

immediate benefit, I hold we had better have no Railway at all [laughter]. The resolution of my Hon. colleague (Mr. DeCosmos) will give us immediate prosperity. Unless we get immediate advantage it is very little use at all.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—There is one word in the Hon. Attorney-General's speech that I desire to reply to. He said that my recommendation goes too much into matters of detail. I find as much detail in the Organic Act with reference to Railway communication to Halifax.

Hon. Mr. ROBSON—I have a recommendation to move, bearing on the Coach Road, as follows:—

“That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency, recommending that Clause 8 “may be so altered as to include the section of the main trunk road of the Colony lying between “Yale and New Westminster, in the Coach Road which the Dominion Government is to be asked “to construct within three years from the date of Union.”

I think, Sir, that it is obvious that if Canada is to be asked to construct a grand trunk road it is equally important that she should add a connecting link which is wanting.

Hon. Mr. HOLBROOK—If we can get the Dominion Government to make this communicating link it will be a benefit to the whole Mainland.

Hon. Dr. CARRALL—I shall support the recommendation of the Hon. Member for New Westminster.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—This recommendation is open to the same objection as the proposal of the Hon. Member for Victoria District. I must oppose it on principle.

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER—It was intended to add the words “and maintain” after “construct and open for traffic.” The words have inadvertently been omitted. I propose to remedy the mistake, and I therefore move a respectful address to His Excellency suggesting that the words “and maintain” be added between the words “such” and “traffic,” in the fourth line.

The Chairman put the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Robson, which was carried; then the recommendation of the Hon. Chief Commissioner, which was carried.

The recommendations of the Hon. Mr. Wood and of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, were put and lost.

Clause 8 was then passed as read.

Clause 9 was next read by the Chairman:—

“9. The Dominion shall erect and maintain, at Victoria, a Marine Hospital and a Lunatic “Asylum, either attached to the Hospital, or separate, as may be considered most convenient.

“The Dominion shall also erect and maintain a Penitentiary, or other principal Prison, at “such place in the Colony as she may consider most suitable for that purpose.”

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the adoption of this clause.

The Hon. Mr. ROBSON said:—Sir, upon this clause I have to move a recommendation that the Penitentiary shall be at New Westminster. I think that it will be admitted, on all hands, that the Penitentiary ought to be at New Westminster. Victoria and Esquimalt are named as sites for particular things, and why not New Westminster?

Hon. Mr. HOLBROOK—I second the recommendation of the Hon. Member for New Westminster. I think the Mainland ought to be considered; it is of course a matter of some consequence.

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—As a member from the Mainland I shall oppose the recommendation. I am in favour of centralizing buildings.

Hon. Dr. HELMCKEN—Hon. Members seem to lose sight of the words “or principal Prison.” This does not mean exactly a Penitentiary, or other principal Prison for reforming criminals; the existing prisons are too small for the purpose, and this really means a prison for the detention of prisoners.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—The Dominion Government are bound, under the Organic Act, to provide a Penitentiary. This, I suppose, means more than the Organic Act contemplates; it means a Prison.

Hon. Dr. HELMCKEN—Yes, that is the meaning; it means more than the Organic Act contemplates.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I think the Penitentiary ought to be in the best and most central place; wherever the prison can be best maintained. I would leave it to the Dominion Government to decide the place.

Hon. Mr. HOLBROOK—Why should not Victoria be struck out of this clause altogether?