
Tuesday, February 15th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrow*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Have any representations been made to the Dominion Government seeking to establish a coast guard for the Pacific?
2. If yes, will the Premier make a statement to the House?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* replied as follows:—

- “1. No.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Quinn* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What moneys, if any, were expended on the Trail-Casino Road in the fiscal years 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948 respectively?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“Fiscal year 1945-46, \$1,455; fiscal year 1946-47, \$783.24; fiscal year 1947-48, \$1,359.71.”

Mr. *Quinn* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What moneys, if any, were expended on the Castlegar-Trail Road for the fiscal years 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948 respectively?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“Expenditures for fiscal year 1945-46, \$3,513.06; for 1946-47, \$7,103.19; for 1947-48, \$7,869.63.”

Mr. *Rowland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

How much money was spent for maintenance, repair, and construction on the Topley-Babine Road for the years 1947 and 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“Expenditures for 1947, \$2,409.38, and for 1948, \$3,493.36.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Allan*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Hope*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *MacDougall* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *MacDougall* presented a petition from the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *Cates* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and signatory land-owners in the City of North Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to impose certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in the said City."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Are any land-surveys contemplated for the Peace River Land Recording District for the coming summer?
2. If so, in what areas will these surveys be made?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Portions of Township 82, Range 15, west of the 6th meridian; Township 83, Range 14, west of the 6th meridian; and Township 83, Range 15, west of the 6th meridian. (b) Survey of areas allocated for gravel-pits, bridge-sites, camp-sites, and material-yards required by the Department of National Defence for the maintenance of the Alaska Highway. (c) The continuation of the survey of camp-site leases and areas set aside for the recreation and enjoyment of the public along the Alaska Highway."

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. How many permits, licences, or leases have been granted to prospect for or produce oil or natural gas in the Peace River District to date?
2. Have any permits, licences, or leases to prospect for or produce oil or natural gas been refused in the Peace River District?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Ten permits.

“ 2. No.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

How many board-feet of lumber were produced in the Peace River District in 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“ Log-scale, 30,132,000 F.B.M.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Does the Department rent office-space in the Village of Fort St. John?

2. If yes, what amount of rent was paid for 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. See above.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has an application been received from the Municipal Council, Burnaby, for permission to construct a roadway through Central Park from Trafalgar Street, Burnaby, to Forty-fifth Avenue, Vancouver?

2. If yes, what action, if any, has been taken relative thereto?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Receiving consideration.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.16 p.m.

Thursday, February 17th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. *G. R. Calvert*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16th, 1949.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act,'" 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. *Kenney*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. How many, if any, mental hospital patients were before the Medical Appeal Boards during the years 1947 and 1948 respectively?
2. In each year, how many were (a) accompanied by friends and (b) approved for probation?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* replied as follows:—

"1. Appeal Board Report for year 1947.—Total number of appeals: Male, 29; female, 22; total, 51. Number of cases approved for probation: Male, 2; female, *nil*; total, 2. Discharged on probation: Male, 2; female, *nil*; total, 2. Discharged at a later date after further hospital care: Male, 1; female, 1; total, 2. Number accompanied by friends: *Nil*. Appeal Board Report for year 1948.—Total number of appeals: Male, 27; female, 9; total, 36. Number of cases approved for probation: *Nil*. Discharged on probation at a later date after further hospital care: Male, 2; female, 3; total, 5. Number accompanied by friends: Male, 1; female, *nil*; total, 1. In the last item, the patient's brother was not actually present at the examination but requested to see the examining physicians in their town offices prior to the interview.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What is the estimated normal bed capacity of the Provincial Infirmary at Marpole?
2. What is the present number of inmates?
3. How many, if any, applications for admission are on file awaiting accommodation?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Beds, 124.

“ 2. Inmates, 126.

“ 3. Applications, 66.

“ Supplementary information: The two extra patients were taken in as an emergency as they were too ill on arrival to be transferred to Allco.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, February 18th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Fred Howlett*.

Mr. *MacDougall* presented a petition from the Vancouver General Hospital for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902.’”

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*,—

That *Thomas Alfred Love*, Esquire, member for Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Upon the question being put, it was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* then stated:—

“ In moving this Resolution, Mr. Speaker, I do so in order to clarify a matter in which there is some ambiguity. In order to avoid any doubt in connection with the Deputy Speakership of this House, I think, perhaps, it would be best if we formally appoint the honourable the member for Grand Forks-Greenwood.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and any other agricultural organizations and to call any Department of Agriculture officials with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House.

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Does the Department rent office-space in the Village of Fort St. John?
2. If yes, what amount of rent was paid during the year 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Putnam* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes; for soil-survey.

“2. One hundred dollars, covering four-month period.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Does the Department make use of films throughout the Province to teach better farming methods and improvement of conditions in rural areas?
2. If yes, to what extent are these films used?

The Hon. Mr. *Putnam* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes; the Department pioneered this service in this Province as early as 1927 and has continued this service ever since.

“2. Arrangements have been in effect whereby projectors and generators in areas lacking electricity were made available to the Departmental field staff. In late years the National Film Board and the local Film Councils have been at the disposal of our field staff. Five projectors are owned by the Department—one sound projector and four silent projectors (two of the four are used in areas where no electricity is available). Field representatives have authorization to obtain films from the National Film Board, the extension service of the University of British Columbia, and from Departmental headquarters in Victoria. Films dealing with specific subjects have been secured from other sources, both in Canada and the United States. As a result of a change in National Film Board policy, consideration is now being given to the best means whereby the extension-work of the Department can be made more valuable and effective through the use of visual aids such as films, film-strips, and slides.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Does the Department rent office-space in the Village of Fort St. John?
2. If yes, what amount of rent was paid for 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* replied as follows:—

“1. No; all rentals in the hands of the Department of Public Works.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has any extra fire-fighting equipment been supplied to the University of British Columbia?
2. If yes, what?
3. Have representations been made with a view to giving control of the University of British Columbia fire department to Vancouver City?
4. If so, when, to whom, and with what result?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Foam tank extinguishers, hose, and additional equipment for two 500-gallon-per-minute fire trucks and increased staff from six to fifteen men.

“3. Under discussion with the city.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. How many applications for management licences have been received in the Fort George Forest District?

2. What is the approximate area covered by these applications?

3. How many of the applications have been approved?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Eight.

“ 2. Approximately 1,500,000 acres.

“ 3. One.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

Monday, February 21st, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Fred Comley*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, permission to speak on the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session was given to Mr. *E. E. Winch* upon his return to the House during the debate.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Ritchie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Introduction of Bills.”

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Courts Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Savings and Loan Associations Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Apprenticeship Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*)—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act relating to the Kelowna War Memorial Arena.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*)—Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster Parks Act, 1908.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pound District Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Beef Cattle Producers’ Assistance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Horned Cattle Purchases Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Stock-brands Act.’”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education to call before it Dr. Crease, Dr. Gee, and Mr. R. T. Hall, of Essondale Mental Hospital, with a view to securing information relative to the opening and administration of the Crease Clinic of Psychological Medicine and the vocational therapy programme at Essondale, and to report its findings to the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the following members—namely, *Leigh Stevenson*, *Allan McDonell*, *Thomas King*, *John Cates*, *H. E. Winch*, and *H. Gargrave*—be named as a special committee of the House to inquire into and report upon the following matters, that is to say:—

- (1) The awarding of the contracts for Sections A, B, C, and D of the John Hart Highway;
 - (2) The claims that have been made upon the Government by the companies who were awarded contracts for the above-mentioned sections of the road;
 - (3) The circumstances under which Campbell Construction Company, Limited, discontinued the work upon Section A of the said highway;
- and that the said committee shall have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Returns by Official Administrator under the “Administration Act,” chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936, for the Calendar Year 1948.

Statement for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1948, of Unclaimed Money Deposits under “Unclaimed Money Deposits Act,” chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return for the Calendar Year 1948 submitted in accordance with Section 103 (4) of the “Taxation Act,” R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return for the Calendar Year 1948 submitted in accordance with Section 45 (2) of the “Revenue Act,” R.S.B.C. 1936.

Sixth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1948.

Tenth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*—

Interim Report on the Activities and Progress of the Fraser Valley Dyking Board from July 22nd, 1948, to January 31st, 1949.

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Dominion Government been asked to build a telegraph or telephone line along the Pine Pass Highway as part of the Dominion Government telegraph system?
2. If yes, what is their plan for communication along this road?
3. If no, have any other plans been made by the Provincial Government to provide a communications system along this highway?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- “1. No.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.
- “3. No.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Are two buildings now in course of construction at Oakalla Gaol for use as workshops?
2. If yes, of what material are same being constructed?
3. From whom were the materials obtained and what was the cost of same?
4. Were tenders called for supply of materials used in superstructure?
5. What is the estimated cost of buildings of equal dimensions if constructed with concrete walls with roof of timber construction and suitable covering, using inmate labour?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Concrete foundations and floors, steel construction superstructure, known as Quonset huts.
- “3. Contractor, Vancouver firm (National All-Steel Buildings); cost \$18,380.35.
- “4. Yes.
- “5. No estimate made. Buildings would have to be redesigned to meet answer to this question. Use of prison labour is of indifferent quality, as most of these men are not tradesmen and their hours of work do not comply with those of the building industry. Also, equipment would have to be purchased to build such buildings which may not be utilized to the full advantage afterwards.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Are intelligence tests taken of inmates (a) admitted or (b) proposed for admission to New Haven?
2. If yes, what has been the result of same to date?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes; the Wechsler-Bellevue intelligence scale is administered to all lads prior to their being considered for selection for New Haven.
- “2. The results to date show the following trend: Of those finally accepted for training at New Haven, 69 per cent. came within the average group of general intel-

ligence, 24 per cent. were above the average group, and 7 per cent. were below the average group. Of those rejected for one reason or another as unsuitable for training at New Haven, 48 per cent. came within the average group of general intelligence, 13 per cent. were above average, and 39 per cent. were below average."

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Does the Department rent office-space in the Village of Fort St. John?
2. If yes, what amount of rent was paid during the year 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. See No. 1, above."

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Does the Department rent office-space in the Village of Fort St. John?
2. If yes, what amount of rent was paid during the year 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Six hundred dollars."

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many land-clearing units were put into operation during 1948?
2. How many units are now in operation altogether?
3. (a) What machines are used in each unit and (b) where are they located?
4. How much land was cleared by each in 1948?

The Hon. Mr. *Putnam* replied as follows:—

- "1. No further land-clearing outfits were established in 1948.
- "2. There are six outfits.

"3. (a) (1) 3 TD-18 International crawler tractors.

- (2) 1 TD-18 International crawler tractor.
- 1 TD-14 International crawler tractor.
- 1 D-7 Caterpillar crawler tractor.

(3) 1 D-8 Caterpillar crawler tractor.

1 D-7 Caterpillar crawler tractor.

1 TD-14 International crawler tractor.

(4) 2 HD-10 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors.

2 HD-7 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors.

(5) 2 HD-10 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors.

2 HD-7 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors.

(6) 2 TD-18 International crawler tractors.

1 TD-14 International crawler tractor.

(b) (1) Newcastle-Cowichan area, Vancouver Island.

(2) Omineca-Bulkley Valley area.

(3) Prince George-McBride area.

(4) Cariboo area.

(5) Kamloops-Shuswap area.

(6) Fernie-Cranbrook area.

"4. (1) Vancouver Island, 375 acres.

(2) Omineca-Bulkley Valley area, 1,125 acres.

(3) Prince George-McBride area, 1,408 acres.

(4) Cariboo area, 875 acres.

- (5) Kamloops-Shuswap area, 900 acres.
(6) Fernie-Cranbrook area, 620 acres.
Total cleared in 1948, 5,303 acres."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *G. Penfold*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Morrow* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Morrow* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd. 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and signatory land-owners in the City of North Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to impose certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in the said City" have been complied with, except in respect to proof of advertising, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Morrow* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Vancouver General Hospital for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902,'" have been complied with, except in respect to proof of advertising and deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1948.

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Indian Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1948?
2. Between what points in such road was such work done?
3. Of what does such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. General maintenance.
- “ 2. Entire length of road.
- “ 3. Grading, slashing, ditching, and snow-removal, gravel.
- “ 4. \$944.71.”

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Christie Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1948.
2. Between what points in such road was such work done?
3. Of what does such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. General maintenance.
- “ 2. Entire length of road.
- “ 3. Grading, gravel, culverts, and snow-removal.
- “ 4. \$643.85.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. During the current fiscal year what sums have been (a) spent or (b) provided for in Dewdney riding for ordinary road construction and maintenance under the usual annual appropriation?
2. During the same period, what sums, if any, have been (a) spent or (b) provided for in Dewdney riding for road-construction, not included in the annual appropriation?
3. Has an (a) estimate or (b) provision been made for construction of a road from Waleach to Ruby Creek?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$192,076.20.
- “ 2. \$245,742.71.
- “ 3. (a) Not in recent years and (b) no.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What, if any, progress has been made in respect of the proposed road connecting Atlin with the Alaska Highway?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“ Location surveys completed in conjunction with the Dominion Government.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Department given consideration to completing the highway from Agassiz to Haig?
2. If so, what are the present plans for construction and when will they be proceeded with?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. No present plans.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. How many miles, approximately, of highway-construction were covered by each original contract let for the building of the Hart Highway?
2. (a) On what dates were each of these contracts let and (b) on what date was each to be completed?
3. How many additional contracts were let for the building of the Hart Highway?
4. (a) How many miles and (b) what sections of the road were covered by each of these additional contracts?
5. How many miles of all contracts let for the building of the Hart Highway have been completed?
6. How many, if any, of the original contracts have been completed?
7. What is the estimated mileage still to be completed on the Hart Highway to connect the City of Prince George with Dawson Creek?
8. Have any contractors repudiated their contracts or failed to make satisfactory progress according to the terms of the contract?
9. If yes, (a) what were the names of such contractors, (b) were their guaranty bonds retained, and (c) what was the amount of the bonds respectively?
10. Was any machinery or equipment seized by the Government in respect of any of the foregoing contracts?
11. If yes, (a) what was the estimated value of same in each case, (b) what disposition has been made of this machinery and equipment, and (c) on what date or dates was such action taken?
12. Did the Government take any other action to safeguard its interests in the case of the aforementioned contracts?
13. What was the total amount of money paid to each and any contractor who failed to complete his contract?
14. What is the total cost of the building of the Hart Highway to date?
15. What is the estimated cost of completion of the Hart Highway?
16. At what date is it estimated that the Hart Highway will be completed?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

- "1. 94 miles and 57 miles.
- "2. (a) Contracts let June 25th, 1945, and (b) completion date, December 31st, 1947.
- "3. Four.
- "4. (a) 111.7 miles. (b) Prince George to Summit Lake, 27.7 miles; East Pine to Progress, 28 miles; Mile 14 to Mile 44, 30 miles; and Mile 68 to Mile 94, 26 miles.
- "5. 126.7 miles.
- "6. Three: Prince George to Summit Lake, Azousetta Lake to Commotion Creek, and East Pine to Progress.
- "7. 136 miles, including reconstruction of 56 miles of existing roads.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. (a) Campbell Construction Co., Ltd., (b) not in full, and (c) \$235,000.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. (a) Inventory estimate, \$317,417.78; Province's share, \$161,208.10. (b) Divided between Province and Fred Mannix & Company; Province's share on project and stored in Prince George. (c) January 5th, 1949.
- "12. Yes.
- "13. \$889,203.75.
- "14. \$6,130,512.12.
- "15. \$5,540,000.
- "16. 1951."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What is the estimated normal residential capacity for pupils at the Deaf and Blind School?

2. What is the present number of (a) residential and (b) day pupils?

3. What is the known or estimated number of children in the Province of (a) school age and (b) pre-school age with (i) visual or (ii) hearing defects of a degree for which special facilities for their education is necessary?

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* replied as follows:—

“1. Ninety-four.

“2. (a) Ninety-one and (b) twenty-nine full time and four part time.

“3. Visual, 150; aural, 150. This is an estimate. It is not known how many are of school age and pre-school age.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.04 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Corsbie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Private Bills.”

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.’”

On the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Cates*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to impose certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in the said City.”

By leave of the House, at the request of Mr. *Smith*, the following questions standing on the Order Paper in his name were withdrawn:—

1. Has any investigation been made for a western route for a highway to Alaska?
2. If yes, what was the result of such investigation?
3. Are any plans pending for further consideration of such a highway?

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has an application been received from the Municipal Council, Burnaby, requesting the appropriation of funds for the purpose of widening the pavement on the Hastings-Barnet Road following the removal of street-car tracks?

2. If yes, what sum has been appropriated for this purpose and what distance is provided for in such appropriation?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Sufficient funds to construct a strip of pavement 12 feet in width for a distance of six blocks.”

Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. How much money has this Government already expended on the Atlin-Jakes Corner Highway?

2. Is the Government still prepared to jointly work with the Dominion in the construction of this highway?

3. If yes, to what extent?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“1. \$7,500 (survey).

“2. Yes.

“3. An expenditure of \$200,000.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has an application been received from the Municipal Council, Burnaby, asking for the establishment of a set-back frontage line of 20 feet on the south side of Hastings Street?

2. If yes, what action has been taken relative thereto?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. No action taken by the Government as this is understood to be a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the municipality.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. H. McAllister*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Morrow*, seconded by Mr. *MacDougall*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas by Order 109 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly it is provided, *inter alia*, that “no Committee on any Private Bill, of which notice is required to be given, is to consider the same until after five clear days’ notice of the sitting of such Committee has been first affixed in the lobby”:

And whereas, through inadvertence, notice of the proposed meeting of the Standing Committee on Private Bills has not been given in sufficient time to comply with the aforesaid provision:

And whereas notice of a meeting of the Private Bills Committee proposed to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of March next, has been given to all interested parties who wish to make representations concerning the Bills to be considered at such meeting:

And whereas your Committee deems it expedient that Standing Order 109 should be suspended:

That this House should refer such proposed suspension to the Standing Committee on Private Bills to report to the House thereon.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has an official inquiry recently been held relative to conditions in Oakalla Gaol?
2. If yes, will a report of same be made available to the members of the Legislature?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

“1. No; but routine inquiries have been made from time to time on escapes and other matters of discipline, and an investigation held recently on an alleged criminal offence in the gaol.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Who pays the cost of (a) Police Court proceedings and (b) imprisonment in Provincial gaols of persons convicted of infractions of the "Narcotic and Drug Act"?

2. Who pays the cost of (a) Police Court proceedings and (b) imprisonment in Dominion penitentiaries of the above-named persons?

3. How many persons in British Columbia during 1948 were convicted of infractions of the "Narcotic and Drug Act" and sentenced to (a) Provincial gaols and (b) Dominion penitentiaries?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) The Dominion, the Province, and the municipalities all share in the cost; (b) the Province.

"2. (a) Answered by No. 1 (a); (b) the Dominion.

"3. (a) 88; and (b) 20."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

After withdrawal of drug from an addict confined in a Provincial gaol, what special treatment, if any, is provided with a view to effecting his complete physical and psychological rehabilitation?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

"None."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. What is the normal inmate capacity in the male section of Oakalla Gaol without doubling up?

2. How many are confined at the present time?

3. When weather permits outdoor occupations, how many are actually employed in useful work of some kind?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

"1. 548.

"2. 729.

"3. About half."

Mr. *Quinn* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was any black topping done on the Trail-Castlegar Highway?

2. If so, what month of what year?

3. If so, at what cost?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. During the summer months of 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1944, 1945, and 1947.

"3. \$121,199.65."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has a reclassification of the staff at Oakalla been effected within the past year?

2. If yes, what is the nature and effect of same?

3. Were some members of the staff promoted to senior guards?

4. If yes, were such promotions based on seniority or, if not, what was the basis of same?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. To improve the gaol service.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. Yes; two on seniority and two on account of doing specialized work.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Friday, February 25th, 1949.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *A. E. deL. Nunns*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1947-48 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1950;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1949;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1948, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Morrow* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 25th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society" have been complied with, except in respect to advertising, proof of advertising, and deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Morrow* presented the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 25th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the provisions of Rule 109 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be suspended and that one clear day's notice be given of the sitting of your Committee to be held on Tuesday, March 1st.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 22nd, 1949.

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. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 25th, 1949.

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. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Trans-Canada Highways," 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Development of the Central Interior of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1949.

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. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the Development of the Central Interior of British Columbia," 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty-eight million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 25th, 1949.

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. 20) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty-eight million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Flood-control in the Okanagan Valley," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 25th, 1949.

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. 21) intituled "An Act respecting Flood-control in the Okanagan Valley," 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1949.

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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1949.

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. 23) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," 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.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.

Monday, February 28th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *David Hammond*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply. The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *King*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act relating to the Kelowna War Memorial Arena."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty-eight million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the Development of the Central Interior of British Columbia" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting Flood-control in the Okanagan Valley" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Trans-Canada Highways" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money is being set aside for maintenance of roads in the Fort George District for the ensuing year?
2. Will additional equipment be provided?
3. Will a survey to determine the location of the highway between Prince George and McBride be made in 1949?
4. What amount will be set aside for construction?
5. What is the extent of the proposed construction?
6. Will the road between Tête Jaune and Jasper be improved?
7. Will the highway between Tête Jaune and Blue River be put in condition for ordinary traffic?

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* replied as follows:—

"1. Maintenance funds not allocated for 1949.

"2. Yes.

"3. No; hope to have reconnaissance made.

"4. None.

"5. Answered by No. 3 and No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. No; for light traffic only."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.