
Monday, the 24th day of October, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Dickson, Franklin.

Mr. Speaker proceeded to the reading the Minutes of yesterday, when it was noticed that (Mr. Franklin having retired) a Quorum was not present.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Tuesday, the 25th day of October, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Drs. Tolmie, Dickson, Powell; and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Franklin, Southgate, Carswell, Duncan.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. De Cosmos rose to a question of Privilege—to correct certain mis-statements which had appeared in the “Chronicle” Newspaper, in the report of the “Proceedings” in the House yesterday.

Mr. Young took the Oaths & his Seat for Victoria City.

Ordered for tomorrow. Second Reading of “A Bill To provide for the Election of a Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria on the 8th day of November A. D. 1864.”

Mr. De Cosmos, pursuant to notice, moved “That the House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of considering the advisability of constructing a Waggon Road connecting the City of Victoria with Nanaimo and Comax.”

(Mr. Dennes seconded).

On question that Monday next (31st inst.) be fixed the House divided.

Question.

Ayes: 6.

Noes: 3.

Messrs. Southgate
De Cosmos
Dennes
Tolmie
Dickson
Powell

Messrs. Young
Franklin
Duncan

Ordered for Monday next, the 31st Inst.

Mr. De Cosmos, pursuant to notice, moved "that the House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of devising means for the development of the Fisheries of Vancouver Island and of the Waters contiguous thereto."

Mr. Southgate seconded.

On question that Monday next (31st) be fixed Mr. Duncan moved An Amendment "that the consideration of the question be postponed for two Months."

Mr. Franklin seconded the amendment.

The House then divided.

For Mr. De Cosmos's Resolution

<i>Ayes:</i> 6.	<i>Noes:</i> 4.
Messrs. De Cosmos	Messrs. Carswell
Dickson	Young
Tolmie	Franklin
Dennes	Duncan
Powell	
Southgate	

Ordered for Monday next, the 31st Inst.

Mr. De Cosmos, pursuant to Notice, moved "That the House name a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of considering the advisability of taking measures to promote the construction of flour-mills in the agricultural districts and otherwise to assist in fostering Agriculture."

Mr. Dennes seconded.

Ordered for Monday next.

Ordered that House go into Committee of the whole on Thursday next to report upon "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860."

Mr. Speaker read a Communication from His Excy. the Governor (No. 28) dated 24th Octr. 1864 stating that the Resolutions referred to in His Excy.'s Communication of the 10th Oct. 1864 (Res. confirmed by the Legislative Assembly 7th Oct.) had been forwarded to the Secty. of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Dennes gave Notice of Motion for 2nd Novr. for leave to introduce "A Bill To prevent unqualified persons from drawing conveyances."

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon the Report of the Committee on Education.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Dickson in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the report of the Committee on Education had adopted therein the following Resolutions.

That there should be established in this Colony a system of Common Schools conducted by thoroughly competent trained teachers wherein the physical intellectual and moral training would be such as to make the Schools

attractive to all classes of the people. That provision be made for Separate Schools for females presided over by female teachers when practicable.

That in a community such as this where religious opinions are so diversified and where the benefits of a well devised Educational System should be extended to all, the reading of the Bible or the inculcation of religious dogmas in "Common Schools" would be unadvisable.

It is to be regretted that no permanent fund for "School purposes" has yet been created by the setting apart of certain portions of Crown Lands in each district. But as the Legislature has no control over these Lands Your Committee would recommend Your Honorable House to address His Excellency the Governor praying that such provision may now be made in the settled and other districts of the Colony in view of present and future requirements.

That an appropriation be made annually out of the General Revenue for the Establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in the settled districts of the Colony and in the City of Victoria.

That in the present stage of development of the Colony the following is submitted as the most appropriate method of inaugurating and carrying out a System of "Common Schools."

1. That a General Board of Education consisting of nine persons should be appointed by the Governor in Council.

2. That there be three School Trustees elected by the Residents of each School District.

3. That the appointment of a paid Superintendent should be made by the said Board subject to the approval of His Excy. the Governor.

4. That the Board of Education with the advice and assistance of the Superintendent should be empowered to establish School districts and their boundaries, to appoint teachers, to select books and to regulate all other matters connected with the organisation and general management of "Common Schools."

Your Committee would respectfully submit the above as briefly embracing the general principles upon which A School Act should be based and they would urge upon Your Honorable House the immediate necessity of the introduction and passage of such An Act.

Resolved that A Copy of the Resolutions as amended be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Ordered that Report be received.

Ordered for tomorrow.

The consideration of the Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House upon the subject of "Common Schools."

Also, In Committee. Communication from His Excy. the Governor on the Subject of "The Dredging Machine."

Also, 2nd Reading of "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for the election of a Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria, on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1864."

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 26th day of October, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Drs. Tolmie, Powell, Trimble, Dickson; and Messrs. Southgate, Franklin, Duncan, De Cosmos, Carswell, Dennes.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day. The House took under consideration the Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House yesterday upon the subject of "Common Schools" and Ordered that the Report be adopted.

On Motion by Dr. Powell Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for the election of a Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria on the 8th day of November 1864," was Read a 2nd time and committed.

Dissentientibus Messrs. Carswell, Dennes.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon a Communication from His Excy. the Govr. (No. 26) on subject of the "Victoria Harbour Dredging Machine."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Powell in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had the foregoing subject under consideration begged to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that Report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 27th day of October, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Franklin, Dennes, Young, Southgate, Duncan, Powell, Bayley.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read a Communication from His Excellency the Governor, as follows.

No. 29

Vancouver Island
Victoria, 26th Octr. 1864

To The Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly
Gentlemen

In reply to the Resolution of the House praying to be informed what steps have been taken by the Executive with respect to the settlement between the Hudson's Bay Company and Crown respecting the Crown Lands of this Colony, I have to state for the information of the House that owing to difficulties and delays over which I had no control the most important document connected with the subject, namely the Evidence taken before the Committee of the House, reached my hands in a still imperfect condition on the 18th Octr. only.

The whole of this important and complicated question is now under careful consideration and the House will be informed as early as possible of the decision arrived at.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
(sd.) A. E. Kennedy
Governor

Order of the Day. The House then went into Committee of the whole to report upon "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend The Land Registry Act 1860."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Duncan in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had the before mentioned Bill under consideration desired to report the Bill favorably to the House.

"A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860" was then Read a first time.

The House then went into Comtee. of the whole upon "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for the election of A Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria, on the 8th day of November, 1864."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Duncan in Chair of the Comtee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill, had agreed to the same, as amended.

Ordered that Report be agreed to.

On Motion by Dr. Powell Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos The Standing Orders were suspended, and "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for the Election of a Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria, on the 8th day of November, 1864" was Read a 3rd time and passed.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Friday, the 28th day of October, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Drs. Tolmie, Dickson; and Messrs. Dennes, Young.

The last Minutes having been read & confirmed.

“A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860” was Ordered to be read a 2nd time on Tuesday next.

On Motion by Mr. Dennes Seconded by Dr. Dickson “That House do adjourn till Tuesday next, 1st Novr.” The House divided.

Question.

Ayes: 3.

Noes: 1.

Messrs. Dennes

Mr. Young

Dickson

Tolmie

The Motion was therefore carried, and the House adjourned till Tuesday next.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 1st day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Franklin, Young, Dennes, Southgate, Duncan, Bayley, De Cosmos; and Dr. Powell.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read A Communication from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30) as follows.

No. 30

Vancouver Island
Victoria, 31st Oct. 1864

To the Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit for the information and consideration of the Legislative Assembly the Copy of a Despatch received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The management of the Crown Revenues of this Colony is at present on a most unsatisfactory footing, and I would earnestly desire the final decision of the Legislature on the proposal of Her Majesty's Government with reference thereto before I assume the undivided responsibility of applying the necessary reforms. The inconveniences and injuries to the public interests arising from the present uncertain and unsettled state of this question, are serious and numerous.

The consideration of the important subject of emigration must be deferred pending its settlement. The growing difficulties with the Indian population must continue to increase while the extent of their lands is undefined and their just claims unliquidated.

The Estimates for the Year 1865 cannot for the same reason be prepared or proper provision made for the conduct of the Government.

The House will learn from the Despatch now laid before them that it is incumbent upon me, in the event of their declining to take over the Crown Revenues, to furnish in respect of those Revenues, Estimates for the ensuing Year and Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure for past years with a view to their being properly audited.

This course will necessitate the adjustment of the Account between the local Government and the Crown and a refund of the amount advanced from the Crown Revenues for Colonial purposes under the Resolutions of Indemnity passed by the Legislative Assembly on 2nd July 1864 together with all other Sums appropriated without due authority. There are numerous minor complications and difficulties daily arising out of this unsettled question.

It may be proper for me to state my opinion that, whatever the decision arrived at by the House on the question, it will in no way impair the rights of the Colony or prejudice the claims asserted by the Legislative Assembly against the Hudson's Bay Co. in their Resolutions of the 27th June 1864.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
(sd.) A. E. Kennedy
Governor.

Also A Communication (No. 31) from His Excellency the Governor, dated 1st Novr. 1864 acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly (26th Octr.) on the subject of Common Schools.

Mr. Speaker then read a Communication from the Honble. The President of the Legislative Council Enclosing Amendments to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law" which were Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Also, Amendments by the Honble. the Council to a "Bill Entitled An Act to provide for the election of A Mayor and Councillors for the City of Victoria on the 8th day of Novr. A. D. 1864" as follows—

Clause 3 line 16. Strike out the word "the" and in lieu insert the word "three"

Clauses 7 and 8 to be struck out and the following to be inserted—"That each voter voting for a Mayor or Councillor or Councillors may be called upon by any Voter qualified to vote at such Election to take an Oath in the form or to the effect in the Schedule hereto."

Schedule

I, A. B. do hereby swear that I am the said A. B. mentioned in the revised list of Voters for the City of Victoria, and that I am entitled in my own right to vote for the election of a Mayor (or two Councillors for the ward of as the case may be) in respect of (describe the nature of the qualification whether freehold or leasehold specifying the block and lot and where situated).

In the preamble, line 12 strike out the word "exceed" and insert "extend."

The foregoing Amendments were taken up seriatim, agreed to, and Read a 1st time and The Standing Orders having been suspended Read a 2nd [time] and passed.

On question that the Communication received from His Excy. the Governor this day "No. 30 dated Victoria 31st Oct. 1864" enclosing a Despatch No. 27 dated 1st Aug. 1864 from the Right Honble. the Secretary of State for the Colonies be the Order of the Day for Monday, 7st Inst."

The House divided.

Question.

Ayes: 3.

Noes: 2.

Messrs. De Cosmos
Dickson
Dennes

Messrs. Franklin
Young

The Resolution was therefore carried.

Ordered for tomorrow. 2nd Reading of "The Land Registry Amendment Act."
The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 2nd day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. De Cosmos, Carswell, Dennes, Powell, Duncan, Franklin, Tolmie, Southgate, Dickson, Young.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

J. J. Cochrane Esqre. took the Oaths and his Seat for Saanich District, vice Street resigned.

Ordered That the House go into Committee of the whole House tomorrow to report upon "A Bill Entitled An Act relating to the office of Coroner."

Mr. De Cosmos gave Notice of Motion for Monday, Novr. 15th "That the House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of considering the advisability of framing an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, and His Excy. the Governor, respecting an Alteration of the present constitution of the Legislative Council of this Colony."

Dr. Dickson gave Notice of Motion for Novr. 4th "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish the House with copies of any order of the Queen in Council, establishing the Legislative Council of this Colony or in any way affecting the constitution of the Legislative Council."

On Motion by Mr. Franklin Seconded by Mr. Dennes "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860" was read a 2nd time.

On question that the Bill be committed Mr. Franklin moved An Amendment that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

The House Divided.

For the original question

Ayes: 6.

Messrs. De Cosmos
Dickson
Young
Carswell
Powell
Southgate

Noes: 2.

Messrs. Franklin
Dennes

The Bill was then Ordered to be committed.

The Amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council being brought under consideration of the House Mr. De Cosmos moved that the Honble. the Legislative Council be invited to confer with the Legislative Assembly in the matter of "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers and Attorneys at law."

Mr. Dennes seconded.

Carried.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Resolution That the House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of considering the advisability of constructing A Waggon Road connecting the City of Victoria with Nanaimo and Comax."

Also upon "A Resolution That the House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole with the object of devising means for the development of the Fisheries of Vancouver Island and of the waters contiguous thereto."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Dickson in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned subjects.

In regard to the first had Resolved "That the attention of His Excellency be directed to the road and trail from this City to Comox with the view to ascertaining what additional Sum would be required to render it passable all the way for Vehicles, and to the making of Roads throughout the Colony generally, so that the matter may be taken in consideration in the Estimates."

In regard to the Second, A Resolution "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates for the ensuing Fiscal Year a Sufficient Sum of Money to encourage an exploring expedition to be sent out to discover the extent locality and character of the Fisheries in and around the Shores of this Colony and contiguous thereto, and also to obtain information as to the most suitable Season of the Year and the kind of bait required for prosecuting the different fisheries."

Ordered for tomorrow. In Committee of the Whole House.

"A Resolution as to the advisability of taking measures to promote the construction of Flour Mills in the Agricultural districts and otherwise to assist in fostering agriculture."

Also, A Communication from H. Excy. the Governor (No. 26) on subject of "The Victoria Harbour Dredging Machine."

Also, "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the office of Coroner."

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Thursday, the 3rd day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Franklin, Young, Cochrane; and Dr. Tolmie.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House took under consideration and Confirmed the Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole yesterday.

In regard to the Road and trail between Victoria and Comox.

In regard to the Fisheries of the Colony.

The House then went into Committee of the whole "To consider the advisability of taking measures to promote the construction of flour Mills in the agricultural Districts and otherwise to assist in fostering Agriculture."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cochrane in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the foregoing Subject had Resolved "That any person who shall erect a flour mill in any part of the Island that will produce fifty Barrels of good superfine flour per day to the satisfaction of competent Judges shall receive a premium of Twelve hundred and fifty Dollars."

Ordered that report be agreed to.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 4th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. De Cosmos, Duncan, Franklin, Trimble, Carswell, Young, Cochrane, Dickson.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

A Communication was read from the Honble. the Legislative Council accepting the proposition transmitted by order of the House for a Conference to be holden on Monday the 7th Inst. in the matter of "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers & Attorneys at law."

Also, a Communication from the Honble. the Legislative Council transmitting an Amendment to the Short Title of "A Bill Entitled the Chief Justice's Permanent Salary Act 1864."

Amendment by the Honble. the Council Clause 3 line 3 Strike out the word "Permanent."

The House Ordered that the Amendment be considered as a clerical amendment only, and as not infringing with the Prerogative of the House in regard of Bills affecting Appropriations of Money.

The House further ordered that the foregoing Amendment be read a 1st time and agreed to.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos 2nded by Mr. Franklin The Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House yesterday in the matter of the "construction of Flour Mills in the Agricultural Districts" were recommitted.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon A Communication from His Excy. the Governor (No. 26) on the subject of "The Victoria Harbour Dredging Machine."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cochrane in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of the "Victoria Harbour Dredging Machine" had therein agreed to the following Resolutions.

Resolved That this House after having had under consideration the message of His Excellency the Governor respecting the improvement of Victoria Harbour and the completion of the Dredging Apparatus is of opinion.

1. That there should be no unnecessary delay in the completion of the Dredge &c. and in setting them to work improving the Harbour.

2. That a sufficient Sum to complete the Dredge &c. and to meet the current expenses of carrying on the improvement of Victoria Harbour for one year be put in the Estimates for the next fiscal year. That His Excellency the Governor be authorised to appropriate Five thousand dollars out of the General Revenue towards the completion of the Dredge and other Machinery for the improvement of the Harbour.

3. That it be further recommended that the entire management of the improvement of Victoria Harbour be placed in the hands of a Commission of Five persons selected by the Governor from the Inhabitants of Victoria City and that the Executive be empowered to appoint an Engineer at a Salary not exceeding £500 per annum to be under the orders of the said Commissioners.

4. That this Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
Ordered that report be adopted.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 7th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Young, Duncan, Dennes, Franklin, Carswell, De Cosmos, Cochrane; and Drs. Trimble, Powell, Dickson.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker appointed Messrs. De Cosmos, Powell and Dickson to be Managers of the conference with the Honble. The Legislative Council appointed to take place this day in the matter of "A Bill Respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law."

The House then adjourned to the Legislative Council Chamber.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. De Cosmos, from the conference, reported that the Conference had met and adjourned till Tuesday (15th Inst.).

Read a 1st time "A Bill Entitled An Act relating to the office of Coroner."

The House then took under consideration & confirmed the Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House on the 4th Inst. on the subject of the "Victoria Harbour Dredging Machine."

Mr. De Cosmos gave Notice of Motion for Thursday (10th Inst.).⁹

On question "that House adjourn till Thursday (10th Inst.) The House divided.

<i>Ayes:</i> 8.	<i>Noes:</i> 2.
Messrs. Duncan	Messrs. Young
Dennes	De Cosmos
Franklin	
Cochrane	
Carswell	
Powell	
Dickson	
Trimble	

The House then adjourned till Thursday the 10th Inst.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

⁹ *Colonist*, 8 November 1864: "Mr. De Cosmos accordingly gave notice of a motion that the House meet for despatch of business on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, and for four evenings every week thereafter, at the same hour."

Thursday, the 10th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Cochrane, Young, Franklin.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

R. Burnaby Esqre., Member for Esquimalt & Metchosin District reported himself to Mr. Speaker on his return from leave of Absence.

Mr. Cochrane gave notice of motion for Wednesday, 16th inst. for "Returns of moneys spent on Roads in Saanich District."

Mr. De Cosmos moved A Resolution "That this House sit in the Evenings hereafter for the dispatch of business and that the first Evenings Sitting be held at 7 p. m. on Friday next and at the same hour on every succeeding Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evening."¹⁰

The Amendment by the Honble. the Council to a "Bill Entitled An Act to appropriate the Sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum from the General Revenue of the Colony for the Salary of a Chief Justice" was Read a 2nd time and agreed to.

Order of the Day. In Committee of the whole House.

A Communication from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30)¹¹ enclosing Copy of a Despatch from the Rt. Honble. the Secretary of State for the Colonies No. 27, 1st Aug. 1864.

On question "that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" Mr. Franklin moved an Amendment that the consideration of the above Subject be postponed till Monday next (14th inst.).

Mr. De Cosmos moved An Amendment that its consideration be postponed till tomorrow.

The Amendment of Mr. De Cosmos was then put as against the Amendment of Mr. Franklin.

Question.

For Mr. De Cosmos's Amendment

Ayes: 5.

Messrs. De Cosmos

Franklin [Young]

Cochrane

Burnaby

Dennes

Noes: 1.

Mr. Franklin

Mr. De Cosmos's Amendment was then put as against the original question and Carried unanimously.

Read a 2nd time and committed "A Bill Entitled An Act relating to the Office of Coroner."

(Dissentiente Mr. Young).

¹⁰ De Cosmos' original motion called for evening sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, but he agreed to drop Thursday evening sittings from his motion. *Colonist*, 11 November 1864.

¹¹ Messages to House, 31 October 1864.

The House then went into *Committee* of the whole to report upon "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery." Also upon "A Resolution reported from *Committee* of the whole House on the 3rd Inst. and recommitting by the House on the 4th inst. on the subject of the construction of Flour Mills in the Agricultural Districts."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dickson in Chair of the *Committee*.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the *Committee* having had under consideration the above mentioned Subjects

In regard to the first, begged to report the Bill favorably to the House.

In regard to the Second begged to report that the *Committee* had resolved "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to proclaim that if any person or persons shall erect a flour mill with the capacity to grind one hundred and twenty five bushels of wheat in one day in any agricultural district and shall make into superfine and fine flour with such mill Five hundred bushels of wheat grown in the Colony and give satisfactory proof thereof the Sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid to every such person or persons provided always that such Sum shall extend only to the erection of one Mill and that the time within which the erection of such Mill shall take place shall be within one year from the date of proclamation. And this House hereby pledges itself to make good the payment of the said Sum out of the General Revenue."

Ordered that the report be received.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 11th day of November, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. De Cosmos, Young, Powell.

A Quorum not being present the House was counted out.

J. S. Helmcken

Monday, the 14th day of November, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. De Cosmos, Young, Dickson.

A Quorum not being present the House was counted out.

J. S. Helmcken

Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Young, Dennes, Duncan, Cochrane, Carswell, Burnaby; and Drs. Powell, Dickson.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. De Cosmos, from the Conference with the Honble. the Legislative Council, reported that the Honble. the Legislative Council would communicate by message with this House in the matter of "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers and Attorneys."

The House then took under consideration and agreed to certain Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House on the 10th Inst. in the matter of the erection of Flour Mills in the Agricultural Districts.

Read a 1st time "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

Mr. De Cosmos pursuant to notice moved that "The House fix a day to go into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of framing an address to Her Majesty the Queen and His Excellency the Governor respecting an alteration of the present constitution of the Legislative Council of this Colony."

Dr. Powell seconded.

Agreed to.

Ordered for Tuesday next (22nd inst.).

Order of the Day. In Committee of the whole House. A Communication (No. 30) from His Excellency the Governor upon the Subject of the Crown Revenues of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Communication begged to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House ordered that certain Resolutions laid upon the table of the Committee (as above) be printed.

Mr. De Cosmos presented a Petition from certain Settlers in Cowichan District against the Road Tax.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 16th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Duncan, Cochrane, Burnaby, Young, Franklin; and Drs. Tolmie, Dickson, Powell.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day. The House went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill To amend the Land Registry Act, 1860."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Duncan in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Mr. Franklin pursuant to notice asked for leave to introduce "A Bill making the Act of the 19th & 20th Vict. cap. 97 applicable to Vancouver Island & consolidating & amending the law of foreign liabilities on foreign Actions & judgments."

Mr. De Cosmos seconded.

Agreed to.

Ordered "That the House go into Committee of the whole on Friday next (18th Novr.) to report upon above Bill.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 18th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Franklin, Young, Cochrane, Dennes, De Cosmos, Southgate, Carswell, Burnaby, Duncan; and Drs. Tolmie, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. Dennes. Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos "A Bill To increase the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Civil Justice to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds" was Read a first time & Ordered to go to a 2nd Reading.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon A Communication (No. 30) from His Excy. the Governor upon the Subject of The Crown Revenues of the Colony. Also upon "A Bill making the Act of the 19th & 20th Vict. Cap. 97 applicable to Vancouver Island & consolidating and amending the law of foreign liabilities on foreign Actions and judgments."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cochrane in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned subject begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again. Also to report the above Bill favorably to the House.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Ordered for Monday next 2nd Reading of "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

The House then adjourned till Monday next.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 21st day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Duncan, Dennes, Young, Bayley; and Drs. Dickson, Powell, Tolmie.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Dr. Dickson gave Notice of Motion.¹²

The House then took under consideration the report of the Committee of the whole yesterday and Ordered that "A Bill Making the Act of the 19th and 20th Victoria, cap. 97, applicable to Vancouver Island and consolidating and amending the law of foreign liabilities on foreign actions and judgments" be brought in.

Read a 2nd time and committed "A Bill Respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon A Communication from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30) upon the subject of the Crown Revenues of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

¹² *Colonist*, 22 November 1864: "Whereas it is expedient for the encouragement of agriculture and the settling up of the country as well as the general interests of the colony to offer rewards for the destruction of beasts of prey:

It is therefore Resolved, That this House respectfully requests His Excellency the Governor to offer the following rewards, viz.: To every person who shall kill a panther, wolf or bear within any of the districts of Victoria, Esquimalt, Metchosin, Sooke, Alberni, Lake, South Saanich, North Saanich, Cowichan, and adjacent districts, Nanaimo and adjacent districts, Comox and adjacent districts, and Salt Spring Island, \$15; provided that the person so killing a wolf, panther or bear bring the head thereof to the nearest Justice of the Peace, and there make oath that he did kill the said panther, wolf or bear in some of the before mentioned districts, and obtain a certificate from such Justice of the Peace to that effect."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned subject begged to report the following Resolutions.

1. That this House regrets its inability to take over the Crown Lands and grant a Specific Civil List until the extent and nature of said Crown Lands shall be determined and submitted to this House.

2. That as a grant of the whole Island was made to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1849 without any reservation whatever for possessory rights of the said Company or any person or persons whatever, this House cannot recognise any such rights, as they were ignored by the grant and subsequently by the Colonial office.

3. That nevertheless possessory rights and others of an equally unwarrantable character have been introduced by the Hudson's Bay Company and inconsiderately admitted by H. M.'s Government under the Indenture of 3rd Feby. 1862 involving property it is presumed to about \$1,000,000. to the great prejudice of this Colony.

4. That this House, to whom the said Indenture was not submitted, prior to its execution, for the foregoing reasons denies the validity of it and therefore respectfully requests His Excellency to urge on H. M.'s Government a reconsideration of the said Indenture that the truth may be arrived at and a more just and final settlement speedily obtained.

5. That this House deplores the unsettled condition of the Crown Lands question and the injury and inconvenience resulting to the Colony and to the Executive, therefrom; but, willing as it is to grant a liberal Civil List and to co-operate with the Executive for the efficient Government of the Colony, This House feels imperatively called upon in justice to itself to first make an appeal to the justice and consideration of H. M.'s Government.

Ordered that report be received and agreed to.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken.
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Franklin, Young, Burnaby, Cochrane, Duncan, Carswell; and Drs. Powell, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House took under consideration the Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole yesterday upon the subject of His Excellency's Communication (No. 30) with Enclosure (No. 27) from the Right Honble. the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the matter of "The Crown Revenues of the Colony."

On question "that the Resolutions do pass" Mr. Franklin (seconded by Mr. Burnaby) moved An Amendment "That the Resolutions be recommitted." The House then divided.

For the Resolutions

Ayes: 7.

Messrs. Young
Duncan
Dennes
Cochrane
Carswell
Powell
Dickson

Noes: 3.

Messrs. Franklin
Burnaby
De Cosmos

The Resolutions were therefore carried.

Order of the Day. The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill Entitled An Act relating to the Office of Coroner."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Duncan, Bayley, Young, Franklin, Carswell; and Drs. Dickson, Powell.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day. In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Office of Coroner."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above-mentioned Bill begged to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 24th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. DeCosmos, Dennes, Dickson, Young, Southgate, Bayley, Franklin, Cochrane.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos, Seconded by Mr. Franklin, "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof" was read a 1st time & Ordered to be printed.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill Entitled An Act relating to the office of Coroner."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report the same complete as amended.

Ordered that report be adopted.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 25th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Franklin, Dennes, Carswell, Young, De Cosmos; and Drs. Dickson, Tolmie, Trimble.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Read a 3rd time and passed "A Bill entitled An Act respecting the office of Coroner."

Order of the Day, in Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Tolmie in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had the above Bill under consideration begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Also, in Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act 1860."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Dickson in Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill, had agreed to the same as amended.

Ordered that the reports be received respectively.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 28th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Dickson, Powell, Franklin, Tolmie, Young, Cochrane.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read the following Communication from the Honble. the Legislative Council.

Vancouver Island.

Council Chamber
Victoria, 25th November 1864

To the Honble. the Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly
Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform Your Honorable House that the following Resolution passed the Legislative Council this day in reference to "A Bill respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law" viz. That it is the opinion of this Council that the amendment following will meet the wishes of the Honble. the Legislative Assembly, viz. In Clause 1 line 3 Insert between the words "admit" and "to Act" "And the said Supreme Court shall approve and admit." Respecting the 8th Clause of the Bill I am directed to inform you that the Legislative Council adheres to its wish that it be struck out.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
(sd.) E. J. Nesbitt
Clerk of the Council

Ordered for Wednesday next 30th Inst.

Read a 3rd time and passed "A Bill To amend the Land Registry Act 1860."

Dr. Dickson pursuant to notice, asked the House to fix a day to go into Committee upon A Resolution requesting H. Excy. the Governor to offer rewards for the destruction of Panthers, Bears, Wolves, &c.

Ordered for tomorrow.

Dr. Dickson pursuant to notice moved a Resolution "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish this House with copies of any order of the Queen in Council establishing the Legislative Council of this Colony or in any way affecting the constitution of the Legislative Council."

Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos.
Carried.

On motion by Mr. Dennes, seconded by Mr. Young "A Bill To increase the jurisdiction of the Inferior Courts of Civil Justice to the sum of Two hundred Pounds" was Read a 2nd time and committed.

Mr. De Cosmos gave Notice of Motion (M. B. f. [blank]).¹³

Order of the Day. Mr. De Cosmos asked leave to postpone the consideration in Committee of the Resolution of which he gave notice on the 2nd Inst. until the Returns moved for in the matter of the Legtve. Council, be received.

Ordered for Friday 2nd *proximo*.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill Respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Tolmie in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the foregoing Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received & leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. De Cosmos, Dickson.

A Quorum not being present the House was counted out.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 30th day of November, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Young, Franklin, De Cosmos, Dennes, Bayley, Powell, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

¹³ Motion Book, p. 87: "On Wednesday next I will ask leave to introduce A Bill entitled An Act to provide for taking a census of the Colony & for creating a Board of Statistics."

The House took under consideration the Amendments by the Honble. the Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law" and agreed to the same respectively with the exception of Amendment, No. 3, viz. "Strike out Clause 2 &c." which amendment the House further amended by the insertion of the words "and the said Supreme Court shall approve admit and enrol" before the words "to act" in 3rd line.

On motion by Dr. Powell, Seconded by Dr. Dickson "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Common Schools" was Read a 1st time and Ordered to be printed.

Mr. De Cosmos, pursuant to notice moved for leave to introduce "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for taking the census of the Colony and for obtaining Statistical information."

Carried.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon A Resolution "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to offer a reward for the destruction of certain Beasts of Prey &c."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above-mentioned Subject begged to report the following Resolution.

That whereas it is expedient for the encouragement of Agriculture and the settling up of the Country, as well as the general interests of the Colony to offer a reward for the destruction of beasts of prey.

Be it therefore resolved that this House respectfully requests His Excy. the Governor to offer the following reward, viz. To every person who shall kill a Panther within the Districts of Victoria, Esquimalt, Metchosin, Sooke, Lake, South Saanich, North Saanich, Cowichan, Salt Spring Island and Chemainus the Sum of Ten dollars.

Ordered that report be agreed to.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 1st day of December, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Young.

A Quorum not being present the House did not sit.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 2nd day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. Franklin, Young, Dennes, Southgate, De Cosmos; and Drs. Dickson, Powell.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. Franklin Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos "A Bill Entitled the Vancouver Island Mercantile Law Amendment Act, 1864" was read a 1st time and Ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos Seconded by Mr. Dennes "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for taking the census of the Colony, and for obtaining Statistical information" was Read a 1st time and Ordered to be printed.

The House then took under consideration the Amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council to "A Bill Respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law" with the Amendment by the Legislative Assembly to Amendment No. 3 (see f. 93 [p. 229 above]), viz. Before the words "to act" in 3rd line insert the words "And the said Supreme Court shall approve, admit, and enrol".

On question that the amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council, do pass as amended Mr. De Cosmos moved a further Amendment (Seconded by Mr. Young) that at the end of Amendment No. 4 the following words be inserted.

"Provided that nothing in this Section shall extend to authorising the Supreme Court to make any rule respecting the attainments of any practitioner mentioned in the first and second section of this Act."

Question.

For Mr. De Cosmos's Resolution

Ayes: 4.

Messrs. De Cosmos
Young
Powell
Dickson

Noes: 3.

Messrs. Franklin
Southgate
Dennes

The Resolution was therefore carried and Read a 1st time.

The House then took under consideration the Resolution reported from Committee of the whole House on the subject of offering "a Reward for the destruction of certain beasts of prey."

On question "that the Resolution do pass" the House divided.

Ayes: 3.

Messrs. Dickson
Dennes
De Cosmos

Noes: 4.

Messrs. Young
Franklin
Powell
Southgate

The Resolution was therefore lost.

Order of the Day. In Committee Mr. De Cosmos asked leave to postpone the consideration in Committee of a Resolution touching the constitution of the Legislative Council, until Monday next (5th inst.).

Agreed to.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill To increase the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Civil Justice to the sum of Two hundred Pounds."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young in the Chair of the Committee.

Also upon "A Bill Respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bills begged to report the same complete respectively as amended.

Ordered That Report be received and agreed to.

Dr. Powell gave Notice of Motion (M. B. f. [blank]).¹⁴

The House then adjourned till Monday (5th inst.).

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 5th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Bayley, Burnaby, Cochrane, Carswell, Dennes, De Cosmos, Dickson, Franklin, Young.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read certain Communications from His Excellency the Governor as follows.

No. 32 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 Acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 7th Novr. 1864 on the subject of the improvement of Victoria Harbour and the completion of the Dredging Machine &c. and transmitting A Report¹⁵ from the Acting Surveyor General on the subject, dated 29th Novr. 1864.

Also No. 33 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the House on the 21st Ult. on the subject of the Crown

¹⁴ Motion Book, p. 88: "I give notice that at a future day I will ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting the registration of births marriages & deaths in the Colony of V. I. and its Dependencies."

¹⁵ See memo by B. W. Pearse, "Dredger & Tug," 29 November 1864, Colonial Correspondence, Vancouver Island, Lands and Works Dept., PABC.

Lands and Revenue of the Colony and signifying His Excy.'s intention of forwarding the same to H. M.'s Government.

Also No. 34 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the House on the 2nd Ulto. in the matter of "The fisheries of the Colony."

Also No. 35 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 "acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 10th Ulto. relative to the Erection of Flour Mills in the Agricultural Districts."

Also No. 36 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 28th Ulto. requesting information relative to "The Constitution of the Legislative Council."

Also No. 37 dated Decr. 3rd 1864 Acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed by the House on the 3rd Novr. 1864 on the subject of A Road and Trail from Victoria to Comox with copy of a Report¹⁶ in detail from the Acting Surveyor General on that subject.

Read a 3rd time and passed "A Bill To increase the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island to £200."

The House then took under consideration and agreed to the Amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Barristers and Attorneys-at-law" with Amendments by the Legislative Assembly.

On motion by Dr. Dickson Seconded by Mr. Dennes "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery" was recommitted.

Order of the Day. In Committee of the whole House. "Resolution That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish this House with copies of any Order in Council establishing the Legislative Council of this Colony, or in any way affecting the constitution of the Legislative Council."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Dickson in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above-mentioned Resolution begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Mr. Dennes gave Notice of Motion.¹⁷

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

¹⁶ See Pearse to Acting Colonial Secretary, 28 November 1864, *ibid.*

¹⁷ Motion Book, p. 87: "I give notice that I shall on Monday 19th Decr. 1864 ask leave to introduce A Bill to amend the Law as to Imprisonment for Debt."

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 1 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Dickson, Powell, Young, Franklin.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos Seconded by Dr. Powell "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof" was Read a 2nd time and committed.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in Chair and Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Dickson, Young, Powell.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day. In Committee of the whole House. "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery" reported from Committee on the 2nd Inst. recommitted on 5th inst.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill as recommitted begged to report the same complete as amended.

Ordered that report be received and agreed to.

The House then adjourned till Friday next.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 12th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair; Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Dickson, Young, Franklin; and Drs. Trimble, Tolmie, Powell.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

“A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Medical Board and Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery” was Read a 3rd time and passed.

Order of the Day—in Committee of the whole House On question that “Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair” upon the Order of the day, viz.: “A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof.”

Dr. Tolmie moved an Amendment, seconded by Mr. Young, “that the consideration in Committee of the above Bill be postponed till 2nd Jany. 1865.”

Mr. De Cosmos, seconded by Mr. Franklin, moved An Amendment “that the consideration in Committee of the above Bill be postponed till tomorrow.”

For Mr. De Cosmos’s Amendment

<i>Ayes:</i> 4.	<i>Noes:</i> 4.
Messrs. De Cosmos	Messrs. Tolmie
Franklin	Young
Powell	Trimble
Dickson	Dennes

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. De Cosmos Resolution which was therefore carried.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, Cochrane, Burnaby, Franklin, Young, and Drs. Powell, Trimble, Tolmie, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day.

On question that “Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” on the Order of the Day viz.: “A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof” (adjourned from yesterday).

Dr. Dickson moved An Amendment Seconded by Mr. Burnaby “That the House do adjourn till Friday next.”

Question.

For Dr. Dickson’s Amendment

<i>Ayes:</i> 4.	<i>Noes:</i> 4.
Messrs. Dickson	Messrs. Powell
Franklin	Trimble
Burnaby	Dennes
Carswell	Cochrane

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.
The House then adjourned till Friday next.

J. S. Helmcken

Friday, the 16th day of December, 1864

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Young, Dennes, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin, Tolmie.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Dennes, moved First Reading of "A Bill Entitled An Act to grant jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace & Stipendiary Magistrates in Civil cases."

Read a 1st time and Ordered to be printed.

Read a 2nd time and committed "A Bill Entitled An Act to provide for taking the census of the Colony and for obtaining other statistical Information."

The House then adjourned till Monday (19th Inst.).

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 19th day of December, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker, Dr. Dickson, and Mr. Dennes.

A Quorum not being present, the House did not sit.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1864

Present: Mr. Speaker and Mr. Dennes.

A Quorum not being present, the House did not sit.

J. S. Helmcken
