

Monday, March 26th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1945.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Protection of Children Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Hedley" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia" was read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Gargrave* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

Whereas members of this House have been approached relative to changes deemed necessary in the existing Federal Labour Regulations, P.C. 1003:

And whereas there is a general and growing insistence in the ranks of organized labour for changes, especially as they affect measures of union security through the medium of the union shop and check-off:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada urging that, following consultation with the representatives of organized labour, it shall amend P.C. 1003 in order to grant the requested check-off of union dues, to outlaw company unions, and to ensure union security in accordance with the expressed desire and needs of organized labour.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute the following: "the Minister of Labour recently has sought the advice and co-operation of a committee comprised of representatives of organized labour and others in regard to several briefs and memoranda presented to the Government of British Columbia affecting the welfare of the people:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses approval of the above-mentioned action taken by the Minister of Labour."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, to amend the amendment proposed by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* by adding the following words:—

“And be it further Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Legislature that following consultation with the representatives of organized labour the Government of the Dominion of Canada shall be petitioned asking that it shall amend P.C. 1003 in order to grant the requests contained in the aforementioned briefs and memoranda and to ensure union security in accordance with the expressed desire and needs of organized labour.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed by the amendment of the Hon. Mr. *Perry* to be struck out stand part of the question?”

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Winch, E. E.*                      *Putnam*

A debate arose on the sub-amendment.

Question proposed—“Shall the amendment to the amendment carry?”

Resolved in the negative.

Question proposed—“Shall the amendment carry?”

Resolved in the affirmative.

Question proposed—“Shall the motion as amended carry?”

Resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

And whereas native Indians in British Columbia do not receive educational, health, and social service benefits on an equality with other citizens:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to make an agreement with the Province of British Columbia to extend the educational, health, and welfare services of the Province to the native Indians on an equality with other citizens and to reimburse the Province for the cost of said services.

And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be petitioned to adopt the policy of training Indian doctors, nurses, and teachers for leadership among their own people and to prepare the North American Indians living in Canada to participate in all the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship; and to make a survey of the vocational and economic opportunities available to Indians and prepare and execute plans whereby the Indians shall be enabled to maintain adequate standards of living through full employment and economic advantages on an equality with all other citizens.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *R. H. Carson* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word “Whereas” in the first line, and to substitute the following: “the ‘British North America Act,’ section 91, declares that all matters coming within the classes of subjects affecting Indians are within the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament:

“And whereas the highest educational facilities and financial assistance to acquire the same are at present available to those Indian students who merit recommendation by their school principals and inspectors:

“And whereas free medical, specialist, and hospital services are now provided to Indians:

“And whereas it is desirable to encourage and assist the Indians to improve their conditions and to aspire to higher educational living and health standards:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of encouraging the native Indians to improve their standard of living, which could best be done by providing a better standard of housing; that leadership be given in the cutting of timber, sawing lumber, and building sanitary homes on reserves, thereby encouraging the Indians to take advantage of the educational facilities and health standards which are now available under the terms of the ‘British North America Act.’”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. *R. H. Carson*, as follows:—

To strike out the words “And whereas the highest educational facilities and financial assistance to acquire the same are at present available to those Indian students who merit recommendation by the school principals and inspectors; and whereas free medical, specialist, and hospital services are now provided to Indians,” and to add the following words after the first “resolve”:

“And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a Royal Commission representative of Indians, the Indian Department, and societies interested in the welfare of Indians for the purpose of investigating the conditions and standards of Indians throughout Canada with a view to ascertaining the necessary steps to make educational and health services and economic opportunities available to Indians on an equality with other Canadian citizens and to prepare them to assume all the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed by the amendment of Mr. *R. H. Carson* to be struck out stand part of the question?”

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Lefebvre</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>			

## NAYS—26.

## Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>		

## PAIRS:

## Messieurs

*Winch, E. E.*                      *Putnam*

A debate arose on the sub-amendment.

Question proposed—" Shall the amendment to the amendment carry? "

*Resolved* in the negative.

Question proposed—" Shall the amendment carry? "

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

Question proposed—" Shall the motion as amended carry? "

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 19) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Barbers Act.' "

Bill (No. 100) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Chiropractic Act.' "

Bill (No. 101) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Provincial Elections Act.' "

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose in his place and informed Mr. Speaker of the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly caused by the death of the late Hon. Mr. *Gray* and that, according to section 60 of the " Constitution Act," Mr. Speaker should forthwith address his warrant to the Deputy Provincial Secretary for the issue of a new writ for the election of a member to fill the vacancy.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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Monday, March 26th, 1945.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, " Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 18) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act ' " was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act.'"

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act.'"

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Labour to hear representations from the Trades and Labour Congress, the British Columbia Federation of Labour, and any other body desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*,—

Whereas the Federal Government has not established a national health plan:  
And whereas Canada lags behind Great Britain and other British Dominions in the provision of national health services:

And whereas organized labour has demanded that preventive and curative health services be supplied to all through a national health insurance plan:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature endorse the principle of free curative and preventive health services to all and petition the Dominion Government to institute such a national health plan.

And be it further Resolved, That the Provincial Health Insurance Commission be instructed to formulate a Provincial Health Insurance plan in order that the Province may consider ways and means of instituting a Provincial health plan if a national health service is not established in the near future.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Government" in the first line, and to substitute the following: "has indicated that Parliament will be asked to consider a Health Insurance Bill at an early date:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its interest in and approval of a satisfactory National Health Insurance Act and urges upon the Dominion Government the importance of early action in regard thereto."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

To amend the amendment moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* to the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* relative to health insurance by adding the following:—

"And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that failing early action by the Dominion Government the Province should give consideration to ways and means of instituting a Provincial health plan of curative and preventive health services to all."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed by the amendment of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* to be struck out stand part of the question?"

The question was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Lefebaux</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Anscorb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Winch, E. E.*                      *Putnam*

On the debate on the sub-amendment, the Hon. Mr. *Perry* raised a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point of order raised.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lefebaux*,—

Whereas by section 11 of the Terms of Union the Government of the Dominion undertook to secure the construction of a line of railway to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the railway system of Canada:

And whereas large grants of public lands belonging to the Province of British Columbia were conveyed to the Dominion Government in furtherance of construction of said railway:

And whereas the benefits to be derived from the construction of the said railway was one of the inducements which led to the union of British Columbia with the other Provinces of Canada and which led to the conveyance to the Dominion Government of the public lands as aforesaid:

And whereas it was not contemplated at the time of the union of British Columbia with the other Provinces of Canada that there should be any discrimination in freight and passenger rates between one locality and other localities or between one Province and any other Province:

And whereas numerous complaints have from time to time been made to the effect that existing freight rates discriminate against British Columbia:

And whereas discrimination is detrimental to the best interests of British Columbia as it restricts the availability of markets and tends to prevent development:

And whereas clause (4), section 314, of the "Railway Act," being chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, states: "No toll shall be charged which unjustly discriminates between different localities":

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause a full representation of the facts to be made to the Board of Transport Commissioners and to the Government of the Dominion to the end that British Columbia may be placed in as favourable condition in respect to freight and passenger rates as are other parts of the Dominion.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "localities" in the twenty-first line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"And whereas the Provincial Government through its Departments has been and is continuing to assemble all facts and information having a bearing upon railway rates that are discriminatory against British Columbia, having in mind the presentation of such information to the Board of Transport Commissioners and to the Dominion Government in an appeal that such discrimination be removed:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves the actions of the Government already taken in regard to the above-mentioned subject and urges further appropriate action as early as possible to secure the removal in entirety of any railway rates that are unjustly discriminating against British Columbia."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mrs. *MacInnis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Whereas both the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction and the British Columbia Rehabilitation Council have recommended an extensive housing and community planning programme for the immediate post-war period:

And whereas such a programme would not only supply housing accommodation and community facilities but would also provide large-scale employment and an extensive market for British Columbia building materials and equipment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that representations be made to the Dominion Government urging the immediate establishment of a Dominion planning and housing authority empowered to plan and undertake a nation-wide programme of home construction with community planning as soon as labour and materials are available and that provision be made for: (1) The establishment of Provincial housing authorities empowered to undertake in co-operation with the Dominion authority necessary planning and administration in accordance with Provincial needs; (2) loans for home ownership in



city and country through public agencies at the rates of interest obtainable by the Dominion Government; (3) such modern and durable construction under community planning as will enable extension of the period of amortization; (4) low-interest loans for large-scale low-rental housing projects under public or co-operative auspices in urban centres enabling any necessary steps for gradation of rents in accordance with family income; (5) low-interest loans for low-rental housing projects under public or co-operative auspices, especially designed to meet the needs of farm and village population; and (6) immediate steps to lower initial costs of construction by bulk purchase of materials and mass production of standard parts.

A debate arose.

Mrs. *Rolston* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Hodges*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "equipment" in the sixth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Dominion Government and Parliament of Canada to effect such amendments to the 'National Housing Act' as shall expand and expedite its usefulness in providing adequate housing facilities, having special regard to revising the limited dividend housing provisions as shall more effectively ensure the clearance of slums and the erection of low-rental housing projects by amplifying and extending the Act to permit municipal authorities and co-operative associations to directly embark upon limited dividend housing projects; that consideration be given to a lower rate of interest for all National Housing plans, both urban and rural; and that community planning be encouraged by financial aid from the Dominion to approved community planning projects."

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Stirling* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas the potentialities for the utilization of aircraft in the Province of British Columbia are such as to provide employment opportunities for many who will return from the armed services:

And whereas the inauguration of air freight service would prove of great value to the agricultural industry:

And whereas Government-operated planes could be used to provide essential services and amenities of civilization, such as health services, to outlying districts:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction that it consider ways and means to encourage and assist the development of aviation services in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "industry" in the fifth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"And whereas the Government of British Columbia has considered the purchase of suitable planes for departmental activities:

"And whereas the allotment of air transport routes and licensing of the same have been assumed by the Dominion Government:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves of the action of the British Columbia Government in furthering the use of air transport and urges upon the Dominion Government the desirability of encouraging the extension and development of aviation services in British Columbia."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *MacNeil*, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the circumstances under which lives have been lost on fishing vessels and other craft plying waters off the coast of British Columbia reveal the need for prompt and more extensive search, rescue, and protective service:

And whereas all necessary facilities for observation, off-shore communication, and deep-sea patrol are under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government:

And whereas trained personnel, marine patrol and rescue craft, as well as aircraft, will be available at the conclusion of the war:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that His Honour will cause representations to be made to the Dominion Government that in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish a Pacific Coastguard Service with men, life-saving equipment, and aircraft so stationed at points on the coast-line as to extend the utmost protection to lives in peril through marine disasters in coastal waters.

Mr. *MacNeil* moved, seconded by Mrs. *MacInnis*,—

Whereas during the post-war period it will be necessary to provide the most efficient assistance to ex-service men and women and war-workers seeking employment:

And whereas the Employment Service of Canada, now operating in conjunction with the National Selective Service, is the agency for this purpose, and, by agreement, is under the control of the Dominion Government:

And whereas an improved employment service will reduce needless periods of unemployment and relieve the distress and delay now occasioned workers seeking new employment upon release from war activity:

And whereas young people entering employment for the first time should be guided to suitable employment opportunities:

And whereas special placement should be undertaken for handicapped persons in work which they can perform:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature a petition should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that the Dominion Government in preparation for demobilization and conversion of war industry give effect to the necessary legislation and regulations ensuring (1) that representative Provincial and local councils advisory to the Employment Service be formed as provided in existing legislation, (2) that all employers continue to be required to register all employment vacancies with the Employment Service and relinquish their independent hiring agencies, (3) that preferential placement be ensured partially disabled workers with respect to available work which they may perform satisfactorily, and (4) that expert vocational guidance be provided for young people in correlation with educational and vocational training preparation.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Government" in the fifth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House considers it desirable and necessary that the Dominion Government should make provision for the Government of British Columbia to participate in the operation of the Employment Service throughout this Province in the post-war period."

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Lefeaux* moved, seconded by Mrs. *MacInnis*,—

Whereas the law relative to divorce and matrimonial causes applicable in British Columbia is not in accord with modern conditions and public opinion, more particularly in respect of the grounds for dissolution of marriage:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to enact a Statute relative to divorce and matrimonial causes similar in its provisions to the English "Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937," and that failing endorsement by the Legislatures of other Provinces of Canada the said Statute be made applicable to British Columbia.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.10 a.m.

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## Tuesday, March 27th, 1945.

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HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* made the following statement:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I would like to draw the attention of the honourable members to the death of the Right Honourable Earl Lloyd George—one of our great statesmen and a man who has made a very genuine and worth-while contribution to the advancement of the welfare of the people.

He served Great Britain with distinction during the last war, giving real leadership to the people during years of anxiety.

He championed the cause of the common people, fighting strenuously and constantly for social reform.

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I have cabled to-day to Mr. W. A. McAdam, our Agent-General, asking him to represent this Province at the funeral services to be held for this distinguished statesman.

I feel that it is only fitting that every part of the British Commonwealth of Nations should pay final tribute to the worth of a man who has served the people so faithfully for more than half a century.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power" was committed.

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen, stated the subject-matter thereof and his ruling thereon, and that an appeal to the House had been taken from his ruling.

On being asked his opinion on the point of order raised, Mr. Speaker gave his opinion.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

The House divided.

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>Herridge</i>			

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Lefaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>		

Committee rose and reported progress, and Bill *Ordered* to be committed again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.24 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Forty-eighth Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

Mrs. *Rolston* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

Monday, March 26th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare begs leave to report as follows:—

This Committee held four meetings.

In the interests of youth in relation to juvenile delinquency, health, recreation, and housing, the Social Welfare Committee asked for power to call certain people. The following appeared: (1) Mr. D. K. Kennedy, Shelter Administrator for Vancouver Island; (2) Mrs. Pringle and Mr. Percy Ward, Social Welfare in Hospitals; (3) Mrs. Camm, Star Group at Oakalla, and Mr. Stevens, follow-up work with boys; (4) Mr. Jerry Mathison, Pro-Rec Administration.

From the discussions we recommend (a) that a degree course in physical education be set up at the University of British Columbia and that a short course in group-activity leadership be conducted at every summer session at the University; (b) owing to the fact that many of the hospitals throughout the Province are overcrowded, which is partly caused by the necessity of taking care of chronic cases such as patients suffering with arthritis, this Committee respectfully suggests the Government take into consideration the establishment of some institution wherein this class of patient may receive treatment. It is moreover suggested that such establishment be situated near one of the many hot springs in the Province.

We further recommend (c) that a psychiatric service be set up to give periodic examinations and treatment in the Provincial schools and gaols; (d) that routine psychiatric examinations be given to all young people dealt with in our Juvenile Courts; (e) that annual Provincial conferences be held for Police Court Magistrates and Juvenile Court Judges for study and information on probation and similar methods of reclamation.

Also, this Committee considers that it would promote the physical and moral health of our young people if all churches and school buildings in British Columbia with recreational facilities were made available as youth centres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TILLY JEAN ROLSTON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6.08 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 27th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH.

The Bill was reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.05 a.m.

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Wednesday, March 28th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* on the 26th instant, as follows:—

*Honourable Members*,—With reference to the motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable member for North Vancouver, and the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, and the amendment to the amendment which has been moved by the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

It has been submitted that the amendment to the amendment is out of order on the ground that it entails expenditure of public money.

The sub-amendment proposes that failing early action by the Dominion Government "the Province should give consideration to ways and means of instituting a Provincial health plan of curative and preventive health services to all."

I draw the attention of the House to the words "failing early action by the Dominion Government" and the words "ways and means of instituting a Provincial health plan." It is obvious from those words that the intention is to obtain action either by the Dominion or the Province. To institute such a plan would involve an expenditure of public money in excess of that now provided for the Health Insurance Commission. On this ground I must hold the sub-amendment out of order. (See Standing Orders 66 and 67 and numerous decisions in Vols. 1, 2, and 3 of the B.C. Speakers' Decisions.)

In view of the foregoing it was unnecessary to give serious consideration to the question of whether or not the sub-amendment is out of order on the further ground that it dictates Government policy.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. H. E. Winch appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>		

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the Bill was withdrawn, and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the Bill was withdrawn, and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the Qualification of certain Tradesmen" a point of order was raised.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order as being beyond the competence of a private member to introduce without the consent of the Crown.

On the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees" a point of order was raised.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order as being beyond the competence of a private member to introduce without the consent of the Crown.

The following Bills, by leave of the House in each instance, were withdrawn, and *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper:—

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Veterans' Land Settlement Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Control of Employment of Children Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of North Vancouver Debt Refunding Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. R. H. Carson presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

#### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 28th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Applications were received from several Departments for permission to destroy accumulated correspondence, etc., as authorized under "Public Documents Disposal Act," chapter 233, R.S.B.C. 1936, and such requests were granted.

Information relative to all matters brought before the Committee was supplied.

Your Committee made an official inspection of the Provincial Government's printing plant, and wish to commend Mr. Charles F. Banfield, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and his staff for the efficient operation of the plant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.



The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 26th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Federal Government has not established a national health plan:

And whereas Canada lags behind Great Britain and other British Dominions in the provision of national health services:

And whereas organized labour has demanded that preventive and curative health services be supplied to all through a national health insurance plan:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature endorse the principle of free curative and preventive health services to all and petition the Dominion Government to institute such a national health plan.

And be it further Resolved, That the Provincial Health Insurance Commission be instructed to formulate a Provincial Health Insurance plan in order that the Province may consider ways and means of instituting a Provincial Health Plan if a National Health Service is not established in the near future.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "Government" in the first line, and to substitute the following: "has indicated that Parliament will be asked to consider a Health Insurance Bill at an early date:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its interest in and approval of a satisfactory National Health Insurance Act and urges upon the Dominion Government the importance of early action in regard thereto."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *MacNeil* on the 27th instant, as follows:—

Whereas during the post-war period it will be necessary to provide the most efficient assistance to ex-service men and women and war-workers seeking employment:

And whereas the Employment Service of Canada, now operating in conjunction with the National Selective Service, is the agency for this purpose and, by agreement, is under the control of the Dominion Government:

And whereas an improved employment service will reduce needless periods of unemployment and relieve the distress and delay now occasioned workers seeking new employment upon release from war activity:

And whereas young people entering employment for the first time should be guided to suitable employment opportunities:

And whereas special placement should be undertaken for handicapped persons in work which they can perform:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature a petition should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that the Dominion Government in preparation for demobilization and conversion of war industry give effect to the necessary legislation and regulations ensuring (1) that representative Provincial and local councils advisory to the Employment Service be formed as provided in existing legislation, (2) that all employers continue to be required to register all employment vacancies with the Employment Service and relinquish their independent hiring agencies, (3) that preferential placement be ensured partially disabled workers with respect to available work which they may perform satisfactorily, and (4) that expert vocational guidance be provided for young people in correlation with educational and vocational training preparation.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "Government" in the fifth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House considers it desirable and necessary that the Dominion Government should make provision for the Government of British Columbia to participate in the operation of the Employment Service throughout this Province in the post-war period.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed by the amendment of the Hon. Mr. Pearson to be struck out stand part of the question?”

It was *Resolved* in the negative.

The debate continued.

Mr. H. E. Winch moved in amendment to the amendment,—

“And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that this Government should give consideration to the inclusion of employment and national selective service subjects among other matters to be discussed by the special committee established by the Department of Labour, comprising representatives of organized labour and the Department of Labour, in order that conclusions may be reached that will ensure the minimum of difficulty in workers' transfer from war-time to peace-time industry.”

Amendment to the amendment agreed to.

Amendment as amended agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.25 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 28th, 1945.

THREE FIFTY-FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

*R. S. Stuart Yates*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act respecting the Status of Children of certain Marriages.
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the “Wills Act.”
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the “Forest Act.”
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the “Constitution Act.”
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the “Court of Appeal Act.”
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the “Summary Convictions Act.”
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the “Fraudulent Preferences Act.”
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the “Conditional Sales Act.”
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the “Bulk Sales Act.”
- (No. 10) An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power.
- (No. 11) An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena.
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the “Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.”
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the “Soldiers' Land Act.”
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the “Land Act.”

- (No. 15) An Act to reinstate certain Mineral Claims and Placer-mining Leases.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Old-age Pension Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Barbers Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Department of Lands Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 22) An Act respecting the Regulation of Tourist Camps.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Dawson Creek Loan Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee Borrowings made pursuant to Section 28A of the Schedule to the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Welfare Institutions Licensing Act."
- (No. 33) An Act authorizing the Borrowing of the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars and to authorize the Government to clear Land.
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1939."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Courts Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Special Timber Licence No. 13300 Reinstatement Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Timber Lease No. 145.
- (No. 43) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 44) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of Port Alberni.
- (No. 45) An Act to make uniform the Law respecting Warehouse Receipts.
- (No. 46) An Act for the Protection of the Disciplinary Authorities of Professional and Occupational Corporations.
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Department of Trade and Industry Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to provide Social Assistance.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 51) An Act to incorporate The Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia.
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Government Liquor Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "King's Counsel Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Wartime Labour Relations Regulations Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."

- (No. 69) An Act to validate certain Leases granted by The Corporation of the District of Burnaby and to confer certain Powers on the Corporation.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Auto Camp and Hotel Guest Registration Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Landlord and Tenant Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Plans Cancellation Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Probate Duty Act."
- (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act."
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Protection of Children Act."
- (No. 97) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Hedley.
- (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
- (No. 100) An Act to amend the "Chiropractic Act."
- (No. 101) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 102) An Act respecting the Civil Service.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my appreciation of the careful attention devoted to the business that has been presented for your consideration and of the sincerity that has marked your deliberations.

I note with gratification that legislation has been enacted authorizing the establishment of a British Columbia Power Commission for the purpose of developing and distributing electricity throughout the Province so that the benefits to be derived therefrom may be extended not only to those in settled areas but also to those living in rural districts.

I am pleased to observe that adequate provision has been made for the expansion of facilities at the University of British Columbia and the establishment of new faculties by the passage of a Bill authorizing the borrowing of \$5,000,000.

The survey into the cost of education; the continuance of the special financial assistance to school districts pending submission of the survey report; the provision of \$800,000 to assist in the construction of new schools; the raising of the minimum salaries of rural school teachers; the establishment of a system of students' loans to help finance higher education, and the co-operation assured the Federal authorities and the University of British Columbia for adequate accommodation of ex-service students and those leaving war industries are undertakings which I feel sure will commend themselves to all.

Provision of \$500,000 to purchase machinery for the purpose of assisting farmers to clear their land; enactment of legislation authorizing \$500,000 to assist in meeting irrigation problems that may be deemed worthy of support in the light of a survey to be carried out, and continuance of the policy of permitting farmers to work out taxes are measures which should prove most valuable to those engaged in agriculture.

I am indeed gratified that provision has been made for grants amounting to \$1,600,000 to assist financially in the construction of new hospitals throughout the Province.

I am likewise pleased that the scope of our social assistance legislation has been broadened so as to bring greater benefits to our people.

Appropriation of surplus revenue and the borrowing-powers already provided to ensure the carrying-out of an immediate post-war programme of public works amounting to \$30,000,000 are indeed wise measures and disclose sound planning for the future.

Provision of \$1,500,000, in addition to the regular maintenance appropriations, to carry out another extraordinary programme of road maintenance undoubtedly will put our highways in excellent condition to meet the increased traffic bound to arise when restrictions of war are removed.

The gift of A.R.P. equipment to the people of the Province is a sincere token of my Government's appreciation of the volunteer services rendered by those identified with civilian protection and this gift should be of inestimable value in the protection of life and property.

Assistance to be granted village municipalities in the establishment of necessary public services will be welcomed by these communities and the action taken by the Legislature in this regard is indeed commendable since it is designed to safeguard the health of the people.

I note with satisfaction the intention to complete the Peace River and the Hope-Princeton Highways.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Civil Service Reclassification Committee is a sound procedure, assuring the Civil Service of an equitable basis of pay and promotion.

I note with interest that many other measures for the improvement of conditions, easing of certain tax burdens, and clarification of our laws have been enacted.

The continued improvement in British Columbia's financial position and the consequent benefits accruing therefrom are most gratifying and already have been commended by financial and investment experts who closely study the economy of the nation.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services and believe that many benefits to the people will result therefrom.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your homes, and that it soon will be our good fortune to witness a cessation of hostilities in Europe and a consequent alleviation of the anxieties of war.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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