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OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

FROM THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY TO THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1864,

IN THE

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QUEEN VICTORIA.

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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OF

British Columbia,

FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF ITS FIRST PARLIAMENT,

BEING THE YEAR 1864. 27° VICTORIÆ.

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WYMOND OGILVY HAMLEY,	Collector of Customs.
CHARTRES BREW,	Magistrate, New Westminster.
PETER O'REILLY,	Do. Cariboo.
EDWARD HOWARD SANDERS,	Do. Yale and Hope.
HENRY MAYNARD BALL,	Do. Lytton.
PHILIP HENRY NIND,	Do. Douglas.
JOSHUA ATTWOOD REYNOLDS HOMER,	New Westminster District.
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HENRY HOLBROOK,	Douglas and Lillooet District.
JAMES ORR,	Cariboo East District.
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SESSION 1864.

Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1864.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THE Legislative Council of British Columbia, constituted by an Order in Council, dated at the Court of Windsor the 11th day of June, 1863, met pursuant to Public Notice on this day, at the Camp, New Westminster, the following Members being present:

THE HON. H. P. P. CREASE,..... Attorney General.
THE HON. W. O. HAMLEY, ... Collector of Customs.
THE HON. C. BREW, ... Magistrate, New Westminster,
THE HON. P. O'REILLY, ... Magistrate, Cariboo East.
THE HON. E. H. SANDERS, ... Magistrate, Yale.
THE HON. H. M. BALL,..... Magistrate, Lytton.
THE HON. J. A. R. HOMER, ... New Westminster.
THE HON. H. HOLBROOK, ... Douglas and Lillooet.
THE HON. J. ORR, ... Cariboo East.

The Members of the Council having taken their seats, His Excellency Governor Sir James Douglas, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, entered the Council Chamber, and delivered the following opening address:

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

I have great pleasure in meeting the Legislative Council of British Columbia, assembled this day for the first time, by authority of Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated at the Court at Windsor, on the 11th day of June, 1863; and I offer you, and the people of the Colony at large, my sincere congratulations on this event, the first step towards a perfect form of representative Government, and the establishment of those popular institutions, which we all revere as our birth-right and inheritance; and which Her Majesty's Government saw fit to withhold in the infancy of the Colony, only from a sincere regard for its happiness and prosperity.

In reviewing the condition of the Colony, it is with an irrepressible feeling of thankfulness that I allude to the success which has attended our efforts in improving the public roads, and removing those difficulties of access which have hitherto fettered enterprise, and retarded progress; and that feeling is enhanced as I look forward with well grounded hopes to a period of accelerated prosperity, which will both aid and stimulate our exertions for the development of the great material interests of the Colony.

While all recognize the benefits resulting to the public from facilities of intercommunication, and their obvious effect in cheapening food, in reducing the cost of transport, in devel-

oping the Gold Fields, in attracting population, and giving to the waste lands of the Colony a value which they do not now possess, I think it superfluous to urge by any further considerations the vigorous prosecution of public works of such acknowledged merit and utility; but I wish on this occasion to place on record my deliberate opinion of the vital importance of such works to the Colony. I wish to impress upon your attention that no measure can be more fruitful of prosperous results, than that of improving the thoroughfares, until the Railway and Locomotive supersede the existing cumbrous modes of conveyance on all the main lines of road, from the Coast to Alexandria, whence there is a practicable water communication, through the valley of Fraser River to the Rocky Mountains; a route which moreover presents so many facilities of ground and general position, that there is every probability of its becoming the main line of overland communication with Canada.

The state of the Colony in other respects exhibits favorable indications of prosperity, as may be inferred from the progress of settlement, the increasing exports of Gold, and the large increase of the public revenue for the past year.

I have thought it incumbent on my Government to pursue, as a fixed policy, a course that would tend to the increase of population and encourage the settlement of the waste lands of the Crown, which are now unproductive alike to the Sovereign and to the people.

With that view the public lands have been thrown open to actual settlers, on the most liberal terms of occupation and tenure, and I have endeavoured with even greater liberality to encourage Mining and every other species of enterprise, tending to develop the resources of the Country. The result of these measures has not been in all respects equal to my wishes. The influx of Capital and population has not been commensurate with the resources of the Colony, and the advantages offered; leaving the impression that these advantages are not fully appreciated abroad. Though we have been thus disappointed of the aid expected from foreign Capital, our regret for this disappointment has been mitigated by the vigorous achievements of domestic enterprise, in developing the Gold Fields, and by the number of private associations now being formed for the purpose of carrying on Mining operations, upon a scale of magnitude heretofore unknown in this Colony.

I propose, during the present year, to introduce such necessary changes in the Mining Laws as may be called for by the growing wants of the Country, and I propose, at once, to bring forward an Act to render shares in Mines convertible like other property by Sale or Mortgage.

I am glad to inform you, Gentlemen, that the Country continues to enjoy uninterrupted peace and tranquility.

The Native Indian Tribes are quiet and well disposed; the plan of forming Reserves of Land embracing the Village Sites, cultivated fields, and favorite places of resort of the several tribes, and thus securing them against the encroachment of Settlers, and for ever removing the fertile cause of agrarian disturbance, has been productive of the happiest effects on the minds of the Natives. The areas thus partially defined and set apart, in no case exceed the proportion of ten acres for each family concerned, and are to be held as the joint and common property of the several tribes, being intended for their exclusive use and benefit, and especially as a provision for the aged, the helpless, and the infirm.

The Indians themselves have no power to sell or alienate these lands, as the Title will continue in the Crown, and be hereafter conveyed to Trustees, and by that means secured to the several Tribes as a perpetual possession.

That measure is not however intended to interfere with the private rights of individuals of the Native Tribes, or to incapacitate them, as such, from holding land; on the contrary, they have precisely the same rights of acquiring and possessing land in their individual capacity, either by purchase or by occupation under the Pre-emption Law, as other classes of Her Majesty's subjects; provided they in all respects comply with the legal conditions of tenure by which land is held in this Colony.

I have been influenced in taking these steps by the desire of averting evils pregnant with danger to the peace and safety of the Colony, and of confirming by those acts of justice and humanity, the fidelity and attachment of the Native Tribes to Her Majesty's rule.

I have endeavoured, so far as the circumstances of the Colony would permit, to give effect to Her Majesty's instructions enjoining that due attention be paid to the encouragement of religion and morality; but in a Colony to which persons of every religious persuasion are invited to resort, it is impossible without injustice to some, to establish a dominant or endowed Church. It is nevertheless the great duty of States to provide for the service of Almighty God, and to cause the means of religious instruction to be brought within the reach of every member of the community. I would therefore recommend the granting of pecuniary assistance, proportioned to and in aid of private contributions, having that object in view; or else the grant of an equivalent in land, if that be considered more conducive to the proposed end.

I have also to recommend that provision be made for the formation and maintenance of Schools in all parts of the Colony, requiring such aid.

I shall soon lay before you a communication from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, containing proposals on the part of the Atlantic and Pacific Transit and Telegraph Companies, for establishing Telegraphic and Postal communication between British Columbia and the head of Lake Superior, and also of the answer returned by Her Majesty's Government to these proposals. By this contemplated arrangement, it is proposed that Canada, Vancouver Island, and British Columbia should guarantee to the Company a profit on Capital expended, at the rate of not less than Four per Cent per annum, it being however provided that the total annual payment to be made by Vancouver Island and British Columbia, jointly, shall in no case exceed the sum of £12,500, to be borne, if necessary, by the respective Colonies, as may be agreed upon.

I have to recommend this project to your favorable attention, as the conditions are not unreasonable, considering the magnitude of the undertaking, and the advantages which this Colony will reap from the faithful execution of the enterprise.

The Estimates for the year 1864 will be laid before you in a few days. They have been prepared with the utmost regard to economy, consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service.

It appears by the accompanying statement from the Treasurer, that the Expenditure of the Colony for the year 1863, as far as it can, at present be ascertained, amounts, in round numbers, to the sum of £192,860, as shewn in the following abstract, viz:

Debtor balance from 1862	£9,302
Redemption of Road Bonds created in 1862	12,650
Repayment of Advances to Imperial Government	7,000
Civil Establishment, including Salaries, Allowances, Office Contingencies	31,615
Administration of Justice—Police and Gaols	5,761
Transport and other expenses, Works and Buildings	15,288
Public Roads	83,937
Interest on Loans and Sinking Fund	13,725
Colonial Pay and maintenance of Detachment of Royal Engineers	7,057
Conveyance of Mails	2,223
Miscellaneous	4,302
Making a Total of	£192,860

The Public Revenue for the same period has produced in round numbers, the sum of £110,000

Bonds created and Loans contracted in aid of Revenue 65,805

175,805

The excess of Expenditure over Income is thus shewn to be about £17,055

In addition to that balance, there is an amount of £10,700 due to the Imperial Government in repayment of expenditure made on account of the Barracks and other Military Buildings, erected for the use of the Detachment of Royal Engineers at New Westminster, forming altogether with the above balance, a charge of £27,755 to be brought against the Revenue of 1864

In considering the ways and means of defraying the Public Expenditure for 1864, we have thus a debtor balance remaining from 1863 of £27,755

Road Bonds falling due in 1864	£4,250	
Interest on Loans	8,000	
Sinking Fund	6,500	
		£18,750
EXPENDITURE ON CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT, viz:		
Salaries, Allowances, and Contingencies		£33,915
Other ordinary Expenses, viz:		
Revenue Services	£425	
Administration of Justice	1,900	
Police and Gaols	3,650	
Charitable Allowances	400	
Education	500	
Rent	150	
Transport	3,265	
Conveyance of Mails	4,000	
Works and Buildings	3,900	
Roads, Streets, and Bridges (repairs)	5,000	
Miscellaneous Services	3,500	
Light Houses	800	
		£27,490

Which gives a total of ordinary, necessary, and probable expenditure for the year 1864, of £107,910

The Revenue from all sources for 1864 is estimated at	£120,000
Deducting the amount as above, say	107,910
there will remain a surplus of	£12,090

for the general service of the year

I have made no allowance in this statement for the maintenance of a Gold Escort, nor for any Public Works beyond the necessary outlay in keeping the existing Roads and Public Buildings in repair.

The balance of £12,090 above shewn, which alone remains at our disposal, is not sufficient to meet the extra ordinary expenses for objects of public utility, which will be shewn in the general Estimates, and it therefore rests with us to determine whether those works are to be undertaken during the present year, and if so, how their cost is to be defrayed.

In the settlement of these and other measures, which, from time to time, will be laid before you, I look forward, with confidence and satisfaction, to the aid of your counsel and advice, and I trust that our decisions may all tend to the advancement of the public good, and of the true and substantial interests of this Colony.

At the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of June, 1863.

Present—The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Lord President Earl Russell, Lord Privy Seal Mr. Milner Gibson.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the 22nd year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," it was declared lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to authorize and empower such Officer as she might from time to time appoint to Administer the Government of British Columbia, to make provision for the Administration of Justice therein, and generally to make, ordain, and establish such Laws, Institutions, and Ordinances as might be necessary for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects and others therein; provided that it should be lawful for Her Majesty so soon as she might deem it convenient, by any such Order in Council as aforesaid, to constitute, or to authorize and empower such Officer to constitute a Legislature, to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of British Columbia; such Legislature to consist of the Governor or Officer administering the Government of the Colony, and a Council or Council and Assembly, to be composed of such and so many persons, and to be appointed or elected in such manner, and for such periods, and subject to such regulations as to Her Majesty might seem expedient. And whereas, by an Order in Council, bearing date on the 2nd day of September, in the year 1858, Her Majesty was pleased to authorize such Governor or Officer as aforesaid, to make provision for the Administration of Justice, and, as therein mentioned, to make Laws and Ordinances for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects and others in the said Colony. And whereas, it is expedient to make the said Order in Council, and to constitute a Legislature for the said Colony, consisting of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government thereof, and the Legislative Council hereinafter established:

1. It is hereby ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in Her Majesty by the said Act of Parliament, or otherwise in that behalf, that the said recited Order in Council shall be and the same is hereby revoked. Provided always that nothing herein contained, shall be held to invalidate any act or thing done, nor any appointment made in pursuance or under authority of the said Order in Council, but that every such act, thing, and appointment shall remain of the same force and effect as if the said Order in Council were still in operation.

And it is hereby further ordered as follows, that is to say:

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

3. There shall be in the said Colony a Legislative Council, constituted as hereinafter mentioned.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council, to make Laws for the peace, order, and good government of the said Colony.

5. The said Council shall consist of such Public Officers within the said Colony, as shall from time to time be designated, and of such persons as shall from time to time be named by or in pursuance of any Instructions or Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and of such other persons as may be from time to time appointed by the Governor, by instruments to be passed under the Public Seal of the said Colony. Provided that every such last mentioned appointment shall be provisional only until the same shall have been approved by Her Majesty, through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and may be made to determine at a period named in the Instrument making the same, and that the total number of Councillors shall not by any such appointment be raised above the number of Fifteen. Provided also that every Member of the said Council shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure only.

6. The Precedence of the Members of the said Council may be from time to time determined by any such Instructions as aforesaid. In the absence of such determination, the Members

shall take rank according to the order of their appointment, or if appointed by the same Instrument according to the order in which they are named therein.

7. The Governor, or in his absence, any Member of the Council appointed by him in writing, or in default of such appointment, the Member present who shall stand first in order of precedence, shall preside at every meeting of said Council. All questions brought before the Council shall be decided by the majority of the Votes given, and the Governor or Presiding Member shall have an Original Vote on all such questions, and also a Casting Vote if the Votes shall be equally divided.

8. No business (except that of adjournment) shall be transacted unless there shall be present Four Members of Council, besides the Governor or Presiding Member.

9. The Council shall, in the transaction of business and passing of Laws, conform as nearly as may be to the directions conveyed in that behalf to the Governor of British Columbia, in certain Instructions under the Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1858, until otherwise provided by US, and to such further Instructions under the said Sign Manual and Signet as may hereafter be addressed to the Governor in that behalf.

10. Subject to such Instructions the Council may make Standing Rules and Orders for the regulation of their own proceedings.

11. No Law shall take effect until the Governor shall have assented to the same on behalf of Her Majesty, and shall have assigned the same in token of such assent.

12. Her Majesty may, by Order in Council or through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, disallow any Law passed by the said Governor and Council, at any time within two years after such Law shall have been received by the Secretary of State, and every Law so disallowed shall become null and void so soon as the disallowance thereof shall be published in the Colony, by authority of the Governor.

13. If any Councillor shall become Bankrupt or Insolvent, or shall be convicted of any criminal offence, or shall absent himself from British Columbia for more than three months, without leave from the Governor, the Governor may declare in writing that his seat at the Council is vacant, and immediately on the publication of such declaration he shall cease to be a Member of the Council.

14. The Governor may, by writing under his hand and seal, suspend any Legislative Councillor from the exercise of his office, proceeding therein in such manner as may from time to time be enjoined by any such Instructions as aforesaid, and until otherwise ordered according to such directions, respecting the suspension of Public Officers, as are contained in the abovementioned Instructions, bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1858. And the Most Noble the Duke of Newcastle, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ARTHUR HELPS.

The Governor's Speech was listened to with profound attention.

The Governor then took his seat, and Judge Begbie, by His Excellency's instructions, administered the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance to the Members present.

Judge Begbie then declared the Legislative Council duly open.

His Excellency the Governor then took his leave.

The Attorney General having then taken his seat as Presiding Member, requested permission to read *pro formâ* "The Confirmatory Ordinance, 1864."

The Presiding Member put it to the Council whether this Ordinance be read the first time *pro formâ*.

Carried unanimously.

The Presiding Member read "The Confirmatory Ordinance, 1864," accordingly.

The Council then adjourned till the 22nd instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday the 22nd day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read over and confirmed,

The Hon. The Collector of Customs moved the reply to the Governor's Speech.

The Hon. Mr. Brew seconded the motion.

On the motion being put, the Council divided:

Ayes 7. Noes 1.

So it was resolved in the affirmative,

That steps be taken, before other business is commenced, to prepare a reply to the Speech which The Governor was pleased, yesterday, to deliver to this Council, for the purpose of assuring His Excellency of our hearty co-operation at all times, and in every way that may tend to the advancement of the Colony and the welfare of its inhabitants; and that a Committee be appointed for this purpose.

Ordered, That the following be appointed a Committee for the purpose:—The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Homer, and Holbrook.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved that a Committee be formed for drafting Rules of Order.

The Hon. Mr. Ball seconded the motion.

On the motion being put to the Council, it was carried unanimously.

It was therefore *Resolved* That a Committee be appointed to draft Rules of Order for the transaction of the business of the Council.

Ordered, That the following be appointed a Committee for the purpose:—The Hon. Messrs. Brew, Sanders, Ball, Homer and Orr.

The Hon. Mr. Orr asked leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Governor to grant the right to Mining Companies to enter into occupied ground for the purpose of drainage.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to bring in a Bill to improve the Harrison River Rapids, and to raise funds for payment of that work.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of the owners of Town Lots at Douglas.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moved "That this House do now adjourn till Monday next, the 25th instant, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appointed to draw up Rules of Order.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders seconded the motion.

On the motion being put, it was carried *nem. con.*

The Council was then adjourned till Monday the 25th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, accordingly.

Monday, the 25th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. The Collector of Customs, Chairman of Committee for framing a reply to Governor's Address, reported progress.

The reply as drawn up by the Committee was received and adopted, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency Governor Sir James Douglas, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

New Westminster,
25th January 1864.

The humble address of the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

Sir:—

We, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, have had placed before us for our consideration, a copy of the Speech which Your Excellency did us the honor to address to us, at the opening of the Legislative Council, on the 21st instant. In reply we are happy to be able to take this early opportunity to join with Your Excellency in expressing our satisfaction at find-

ing that a first step has been taken by Her Majesty's Government, towards admitting a portion of the people to a share in the management of the Public affairs of the Colony. We desire also to express our sense of the responsibility devolving on us, and our earnest resolve to act in concert with Your Excellency, to the best of our ability, in framing future Laws for the country, with the great object in view of advancing the interests of all classes of the community.

2. We think that Your Excellency is justly entitled to speak in terms of pride and satisfaction, of the efforts that have been made in so small a population for establishing the thoroughfares necessary for our traffic; a great further expense we know must follow for the maintenance and extension of our roads and other works, but this we trust will be regarded by the people at large, as by ourselves, in its true light of an investment for the public good, rather than as a burden to be imposed on the industry of the Colony.

3. We shall wait with anxiety to be made acquainted with Your Excellency's views for the proposed modifications in the Mining laws.

4. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year, it is almost needless to say, will be most carefully considered, as well as the proposal for the great project of communication between this country and Canada.

5. In the opinion of the inexpediency of making grants of public money for the endowment of a Church, we think it right to record our entire concurrence. We think it right also to state that every plan that is practicable for the encouragement of Education will be received with pleasure.

6. We feel scarcely competent, at the commencement of our duties, to enter minutely into the great questions affecting the well-being of the Colony, but we trust that whatever measures may be devised for the increase of trade, for promoting immigration, for the satisfactory settlement of occupiers of land, and for affording protection to the Native Tribes and securing good order among them, will be found to be successful.

7. In deliberating on these and other matters to be developed hereafter, we shall trust humbly to the sincerity of purpose with which we undertake the duties of our office, and to the guidance we shall receive from the wisdom and experience matured by Your Excellency in conducting hitherto the Government of the Colony.

HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE,
Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Brew, from the Committee for drawing up Rules of Order, reported progress.

The Rules as drawn up by the Committee were received and the Committee discharged.

The Rules were then read over by sections, and decided upon.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders moved That the above Rules be printed.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion.

On the question being put, motion carried *nem. con.*

So it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order be printed, and that a copy be supplied to each Member for his guidance.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved for a Return of Tonnage Dues.

The Hon. Mr. Homer seconded the motion.

On the question being put, carried *nem. con.*

So it was *Resolved* That an application be respectfully made to His Excellency the Governor for a Return of the amount of Tonnage Dues paid to the Customs since their establishment, 1st January, 1860, to date; to be supplied for the information of the Council, and that the same be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Homer gave three notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave four notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly gave a notice of motion.

The Council then adjourned till the 26th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to withdraw the Bill for Relief of Lot owners in the Town of Douglas.

Ordered, that leave be granted.

The Pesiding Member and the Junior Member of the Council were deputed to deliver the reply to the Governor's address.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved for a Survey of Pemberton Meadows.

The Hon. Mr. Homer seconded the motion.

On the question being put the Council divided, and the Clerk was requested to take down the names, which were as follows:

Ayes, 3.	*Noes,* 5.
The Hon. Mr. Homer,	The Hon. Mr. Hamley,
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,	The Hon. Mr. Brew,
The Hon. Mr. Orr.	The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly,
	The Hon. Mr. Sanders,
	The Hon. Mr. Ball.

Motion lost.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved for open sittings of Council.

The Hon Mr. Homer seconded the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Brew proposed an amendment.

The Hon. Mr. Orr seconded the same.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders proposed a further amendment.

The Hon. Mr. Ball seconded the same.

On The Hon. Mr. Sanders' amendment being put, the Council divided, and the Clerk was requested to take down the names, which were as follows:—

Ayes, 5.	*Noes,* 4.
The Hon. The Collector of Customs,	The Hon. Mr. Brew,
The Hon. The Attorney General,	The Hon. Mr. Homer,
The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly,	The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,
The Hon. Mr. Sanders,	The Hon. Mr. Orr.
The Hon. Mr. Ball.	

So The Hon. Mr. Sanders amendment was carried,

And it was therefore *Resolved,* That the Press be supplied, if requested, with the minutes of the proceedings in Council, by the Clerk, and that the doors be closed to strangers.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion for Printing Bills was *Ordered* to be laid on the table for consideration.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Council then adjourned till the 27th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the 27th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member read a communication from the Governor, forwarding copy of correspondence in regard to project for Postal and Telegraph communication viâ Canada.

A day was fixed for consideration.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of Hon. Mr. Holbrook's Bill for improving Harrison River Rapids,

Ordered to be postponed.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of The Hon. Mr. Orr's Bill for promoting drainage of Mines,

The Bill was read first and second times, and *Ordered* to be Committed presently.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Confirmatory Ordinance,

Read first time accordingly.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on The Hon. Mr. Orr's Bill for promoting the drainage of Mining Districts.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion dropped.

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

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly gave two notices of motion.

The Council then adjourned till the 28th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly asked leave to bring in a Bill entitled The Gold Fields' Amendment Act.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Estimates.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Confirmatory Ordinance, it was read a second time. Ordered to be committed on 1st February

The Council in Committee of the whole on The Hon. Mr. Orr's Bill for promoting the drainage of Mining Districts.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moved for two new Rules of Order, to be added to those already adopted by the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Brew seconded the motion.

The motion being put to the Council, it was carried unanimously.

It was therefore *Resolved*, That the Council can, by motion of any Member, suspend the Standing Orders for the time being without notice, and that all Bills and Motions thrown out cannot be brought forward again during the Session.

The Council then adjourned till the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 29th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General. The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Homer asked leave to bring in a Bill entitled An Act regulating the conveyance and postage of Letters.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Estimates.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council then adjourned till Saturday the 30th instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Council went into Committee of the whole on Mr. Orr's Bill for promoting the drainage of Mines.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave for the Bill to be re-committed.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council went again into a Committee of the whole on The Hon. Mr. Orr's Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in report.

Report adopted

The Hon. Mr. Orr's Bill to promote the drainage of Mines, was then read the third time and passed.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Estimates.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Chairman handed in a Resolution of the Committee, which was put to the Council and adopted.

It was therefore *Resolved*, That His Excellency be requested to lay before this Council at an early date, a detailed statement of the expenditure of Revenue for the year 1863.

The Council then adjourned till Monday the 1st February, at 12 o'clock at noon.

Monday, the 1st day of February, 1864.

The Council met at 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Homer asked leave to bring in Bills entitled the Customs Amendment Act, and Gold Export Duty Act.
Leave deferred.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of Gold Fields' Amendment Act,
The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly asked leave to have the first reading postponed.
Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Confirmatory Ordinance.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendments.

The Confirmatory Ordinance was then read the third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. Homer asked leave to postpone the first reading of the Postal Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Estimates.
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 reported progress.
Report accepted, and Supplies to the amount £135,639 16s. 7d., were duly voted.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

The Council then adjourned till Tuesday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, and Orr.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moved the following Resolution,
The Hon. The Collector of Customs seconded the same.
On the question being put it was carried *nem. con.*
It was therefore *Resolved*, That the Governor be respectfully applied to to provide for the following expenditure by Supplementary Estimate, the same having been recommended by the Committee of Supply, and such recommendation having been adopted in the Council:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.	
Stationery, fuel, &c., in addition	£100
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.	
Clerk, in addition to salary	50
GAOL DEPARTMENT, NEW WESTMINSTER,	
Addition to Warden's Salary	100
EXPLORING IN INTERIOR.	
Additional	500
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.	
Education, additional	500
Hospitals, additional	600
REPAIRS OF YALE AND CLINTON ROAD.	
Additional	3,000
NEW WESTMINSTER.	
Roads in and about, to Pitt Meadows, Burrard Inlet, and Harrison River	10,000
HOPE AND ROCK CREEK ROAD.	
Repairs	1,000
SALARY FOR PILOT	100
INSPECTOR OF STEAM BOILERS.	
Salary	400
In aid of Volunteer Rifles, New Westminster	250

That His Excellency be also acquainted with the following recommendations of the Committee:—

1. That the Salary voted for the Deputy Postmaster at Williams Lake be applied in the Upper Country.

2. That His Excellency be asked to recommend to Her Majesty's Government the appointment of an additional Judge in the Colony.

3. That the sum of £1,000 recommended for Hospital purposes be divided equally between Cariboo and New Westminster.

4. That His Excellency be respectfully asked for information in regard to the expense, entered in the Estimates, on account of the Light Houses at Race Rocks and Fisgard Island, Vancouver Island, whether a written contract exists rendering the annual payment of these sums imperative on this Colony, and if so, for what period, and that the Council may be supplied with copies of any documents relating to the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Homer proposed the following Resolution,

The Hon. Mr. Ball seconded the same.

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

So it was *Resolved*, That the Postal, Customs, Gold Export, Light Ship, and Mint questions be discussed in Committee of the whole house, for the purpose of laying recommendations on these points before His Excellency The Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Orr proposed the following Resolution,

The Hon. Mr. Homer seconded the same.

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

So it was therefore *Resolved*, That His Excellency be requested to impress on Her Majesty's Government the hardship of compelling this Colony to pay the sum of £10,760 16s. 7d. for the erection of the buildings at the Camp, lately occupied by the Royal Engineers, as the same should be strictly an Imperial charge.

The Council then adjourned till Thursday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday the 4th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member read a communication from His Excellency The Governor, transmitting a Return of Tonnage Dues called for by the Council.

Ordered, That the Return be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook read a Petition from certain Traders and Merchants, praying for the improvement of the Harrison River Rapids.

Ordered, That a day be fixed for consideration thereof.

The Hon. Mr. Homer read a Petition from certain of the inhabitants of the District of New Westminster, praying for the improvement of the Roads in that District.

Ordered, To be laid upon the table.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly asked leave to postpone first reading of his Bill for the amendment of the Gold Laws.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion deferred.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Telegraph and Postal project, *viâ* Canada.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Council then adjourned till Friday the 5th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 5th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the adoption of the Bill of Supply of £135,639 16s. 7d. for the service of the year 1864, by the Committee, and their recommendation that the Bill be now read a first time,

The question of the first reading of the Bill of Supply being put to the Council,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

The question of the immediate second reading and committal of the Bill of Supply having been put to the Council,

Ordered, That the Bill of Supply be now read a second time and committed.

The Bill was then read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the Bill of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill passed without amendments.

The question of the third reading of the Bill having been put to the Council,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Standing Orders having been suspended,

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Council went into a Committee of the whole on Postal matters.

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 Report.

Report adopted.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball, seconded by The Hon.. Mr. Orr,

It was *Resolved*, That the following Resolutions of the Committee of the whole on Postal matters be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, with the notes furnished by The Hon. Mr. Homer for a Postal system.

Resolutions of Committee.

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to furnish this Council with a statement of the number of Letters forwarded through the Post Office during the year 1863, and such other details as will assist this Council in arriving at a definite conclusion, with regard to a thorough Postal system.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to originate a Bill for a Postal system, based on the notes furnished by the Honorable Member for New Westminster.

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr,

Seconded by The Hon. Mr. Homer,

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to furnish the Council with a statement of the amount of Crown Lands disposed of in this Colony, and the names of the parties to whom the said lands were sold, and the price at which said lands were sold.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked if the Government had received any advice of the accident which had happened to the Douglas road, between Pemberton and Anderson Lakes, and whether they will repair the same.

The Attorney General replied.

The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, 17th February, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday the 17th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Hon. The Collector of Customs, being the Senior Member present at 3 o'clock, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member laid on the table, by order of the Governor, the Return called for by the Council on Postal matters,

And read a communication from His Excellency stating that the Resolution of the Council in regard to the Colony being charged with the expense of the Royal Engineer Barracks at the Camp, New Westminster, should be duly forwarded to Her Majesty's Government.

Ordered, To be laid on the table.

The Presiding Member read a further communication from His Excellency, acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of the Council in Committee of Supply, and stating that the recommendations therein made should meet with his best consideration.

Ordered, To be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from Walter Moberly.

Petition received and read.

Ordered, To be considered on Friday next.

The Council then went into a Committee of the whole on the Overland Telegraph project.

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, handing in a Resolution of the Committee for the adoption of the Council, and for transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

Then it was, on the motion of The Hon. Attorney General,

The Hon. Mr. Homer seconding the motion.

Resolved, That this Council, while earnestly desirous of facilitating any practical scheme of of communication over the American Continent with England by road and telegraph, and of contributing the proportion fairly due by this Colony, as its share of the cost of the undertaking, is, in the present state of its information on the subject of the proposals laid before this Council by His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, on behalf of the Pacific Transit and Telegraph Company, and their ability to carry out the same, unable to pledge the Revenues of the Colony to the extent proposed.

The Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Bill brought in by The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, entitled the Gold Fields' Act,

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on the matter of amending the Customs Laws.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, handing in a Resolution of the Committee for the consideration of the Council.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer,

Seconded by The Hon. Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to frame a Customs Tariff Bill based on the suggestions of The Hon. Mr. Homer, and to submit the same to the Council at an early period.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till Thursday the 18th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 18th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member read a communication from His Excellency the Governor covering a proposal from Messrs. Janion, Green and others to place Steam Traction Engines on the roads of British Columbia.

Ordered, To be printed, and to be considered on Tuesday next.

On motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

Ordered, That the first reading of the Loan Act be postponed till Tuesday next.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on the Gold Export Duty question.

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 reported progress. The Chairman handed in a Resolution of the Committee for the adoption of the Council and transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

Resolved, That this Council recommend His Excellency the Governor to frame a Bill for the purpose of imposing an Export duty on Gold leaving this Colony, the said duty to be two shillings (2s.) an ounce on unmanufactured Gold, and one shilling (1s.) an ounce on assayed Gold.

The Hon. Mr. Orr, gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motions.

The Hon. Mr. Homer gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ball gave notice of motion.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till Friday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 19th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Orr asked The Hon. Attorney General, For information respecting the Sale of Town Lots in Richfield, Barkerville, and Camerontown, Cariboo East; and also whether His Excellency has received a Memorial, relative to the above, from the inhabitants of said towns?

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked The Hon. Attorney General, Whether any communication has been received from His Excellency the Governor in answer to the Petition from the Merchants and others of Douglas, asking for improvement of the Harrison Rapids, and, if not, when it will be received, to enable the improvements necessary to be considered by this House, and a recommendation for a Bill to be given?

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked The Hon. Attorney General, If the Government will, before tenders are received for the Repair of the Roads, place the Pemberton Roads in such a state to allow the transport of goods to be proceeded with, the road being now stopped?

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved for a Return of the expense of the Coining Apparatus at New Westminster.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding the motion.

The motion being put it was carried *nem. con.*

It was therefore *Resolved*, That His Excellency The Governor be requested to lay before the Council what information and papers he may have in his possession relative to the cost of erection and the annual cost of working the Coining Establishment in New Westminster.

The Hon. Mr. Ball asked leave to bring in a Bill entitled the Thompson River Bridge Act.

Ordered, That The Hon. Mr. Ball have leave to bring in the said Bill.

He presented said Bill accordingly, and the same was received, and *Ordered* to be read the first time forthwith. Read first time accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved that this Bill be now read a second time. The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding.

A debate arose thereupon, and the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 3.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, That this Bill be now read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole forthwith.

Council in Committee of the whole on the Thompson River Bridge Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Hamley, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 22nd inst., at 12 o'clock at noon.

Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1864.

The Council met at 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

Ordered, That the consideration of the Light Ship question be taken up at a future time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on Thompson River Bridge Bill, according to order.

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 passed with certain amendments.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball,

The Hon. Mr. Orr seconding,

Ordered, That this Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill be passed, and the title to be the "Thompson River Bridge Toll Act, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Gold Fields Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved and the question was proposed "That the Bill be now read the second time."

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress, several clauses passed with amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of a Resolution for the consideration of the Council.
The Hon. Mr. Ball gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.
Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 12 o'clock at noon.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1864.

The Council met at 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer' Holbrook, and Orr.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution,
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,
Resolved, That in order to encourage exploration and a more thorough development of the resources of this Colony, His Excellency be requested to offer the following rewards, and include the amount in a Supplementary Estimate, viz:
£500 for the first vein of quartz successfully worked by machinery in this Colony, and producing either Gold or Silver.
£500 for the first 200 tons of good Coal, produced in the Colony, and shipped to any Foreign Port.
£500 for the first Vessel built in the Colony, of not less than 500 tons burthen.
£500 for the first piece of Machinery manufactured in a foundry in the Colony from the native Iron ore.
£500 for any new alluvial Mining district sufficiently extensive to give remunerative labour to not less than 500 men for six months.
That the above be published in both Colonies in the Public Journals.
On the question being put to the Council it was carried *nem. con.*

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Trades Licence Act.
The Hon. Mr. Ball moved for leave to postpone the first reading of said Bill.
Ordered, To be read the first time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved for a Select Committee to regulate the introduction of Private Bills.
A debate arose thereupon.
On the question being put the Council divided.
Ayes, 3. Noes, 4.
The Presiding Member giving an original and casting vote in the negative.
So it passed in the negative.

The Council proceeded to discuss the Traction Engine scheme.
On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Sanders,
Ordered, That the following be appointed to form a select Committee for enquiring into the proposed scheme for introducing Steam Traction Engines into this Colony, viz:
The Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, and Orr.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Light Ship and Mint question be taken up on a day to be named.

The Order of the day for the committal of the Gold Fields' Bill having been read, the Council resolved itself into 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 passed with certain amendments.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Loan Bill.
The Hon. Attorney General asked leave to postpone first reading of the said Bill.
Ordered, That the first reading of Loan Bill be postponed, a day to be named.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Homer gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Orr, gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Wednesday, the 24th February, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday the 24th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Nind, Holbrook, and Orr.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Philip Henry Nind, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of British Columbia, being entered within the Council Chamber, was introduced to the Hon. the Presiding Member, and the Oath prescribed by law having been duly administered to him by the Judge of the Supreme Court, who attended, at His Excellency the Governor's instance, for that purpose, took his seat as a Member of this Council.

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

Petition presented by the Hon. Mr. Orr, from Merchants and Traders of British Columbia, praying for the establishment of a Mounted Police Force. Petition read.
Ordered, That it be received, and considered on Thursday next.

Hon. Mr. O'Reilly's motion deferred.

Mon. Mr. Orr moved for a day to be named for the re-committal of the Gold Fields' Bill.
Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding.
Hon. Mr. Ball moved an amendment That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.
On the amendment being put the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:

Ayes, 5.	*Noes*, 4.
Hon. Mr. O'Reilly,	Hon. Mr. Nind,
Hon. Mr. Sanders,	Hon. Mr. Homer,
Hon. Mr. Ball.	Hon. Mr. Holbrook,
Hon. Attorney General,	Hon. Mr. Orr.

The Hon. Attorney General giving an original and casting vote in the affirmative.
So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and
Ordered, That the Gold Fields' Bill be now read a third time and passed.
Read a third time accordingly.
Resolved, That this Ordinance do pass and be entitled the "Gold Fields' Act, 1864."

The Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Light Ship question.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in Report and a Resolution of the Committee for the consideration of the Council.
Report adopted
Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Homer,
Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,
Resolved, That this Council recommend His Excellency the Governor to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Pounds (£3,000) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a wooden Light Ship at the Sand Heads, near the entrance of Fraser River, (said ship to be built in this Colony), and the amount to be included in the Supplementary Estimates.

The Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Trades Licence Bill,
The Bill was read for the first time accordingly.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 25th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Nind, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to report in reference to the Traction Engine Scheme, brought up a Report accordingly.

Report adopted.

Hon. Mr. Homer moved for a reward to be offered for the erection of the first Grist Mill in British Columbia.

The Hon. Mr. Orr seconding.

A debate arose thereupon, and the Council divided on the question being put,

Ayes, 4. Noes, 2.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative,

That this Council recommend His Excellency the Governor to appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds (£250) for the first Grist Mill which may be erected in the Colony, said Mill to be capable of grinding not less than fifty bushels of wheat per day.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moved that the duties of the Auditor General should be separated from those of the Colonial Secretary, and that proper provision should be made,

The Hon. Mr. Orr seconding.

A debate arose thereupon.

The Council divided on the question being put.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 2.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative,

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to take steps for separating the duties of the Auditor's Department from those of the Colonial Secretary, and that a suitable provision be made for an Auditor General's establishment.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion dropped.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following resolution,

Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

And the question on being put was carried *nemine contradicente.*

It was therefore *Resolved*, That His Excellency be requested to appoint Justices of the Peace, resident in the interior of British Columbia, with such powers as His Excellency may deem necessary.

The Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Petition of Merchants and others for a Mounted Police.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported progress, handing in a Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

Ordered, That the Report be received.

Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

Resolved, That the Petition before the House for the establishment of a Mounted Police Force be referred to a Select Committee, said Committee to be composed of the Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Nind, Ball, and Homer.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till Friday the 26th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 26th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Homer, Holbrook, and Orr.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Presiding Member counted the House, and it was found that five Members were not present, although it was 3 of the clock.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr the Council adjourned till Monday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 29th day of February, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, Sanders, Ball, Nind, Homer, Holbrook, and Black.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Walter Shaw Black, Esquire, being entered within the Council Chamber was introduced to the Hon. The Presiding Member, and the Oath prescribed by Law having been duly administered to him by the Presiding Member, took his seat as a Member of the Council.

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

The Hon. The Presiding Member read a message from His Excellency The Governor to the Council, signifying that he had given his assent to the following Ordinances, viz:
No. 1. An Ordinance to promote the Drainage of Mines.
No. 2. An Ordinance confirming certain Proclamations.
No. 3. An Ordinance to supply the sum of One hundred and thirty-five thousaud six hundred and thirty-nine pounds, sixteen shillings, and seven pence, sterling, 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-four.
No. 4. An Ordinance to extend and improve the Laws relating to Gold Mining.
No. 5. An Ordinance for the construction of a Toll Bridge over Thompson River.

The Hon. The Presiding Member read a further message from His Excellency The Governor, recommending to the favorable consideration of the Council, the application of Horace W. Carpentier, President of the California State Telegraph Company, for certain privileges in connection with the establishment of a Telegraph between New Westminster and San Francisco.

The Hon. The Presiding Member read the Petition of George Hooper, praying the Council to institute Auction Licences.
Ordered, To be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Brew from the select Committee appointed to report in reference to the establishment of a Mounted Police force in British Columbia, handed in Report of the Committee.
Consideration deferred.

The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licences Bill.
The Bill was read a second time accordingly.
Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball,
Ordered, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole forthwith.
The Council resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Sanders in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill passed with certain amendments.
Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball,
Ordered, That this Bill be now read the third time.
Bill read the third time accordingly.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass and the title be "The Trades Licences Amendment Act, 1864."

The Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Loan Bill.
The Bill was read first time accordingly.
Ordered, To be read the second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Nind gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr Homer gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Sanders gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 1st March, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Ball, Nind, Homer, Holbrook, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Nind asked leave to bring in a Bill for increasing the penalty for sale of Liquors to Indians.

Ordered, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be read the first time on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved a Resolution that application be made to the Governor to expend £20,000 in the erection of Public Buildings at New Westminster.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved as amendment that £10,000 be substituted for £20,000.

On the question being put for the amendment the Council divided.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 3.

So it was *Resolved*, in the affirmative, that the sum of £20,000 be altered to £10,000.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of Telegraph communication between New Westminster and San Francisco.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

So he handed in the said Bill which was received, and on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Holbrook, it was *Ordered*, that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved for the Bill to be read a second time forthwith.

A debate arose thereupon.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved as an amendment that the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

And on the question being put the Council divided, and the names being taken down by the Clerk, were as follows:

Ayes, 4.	*Noes*, 3.
The Hon. Attorney General,	The Hon. Mr. Homer,
The Hon. Collector of Customs,	The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,
The Hon. Mr. Nind,	The Hon. Mr. Black.
The Hon. Mr. Ball,	

So the amendment was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to bring in a Telegraph Regulation Bill.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

So he presented the said Bill which was received, and on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Holbrook *Ordered*, that the Bill be now read the first time.

Bill read the first time accordingly.

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

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered, That it do stand as the first Order of the day for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Black gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer, the Council adjourned till Wednesday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday the 2nd day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Nind, Homer, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Black asked the Hon. Attorney General if the Gold Commissioner at Williams Creek had been provided with an Assistant Clerk to act as Registrar.

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

The Hon. Mr. Black asked the Hon. Attorney General if all monies, fees, &c., collected in the districts of Cariboo, are to be expended in the said districts for the construction of Roads, Bridges, &c.

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

The Hon. Mr. Black asked the Hon. Attorney General under what conditions Crown Lots were sold at Cariboo.

The Hon. Attorney General replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading and committal of the Loan Bill,

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read the second time.

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 some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to have it re-committed forthwith.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Council resolved itself again into Committee of the whole on the 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 reported the Bill passed with certain amendments.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Homer gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 3rd instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Nind, Homer, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

A Petition presented by the Hon. Mr. Holbrook from Captain C. F. Houghton, a Settler in the Shushwap district.

Petition received and read.

Ordered, To be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved the following Resolution,

Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

And the question on being put was carried *nem. con.*

It was therefore *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be asked to lay before this Council, Returns shewing the amounts received from sales of Town Lots within the limits of the Corporation of New Westminster, and the amounts expended by the Government in Streets and Bridges within the same.

Hon. Mr. Orr asked leave to bring in Steam Traction Engine Bill.

Hon. Mr. Nind seconding Bill.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

He accordingly handed in the said Bill, which was received.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That this Bill be now read the first time forthwith.

Read the first time accordingly.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Sale of Liquor to Indians Penalties Bill.
Ordered, That Bill be read first time accordingly.
Bill read first time accordingly.
Ordered, To be read the second time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the California State Telegraph Company Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time and committed forthwith.
Bill read the second time accordingly.
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on this Bill.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Black in the Chair of the Committee.
The Committee rose after sitting for some time, being found without a quorum.
The Hon. Mr. Homer, being the Senior Member present, took the Chair as Presiding Member.
On counting the Council the Presiding Member found that Five Members were not present, and then
The Council was adjourned by The Hon. The Presiding Member, till 2 o'clock on Friday, the 4th instant, without a question first put.

Friday, the 4th day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Nind, Homer, Holbrook, Orr and Black.
The Hon. Mr. Nind, being the Member first in order of precedence of those present at 2 o'clock, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Captain Houghton's Petition.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. The Collector of Customs in the Chair of the Committee.

Captain Houghton was introduced into the Council Chamber, and interrogatories were put to him by several Members.
The Committee rose.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported progress, handing in a Resolution for the adoption of the Council.
Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,
The Hon. Mr. Orr seconding,
Resolved, That this Committee recommend His Excellency the Governor to allow the prayer of Captain C. F. Houghton's Petition for a remission of the purchase money for 1500 acres of land as a Military Settler, under the circumstances of the second Proclamation respecting Military Settlement not being known in England when that gentleman left; but not to be any precedent for the future.

On the Order of the day being read for a second reading of the Telegraph Regulation Bill,
Ordered, To be read the second time.
Read the second time accordingly.
Ordered, To be committed on Tuesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Loan Bill,
Ordered, To be read a third time,
Read a third time accordingly.
Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The British Columbia Loan Act, 1864."

On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, That the California State Telegraph Company Bill be re-committed.
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Black in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill passed with certain amendments.
Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr,
Ordered, To be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 7th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 7th day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Nind, Homer, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from Messrs. Picht and Hoyt.
The same was received and read.
Ordered, To be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Orr presented a further Petition, from George Hooper.
Not received.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion dropped.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Steam Traction Engine Bill,
Ordered That the Bill be now read a second time and committed forthwith.
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. Nind in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to have it re-committed,
Ordered, That leave be granted.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Nind 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 a third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Indian Liquor Sale Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.
Read accordingly.
Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr,
Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly on the Bill.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Orr 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.

The Hon. Mr. Orr, gave notice of motions.
The Hon. Mr. Nind gave notice of motion.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 8th March, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Nind, Homer, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved a Resolution for a Road between Hope and Yale.

On the question being put to the House it was carried *nemine contradicente*, and

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to appropriate the sum of Eight thousand pounds for the purpose of constructing a waggon-road from Hope to Yale.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved that the third reading of the Traction Engine Bill be taken as the first Order of the day.

Motion withdrawn.

On the Hon. Mr. Nind rising to ask leave to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Land system of the Colony,

The Hon. the Presiding Member stated that such a motion could not be received without the opinion of the Governor having been previously ascertained by him, as the initiation of all Bills belongs to the Governor.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Telegraph Regulation Bill,

The committal of the Bill was laid over by the Presiding Member, until the Governor's permission for the introduction of the Bill had been first obtained.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time and passed.

Bill read the third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be "The First Telegraph Act, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Steam Traction Engine Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be the "British Columbia Steam Traction Engine Act, 1864"

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.'

Motion withdrawn.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer, the Council adjourned until Wednesday the 23rd instant, at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday the 23rd day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Homer, and Holbrook.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer, the Council adjourned till Wednesday next, the 30th instant.

Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Orr and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member read from a *Government Gazette Extraordinary*, bearing date this day, the official intelligence of the birth of the Son and Heir of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the 8th of January last.

Then on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Hamley, Homer, Holbrook, and Orr, form a Select Committee to draw up an address, congratulating their Royal Highnesses on this event.

A communication from The Hon. Mr. Nind, apologizing for his absence from the Council was read.

Ordered, To be laid on the table.

A Petition from the inhabitants of Yale in regard to the construction of a waggon-road from Hope to Yale was read.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved that the Petition be transmitted to His Excellency.

The Hon Mr. Holbrook moved as an amendment that this Petition be laid on the table.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes, 2. Noes, 3.

So it passed in the negative.

The Original motion being put,

Ayes, 3. Noes, 2.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, That the Petition from the inhabitants of Yale for the immediate expenditure of the sum recommended for the construction of a road from Hope to Yale be forwarded to His Excellency.

The Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Chilwayhook and Sumass Prairies, praying for the construction of Roads through their settlements.

Petition received and read.

Ordered, To be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Black presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Williams Lake district, praying for the construction of Roads through their settlement.

Petition received and read.

Ordered, To be considered on Monday next.

The Hon. the Presiding Member laid on the table by order of His Excellency, the following Returns in answer to Resolutions of the Council:

A Return of the Detailed Expenditure of the Colony for 1863,

A Return containing the correspondence in reference to the construction of the Light Houses in the Straits of Fuca.

The House went into Committee of the whole on the Mounted Police question.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the question had been considered, and a Resolution moved in Committee which had been lost.

On the motion for the Presiding Member to leave the Chair on the Mint question,

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be deferred to 15th proximo.

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

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball the Council adjourned till Friday, the 1st of April, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 1st day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Presiding Member read a communication from His Excellency, returning to the Council for consideration their Resolution for a Gold Export Duty.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that this communication be considered a fortnight hence.

Hon. Mr. Black moved that the Council go at once into Committee of the whole on the subject.

On the amendment being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 3. Noes, 2.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That the House do now go into Committee of the whole on His Excellency's communication relative to the Export Duty on Gold.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman handed in a Resolution for the adoption of the House.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Council, it is inexpedient to impose an Export Duty on Gold, since the high rate of Registration Fees has been imposed on the transfer of Mining Claims.

Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to appropriate the sum of £150 out of the General Revenue for the purpose of defraying the travelling expenses of the two Members of Council for Cariboo East and West.

On the question being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 4. Noes, 1.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Hope.

Received and read.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr,

Ordered, To be sent for His Excellency's consideration.

Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved for the Return of Expenditure for 1863, laid on the table, to be printed.

Ordered, To be printed.

Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked the Hon. The Attorney General if Mr. Nind had been appointed County Court Judge at Douglas?

The Hon. The Attorney General replied.

Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand pounds (£30,000) for the purpose of constructing roads in the District of Cariboo.

Hon. Mr. Ball moved that the words £30,000 be altered to £40,000.

On the amendment being put it was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. Orr, gave notice of motion.

The Hon. The Attorney General gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Black, the Council adjourned till Monday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 4th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Smith, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

The Hon. The Collector of Customs in the Chair as Presiding Member.

R. T. Smith, Esquire, having been introduced to the Presiding Member, was duly sworn and took his seat at the Council.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ball, from the Select Committee for drawing up a congratulatory address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, on the birth of a son and heir, brought up a Report, and the same was read as follows:

Your Committee recommend the adoption by the Council of the following address:

May it please Your Royal Highness:

We, the Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Columbia, desire humbly to offer to Your Royal Highness our earnest congratulations on the occasion of the birth of the Prince, your son.

We beg, also, to offer to Your Royal Highness, the fervent expression of our loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, which in this distant part of Her Majesty's dominions makes Her faithful subjects participate in the joy diffused through the Empire at an event which has added to the happiness of Her Majesty, and of Your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, *nemine contradicente*,

Resolved, That the said address be now adopted and forwarded to His Excellency for transmission through the proper channel.

Hon. Mr. Holbrook presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Clinton.

The Presiding Member objected to receive the said Petition, on the ground that it had been altered, and that interlineations had been made evidently after the Petition had been signed, and asked the Hon. Mr. Holbrook if such alterations were not in his (Mr. Holbrook's) handwriting?

Hon. Mr. Holbrook admitted the alterations to be in his handwriting.

A debate arose on this question.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly,

Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,

The following Resolution was put to the Council:

Resolved, That the Petition from the inhabitants of Clinton should not be received in its present form, and that this Council expresses its disapprobation of any Petition being altered otherwise than by the original signers,

Being an amendment to the following Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. Holbrook:

Resolved, That the Petition from the inhabitants of Clinton be forwarded to His Excellency with the request that the prayer of the Petition may be taken into consideration.

A debate arose, and on the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 3.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be not received.

A Petition from the settlers of Williams Lake came up for consideration.

Hon. Mr. Black moved for a Committee of the whole to consider the subject.

Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moved as an amendment that it lie on the table for consideration this day six months.

On the amendment being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 4. Noes, 3.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, To lie on the table for consideration this day six months.

Hon. Mr. Orr moved for a Select Committee to draw up an address to His Excellency, on his retirement from the Government of this Colony. The Committee to consist of Hon. Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Ball, Hon. Mr. Holbrook.

On the question being put it was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Hon. Mr. Crease's motion, for leave to bring in certain Bills, deferred till to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council adjourned till Tuesday, th 5th April, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Homer, Smith, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That His Excellency be asked to appropriate the sum of £100 to assist the inhabitants of Clinton in erecting a building for public purposes.

On question being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 6. *Noes*, 2.

So it was *Resolved*, in the affirmative.

2. *Resolved*, That His Excellency be requested to instruct the Stipendiary Magistrate to hold a County Court once a month at Clinton.

On question being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 5. Noes, 3.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

3. *Resolved*, That His Excellency be requested to appoint a resident unpaid Justice of the Peace at Clinton, and one paid Constable.

On question being put, it was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. Smith, from the Select Committee for drawing up an address to His Excellency on his retirement from the Government of the Colony of British Columbia, brought up a Report and the same was read as follows:

Your Committee recommend the adoption by the Council of the following address:

The humble address of the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

His Excellency Governor Sir James Douglas, K. C. B.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire to seize the present opportunity, before your departure from this Colony, to express to Your Excellency our strong feeling of personal respect and regard, and our recognition of the ability and energy with which you have for so many years administered the high office committed to you by our Gracious Sovereign.

The period at which Your Excellency assumed the Government of this Colony, was a time of peculiar difficulty, calling for the exercise of unusual prudence and determination.

By the vigor and sagacity of the measures then and since adopted, the Natives of the land have remained at peace, and contented; a foreign population has been conciliated; the supremacy of the Laws of our country secured; and principles firmly inculcated of fidelity to our institutions, and hearty allegiance to the Crown.

Having been but lately called together as a Legislative body, sufficient time has not elapsed for the development of the principles of Representative Government; but it will not be forgotten by posterity, that it was under your administration, that the first foundations of the edifice were securely laid; and that there has been shadowed forth, in the future to receive full completion, a semblance of that constitution which has been for so many ages at once the pride and happiness of our race.

In bidding Your Excellency farewell, we desire to assure you, that you will carry with you our warmest wishes for the welfare of yourself and family, and our prayers that, to whatsoever station of life by God's providence you may be called, you may be spared for many years to render good service to the State, and to obtain the choicest blessings of him who is the giver of all good things.

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Smith,

Hon. Mr. Ball seconding,

The question of this address being adopted was put, and the Council divided.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, That the said address be now adopted, and presented to His Excellency by the Council when convenient.

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

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Bank Note Bill.

Ordered, That leave be granted.
The Bill having been presented and received, on the motion of The Hon. Attorney General,
Ordered, To be read first reading forthwith.
Bill read first time accordingly.
Ordered, Second reading for Wednesday next.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Inland Navigation Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted.
On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, To be read first time accordingly.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Joint Stock Companies' Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted.
Ordered, To be read the first time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Homer, Smith, Holbrook, and Black.

The Hon. Mr. Homer being the Senior Member present, took the Chair, as Presiding Member, and on the House being counted it appeared that Five Members were not present, although it was past 3 o'clock.

After the lapse of half an hour the Presiding Member again counted the Council, and Five Members not being present, the Council was adjourned by The Hon. The Presiding Member, till Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 3 o'clock, without a question first put.

Wednesday the 13th day of April, 1864.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Presiding Member having counted the House, it appeared that Five Members were not present, and it being half past 3 o'clock, the Council was adjourned by The Hon. The Presiding Member till 3 o'clock to-morrow, without a question first put.

Present.—The Hon. Mr. Crease, The Hon. Messrs. Homer, Holbrook, and Black.

Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1864.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Presiding Member counted the Council, it being half past 3 o'clock, and on finding that Five Members were not present, the Council was adjourned by the Presiding Member till 3 o'clock on Monday next, the 18th instant, without a question first put.

Monday, the 18th day of April, 1864.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
The Attorney General in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Presiding Member counted the Council, it being 4 o'clock, and on finding that five Members were not present, the Council was adjourned by the Presiding Member till 3 o'clock on Friday next, without a question first put.

Friday. the 22nd day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Sanders, Homer, Smith, Holbrook, Orr, and Black.

His Excellency the Governor in the Chair as President.

Arthur N. Birch, Esquire, the Colonial Secretary, being entered within the Council Chamber, and having taken the Oath prescribed by law, took his seat as a Member of the Council.

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

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook presented a Petition from Mr. Newton.

Ordered, To be received and read.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease,

Mr. Holbrook seconding,

Ordered, That this Petition be considered on Tuesday next.

The Hon. Mr. Sanders moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to instruct the Surveyor General to define the boundaries of the Districts of this Colony.

On the question being put, carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to appoint a competent person to make the necessary survey and estimate the cost of a waggon road from the Mouth of Quesnel to Camerontown, Williams Creek.

On the question being put,

Ordered, That this Resolution be again brought forward on Tuesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Joint Stock Mining Companies' Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time.

Read accordingly.

Ordered, To be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved,

The Hon. Mr. Black seconding, and on the question being put it was

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Ordinance respecting the issue of Bank Notes. The Committee to consist of the Hon. Messrs. Orr, Crease, Hamley, Homer, Holbrook, and Smith.

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

A debate arose.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved as an amendment,

That the second reading of this Bill be deferred till Monday next.

On the amendment being put,

Ayes, 5. Noes, 6.

So it passed in the negative.

On the Original motion being put,

Ayes, 6. Noes, 5.

So it was *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Read the second time accordingly.

Ordered, To be committed on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration, in Committee of the whole, of the Mint question,

Ordered, That the consideration be deferred till Friday next, the 29th instant.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motions.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Black gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned until Monday the 25th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 25th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.

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

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

The Hon. The Attorney General laid on the table, by order of His Excellency, papers connected with the appointment of Mr. Trutch as Commissioner of Lands and Works.

A debate arose thereupon.

The Hon. Mr. Brew proposed the following Resolution, Hon. Mr. Orr seconding:

Resolved, That this Council disapproves of Mr. Trutch's holding a public office of great importance while he holds interests in speculations not unconnected with the Department superintended by him in the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved that the following words be added to the above Resolution:

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding:

"Or while he holds large interests, whether private or public, in Vancouver Island."

A debate arose thereupon.

On the amendment being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 2. Noes, 8.

So it passed in the negative.

On the original motion being put,

Ayes, 8. Noes, 2.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution,

The Hon. Mr. Brew seconding:

Resolved, That His Excellency be requested to appoint a competent person, and that Mr. Trutch appoint another, and that in case they disagree that they should appoint a third (all residents in this Colony), for the purpose of ascertaining what remuneration shall be paid to Mr. Trutch for transferring to Government all the interests which he now holds in any public works, or private contracts, or charter, either held in his own name or by any other person in his behalf.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved the following amendment,

The Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding:

That as Mr. Trutch has been appointed Surveyor General of this Colony, and as he is the proprietor of the Alexandra Bridge, that the Government enter into arrangements to purchase the said bridge from Mr Trutch, and that a Select Committee be appointed to agree with Mr. Trutch as to the amount to be given for the bridge, and to arrange with him for his interests in other public works, as implied in Mr. Trutch's letter to the Colonial Secretary of the 22nd April instant.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 4.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Brew, Holbrook, Smith, and Orr, do form the above Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved for a Return of Sheriffs' Fees, collected in Cariboo East, from 1st January, 1863, to 10th April, 1864.

On the question being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 5. Noes, 5.

The Hon. The Presiding Member being called upon for a casting vote, gave it in the negative.

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a day be named for a second reading of the Telegraph Regulation Bill.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Resolution of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook be postponed till to-morrow, and that the Hon. The Colonial Secretary be requested by that time to ascertain the powers of individual Members to introduce Bills not coming from the Government.

On the amendment being put, carried *nem. con.*

Ordered, That this Resolution be brought on to-morrow.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Postal Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be read a first time on Wednesday next, the 27th instant.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Legal Interest Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be read a first time to-morrow.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Land Registry Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be read a first time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion for leave to bring in Barrister's Practice Amendment Act,
Ordered, To be deferred till to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Black asked the Hon. The Colonial Secretary if any information had been received officially respecting the irregularities said to have been committed by some Government Officials at Richfield?
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary replied.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave 3 notices of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Homer gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Hamley, the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

The Hon. Mr. Orr's motion, deferred till this date by order of the Council on the 22nd instant, was brought forward.
On the question being put the Council divided,
Ayes, 6. Noes, 1.
So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, That His Excellency be requested to appoint a competent person to make the necessary Survey, and Estimate the cost of a waggon-road from the mouth of Quesnel to Camerontown, Williams Creek.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion for second reading of Telegraph Regulation Bill withdrawn.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution,
Hon. Mr. Black seconding:
Resolved, That a Select Committee of five be formed from this Council to draw up an address of congratulation to His Excellency Governor Seymour, on his arrival in the Colony, such Committee to be named by the Presiding Officer.
On question being put, it was carried *nem. con.*
Ordered, That The Hon. Messrs. Hamley, Holbrook, Homer, Orr, and Black, form the above Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Homer asked the Colonial Secretary, "What are the intentions of the Government in reference to the Tariff Bill and Light Ship, which were recommended by this Council?"
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary replied.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion, for leave to bring in Barrister's Practice Amendment Act, dropped.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of Mr. Newton's Petition,
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution,
Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:
Resolved, That the Petition of Mr. W. H. Newton be forwarded to His Excellency, with a respectful request that he will deal with the subject matter thereof as he may deem just and expedient.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Joint Stock Mining Companies' Bill.

Ordered, To be read second time accordingly.

Bill read second time.

On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

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 passed with certain amendments.

On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

Ordered, To be read a third time to-morrow.

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

Ordered, To be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered, To be read second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Land Registry Extension Bill,

Ordered, To be read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered, To be read a second time to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Homer gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion.

The Hon. The Attorney General gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday the 27th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.

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

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

The Hon. The Attorney General laid on the table, by order of His Excellency, papers connected with the matter of Captain Houghton's Petition.

The Hon. Mr. Homer asked leave to withdraw his Resolution in regard to imposing a tax of 3d. per acre on unoccupied land.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:

Resolved, That His Excellency The Governor be respectfully requested to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Telegraph, and to secure secrecy and fidelity in the transmission of telegraphic messages.

On question being put the Council divided,

Ayes, 6. *Noes*, 1.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution:

That the Government be requested to lay before this House, Ordinances for the regulation of the following matters:

1. To determine the right of drovers and stock-raisers to pasture their stock on unenclosed lands.
2. To regulate the running at large of stallions.
3. To impose a tax upon all unimproved lands bought or pre-empted from Government.
4. To allow spirits manufactured in the Colony to be exported free of excise duty.
5. To regulate the killing of game.
6. To regulate the fisheries of the rivers and coast of this Colony.

On the question being put, *Ordered*, That a separate vote be taken on each subject in order.
On question No. 1 being put the Council divided.
Ayes, 4. Noes, 5.
So it passed in the negative.
On question No. 2 being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*.
On question No. 3 being put, The Hon. Mr. Ball moved that the words "pre-empted" be left out.
On the amendment being put, the Council divided,
Ayes, 2. Noes, 6.
So it passed in the negative.
On the original motion being put, the Council divided,
Ayes, 3. Noes, 6.
So it passed in the negative.
On question No. 4 being put, it was carried *nem. con.*
On question No. 5 being put, it was carried *nem. con.*
On question No. 6 being put, it was carried *nem. con.*

The Hon. Mr. Smith asked the Hon. The Colonial Secretary whether or not any action has been taken with reference to the Petition from the inhabitants of Hope, viz: that the additional duty of one half cent per pound, at present collected on all goods leaving that place, viâ Similkameen, be taken off?
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary replied.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, the Hon. The Attorney General seconding:
Resolved, That a Select Committee of the House be formed to consider how an Assisted Emigration from Great Britain, either by paying part of the passage money or giving grants of land, can be made available for the Colony.
On the question being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*.
Ordered, That the Hon. Messrs. Holbrook, Crease, Hamley, Birch, Nind, and Orr form the above Committee.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of certain Military and Naval Settlers.
Ordered, That leave be granted.
So the Bill was presented.
On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, To be read a first time forthwith.
Read first time accordingly.
Ordered, Second reading for Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Postal Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the first time.
Read first time accordingly.
Ordered, To be read a second time forthwith.
Read second time accordingly.
Ordered, To be committed on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Inland Navigation Bill,
The House resolved itself into said Committee.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Chairman of Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Legal Interest Bill,
Ordered, To be read second time presently.
Read second time accordingly.
Ordered, To be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Joint Stock Mining Companies' Bill,
Hon. Mr. Orr moved that it be re-committed.
On question being put, the Council divided,
Ayes, 2. Noes, 7.
Ordered, To be read third time forthwith.
Read third time accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Mining Joint Stock Companies' Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Land Registry Amendment Bill,
Ordered, To be read second time presently.
Read second time accordingly.
Ordered, To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 28th instant, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 28th day of April, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

Two Messages from His Excellency the Governor to the Council were delivered by The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, who read the same, which are as followeth:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR. *Message No.* 1.

The Governor has received from his predecessor the Resolution, passed by the Legislative Council on the 29th of February, requesting him to appoint Justices of the Peace, resident in the Colony of British Columbia, with such power as he may deem necessary.

The Governor concurs in opinion with the Council, that a few unpaid Magistrates might with advantage be appointed. He will give his best attention to the subject as soon as his local knowledge shall be sufficient to enable him to make appointments satisfactory to the community.

Government House, 28*th April*, 1864.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR. *Message No.* 2.

The Governor has received from his predecessor the Resolution of the Legislative Council, passed on the 18th of February, requesting the Governor to frame a Customs Tariff Bill, based upon the suggestions of The Hon. Mr. Homer, and submit the same to the Council at an early date.

The Governor is of opinion that he does not as yet possess sufficient local knowledge to justify his interfering with the fiscal arrangements he finds in force. He is therefore unable to comply with the Resolution of the Council during the present Legislative Session. He will however consider with care The Hon Mr. Homer's suggestions during the approaching recess.

The Governor is strengthened in the opinion that it would be imprudent in him to attempt at present to re-model the Tariff, by the belief that the Resolution of the 18th of February would not have been readily concurred in by his predecessor.

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The Hon. The Attorney General, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into Mr. Trutch's matter, brought up a Report and the same was read as followeth:

Your Committee report that they are unable to come to any decision on the matters of Mr. Trutch, from want of the means of arriving at the amount which should form the basis of negociation, Mr. Trutch being unwilling to name a price himself or supply the details of the cost of construction; and therefore recommend that the subject be referred back to His Excellency, with a request that he will take such action in the matter as he may deem expedient for the public interest.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, That the above Report be transmitted to His Excellency.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an address to His Excellency on his arrival in the Colony, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:

Your Committee recommend the adoption by the Council of the following address:

To His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire,
Governor of British Columbia and its Dependencies.

The humble Address of the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, beg most respectfully to offer our congratulations to Your Excellency upon your assuming the duties of your important office, over the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies.

A Gold Colony, possessing an area over 250,000 square miles, yet in its infancy, will require many and various enactments to meet the necessary purposes of a young Country, and while we are prepared to devote our time and best energies, as loyal and dutiful subjects, to the cause, we are happy in having the benefit of Your Excellency's long Colonial experience to aid and guide us in our duties.

It affords us, the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, much pleasure to offer to Your Excellency our warmest support, and, through you, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, a pledge of our devoted loyalty.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered, That this Address be adopted, and that it be presented to His Excellency by the Hon. The Presiding Member, accompanied by such Members of the Council as shall see fit so to do.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution,

Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:

Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to appoint, or recommend for appointment, Notaries Public for this Colony.

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

The Hon. Mr Smith laid before the Council a statement from certain of the inhabitants of Yale, in regard to the lease of the water frontages at Yale, and asked that no further leases might be granted.

Ordered, That the discussion of this question be deferred until next sitting of the Council.

On the Order of the day being read for the further consideration of the Inland Navigation Bill in Committee,

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.
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 reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Legal Interest Bill,

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.
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 with certain amendments.
Ordered, To be read third time forthwith.
Read third time accordingly.
Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Interest Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Land Registry Extension Bill,

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee 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 certain amendments.
Ordered, To be read a third time forthwith.
Read third time accordingly.
Then, on the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The British Columbia Land Registry Extension Ordinance, 1864."

The Hon. The Attorney General gave notice of motion.
Hon. Mr. Homer gave 6 notices of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Friday, the 29th instant, at half-past 12 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 29th day of April, 1864.

The Council met at half-past 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.

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

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

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

At 3 o'clock the Council resumed its sitting.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary reported that the Council did this day wait on His Excellency The Governor, with a congratulatory address on his arrival in the Colony, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious reply:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

I receive with great gratification the address which your loyalty to the Queen has induced you to present to Her Majesty's representative.

You by no means over-estimate the importance of the duties belonging to you—to us—as the present Legislature of this vast territory. Every assistance in my power shall be afforded to you, and you will at all times find in me great deference for your wishes and opinions.

The present immature Legislative constitution gives to the Governor great power in the initiation of laws. I am pleased to believe that I am not immediately called upon to make any large exercise of that power, but that I may by an early prorogation enable myself to become personally acquainted with the wants of the different districts of the Colony. I trust that I shall be able to lay before you measures of considerable importance when next we meet for the transaction of business.

I am greatly obliged to you for your promise of support, and I shall not fail to make known to Her Majesty's Government the loyal spirit by which you are actuated.

The Hon. The Attorney General asked leave to bring in Patents Bill.
Ordered, That leave be granted.
Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the first time.
Read first time accordingly.
Ordered, Second reading for Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution:
Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to appoint a Deputy Registrar for the registration of transfers of land, mortgages on land, &c., in the district of Cariboo East.
On the question being put, the Council divided,
Ayes, 5. Noes, 5.
The Presiding Member gave a casting vote in the affirmative.
So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Homer's motion to consider His Excellency's message on the Tariff question, was withdrawn by consent of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved a Resolution for increasing the premium for the first Grist mill erected in the Colony.
On the question being put the Council divided,
Ayes, 5. Noes, 5.
The Presiding Member gave a casting vote in the negative.
So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be recommended to make, as soon as practicable, an appropriation of public money sufficient for the purpose of subsidizing a line of Ocean Steamers to convey Mails betweeen San Francisco and New Westminster. The said Steam-ship not to be less than 1000 tons register.

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

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved a Resolution praying for a Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the Council divided.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 5.

The Presiding Member gave a casting vote in the negative.

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to repeal that portion of the Customs Act, dated 2nd June, 1859, which allows Customs duties for the North Coast of British Columbia, to be collected in Vancouver Island. Also the repeal of the duties on ship building material, machinery for steam-boats, grist mills, and quartz mills.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Mint question in Committee.

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Homer,

Ordered, That the consideration stand over *sine die.*

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

The Council resolved itself into said Committee.

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 with amendments.

Ordered, To be read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly.

Ordered, To be passed on Monday next.

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

Hon. Mr. Orr moved a re-committal,

Ordered, To be re-committed.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committe.

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 certain amendments made.

Ordered, That this Bill be read a third time forthwith.

Read third time accordingly.

Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Inland Navigation Ordinance, 1864."

The Hon. Mr. Brew gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 2nd May, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday the 2nd day of May, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.

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

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

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary informed the Council that it was His Excellency's intention to adjourn them on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved the following Resolution,

Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding:

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to increase the Salary of the Postmaster General to £500 a year.

On question being put the Council divided,
Ayes, 5. *Noes*, 5.
The Presiding Member gave a casting vote in the affirmative.
So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Military and Naval Settlers Relief Bill,
The Hon. The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read first time to-morrow.
Ordered, To be read first time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of Patents Bill.
Ordered, To be read second time.
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. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported certain amendments made in 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 passing of the Postal Bill,
On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Orr,
Ordered, To be re-committed at once.
The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.
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 with amendments.
Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Postal Ordinance, 1864.

The Hon. Mr. Orr, Chairman from the Select Committee to consider the Bank Note Bill, handed in their Report in the shape of an amended Bill.
Report adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time.
Read second time accordingly.
Ordered, To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Orr gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Black, gave notice of motion.
The Hon. Mr. Smith gave 2 notices of motion.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock in the forenoon to-morrow, the 3rd instant.

Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 1864.

The Council met at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Orr, and Black.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

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

Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from Frank Richards.
Ordered, That the same be received and read.
Petition read accordingly.
Hon. Mr. Orr moved that this Petition be transmitted to His Excellency.
Hon. Mr. Ball moved as an amendment, that it be considered this day six months.
On the amendment being put the Council divided,
Ayes, 8. Noes, 2.
So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Orr presented a Petition from John T. Scott.
Ordered, To be received and read.

Petition read accordingly.

Hon. Mr. Orr moved that this Petition be transmitted to His Excellency.

Hon. Mr. Homer moved as an amendment that it be considered this day six months.

On the amendment being put, the Council divided,

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Black presented the Petition of George Tranfield.

Ordered, To be received and read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Black,

Ordered, To be laid before His Excellency for consideration, and for him to deal with as the justice of the case may call for.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution,

The Hon. Mr. Black seconding:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, representing as it does the unanimous voice of the people of this Colony, the union of British Columbia with Vancouver Island would be detrimental to the best interests of both; and that His Excellency be requested to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of fixing a new site for public buildings at Lillooet.

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

The Hon. Mr. Black's motion withdrawn by permission of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That whereas certain reservations in the valley of Chilwayhook and elsewhere throughout the Colony are being made for the benefit of the Indians, and whereas said reservations are considered to be unnecessarily large (10 acres to each family), and in several instances including lands already pre-empted and improved by actual settlers, thereby seriously interfering with the development of the agricultural resources of the Colony; be it resolved that His Excellency be respectfully requested to give the matter his consideration at as early a date as convenient, in order to avoid difficulties between the Settlers and the Indians.

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

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to consider the growing necessity of appointing a Gold Commissioner and Stipendiary Magistrate for the Shuswap and Similkameen Country.

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

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Naval and Military Settlers' Relief Bill,

Ordered, To be read second time and committed forthwith.

Read accordingly second time.

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

Ordered, To be read third time at once.

Read third time accordingly.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Naval and Military Settlers' Relief Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Bank Note Bill,

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Crease,

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended, to enable the Customs Amendment Bill to be read first, second, and third times, and passed this day, and that the Order of the day just now read do stand as the next Order after Customs Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the Customs Amendment Bill, and that it now be read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read the second time, and committed forthwith.

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. 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 amendments.
Ordered, To be read a third time forthwith.
Read third time accordingly.
On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General, *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Customs Amendment Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being again read for the committal of the Bank Note Bill.
The Council went into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.
The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered, That leave be granted presently.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.
After the lapse of half an hour the Council resumed its sitting.
On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Ordered, That the consideration of the Bank Bill in Committee be resumed.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Orr 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 made and new clauses added.
Report adopted.
Ordered, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Read third time accordingly.
On the motion of the Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That this Bill do now pass, and that its title be "The Bank Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the resumed consideration in Committee of the Patents Bill.
The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Presiding Member left the Chair.
The Hon. Mr. Orr 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 made.
Report adopted.
Ordered, To be read the third time.
Read the third time accordingly.
On the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,
Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Patents Ordinance, 1864."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Black, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, the 4th inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 1864.

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

Present.—The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, The Hon. The Attorney General, The Hon. The Collector of Customs, The Hon. Messrs. Brew, O'Reilly, Ball, Homer, Holbrook, and Black.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia, &c., &c., having been announced, entered the Council Chamber, and being seated in the President's Chair, made the following Speech to the Council:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

The period of the year has now arrived when most of you would wish to leave New Westminster, to attend to the duties of your offices or to the interests of your business, and I am happy to think that I can, without detriment to the public welfare, release you from further attendance in your Legislative capacities.

2. The Session which closes to-day has been productive, in my opinion, of considerable benefit to the community. It would probably have been even more useful, had not a change in the administration of the Government occurred during its progress. On entering office—not yet a fortnight ago—I found myself obliged to consider a measure involving the whole financial arrangements of the Colony; another proposing to regulate its paper currency; a third affecting the internal Navigation of the Country; together with several others of minor importance. In addition to these projects of law, there were awaiting my decision more than

twenty resolutions, passed by your Honorable Council at various times, many of them of grave importance, sanctioning in the whole an expenditure falling little short, if at all, of Eighty thousand pounds. The advance of the spring allowed of no delay. An early decision was required, so, with means of information still imperfect, I have decided as follows:

3. I have assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Ordinances:

An Ordinance to increase the facilities for registering documents relating to real property.

An Ordinance to declare the lawful rate of interest in the Colony.

An Ordinance relating to Patents.

An Ordinance to facilitate the formation of Mining Joint Stock Companies.

An Ordinance for regulating the Postal Service.

An Ordinance for the relief of certain Naval and Military Settlers.

An Ordinance to amend Customs Duties.

An Ordinance for the regulation of the Inland Navigation of British Columbia.

I might have hesitated in assenting, at once, to this last, prudent but cumbrous and perhaps vexatious measure, were it not that the Act contains a clause suspending its operations until Her Majesty's pleasure be signified. The Ordinance will therefore be subjected again to my consideration, when reporting to the Secretary of State on its provisions.

4. I have reserved for Her Majesty's consideration, the somewhat complicated Ordinance proposing to regulate the issue of Bank Notes in the Colony. Understand that I have not absolutely disallowed it. The measure may offer considerable advantages, but in a new country where capital is required, it is not always desirable to Legislate in a manner which may impair individual credit, or restrict the circulating medium. The suddenly making penal an act, innocent in itself, is likewise to be avoided. A knowledge on the part of the public, that such a measure as the Bill now reserved will probably soon become law, will tend to cure the evil against which you wish to legislate.

5. The resolutions your Honorable House has placed before my predecessor and myself are of various descriptions. Some of them have already been replied to by message. The remainder I shall now notice.

I assure you that all those having for their object the initiation, on my part, of new laws shall have my earnest consideration during the recess, and that the measures you propose, and of which I see the necessity, shall be put in proper shape for your consideration before we next meet.

6. Some other of your resolutions relate to questions of Executive Administration, such as the appointment of unpaid Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public, an additional Stipendiary Magistrate for the Shuswap and Similkameen districts, and the separation of the Office of Auditor from that of Colonial Secretary. I concur with you in the two first, and shall give due attention to the third and fourth resolutions. I may, however, intimate as regards the last, that the time is possibly not very far distant when a Legislative Body with a larger elective element will, periodically, appoint its own Committees to examine the public accounts.

7. I come now to the most important resolutions of the Session; those which request that vast sums of money, to be expended on public works, be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, and then embodied in a second Appropriation Act. I see reasons, which appear to me of great importance, for delaying the introduction of the new Appropriation Act, until I am able to call you together again in November. One of these reasons, I may mention, is that the money you propose to expend is not yet in our possession. Another is that I am reluctant to refuse, without more information than I can now possibly possess, certain petitions, which come before me with the great weight of your recommendation, while, on the other hand, I am almost equally reluctant to give a legal sanction to any expenditure of money, of the necessity of which I am not satisfied. I propose, therefore, to adopt the course of considering each of the resolutions of your Honorable Council, passed as they were freely, without solicitation from the Governor, as an authority for him to expend the amount therein mentioned, in the manner therein specified, in anticipation of the Supplementary Appropriation Act.

Full explanation of all that has been done in the recess shall be laid before you at your next meeting.

8. And here I must warn you that the progress of the public works will not, in all probability, be as rapid as we could desire. The resources on which we depend, the proceeds of the loan of £100,000 to be raised in London, can hardly be available until late in the year.

The Act only left this Colony towards the end of March, and will not, therefore, reach England till late in May. We can hardly assume that less than a month will suffice for the various operations necessary for placing the funds at our disposal, and then another period of six weeks or two months will probably elapse before we are acquainted with the results.

9. I have to announce my entire concurrence in the Resolutions for the Survey of a road from Quesnel Mouth to Cariboo, and for the expenditure of £40,000, in addition to the amount already granted, for the improvement of communication in the district in question. I look upon the facilitating of access to the rich gold fields of the North-east as at present the paramount duty of the Governor and Council of this Colony; indeed so convinced am I of the

importance of this work, that I may perhaps, in anticipation of the proceeds of the Loan, divert for its prosecution, from the ordinary Revenue, certain sums voted for other purposes. Should I do so, and any unexpected impediment prevent the early success of the Loan, I shall lay before you an Indemnity Act at your next session.

10. A consideration of the manner in which the Country is to be opened, leads me to allude to a question of administration which, as it apperaed to be connected with a money vote, has been already placed before you. A gentleman has been nominated, by the Secretary of State, to be Surveyor General of this Colony. That gentleman is at present disqualified from holding the office, by his possession of property on one of the competing roads to the diggings, which would lose value by the improvement of the rival route. Mr. Trutch, the gentleman in question, shall be again invited to qualify himself to fill the post he would suit so well, by divesting himself of all interest in this Colony, which might expose his public acts to suspicion and unfavorable comment. Should any arrangement be made by the Government for the purchase of Mr. Trutch's rights—an arrangement better avoided—full particulars shall be laid before you early next session.

11. You have placed £8,000 at the disposal of the Government for the formation of a waggon road from Hope to Yale. This work is desirable, though not indispensable. If the road were now completed, the vast majority of the up-country traffic would still, during the greater part of the year, give a preference to the river over the road; the performing of this work, however, is only a question of time. It will surely come should the Colony continue to progress at its present rate. I should, however, wish to state that instructions have been already given by me for placing the communication on the most important portion of this line—that between Yale and Emory's Bar—in good condition.

12. I see £10,000 given for the erection of public buildings in New Westminster. Unquestionably our present public buildings are shabby and inconvenient, and others must ere long be erected. In a young Colony like this, good accommodation for our public officers is not the primary necessity. The first duty is to improve our communications and develop the resources of the land, and I consider that I am doing more for New Westminster in sanctioning, as I most willingly do, the establishment of a Light Vessel at the mouth of the Fraser, than if I at once commenced the erection of public buildings. Our Capital will likewise receive great benefit should we succeed in obtaining Steam Communication between it and San Francisco. I concur in your resolution on this subject, and shall take early steps in furtherance of it.

13. The formation of roads in and about New Westminster, for which you have voted £10,000, shall be attended to. I accept the additional £3,000 for the repair of the Yale and Clinton road, and generally the smaller sums included in the same resolution of the 4th of February. I specially thank you for the additional sums you have given for Schools and Hospitals. The donation for the latter purpose shall, as you desire, be equally divided between Cariboo and New Westminster.

14. The offering of prizes, to encourage exploration and a more thorough development of the resources of the Colony, proposed in your resolution of the 24th February, is sanctioned by me, and a notice thereof shall be duly published in the newspapers of this and the neighbouring Colony of Vancouver Island.

15. And now I must notice your resolution, of yesterday's date, protesting against any union with the Colony just named. I shall forward that resolution to His Grace the Secretary of State, and strongly express my opinion that British Columbia has grown too large for a return to the old system to be possible. Whether union under other conditions might hereafter be acceptable, I am at present unable to say. I would however observe that, from my short experience, I am inclined to think that an efficient administration of the affairs of British Columbia, alone, would be enough to engross the whole attention of a Governor.

16. Your resolution of yesterday's date—message No. 40—respecting the Indian Reserves, shall have, as it deserves, my anxious consideration. I have not yet sufficient experience to deal with the question.

17. The choice of a good site for the Public Buildings at Lillooet shall at once be made.

18. The Petition of the people of Hope, dated March 18th, and forwarded in your resolution of the 4th of April, cannot be granted without an alteration in the law, which it is now too late to effect.

19. I am not yet impressed with the necessity for increasing the salary of the Postmaster General. I shall consider the question during the recess.

20. Most of you Honorable Gentlemen are about to resume your public or private duties in the Country districts. I trust you will find there tranquillity and prosperity existing among the heterogeneous population, which the attractions of our Gold has drawn to the Colony. It will be through no fault of mine, if you do not soon see the Surveyor's gangs upon your roads, and public energy beneficially following close upon the footsteps of private enterprise.

21. With full acknowledgment of the zeal and ability you have shewn during this important Session, it now only remains for me to bring it to a close. I now therefore, in Her Majesty's name, prorogue this Legislative Council; and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.

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