

Hon. MR. ROBSON—I did not suggest New Westminster in any local or sectional spirit. I rather did it to divest the clause of local and sectional spirit; though, at present, population and other things point to Victoria as the proper place for a Marine Hospital and Lunatic Asylum; but we must look to the future, the population must ultimately be largest on the Mainland. [Hon. Mr. Ring—"No, no."] Surely the Hon. Member for Nanaimo will not assert that the population of the Island will in time to come exceed that of the Mainland. I have no desire to give any sectional complexion to the Resolutions.

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER—Sir, I desire to say that in my opinion the Penitentiary will ultimately be on the Mainland, perhaps at New Westminster or Burrard Inlet, where it is probable the Railway will come. I can easily believe that the Hon. Member for New Westminster does not advocate New Westminster from local motives, but I must defend the Resolution as it stands. I think it better to leave it to the people who find the money to select the place. The position is not the same as regards the Marine Hospital. It should be at Victoria or Esquimalt, or at some intermediate place, on account of this being the head quarters of the Navy; just as I think Esquimalt is the proper place for the Dock. I believe that New Westminster will be the place, but I cannot, on principle, vote for the recommendation.

The Chairman put the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Robson to the Committee—Lost.

Clause 9 was then passed as read.

The Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I move the adoption of Clause 10, which reads thus:—

"10. Efficient Coast Mail Steam Service, in connection with the Post Office, shall be established and maintained by the Government of the Dominion, between Victoria and New Westminster, Nanaimo, and such other places as may require such services."

Until we have roads within the Colony, these services must be carried on for some time to come by water. I consider it to be a very proper item.

Hon. MR. DECOSMOS—I suggest the addition of Puget Sound.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I object to such an addition, because Puget Sound does not come within Coast Mail Service.

Hon. MR. HOLBROOK—Then are we to suppose there are to be no other Ports of Entry, other than Victoria? ["No, no, no," from all sides.]

The Chairman put the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, which was lost.

Clause 10 was then passed as read.

The Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I move the adoption of Clause 11, which is a general proposition, which will, I hope, meet with the approbation of the House; it is as follows:—

"11. Whatever encouragement, advantages, and protection are afforded by the Dominion Government to the Fisheries of any of its Provinces, shall be extended in similar proportion to British Columbia, according to its requirements for the time being."

Clause 11 was passed as read.

The Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I move the adoption of Clause 12, which reads thus:—

"12. British Columbia shall participate, in fair proportion, in any measures which may be adopted and Funds which may be appropriated by the Dominion for the encouragement of Immigration."

Passed as read.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I now move the adoption of Clause 13. The working of this clause is familiar to this Council from the debate which has already taken place. The basis is the population of 120,000 up to the date, which is left blank. The clause is this:—

"13. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Four Members, and by Eight Members in the House of Commons, until the year 18 , and thereafter the Representation in the Senate and the House of Commons shall be increased, subject to the provisions of 'The British North America Act, 1867.'"

Hon. MR. DRAKE—Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a difficulty. The Organic Act, section 51, provides for the re-adjustment of the representation after the census of 1871; and that the representation shall be based on the proportion of 65—the number that Quebec now has—to the population of Quebec. It ought to exist at this number until 1881, or 1891.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I would remark that in my opinion Clause 51 does not apply; we come in under Clause 146. The Hon. Members now representing Victoria City and District (Messrs. Helmcken and DeCosmos), when they proposed to telegraph were a little late. However if we now fix the date, for which a blank is purposely left, that will settle the matter beyond any doubt.