

**JOURNALS**  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
OF THE COLONY OF  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
21 JANUARY 1864 TO 4 MAY 1864  
IN THE  
27<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
**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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ARTHUR N. BIRCH,.....	}	COLONIAL SECRETARY, AND PRESIDING MEMBER.
HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE,.....		ATTORNEY GENERAL.
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.
ROBERT THOMPSON SMITH,.....		YALE AND LYTTON DISTRICT.
HENRY HOLBROOK,.....		DOUGLAS AND LILLOOET DISTRICT.
JAMES ORR,.....		CARIBOO EAST DISTRICT.
WALTER SHAW BLACK,.....		CARIBOO WEST 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<sup>1</sup> 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 of 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.

<sup>1</sup> British Columbia, *Government Gazette*, 23 January 1864.

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 inter-communication, and their obvious effect in cheapening food, in reducing the cost of transport, in developing 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, where 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 Contingen- cies.....	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
	£192,860
Making a Total of.....	
The Public Revenue for the same period had 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 in 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

Roads 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, unless 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 above-mentioned Instructions, bearing 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,

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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.

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## 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 finding 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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## Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1864.

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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 Presiding 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.

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<sup>2</sup> See Appendix A, p. 383.

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

*Ayes, 3.*

The Hon. Mr. Homer,  
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,  
The Hon. Mr. Orr.

*Noes, 5.*

The Hon. Mr. Hamley,  
The Hon. Mr. Brew,  
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.*

The Hon. The Collector of Customs,  
The Hon. The Attorney General,  
The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly,  
The Hon. Mr. Sanders,  
The Hon. Mr. Ball.

*Noes, 4.*

The Hon. Mr. Brew,  
The Hon. Mr. Homer,  
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,  
The Hon. Mr. Orr.

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 via 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.

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**Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1864.**

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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.

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**Monday, the 1st day of February, 1864.**

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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 questions 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 Honourable 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 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.

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**Friday, the 19th day of February, 1864.**

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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 adminis-

tered 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.

Hon. 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:

<i>Ayes</i> , 5.		<i>Noes</i> , 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 thousand 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 motions.

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 an 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.*

The Hon. Attorney General,  
The Hon. Collector of Customs,  
The Hon. Mr. Nind,  
The Hon. Mr. Ball.

*Noes, 3.*

The Hon. Mr. Homer,  
The Hon. Mr. Holbrook,  
The Hon. Mr. Black.

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 motions.

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 Shuswap 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.

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**Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1864.**

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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 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.