of the Government the propriety of offering a Premium for the first Quartz Mill erected on Williams Creek, in the Cariboo District, such Mill to be worked by steam, the engines to be 80 horse power, to be fitted, in the first place, by four stamps, and to be in working order by the 30th September, 1866.

I have, &c.
(Signed.)

W. G. COX.

NUMBER 6c.

WILLIAMS CREEK, B. C.,
17th November, 1865.

To His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Governor of British Columbia,
&c., &c., &c.

The Petition of the undersigned Miners, Merchants, and Traders in the Districts of Cariboo East and West, would most respectfully represent to Your Excellency, and to the Honourable Members of your Legislative Council, that any and all delays in the decision of disputes in litigation between miners, touching mining interests of all kinds, are productive of great injury to the general welfare, progress, and development of the whole mining interests of the Colony.

The expenses of working and prospecting the mines are large, the seasons for mining operations are short, and the residence and future settlement in the Colony of a large proportion of the mining population, is almost entirely dependent upon the constant and steady employment of such miners.

Your petitioners have learned from experience, that where mining ground can be and is withheld from the work of the miner, by the "delays of the law," the immediate result is to drive good miners from the Colony, who go to return no more, instances of this kind, which have occurred on Williams Creek during this past season, might be cited, but it is deemed unnecessary.

The nature and character of a miner's interest in a mining claim, taken in connection with the climate of the District, and the cost of working such an interest, will convince Your Excellency and Your Honourable Counsellors that all time lost by the miner tends to discourage mining operations, and so cripples and destroys the miners' energies and pecuniary circumstances, that he is compelled to seek employment elsewhere than in the mines.

Wherefore, your petitioners would humbly and most respectfully pray that a law be enacted, which will prohibit all disputes concerning mining interests from ever being heard in a Court of Chancery where delays are inevitable, and otherwise to provide for the speedy hearing and determining of all such cases, in every case.

And your petitioners will, as in duty bound ever pray &c.

JOHN J. BRAMLEY,
JOHN R. ADAMS,
AND 350 OTHERS.

NUMBER 7.

To His Honor the Administrator of the Government of British Columbia,
&c., &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency, we, the undersigned, desire respectfully to represent to your Excellency the expediency of abolishing the system of Road Tolls and Tonnage Dues at present imposed on goods shipped for the Upper Country.

Should the present hopeful anticipations of rich Gold Fields on the Columbia River be realized, an important market will be afforded to our Traders by the opening up of that District, and it is of great importance to the interests of this Colony that the facilities of access possessed by other Territories by way of Columbia River should not be unduly increased to the detriment of our own commerce, by any imposts levied on goods which do not also bear on those shipped by way of Columbia River or otherwise. But by the present system, goods by way of Fraser River are burdened by an impost of Forty-three Dollars per Ton, which is escaped by our American neighbours, thereby favouring them in competition with British Columbia Traders to that considerable extent.

Your petitioners also respectfully submit that if these imposts were abolished, and, if necessary, a higher import duty substituted, not only would the Merchants of this Colony be able to compete on equal terms with those of neighbouring States, but the whole cost of collecting these tolls, which is considerable, would be saved to the Colony.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

KIMBALL & GLADWIN,
JAMES BLACK,
AND 79 OTHERS.

1866.

**COLONIAL ESTIMATES,
BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

A. & B.

A.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Colonial Government of British Columbia, for the year 1866, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1864, being the year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

	Estimate for 1866.		Revenue of 1864.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.
Customs	320,650	00	232,839	59
Port and Harbour Dues.....	37,150	00	29,918	27
Roads' Tolls	95,000	00	121,423	81
Excise Duties	1,500	00	1,523	38
Land Sales	15,500	00	19,271	59
Land Revenue	5,000	00	2,333	58
Rents, exclusive of Land	3,000	00	1,768	37
Free Miners' Certificates	26,750	00	17,169	00
Mining Receipts, General	26,750	00	29,651	02
Licences	40,000	00	29,147	29
Postage	9,000	00	5,550	79
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court.....	7,250	00	6,999	17
Fees of Office	6,500	00	8,065	27
Sale of Government Property	1,000	00	607	90
Reimbursement in aid of Expenses incurred by Government.....	2,990	00	1,575	02
Miscellaneous Receipts	800	00	752	19
Total Revenue.....	\$ 598,840	00	\$ 508,596	24
Receipts in aid of Revenue.				
Portion of Loan of 1864 undrawn	80,000	00		
Due by Imperial Government—Military balance	48,900	00		
Do. Do. on Pensions paid in 1865 ...	726	80		
Total.....	\$ 728,466	80		

REVENUE DETAILED.

	Estimate for 1866.		Revenue of 1864.		Reference to Remarks.
	\$	cts	\$	cts	
CUSTOMS.					
Import Duties.....	\$320,100	00			
Fees	50	00			
Fines and Seizures.....	500	00			
			320,650	00	232,839 59
PORT AND HARBOUR DUES.					
Harbour Dues	5,000	00			
Head Money	7,500	00			
Tonnage Dues.....	24,250	00			
Inland Navigation Licences.....	1400	00			
			37,150	00	29,918 27
			95,000	00	121,423 81
ROADS' TOLLS					
			1,500	00	1,523 38
EXCISE DUTIES					
			15,500	00	19,271 59
LAND SALES					
LAND REVENUE.					
Rent of Land and Water Frontages ...	4,900	00			
Pre-emption Fees, &c.	100	00			
			5,000	00	2,333 58
RENTS (EXCLUSIVE OF LAND).					
Ferry Rents.....	1,000	00			
Government Buildings and Houses	2,000	00			
			3,000	00	1,768 37
FREE MINERS' CERTIFICATES					
			26,750	00	17,169 00
MINING RECEIPTS, GENERAL					
			26,750	00	29,651 02
LICENCES.					
Spirit.....	30,000	00			
Trading	10,000	00			
			40,000	00	29,147 29
POSTAGE.					
Private Letters			9,000	00	5,550 79
FINES, FORFEITURES, AND FEES OF COURT.					
Supreme Court	750	00			
Bankruptcy Court	500	00			
Police, Mining, and County Courts	6,000	00			
			7,250	00	6,999 17
FEES OF OFFICE.					
Land Registry Fees	1,500	00			
Assay Fees	4,000	00			
Registration of Joint Stock Companies	250	00			
Inspecting Steamers	750	00			
			6,500	00	8,065 27
SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.					
Unserviceable Stores.....	} 1,000	00			
Building Materials					
Provisions					
			1,000	00	607 90
REMBURSEMENTS IN AID OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY GOVERNMENT ...					
			2,990	00	1,575 02
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.					
Convict Labour	} 800	00			
Overpayments recovered					
			800	00	752 19
Total.....	\$	598,840	00	508,596	24

B.

ABSTRACT of the SUMS REQUIRED to defray the Expenses of the Colonial Government of British Columbia for the Year from 1st January to 31st December, 1866, showing also the amount estimated for the two years previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz: 1864 and 1865.

Particulars.	Salaries.		Allowan-ces.	Office Con-tingen-cies.	Estimate for the Year 1866.	Estimate for the Year 1865.	Estimate for the Year 1864.
	Fixed Estab-lish-ment.	Provi-sional & Tempora-ry.					
9 1 Establishments	157,660 50	4,928 80	2,197 50	13,571 25	\$ 178,358 05	\$ 195,537 45	\$ 180,691 82
9 2 Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities.....					970 00	—	—
9 3 Revenue Services, exclusive of Establishments.....					2,000 00	2,425 00	2,061 25
9 4 Administration of Justice, Do.					7,150 00	6,935 50	86,815 00
9 5 Ecclesiastical Do.					—	—	—
9 6 Charitable Allowances					8,000 00	7,517 50	5,650 25
9 7 Education, exclusive of Establishments.....					5,000 00	4,850 00	2,425 00
10 8 Hospitals Do.					—	—	—
10 9 Police and Gaols Do.					11,950 00	16,393 00	17,702 50
10 10 Rent					1,650 00	2,910 00	1,474 40
10 11 Transport					13,750 00	23,401 25	31,255 48
10 12 Conveyance of Mails					31,281 00	—	19,885 00
10 13 Works and Buildings					26,000 00	108,882 50	60,722 00
11 14 Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....					125,500 00	381,129 02	299,462 26
11 15 Miscellaneous Services					8,225 00	14,428 75	18,954 11
11 16 Interest					66,630 00	68,385 00	38,800 00
11 17 Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.....					600 00	2,667 50	1,242 81
11 18 Immigration					—	14,550 00	—
11 19 Redemption of Bonds					20,612 50	31,040 00	20,612 50
11 20 Sinking Fund					42,437 50	42,437 50	31,525 00
11 21 Temporary Loans					170,000 00	131,968 50	77,600 00
11 22 Government Vessels					3,000 00	51,918 42	51,918 42
					TOTAL.....\$ 723,114 05	1107,376 89	948,797 80

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
The Governor	-	-	-	-	-	\$19,400 00
Private Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	1,697 50
Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	582 00
						<u>\$21,679 50</u>
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	250 00
						<u>\$21,929 50</u>
Total His Excellency the Governor						-

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	\$970 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery, Fuel, Light, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	1,250 00
						<u>\$2,220 00</u>
Total Legislative Council						-

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
Colonial Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,880 00
Chief Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,940 00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,697 50
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,455 00
Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	485 00
						<u>9,457 50</u>
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	\$970 00
Advertising in Newspapers	-	-	-	-	-	750 00
						<u>1,720 00</u>

PRINTING BRANCH.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,455 00
Two Printers	-	-	-	-	-	1,940 00
Assistant Printer	-	-	-	-	-	873 00
						<u>4,268 00</u>
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	750 00
						<u>\$16,195 50</u>
Total Colonial Secretary						-

TREASURER.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,637 50
Chief Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,940 00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,455 00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,212 50
Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	582 00
						<u>\$8,827 00</u>
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	\$250 00
Fuel and Light	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Temporary Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
						<u>600 00</u>
Total Treasurer						-

ASSAY AND REFINERY OFFICE.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.
Superintendent of Assay	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,425 00
Chief Melter	-	-	-	-	-	1,940 00
						<u>\$4,365 00</u>
	Provisional and Temporary.					
Assistance in Office	-	-	-	-	-	\$300 00 — 300 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>					
	CONTINGENCIES.					
Stationery, Fuel, Chemicals, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
						<u>\$4,790 00</u>
Total Assay and Refinery Office						-

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

CIVIL.		Fixed Establishment.
AUDITOR GENERAL.		
	SALARIES.	
Auditor General	-	\$2,425 00
Clerk	-	1,455 00
		\$3,880 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, &c.	-	200 00
		\$4,080 00
Total Auditor General		
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND SURVEYOR GENERAL.		
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, &c.	-	\$3,880 00
Assistant Surveyor General	-	2,425 00
1st Clerk	-	1,455 00
2nd Clerk	-	1,212 50
Draughtsman	-	1,212 50
Messenger	-	485 00
		\$10,670 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, Maps, Observations, &c.	-	1,470 00
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
INSPECTOR OF STEAM VESSELS, attached to Lands and Works Department	-	1,455 00
		\$13,595 00
Total		
CUSTOMS.		
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Collector of Customs	-	\$3,152 50
Chief Clerk	-	1,940 00
Clerk	-	1,455 00
Messenger	-	465 60
Customs Officer, North-west Coast	-	1,455 00
		\$8,468 10
OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.		
Revenue Officer	-	1,697 50
Landing Waiter	-	1,455 00
Two Boatmen, \$698 40 each	-	1,396 80
		4,549 30
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$100	-	225 00
Temporary Assistance	-	606 25
		\$13,848 65
Total Customs		
REGISTRAR GENERAL.		
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Registrar General	-	\$2,425 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, Office Cleaner, &c.	-	\$250 00
Temporary Assistance	-	250 00
		500 00
		\$2,925 00
Total Registrar General		
HARBOUR MASTER.		
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Harbour Master	-	\$1,940 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery, &c.	-	100 00
LIGHT SHIP.		
		Provisional and Temporary.
Master	-	\$1,200 00
Assistant Master	-	720 00
Three Men at \$480	-	1,440 00
		3,360 00
	ALLOWANCES. } <i>see Government Vessels.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES. }	
		\$5,400 00
Total Harbour Master		
POST OFFICE.		
	SALARIES.	Fixed Establishment.
Postmaster General	-	\$1,940 00
Deputy Postmaster, Williams Creek	-	970 00
Clerk and Messenger	-	750 00
		\$3,660 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>	
	CONTINGENCIES.	
Stationery \$500, Fuel and Light \$150	-	650 00
		\$4,310 00
Total Post Office		

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

TOTAL OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS	-	-	-	-	-	\$98,720	65
His Excellency the Governor	.....					\$21,929	50
Legislative Council	.....					2,220	00
Colonial Secretary	.....					16,195	50
Treasurer	.....					9,427	00
Assay and Refinery Office	.....					4,790	00
Auditor General	.....					4,080	00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General	...					13,595	00
Customs	.....					13,848	65
Registrar General	.....					2,925	00
Harbour Master	.....					5,400	00
Post Office	.....					4,310	00
						\$98,720	65

JUDICIAL.

SUPREME COURT.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.	
Judge of Supreme Court	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,820	00
Puisne Judge	-	-	-	-	-		
Registrar	-	-	-	-	-	1,940	00
							\$7,760 00
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>						
	CONTINGENCIES.						
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	150	00
Fuel and Light	-	-	-	-	-	250	00
							400 00
Total Supreme Court	-	-	-	-	-		\$8,160 00

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.	
Attorney General	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,425	00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	1,212	50
							\$3,637 50
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>						
	CONTINGENCIES.						
Stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	200	00
Fuel and Light	-	-	-	-	-	50	00
							250 00
Total Attorney General	-	-	-	-	-		\$3,887 50

HIGH SHERIFF.

	SALARIES.					Provisional and Temporary.	
High Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000	00
	ALLOWANCES.—Fees.						
	CONTINGENCIES.— <i>Nil.</i>						
Total High Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-		\$1,000 00

TOTAL JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS \$13,047 50

Supreme Court	.....	\$8,160	00
Attorney General	.....	3,887	50
High Sheriff	.....	1,000	00
		\$13,047	50

POLICE, INCLUDING PRISONS AND GAOLS.

	SALARIES.					Fixed Establishment.	
NEW WESTMINSTER.							
POLICE.							
Chief Inspector of Police, and Police Magistrate for New Westminster, including Douglas	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,910	00
High Constable	-	-	-	-	-	1,164	00
Two Constables at \$698 40	-	-	-	-	-	1,396	80
							\$5,470 80
GAOL.							
Warden	-	-	-	-	-	1,455	00
Two Gaolers, \$698 40 each	-	-	-	-	-	1,396	80
Medical Attendant	-	-	-	-	-	485	00
							3,336 80
DOUGLAS.							
Toll Collector and Constable	-	-	-	-	-	1,080	00
Constable	-	-	-	-	-	931	20
							2,011 20
	ALLOWANCES.— <i>Nil.</i>						
	CONTINGENCIES.						
Stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	-		300 00
Total Police and Gaols	-	-	-	-	-		\$11,118 80

ESTABLISHMENTS DETAILED.

GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS & STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Gold Commissioner	- - - -	\$3,880 00
Two Assistant Gold Commissioners at \$2,425 each	- - - -	4,850 00
Clerk to Gold Commissioner	- - - -	2,182 50
Clerk and Constable, Kootenay	- - - -	1,697 50
Do. Do., Fort Shepherd	- - - -	1,455 00
Constable at Osoyoos	- - - -	1,164 00
Do. Kootenay	- - - -	1,455 00
Two Constables, Columbia, \$1,164 each	- - - -	2,328 00
		<u>\$19,012 00</u>
ALLOWANCES.		
Temporary allowance to Gold Commissioner	- - - -	485 00
Do. Assistant Gold Commissioners, \$250 each	- - - -	500 00
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery, &c. \$500, Fuel and Light \$1,500	- - - -	2,000 00
Total Columbia and Kootenay District	- - - -	<u>\$21,997 00</u>

CARIBOO EAST.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.	- - - -	\$3,395 00
Clerk	- - - -	1,940 00
Chief Constable	- - - -	1,940 00
Two Constables at \$1,455 each	- - - -	2,910 00
		<u>\$10,185 00</u>
ALLOWANCES.		
Temporary allowance to Assistant Gold Commissioner	- - - -	485 00
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$500	- - - -	625 00
Total Cariboo East District	- - - -	<u>\$11,295 00</u>

CARIBOO WEST OR QUESNEL.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.	- - - -	\$2,425 00
Chief Constable	- - - -	1,455 00
Constable	- - - -	1,212 50
		<u>\$5,092 50</u>
ALLOWANCES.		
Temporary allowance to Assistant Gold Commissioner	- - - -	485 00
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$375	- - - -	500 00
Total Cariboo West or Quesnel District	- - - -	<u>\$6,077 50</u>

HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON DISTRICT.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.	- - - -	\$2,425 00
Chief Constable, Yale	- - - -	1,212 50
Constable, Do.	- - - -	931 20
Toll Collector Do.	- - - -	931 20
Constable, Hope	- - - -	931 20
Chief Constable, Lytton	- - - -	1,164 00
Toll Collector and Postmaster, Lytton	- - - -	1,455 00
		<u>\$9,050 10</u>
Provisional and Temporary.		
Advance in Salary to Toll Collector, Yale	- - - -	268 80
ALLOWANCES.—Nil.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$200, Fuel and Light \$350	- - - -	550 00
Total Hope, Yale, and Lytton District	- - - -	<u>\$9,868 90</u>

LILLOOET.

SALARIES.		Fixed Establishment.
Assistant Gold Commissioner, &c.	- - - -	\$2,425 00
Chief Constable	- - - -	1,164 00
Constable	- - - -	931 20
Constable, Postmaster, and Check Taker, Clinton	- - - -	970 00
		<u>\$5,490 20</u>
ALLOWANCES.		
Temporary allowance to Assistant Gold Commissioner	- - - -	242 50
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stationery \$125, Fuel and Light \$375	- - - -	500 00
Total Lillooet District	- - - -	<u>\$6,232 70</u>

No. 1.—RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Page of Detail.		Salaries.		Allowances.	Office Contingencies.	TOTAL.
		Fixed Establishment.	Provisional and Temporary			
CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS :—						
5	Governor	\$ 21,679 50	—	—	\$ 250 00	\$ 21,929 50
5	Legislative Council	970 00	—	—	1,250 00	2,220 00
5	Colonial Secretary.....	13,725 50	—	—	2,470 00	16,195 50
5	Treasurer.....	8,827 00	—	—	600 00	9,427 00
5	Assay and Refinery Office.....	4,365 00	300 00	—	125 00	4,790 00
6	Auditor General.....	3,880 00	—	—	200 00	4,080 00
6	Chief Commr. of Lands & Works, &c.	12,125 00	—	—	1,470 00	13,595 00
6	Customs	13,017 40	—	—	831 25	13,848 65
6	Registrar General	2,425 00	—	—	500 00	2,925 00
6	Harbour Master.....	1,940 00	3,360 00	—	100 00	5,400 00
6	Post Office	3,660 00	—	—	650 00	4,310 00
JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS :—						
7	Supreme Court.....	7,760 00	—	—	400 00	8,160 00
7	Attorney General.....	3,637 50	—	—	250 00	3,887 50
7	High Sheriff.....	—	1,000 00	—	—	1,000 00
7	POLICE ESTABLISHMENT.....	10,818 80	—	—	300 00	11,118 80
GOLD, ASSISTANT GOLD COMMISSIONERS, AND STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES :—						
8	Columbia and Kootenay District	19,012 00	—	985 00	2,000 00	21,997 00
8	Cariboo East Do.	10,185 00	—	485 00	625 00	11,295 00
8	Cariboo West or Quesnel Do.	5,092 50	—	485 00	500 00	6,077 50
8	Hope, Yale, and Lytton Do.	9,050 10	268 80	—	550 00	9,868 90
8	Lillooet Do.	5,490 20	—	242 50	500 00	6,232 70
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS..... \$		157,660 50	4,928 80	2,197 50	13,571 25	178,358 05

No. 2.—PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES.

Pension to Mrs. D. McLean	-	-	-	-	-	\$485 00
Do. Mrs. J. D. B. Ogilvy	-	-	-	-	-	485 00
Total Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities						\$970 00

No. 3.—REVENUE SERVICES (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

For arrest and prosecution of Smugglers	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500 00
Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty Collecting Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Total Revenue Services (exclusive of Establishments)						\$2,000 00

No. 4.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Summoning Jurors and Witnesses	-	-	-	-	-	\$250 00
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	1,750 00
Expenses of Judge and Registrar on Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	5,000 00
Expenses attending Inquests, &c., New Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Total Administration of Justice (exclusive of Establishments)						\$7,150 00

No. 5.—Nil.

No. 6.—CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.

In aid of Hospitals	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,500 00
In aid of the destitute Poor and Sick	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Total Charitable Allowances						\$8,000 00

No. 7.—EDUCATION (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

For aid in the establishment and maintenance of Schools throughout the Colony	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000 00
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No. 8.—HOSPITALS (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

Nil.

No. 9.—POLICE AND GAOLS (exclusive of ESTABLISHMENTS).

NEW WESTMINSTER, INCLUDING DOUGLAS.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - \$6,700 00

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - 1,500 00

CARIBOO EAST.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - 1,000 00

CARIBOO WEST OR QUESNEL.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - 1,000 00

HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - 1,000 00

LILLOOET.

Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure at this Station - - - 750 00

Total Police and Gaols (exclusive of Establishments) \$11,950 00

No. 10—RENT.

Rent of Court House and Gaol, Quesnel - - - - - \$500 00

Do. Do., Lillooet - - - - - 650 00

Do. Do., Fort Shepherd - - - - - 250 00

Rent of Post Office, Williams Creek - - - - - 250 00

Total Rent \$1,650 00

No. 11—TRANSPORT.

His Excellency the Governor.

Expenses of tours, &c., in the Interior - - - - - \$5,000 00

Colonial Secretary.

Expenses of tours in the Interior - - - - - 750 00

Treasurer.

Freight upon remittances of treasure - - - - - 250 00

Auditor General.

Travelling Expenses Inspecting Accounts \$200, Freight upon Accounts to England \$50 250 00

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General.

Keep of Government Horses, &c. \$1,000, Travelling Expenses Inspecting Steamers \$500 1,500 00

Gold and Assistant Gold Commissioners, &c.

Actual travelling expenses of Officers on duty - - - - - 4,000 00

Keep of horses at the different Stations throughout the Colony - - - - - 2,000 00

Total Transport - - - \$13,750 00

No. 12—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

To and from San Francisco (*left for Supplementary Estimates*).

To and from Vancouver Island - - - - - \$1,164 00

To and from Cariboo, Columbia, &c. - - - - - 30,117 00

Total Conveyance of Mails - - - \$31,281 00

No. 13—WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

NEW WORKS.

Survey of Pre-empted and Purchased Land, Town Sites, &c. - - - - - 4,000 00

Explorations in the Interior - - - - - 10,000 00

Placing Iron Buoys at Sand Heads - - - - - 4,000 00

Building Court House and Gaol at Columbia - - - - - 2,000 00

REPAIRS.

Repairs to Government House and Improvements to Grounds - - - - - 2,500 00

Repairs to Governments Buildings at the Seat of Government and Out-Stations - - - 3,500 00

Total Works and Buildings - - - \$28,000 00

No. 14—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

ROADS.			
New Road from Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry	-	-	18,500 00
Trails from Shuswap Lake to Columbia River, and in the Columbia and Big Bend Districts	-	-	17,000 00
Completion of Trail from Osoyoos to Wild Horse Creek	-	-	13,000 00
Sleigh Road, New Westminster to Yale	-	-	5,000 00
Trail, Bridge River District	-	-	6,000 00
Trails in the Cariboo District	-	-	1,500 00
Completing Alexandria and Quesnel Road (a re-vote)	-	-	12,400 00
Do. Cottonwood to Richfield (a re-vote)	-	-	12,600 00
Fifth instalment on Richfield and Camerontown Road (a re-vote)	-	-	1,350 00
Road to Lumber Mills, Burrard Inlet	-	-	2,000 00
REPAIRS.			
Road, Douglas to Clinton	-	-	8,000 00
Do., Yale to Clinton	-	-	12,000 00
Do., Clinton to Camerontown	-	-	8,650 00
Do., Hope to Osoyoos	-	-	2,000 00
Roads in New Westminster District	-	-	1,500 00
STREETS.			
Repairs and Improvements to Streets in New Westminster (a re-vote)	-	-	4,000 00
Total Roads, Streets, and Bridges			\$125,500 00

No. 15—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Furniture, &c., for Government House	-	-	500 00
Aid to Public Libraries	-	-	1,500 00
Aid to Rifle Volunteers	-	-	750 00
Aid to Fire Company	-	-	500 00
Presents to Indian Chiefs	-	-	500 00
Entertaining Indian Tribes	-	-	1,500 00
Loss on Sale of Gold Dust received as Revenue	-	-	250 00
Commission on purchase of Drafts for Remittances to England	-	-	2,000 00
Commission to Crown Agents	-	-	500 00
Insurance, Government House	-	-	225 00
Total Miscellaneous Services			\$8,225 00

No. 16—INTEREST.

Interest on Loan of 1862	.	.	.	.	.	.	14,550 00
Do. 1863	.	.	.	.	.	.	14,550 00
Do. 1864	.	.	.	.	.	.	29,100 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,500 00
Interest on Roads' Bonds	.	.	.	.	.	.	930 00
Total Interest							\$66,630 00

No. 17—DRAWBACKS AND REFUND OF DUTIES, &c.

Of Customs Duties, &c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Of other Taxes, &c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Total Drawbacks and Refund of Duties, &c.							\$600 00

No. 18—*Nil.*

No. 19—REDEMPTION OF BONDS.

Cook's Ferry and Clinton Road Bonds, due September, 1866	20,612 50
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No. 20—SINKING FUND.

In Redemption of £50,000 Loan, 1862	21,825 00
Do. Do. 1863	9,700 00
Do. £100,000 1864	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,912 50
Total Sinking Fund							\$42,437 50

No. 21—TEMPORARY LOANS.

Bank of British Columbia, &c.	170,000 00
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No. 22—GOVERNMENT VESSELS.

LIGHT SHIP.			
Provisions	.	.	1,000 00
Oil and Marine Stores	.	.	1,000 00
Fuel, Cotton Waste, Wicks	.	.	1,000 00
Total Government Vessels			\$3,000 00

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING ESTIMATES, SHOWING THE TOTAL CHARGE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, so far as the same can be apportioned.)

Establishments.	Pensions, retired Allowances, and Gratuities.	Revenue Services.	Administration of Justice.	Reformatory.	Charitable Allowances.	Education.	Hospitals.	Police and Gaols.	Rent.	Transport.	Conveyance of Mails.	Works and Buildings.	Roads, Streets, Bridges.	Miscellaneous Services.	Interest.	Drawbacks & Re-Immigration.	Redemption of Bonds.	Sinking Fund.	Temporary Loans.	Government Vessels.	TOTAL.	REFERENCE TO REMARKS.
CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.																						
Governor	21929 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5000	.....	.....	.....	2725	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,654 50	
Legislative Council	2220 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,220 00	
Colonial Secretary	16195 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	3250	66630	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,945 50	
Treasurer	9427 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312,607 00	
Assay and Refinery Office	4730 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,730 00	
Auditor General	4080 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,080 00	
Chief Commissioner Lands & Works	13595 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,095 00	
Customs	13848 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,848 65	
Registrar General	2925 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,925 00	
Harbour Master	5400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,400 00	
Post Office	4310 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31281	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,490 00	
Judicial Establishments	13047 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,841 00	
Ecclesiastical Establishments .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Police Establishment	11118 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gold, Assistant Gold Commissioners, and Stipendiary Magistrates	55471 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pensions, &c.	970	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charitable Allowances .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Education .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hospitals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Works and Buildings .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	\$ 1178358 05	970	2000 7150	11950 1650	13750 31281	26000 125500	125500 8225 6630	669	20612 50	42437 50	170000	3000	723 114	65								