

Thursday, 10th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Whiteside*—From the Union of B.C. Municipalities, *re* Taxation.

By the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*—From Allan Craig *et al.*, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the injuries of one John Hall, and for the amendment of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" providing for appeals.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return showing the names of the persons who staked the various oil claims, 194 in number, in British Columbia during the last twelve months; with districts in which the various staking occurred.

Mr. *Pauline* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 10th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We recommend the following documents be printed:—

1. Neglected Children and Mothers' Pensions.
2. Land Settlement Board.
3. Prohibition Commission.
4. Department of Industries.
5. Provincial Museum.
6. Department of Labour.

That the following documents be not printed:—

- Library Commission.
- Letters Patent *re* "Water Act."
- Liquor confiscated to the Crown.
- Cost of Registration of Voters.
- Provincial Industrial Home for Girls.
- Provincial Industrial School for Boys.
- "Soldiers' Land Act."
- Pacific Great Eastern Balance-sheet.
- Correspondence *re* Dual Control of Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt.

F. A. PAULINE, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the Ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 10th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That while the undermentioned petitioner has not complied with the Standing Rules and Orders, particularly in respect of advertising, your Committee is of the opinion that in view of the fact that the object of the Bill proposed by the petitioner is to validate a By-law already passed by the Municipal Council of Burnaby, that formal advertising of the Bill may safely be dispensed with.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Rules be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with its Bill without the payment of extra fees.

Petition No. 8—Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Neelands, Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Lands, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. Jackson be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider the claims of Major Retallack.

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of the liquor referendum submitted on October 22nd, 1920?
2. What was the total cost of the general Provincial Election held on December 1st, 1920?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. \$87,783.34.

"2. \$4,057.01."

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

1. What is the name of the contractor who did the redecorating of Labour Temple, Vancouver, now used as a Technical School?
2. On what basis was the contract let?
3. Was the work done by painters?
4. If so, what wages were they paid?
5. Were any labourers employed in connection with this work?
6. If so, what wages were they paid?
7. Was there any disagreement with the Painters' Union relative to this work?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. T. Carson awarded contract for alterations and repairs.

"2. Contract price.

"3. Painting-work included in general contract.

"4. No information; but contract provides that contractor shall pay all persons employed by him not less than the wages current (at the date of tender) in the district in which the work is being carried on for competent workmen and labourers.

"5. Complaint was made that labourers were employed on washing off walls; matter taken up by Department and adjusted.

"6. Same answer as No. 4.

"7. Answered by No. 5."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was committed Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to certain Obligations of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond in respect of the Maintenance of the Eburne Bridges crossing the North Arm of the Fraser River" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting certain Loans to Municipalities in connection with Relief of Unemployment" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 5.40 p.m.

Friday, 11th March, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Union of B.C. Municipalities, *re* Taxation.

From Allan Craig *et al.*, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the injuries of one John Hall, and for the amendment of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" providing for appeals.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of Oil Surveys in the Peace River District, 1920.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit be extended for receiving reports from Private Bills Committee till March 25th, 1921.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

1. Is the coal company operating the Morden Mine, South Wellington, observing the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act"?
2. If not, have any steps been taken to have the Act enforced as against said company?
3. If not, why not?

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

- "1. Mine not working.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Hon. the Attorney-General any information that the United States will prohibit the transit of intoxicating liquor across its territory to points within this Province?
2. If not, does the Hon. the Attorney-General propose to make inquiries as to the truth of press reports to that effect?
3. If such reports are true, will the Government draw the matter to the attention of the Dominion Government as an unfriendly act on the part of the United States?

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

- "1. No official information.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes."

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board purchase any dredging machinery and equipment during 1920?
2. If so, what were the particulars of same, and the cost?
3. Was any of said machinery used by Marsh-Bourne Construction Co., Ltd., in connection with the reclamation of Sumas Lake?
4. If so, was same rented to said company or sold?
5. If rented, the amount charged?
6. If sold, the amount for which it was sold, the dates of payment, and the balance still due?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. One Class 24 Bucyrus drag-line excavator (100-foot boom) fully equipped; cost \$45,000.
- "3. Used by the Marsh Construction Co., Ltd.
- "4. Sold under conditional sale agreement.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. \$45,000, together with interest at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum, under the following terms: In twenty consecutive equal monthly payments of \$2,350 each, the first payment to be made on the 6th day of January, 1921, and payments thereafter to be made on the 6th day of each and every month until the said twenty-four payments of \$2,350 each are fully paid and satisfied; and a further payment of \$2,031.55 on the 6th day of September, 1922; the machinery and equipment to remain the property of the Board until the payments are completed. Balance still due, \$40,300."

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

1. What was the total acreage of land purchased by the Government in the Merville Settlement and at Creston Settlement?
2. What acreage has been cleared and ready for crop at Merville, also Creston?
3. What sum of money has been expended on clearing at each settlement?
4. How many lots have been sold and what is the total acreage sold at Merville, also at Creston?
5. How many settlers have houses built on their lots at each settlement?
6. What amount was realized from acreage sold at each settlement?
7. On what terms was the land sold?
8. Is the Government carrying on clearing operations at present in either settlement?

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

- "1. Total acreage purchased at Merville, 13,660.09; Creston, 5,936.05.
- "2. At Merville 867.08 acres have been cleared and 300.3 acres have been partially cleared. At Creston 285½ acres have been cleared and 38 acres have been partially cleared.

"3. Amount spent on clearing at Merville to June 1st, 1920, \$176,514.26. Since that time clearing operations have been carried on by the settlers under the progress-loan system. Amount spent on clearing at Creston to December 31st, 1920, \$84,450.04.

"4. Fifty lots have been sold at Merville, comprising 2,796.706 acres. The agreements for sale have been duly signed. In addition there are seventy allotment-holders whose agreements are at present being completed. At Creston no lots have actually been sold, as the agreements are under discussion. The number of allotment-holders at December 31st, 1920, were seventy-six, comprising 1,558.99 acres. There are six men awaiting allotments.

"5. At Merville thirty-eight settlers have permanent farm-houses on their lots; three settlers have temporary houses. In addition there are forty-seven shacks, thirty-one sheds, seven temporary barns, and three permanent barns. At Creston there are thirty-three permanent farm-houses. Constructed to December 31st, 1920, 18; under construction to December 31st, 1920, 15. Those settlers not having permanent houses are housed in temporary quarters.

"6. At Merville the total amount realizable on the fifty completed agreements above mentioned is \$67,183.80, less forty-eight rebates of \$500 each. A nominal amount, \$84 only, has been paid in, as the payments do not fall due until October, 1922. At Creston, none. (See answer No. 4.)

"7. Land sold under agreement for sale. First payments fall due in October, 1922; interest commences to run from October, 1921. Time, up to twenty-five years, at the settler's option.

"8. At Merville no clearing has been done by the Board since June 1st, 1920. Settlers since that date have been working under the progress-loan system. At Creston rough clearing, blasting, and pick-up being carried on. Grubbing and ploughing, when weather breaks up, by large Holt tractor. The Board is completing the first 5 acres on each allotment."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Did one C. P. Williams and Francis Percy do certain work for the Government under the provisions of the "Mineral Survey and Development Act"?
2. If so, what was the nature of the work done by each, and during what periods did they work?
3. What amount was paid to each?
4. What vote was it charged to?
5. Was either one of said parties in any way connected with the Coast Range Steel, Limited?
6. What was the nature of the reports given by each to the Government as the result of their labours?
7. In what portions of the Province did each work?

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

"1. C. P. Williams, with Francis Percy as assistant, were employed as Engineers to assist in carrying out the provisions of the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'

"2. Determining the available tonnage of iron ores, coal, and fluxes suitable for the manufacture of iron and steel and the accessibility of such deposits to transportation. Commenced work in November, 1920; work yet unfinished.

"3. \$10,000 to C. P. Williams.

"4. Statutory Vote, 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'

"5. No information.

"6. Answered by No. 2.

"7. Vancouver Island and adjacent islands and southern portions of the Province, including the Kootenay districts."

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

1. Have the surveys of possible routes for the Trans-Provincial Highway from the Coast to the Interior been completed?
2. Are the surveyors' plans and reports now in the hands of the Government?
3. What was the cost of each of such surveys and by whom was each carried out?
4. What is the estimated cost of construction of the proposed highway over each of the routes surveyed and reported upon?
5. When may a definite announcement as to the route selected be expected from the Government?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. Yes, excepting that of Hope-Princeton via Dewdney Trail, Whipsaw Creek Summit.
- "3. Hope to Princeton, by E. G. Cleveland, \$13,137.53; Fraser Canyon, by F. J. Dawson for location and Dufresne & Whittaker for railway crossings, under the supervision of District Engineer Gwyer, \$20,233.66.
- "4. Hope-Princeton, via Gibson Pass, \$892,522; Fraser Canyon, including railway crossings, \$1,129,302.
- "5. Matter still under consideration."

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

- 1. Has the Department of Public Works ever been approached regarding the construction of a road at the town of Alice Arm, said road being for the purpose of giving access from the proposed Dominion Government Wharf to the town of Alice Arm; and, if so, when?
- 2. Has same been recommended by the District Engineer?
- 3. Has the Department of Public Works given any assurance that this work would be carried out?
- 4. If yes, on what occasions and dates?
- 5. Has any money ever been set aside for this work, and what amount?
- 6. Is there any money available at the present time to carry out construction of this road; and, if so, how much?
- 7. Has actual work been started?
- 8. If not, why?
- 9. Has the Department of Public Works been informed that the unemployment question is absolutely serious at Alice Arm?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes; November, 1919.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. On representation of residents; July, 1920.
- "5. Yes; \$24,000.
- "6. Yes; \$24,000.
- "7. Instructions issued February 25th to start work.
- "8. Answered by No. 7.
- "9. Yes."

Mr. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

- 1. What was the balance standing to the credit of the Forest Protection Fund on December 31st, 1920?
- 2. Are there any claims for fighting fires during 1920 which have been passed for payment but which have not yet been paid?
- 3. If so, what do such claims amount to, with particulars of same, and what is the reason for withholding payment?
- 4. What effect will the non-payment of these amounts have on logging operators both on the Coast and in the Interior?

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* objected to the fourth question as being out of order, and stated that the answers to the first three questions would be found in the printed reports already laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker ruled that question 4 was out of order.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting certain Loans to Municipalities in connection with Relief of Unemployment" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."
On the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, 14th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Premier presented a petition from B. C. Nicholas *et al.*, supporting the introduction of the Optometry Bill.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution, "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That on this and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

On the motion of Mr. *Pauline*, seconded by Mr. *Menzies*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House on March 10th, be adopted.

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

1. Has the Public Works Department investigated the cause of the loss of a team of horses on Provincial road-work while unloading a scow-load of crushed rock at Mission City during the summer of 1920?

2. Has the Government paid for the loss of said team; and, if not, why not?

3. If they have paid for said team, how much was paid, and when?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$500; October 7th, 1920."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Is one Sergeant-Major Justin Robinson and one S. J. Gothard now in the Provincial Service?

2. If so, what are their positions, and what salaries are they paid?

3. If they are not now in the Service, were they ever in the Service; and in what positions and at what salaries?

4. When did they leave the Service, and for what reason?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. As to Gothard, no. As to Robinson, he was employed in the Educational Picture Service from September 20th, 1920, until January 31st, 1921, at a salary of \$125 per month.

"4. January 31st, 1921; because there was no more employment."

Mr. Pooley asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What company or firm did drilling on the Snowstorm group of mineral claims?

2. Was this a British company or British firm; and, if not, what nationality?

3. How much per foot did the drilling cost?

4. To what depth was said drilling carried on?

5. Were tenders called for the said work?

6. If yes, from whom were they received; specifying British and foreign firms or corporations?

7. What was the amount of each tender?

8. Which tender was accepted?

9. Are the owners of the Snowstorm group paying the bonus charges provided by the Act?

10. Have the owners paid any moneys to the Government in connection with the Government's work on these claims?

11. If so, how much under each heading?

12. What is the total amount of the lien that the Government holds against these properties?

13. Have any surveys been carried on in connection with these claims?

14. If so, at what costs, and who has paid the charges?

15. Have these claims or any of them been Crown-granted?

16. If so, when?

17. In whose names have the Crown grants been issued?

18. Have any fresh claims been staked in this area by either the Resident Engineer or Mr. Drury, the Government Engineer?

19. If yes, what are the names of the claims and when were they staked?

20. Where are they located?

21. In whose names are the claims held?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. The International Diamond Drill Contracting Co.

"2. No. An American company licensed to do business in British Columbia.

"3. 5,612 feet at \$3.75; 100 feet at \$3.95; and 24 feet at \$4.15.

"4. A total depth of 5,736 feet, consisting of nine holes varying from 284 to 1,124 feet.

"5. Yes.

"6. International Diamond Drill Contracting Co. (see answer to No. 2) and W. H. Wall (British).

"7. International Diamond Drill Contracting Co., \$3.75 to \$4.75 per foot, according to depth of holes; W. H. Wall, \$4 to \$7 per foot, according to depth of hole.

"8. Answered by No. 1.

"9. Bonus charges are a first and paramount charge against the property under subsection (c) of section 11 of the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'

"10. No. (See answer to No. 9.)

"11. Answered by No. 10.

"12. Lien consists of amount given in answer to question 1 of March 1st, 1921, plus bonus and interest as provided by subsection (c) of section 11 of 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'

"13. Yes.

"14. \$4,604.90. The Government; the amount forming part of the cost and bonus protected by subsection (c) of section 11 of the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act,' and done in order to protect the lien of the Crown against the property and to definitely fix the area to be charged.

"15. No; but are in process of Crown granting.

"16 and 17. Answered by No. 15.

"18. Yes; by Mr. Drewry, B.C.L.S. and D.L.S., and Assistant H. A. Cornwall, B.C.L.S., to include fractions discovered on surveying and to square up the property.

"19. Owl Mineral Claim, October 27th, 1919, H. A. Cornwall; Plover Mineral Claim, November 3rd, 1919, A. K. Stuart by H. A. Cornwall, agent; Grouse Fraction Mineral Claim, November 5th, 1919, F. C. Green by H. A. Cornwall, agent; Hawk Fraction Mineral Claim, October 30th, 1919, J. H. Drewry by W. S. Drewry, agent; Duck Fraction Mineral Claim, October 30th, 1919, T. S. Gore by H. A. Cornwall, agent; Eagle Fraction Mineral Claim, October 28th, 1919, H. A. Cornwall by W. S. Drewry, agent; Quail Fraction Mineral Claim, November 5th, 1919, Geo. Chattaway by H. A. Cornwall, agent; Horn Fraction Mineral Claim, October 30th, 1919, Clare L. Drewry by W. S. Drewry, agent.

"20. Within and adjoining the Snowstorm Group, Highland Valley, Ashcroft Mining Division.

"21. Records are kept in the Recorder's office at Ashcroft, B.C."

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

1. What is the total acreage in the Fernie Settlement Area purchased by the Government?
2. What acreage is cleared and ready for settlement?
3. What amount has been spent on improvement to date?
4. What is the total sum of money invested by the Government in this settlement area?
5. How many lots and acreage have been sold?
6. What has been the amount realized from this sale?
7. How many settlers have located on this area?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. 884.8 acres.

"2. Cleared by the Board: Rough-cleared, 85 acres; blasted, 72 acres; broken, 17 acres; seeded (includes 200 acres grass-seed), 221 acres. The whole area has been thrown open for settlement and is practically all partially cleared, having been subjected to an intense fire a few years ago.

"3. Land-clearing and seeding, \$10,419.61; buildings, \$2,746.51; fencing, \$666.21; total improvements, \$13,832.33.

"4. \$34,741.42 to December 31st, 1920.

"5. Eight lots, comprising 506.65 acres.

"6. Amount realizable, \$7,453.55, less three rebates of \$500.

"7. Seven."

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

1. What is the total acreage of the Christian Ranch purchased by the Government in Kelowna District?
2. What acreage has been cleared?
3. What amount of money has been spent in clearing operations to date?
4. What has been the cost of fencing?
5. What other sums have been spent in improving this property?

6. What is the total amount invested by the Government in the Christian Ranch to date?
7. Has the Government discovered any means by which this property can be irrigated?
8. If so, what will it cost?
9. When will irrigation be provided and lots offered for sale?
10. Have any lots been sold; and, if so, the value of same?
11. How many settlers have located on this area?

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

- "1. 440 acres.
- "2. 163 acres improved; 35 acres ploughed; 25 acres seeded; 103 acres rough-cleared; 107 acres cleared and partly cleared when purchased.
- "3. \$17,626.35.
- "4. \$2,156.72; property ring-fenced.
- "5. On farm-houses and outbuildings, \$1,359.86; on irrigation scheme, \$255.75.
- "6. \$57,736.47.
- "7. Yes; by establishing a pumping plant at Duck Lake.
- "8. Estimated capital cost, \$11,352; estimated maintenance cost, \$2,135 per annum.
- "9. When irrigation system is installed.
- "10. No.
- "11. None allowed till irrigation provided."

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

1. Did one Peterson have a contract with the Government for the paving of a portion of the Pacific Highway?
2. If so, what was the amount of such contract, and when was it entered into?
3. When was it to be finished?
4. When was it actually finished?
5. Were any extras allowed to said Peterson?
6. If so, how much?
7. What was the total amount paid to said Peterson?
8. Is there any balance still due to said Peterson on account of said contract?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. H. P. Peterson Construction Co., Ltd.
- "2. Approximately \$88,000 (rates as per schedule of quantities); July 8th, 1919.
- "3. October 31st, 1919.
- "4. November, 1920.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$31,192.70, principally for quantities in excess of contract.
- "7. \$122,039.08.
- "8. Yes."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition of B. C. Nicholas *et al.*, supporting the introduction of the Optometry Bill, was received.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ending December 31st, 1920.

Mr. Whiteside presented the Eleventh and Twelfth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 15th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 15th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Petition No. 6—E. P. Davis and others, for the incorporation of the Fernie and Elk River Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 14th, 1921.

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. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 15th, 1921.

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. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Better Housing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What was the total acreage of land purchased by the Government in the Southern Okanagan Soldier Settlement Area?
2. What amount of acreage is irrigable?
3. What amount was spent in connection with the irrigation system during January and February, 1921?
4. How many lots and what was the total acreage offered for sale on March 4th and 5th?
5. How many lots and what was the acreage sold?
6. What was the acreage sold and the amount realized at sale of land to soldiers on March 4th?
7. What was the acreage sold and the amount realized at sale of land to civilians?
8. How many lots in townsite of Oliver were offered for sale on March 4th and 5th?
9. How many lots were sold and the amount realized?

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

- "1. 22,000 acres.
- "2. 13,000 acres gross, approximately.
- "3. \$25,307 and \$19,500, respectively.
- "4. 67 single and 18 double lots; total, 103 lots; 1,203.51 acres.
- "5. 27 lots; 339.55 acres.
- "6. 291.55 acres sold; \$71,665 realized.
- "7. 48 acres sold; \$11,130 realized.
- "8. None on March 4th; 108 on March 5th.
- "9. 21 sold; \$6,110 realized."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has the Department carried out any drilling on any mineral claims located at Harpers Camp, Cariboo?
2. If yes, what claims, and who owns the claims?
3. Are they Crown-granted?
4. What is the amount spent on each claim; and what was the nature of the work done, whether drilling, stripping, tunnelling, or otherwise?
5. How much was spent under each heading?
6. Is said work completed; and, if not, does the Government contemplate doing any further work?
7. Has the said work or drilling operations disclosed any bodies of ore of mineral value?

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

"1. No. Carried on Keystone-drilling of placer leases and placer record claims at Harpers Camp.

"2. (a.) International Dredging Co.'s sub-lease No. 1360. (b.) Norma lease; lease applied for in name of Campbell, Loveridge, and partners. (c.) 80-acre lease and four 250-foot record claims held by G. A. Kennedy, A. Ashley, G. A. Hyde, and G. Matthews. (d.) Three 250-foot record claims held by Messrs. Campbell, Thompson, Cotton, and Doherty.

"3. No provision in 'Placer-mining Act' for Crown-granting placer-mining property.

"4. Drilling carried on to ascertain existence of and test gold-bearing gravel channels at Harpers Camp. Costs not yet segregated for different claims or leases. All work was Keystone-drilling. Total cost, \$9,122.20.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Work for the winter stopped in December, 1920. Under consideration.

"7. Reports and maps on drilling being prepared by Engineer."

Mr. *Catherwood* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of advertising relating to fire-prevention during the months of June, July, and August, 1920?

2. In what newspapers did such advertisements appear, with amounts in each case?

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

"1. \$2,309.70.

"2. B.C. Veterans' Weekly, \$134.40; Cariboo Observer, \$27; Chilliwack Progress, \$36; Comox Argus, \$30; Cowichan Leader, \$30; Cranbrook Courier, \$39; Campaigner, \$60; Canadian Flyer, \$15; Fernie Free Press, \$36; Grand Forks Sun, \$33; Interior News, \$36; Island Motorist, \$60; Kamloops Telegram, \$15.40; Kootenaiian, \$33; Merritt Herald, \$30.25; Motor Travel, \$90; Nanaimo Free Press, \$33; Nelson Daily News, \$40.32; North Shore Press, \$33; Nechaco Chronicle, \$33; Omineca Herald, \$35.75; Pacific Coast Lumberman, \$108; Port Alberni News, \$33; Prince George Citizen, \$33; Prince Rupert News, \$54; Revelstoke Review, \$33; Rossland Miner, \$27; Terrace News, \$25.88; Trail News, \$30; Vancouver Daily Province, \$226.80; Victoria Daily Times, \$138.60; Western Canadian Motorist, \$60; Western Lumberman, \$56; Portland Canal News, \$33.75; Vernon News, \$39.60; Kelowna Courier, \$30; Penticton Herald, \$27; Golden Star, \$26; Ladysmith Chronicle \$33; Western Beekeeper, \$45; Princeton Star, \$33; Creston Review, \$33; Farm & Home, \$168; Vancouver Daily Sun, \$126."

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 4.25 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th March, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Better Housing Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

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

1. Is one T. R. Baker employed under the Game Department?
2. What is his position?
3. What is his salary?
4. How long has he been employed?
5. If not in the service now, has he ever been, and over what period?
6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Engineer on game launch 'Watla.'
- "3. \$3 per day.
- "4. Since August 1st, 1920.
- "5. Answered by No. 1.
- "6. None with experience necessary available at the time."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Reports of the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has not been proved, and that your Committee recommend that its report (No. 5) on the undermentioned Bill be rescinded and expunged from the records.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Port Mann."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.
The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Rules be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the under-mentioned Bill without posting as required by the Rules.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fernie & Elk River Railway Company."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.
The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fernie & Elk River Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Bowser* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neclands*,—

Whereas during the late Provincial election campaign it was openly alleged that the Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board had entered into an improvident contract with the Coquitlam City Lands, Limited, for the purchase of part of District Lot Three hundred and eighty-six (D.L. 386), in the Westminster Land District:

And whereas it has been openly stated that the said Board could purchase gravel at a great deal lesser amount from others dealing in the sale of gravel than what the said Board can produce the gravel from this pit:

And whereas it is alleged that the price for which the said Lands Company sold this land was about the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000):

And whereas the said Sewerage Board paid the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for said land:

And whereas it has been suggested that some questionable practice has been indulged in as to the distribution of the said profit between thirty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, actually paid by the said Board:

And whereas it is advisable and necessary to inquire into the truth or otherwise of such allegations:

Be it therefore Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Paterson*, *Henniger*, *Hanes*, and *Bowser*, be appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of any of the alleged charges (or that may be alleged before or to the Committee), and that the said Committee have power to compel the attendance of persons, and the examination of such persons under oath or affirmation, and to enforce the production of all books, letters, documents, telegraph or telephone messages, or any other evidence material to the inquiry; and that no communication, oral or written, shall be kept from the Committee, whether the same shall be claimed to be confidential or personal or otherwise; and that the Committee report their findings and the examination to the House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Better Housing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings."

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Who are the Road Foremen for Dewdney Riding, their salary and expenses in each case for the year 1920?

2. Are any of them returned men; if not, did any returned man apply for the positions?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. D. A. Gunn, salary, \$1,497; C. A. Cook, salary, \$1,572.75; H. Ferguson, salary, \$782.25; W. J. Clark, salary, \$1,419.02; J. B. McKamey, salary, \$1,621.75; S. M. Gibbs, \$1,245.76. No expenses.

"2. Yes."

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

1. Is there a Bee Inspector appointed under the "Apiaries Act" for the Okanagan District?

2. If yes, give name?

3. What salary is paid him?

4. Is he furnished with names and addresses of all registered bee-keepers in his district?

5. How often does he inspect each apiary?

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

"1. W. H. Gray was appointed Inspector of Apiaries for the Okanagan District from June 1st, 1920, succeeding L. Harris, who had resigned.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. A salary of \$120 per month and travelling expenses was paid the Inspector for five months during the year 1920, after the expiration of which period he resigned.

"4. Yes.

"5. Once per season, if possible, but as often as necessary if disease exists."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Thursday, 17th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by General *Bramicell Booth*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser* on 16th instant, as follows:—

Whereas during the late Provincial election campaign it was openly alleged that the Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board had entered into an improvident contract with the Coquitlam City Lands, Limited, for the purchase of part of District Lot Three hundred and eighty-six (D.L. 386), in the Westminster Land District:

And whereas it has been openly stated that the said Board could purchase gravel at a great deal lesser amount from others dealing in the sale of gravel than that at which the said Board could purchase the gravel from this pit:

And whereas it is alleged that the price for which the said Lands Company sold this land was about the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000):

And whereas the said Sewerage Board paid the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for said land:

And whereas it has been suggested that some questionable practice has been indulged in as to the distribution of the said profit between thirty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, actually paid by the said Board:

And whereas it is advisable and necessary to inquire into the truth or otherwise of such allegations:

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Paterson*, *Henniger*, *Hanes*, and *Bowser*, be appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of any of the alleged charges (or that may be alleged before or to the Committee), and that the said Committee have power to compel the attendance of persons, and the examination of such persons under oath or affirmation, and to enforce the production of all books, letters, documents, telegraph or telephone messages, or any other evidence material to the inquiry; and that no communication, oral or written, shall be kept from the Committee, whether the same shall be claimed to be confidential or personal or otherwise; and that the Committee report their findings and the examination to the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "*Resolved*" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor: "That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause an inquiry, under the provisions of the 'Public Inquiries Act,' into the alleged wrongdoing recited in the Preamble hereto."

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of February, 1921, between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1921.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of February, 1921, between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker gave the following ruling on the question of the ruling of the Chairman of Committee, which was challenged:—

"Tuesday evening the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition appealed from the ruling of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on Bill No. 21 to myself. The appeal involves a point of practice. I have not been able to find that the Imperial House has a Standing Rule exactly similar to our Rule No. 99, which says that questions of order arising in Committee of the Whole House shall be decided by the Chairman, subject to an appeal to the House, without the Committee rising.

"The practice in the Imperial House, quoting from *May* (12), page 409, is as follows: 'Order in debate in a Committee is enforced by the Chairman. He is responsible for the conduct of business therein and from his decision no appeal should be made to the Speaker.' I find, however, in 1912, the following language used by the Speaker of the Imperial House of Commons: 'It may be that the Speaker is not a Court of Appeal from the Chairman of Ways and Means, but, on the other hand, there may be occasions on which there are decisions on which the House may wish to have the opinion of the Speaker in regard to the construction of the Standing Order, and not particularly in reference to what occurred in Committee, but in reference to what may occur in the House, too. I see no objection.' (Parl. Deb., 5s 40, page 1338.)

"The point the honourable gentleman has raised I understand to be whether or not the question of closed towns may be discussed in the discussion of section 7 of Bill No. 21, being 'An Act to amend the "Forest Act."' It is submitted that the discussion of closed towns is germane to the discussion of the subject-matter of section 7. The construction of no Standing Order is involved, and I think the House itself may be fairly left, and indeed properly left, to express its opinion as to whether or not the proposed discussion is germane. Without, therefore, going further than to remind the House that not only discussions but proposed amendments in Committees must be strictly germane, I shall submit to the House the question, 'Shall the Chairman be sustained?'"

Upon the question being put, the Chairman was sustained.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed. Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the contract price of the Kaslo-Ainsworth Road entered into between the Department and Rawlings & LaBrash?
2. What was the final cost of this road to the Department?
3. Did the Department have to take over and complete part of the work?
4. If so, how much did this cost the Department, and was it charged to the said Rawlings & LaBrash?
5. When was the road finally completed?
6. Was any part of the cost of this road charged to the "Mines Development Act"?
7. If so, what was the amount and the authority for charging same to the Mines Department?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$19,965.
- "2. \$26,207.77.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. January, 1920.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. \$7,473.48; 'Mines Development Act,' chapter 43, 1916, section 3."

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

1. Has the Pacific Great Eastern Railway a head office in the City of Vancouver?
2. If so, where is it situated and what monthly rent is paid?
3. What are the particulars of the staff attached to said office?
4. What are the fixed charges monthly for salaries and other outgoings to keep up this office?
5. Has the Department ever considered the question of reducing the staff and establishing the head office at Squamish?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Vancouver Block; \$230.
- "3. General Manager; Comptroller; Cashier; Purchasing Agent; General Freight Agent; Local Freight Agent; Accountant, Operating Department; Stores Accountant; Accountant who keeps head office books formerly kept in Victoria and also hydro-electric books and accounts; Travelling Auditor and Clerk, Passenger Department; Clerk; Clerk (temporary); Car Accountant and Stenographer; Filing Clerk and Comptroller's Stenographer; Clerk and Stenographer, Cashier's Department; Stenographer, General Manager and Purchasing Agent; Clerk and Stenographer; Telephone Operator and Clerk.
- "4. \$3,196.98.
- "5. Yes."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Public Works submitted to the Federal Department at Ottawa plans showing the trunk-road system of this Province, which assistance is suggested for under the "Canada Highways Act"?
2. If so, how many projects for roads, with full particulars, have been submitted to Ottawa?
3. How many of the Provincial projects have been approved?
4. How many have been disapproved?
5. How many are still under consideration by the Department at Ottawa?
6. Has any money been received from Ottawa, being their share towards any particular roads in this Province?
7. If so, for what roads was this money received, the amounts, and when received?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Twenty-one: Trans-Provincial Highway, V.I. (Island Highway); Vancouver-Ladner (No. 3 Road, Lulu Island); Marine Drive; Trans-Provincial (Pacific Highway); Eagle Pass Road (Revelstoke West); Trans-Provincial (Creston-Goatfell); Kootenay Lake (Kaslo-Ainsworth); 1-Mile Road (Yale); Cariboo Road (Quesnel-Fort George); Fort George-Hazelton Road (Main Fraser Lake); North Francois Lake Road (Burns Lake-Francois Lake); Trans-Provincial (Thrumbs-Brilliant); Hardy Bay-Coal Harbour; Vancouver-Ladner (Woodward's Landing North); Ladner-New Westminster (V.V. & E. Railway East); Trans-Provincial (Vancouver-Hope); Eagle Pass Road (Boulder West); Trans-Provincial (Osoyoos-9-Mile); Trans-Provincial (Rossland-Christina Lake); Trans-Provincial (Sirdar-Kuskanook); Slokan Lake (New Denver-Three Forks).

"3. Sixteen.

"4. None so far as advised by Department.

"5. Five.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. What is the total expenditure to date on the new Toby Creek Road from the Paradise Mine to Invermere?

2. What is the estimated cost to complete it?

3. Was the work let by tender?

4. If so, who secured the contract?

5. When did work commence and when was it completed?

6. What is the mileage?

7. What amount was expended on bridges appurtenant to this road?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. \$23,488.61, including bridges, and exclusive of the amount expended by Messrs. Ritchie, Bruce & Cleland.

"2. Approximately \$27,000.

"3. No.

"4. Contract entered into with Alexander Ritchie, R. Randolph Bruce, and W. Howard Cleland; they having contributed, and being on the ground, could carry out the work to the best advantage.

"5. Commenced May, 1917; completed December, 1917.

"6. 8 miles.

"7. \$2,012.05."

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

1. Did the Game Board send one J. French with a companion into the Cowichan Lake District during September, 1920?

2. If so, what was the purpose of his mission?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Investigating elk herd at head of Cowichan Lake."

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What is the total sum which the Government has borrowed from Ottawa to date for the purposes of the soldiers' housing scheme?

2. How much of this sum has been taken up by municipalities, with particulars?

3. How much has been taken up directly by applicants, with particulars in each case?

4. How much is still in the hands of the Government and available for these loans?

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

"1. \$1,361,500.

"2. \$1,354,750 advanced to municipalities, as follows: Burnaby, \$25,500; Courtenay, \$35,000; Duncan, \$3,500; Esquimalt, \$21,000; Kamloops, \$60,000; Kelowna, \$25,800; Langley, \$10,500; Matsqui, \$2,000; Nanaimo, \$30,000; New Westminster, \$60,000; North Vancouver (city), \$65,000; North Vancouver (district), \$74,500; Oak Bay, \$16,450; Penticton, \$23,000; Point Grey, \$94,000; Port Alberni, \$7,000; Port Coquitlam, \$11,200; Prince George, \$51,000; Prince Rupert, \$100,000; Saanich, \$44,000; Salmon Arm, \$3,500; South Vancouver, \$90,000; Trail, \$15,000; Vancouver, \$300,000; Vernon, \$20,000; Victoria, \$140,000; West Vancouver, \$25,000. Balance allotted by agreements with Esquimalt, Trail, and Port Coquitlam.

"3. None.

"4. Answered by No. 2."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1922;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1921;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain Sums expended for the Public Service for the period ended 31st March, 1920, and to indemnify the several Officers and Persons for making such Expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 17th, 1921.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Thursday, 17th March, 1921.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Schofield*, seconded by Mr. *Esling*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing what amounts were paid during the calendar year 1920 for advertising in the *Victoria Times* and the *Vancouver Sun* respectively, with particulars in each case.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Friday, 18th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has not been proved, and that your Committee recommends that the fees paid in respect thereof be refunded to the promoters of the Bill.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate Sea Island Municipality."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman*.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fernie & Elk River Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 18.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has not been proved, and that your Committee recommends that the fees paid in respect thereof be refunded to the promoters of the Bill.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to make valid and binding an Official Map or Survey of the Municipal Township of Esquimalt."

And your Committee further recommends that the "Special Surveys Act," being chapter 221, R.S.B.C. 1911, be amended so as to provide for the municipality bearing the entire cost of the survey when deemed advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

REPORT No. 19.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the cost of the banquet given in honour of the officers and men of the Canadian Naval Squadron?

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

"\$376.30."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What grants have been made to the Golden Hospital on account of buildings, grounds, etc., from 1893 to date?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1910, old hospital, \$5,000; 1917, new hospital, \$5,500; 1918, \$5,500; 1919, \$1,000."

Mr. *Estling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. On what date was the agreement regarding iron bounties entered into with the Coast Range Steel, Limited?
2. Is the Coast Range Steel, Limited, to have the sole right to receive bounties under the two "Iron Bounties Acts" now in force?
3. After the plans are submitted and approved, within what period or date will the liability to pay bounties to the company cease?
4. What sum does the Department figure will likely be the maximum sum the Government may, under this agreement, be called on to pay?

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

- "1. November 18th, 1920.
- "2. No.
- "3. See 'Iron Bounties Act,' chapter 11 of the Statutes of 1918, and the 'Iron Bounties Act Amendment Act, 1920,' chapter 10 of the Statutes of 1920.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. How long has the position of Provincial Horticulturist been vacant?
2. Has the position been advertised?
3. What salary does this post pay?
4. When will the Minister be appointing some one to this position?
5. When this appointment is made, will it be from the Department of Agriculture by promotion?

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

- "1. Since November 15th, 1918.
- "2. No.
- "3. No salary is provided in the Estimates for present fiscal year ending March 31st, 1921, but provision is being made for a salary of \$2,400 per year, coming fiscal year.
- "4. At commencement of approaching fiscal year.
- "5. Yes."

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

1. How many Road Foremen were employed in the Greenwood Riding during the season of 1920?
2. What were their names and addresses, and the amounts received by each one?
3. Were any of these men taking part in any other employment while working for the Department.

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Seventeen.
- "2. A. Aberdeen, Bridesville, \$186.38; J. Buron, Eholt, \$126; J. Christian, Westbridge, \$189; Pat. Crane, Beaverdell, \$31.50; Jas. F. Cunningham, Eholt, \$462; Jas. C. Dale, Carmi, \$154.88; J. R. Ferguson, Midway, \$721.89; Charles Gauvreau, Greenwood, \$792.75; Hugh Gillis, Bridesville, \$301.88; Ed. Heed, Kettle Valley, \$304.50; H. Holmes, Beaverdell, \$727.13; H. T. Letts, Bridesville, \$401.63; G. S. Mead, Carmi, \$76.13; Wm. Middleton, Westbridge, \$346.50; Duncan McIntosh, Beaverdell, \$110.25; G. H. Pitman, Myncaster, \$105; Ed. Stiles, Rock Creek, \$813.75.
- "3. No."

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

1. Was the tax assessment boundary between Lillooet and Cariboo Districts changed from the former boundary to that of the Chilcotin River?
2. If so, was it on the recommendation of Assessor McGusty?
3. If a change was made, why was the surveyed and definite boundary between the two districts—viz., the 52nd parallel—not adopted?
4. What is the aggregate assessed value of the property so segregated?

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

- “1. The boundary between the Lillooet and Quesnel Forks Assessment Districts was changed in part.
- “2. On the recommendation of the Taxation Branch.
- “3. The change was made for the greater convenience of residents of the area affected.
- “4. Approximately \$191,000.”

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

1. Was one Sam Larsen, of Rock Creek, appointed Assessor for the Rossland District?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?
3. Was he formerly in the Civil Service?
4. If not, why was not some Civil Servant appointed?
5. Who did the assessing for this district prior to the appointment of Larsen, and what salary was he receiving for such work?
6. Why was he still not retained to carry on this work of assessing?
7. What previous experience of assessing did the said Larsen have?
8. What business has said Larsen been in during the last ten years?

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

- “1. Sam Larsen was appointed Assessor for the Assessment Districts of Rossland, Kettle River, and Princeton.
- “2. October 1st, 1920; \$200 per month.
- “3. No.
- “4. None available with the qualifications required.
- “5. Government Agents in each district; Rossland and Fairview, \$175 per month; Princeton, \$160 per month.
- “6. Arrangement was not satisfactory, owing to other duties not leaving time to cover the ground properly.
- “7. General knowledge of the districts concerned and of land values.
- “8. Farming, stock-raising, general business, and postmaster.”

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

1. Did the Government hold tax sale of land for arrears of taxes during 1920 in the Vernon Assessment District?
2. On what date was sale held?
3. In what newspapers were these lands advertised for sale, and what was the cost of advertising?
4. What was the amount of the arrears?
5. What amount was collected?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. October 12th.
- “3. *Armstrong Advertiser*; \$253.26.
- “4. \$8,860.77.
- “5. \$4,999.31.”

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

1. Has the Industrial Department granted a loan to the Douglas Fir & Turpentine Company, Limited?
2. If so, for what amount, and the term of payment and the security?
3. What are the assets of said company, and where do they carry on their operations?
4. Is J. S. Cowper, of Vancouver, in any way connected with this company?
5. If so, in what capacity?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. See copy of Order in Council attached.

"3. Assets of the company as at October 22nd, 1920, date loan recommended, amounted to \$16,612.03. Since that time additional moneys have been invested. The Department requires still further amount of \$15,000 to be put into this enterprise before loan is available. The plant of the company is located in Vancouver. Their resin is collected from resin leases on the islands in the Gulf of Georgia.

"4. Yes.

"5. Has an arrangement with the company to utilize their patented electric still on a royalty basis in the treatment of molasses to recover various by-products."

COPY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to report:—

That he has received the following communication from the Industrial Commissioner:—

"To the Honourable John Oliver,
Minister of Industries, Victoria, B.C.

"DEAR SIR,—I beg to report that the Douglas Fir and Turpentine Company, Limited, have made application for a loan under the provisions of subsections (g), (i), and (k) of section 4, chapter 34, Statutes of 1919, for the purpose of purchasing bottles and barrels and for working capital in the manufacture of turpentine and by-products.

"The above application has been submitted for the consideration of the Advisory Council, whose recommendation is as follows:—

"On motion it was decided that a loan of \$25,000 be approved to the Douglas Fir and Turpentine Company, Limited; that the loan be for a period of ten years, repayable \$2,500 with interest per annum; that the loan be secured by a joint and several note of W. E. Burns, S. E. Oliver, J. P. Fell, and Knox Walkem, and by a chattel mortgage against all the assets of the company.

"That the loan be conditioned on the stock held by the applicants being placed in escrow and not be available for resale until permission is granted by the Department of Industries of the Province of British Columbia.'

"A thorough inquiry has been held into all the circumstances affecting this loan. I find that the loan is justified, in that all the conditions required by section 8 of the 'Department of Industries Act' are fully complied with.

"I therefore have the honour to recommend that the application be granted.

"I have the honour to be,

"Yours truly,

"D. B. MARTYN,

"Industrial Commissioner."

And to recommend that the sum of \$25,000 be loaned to the Douglas Fir and Turpentine Company, Limited, for the purposes as set out in the report of the Industrial Commissioner.

And that it be further conditioned on the applicants raising by sale of stock an amount of \$15,000; this amount to be expended prior to the Government loan.

And that the loan be made conditioned on this being done and the results showing to the satisfaction of the Minister of Industries that there is a fair prospect of the plans of the company being carried out.

And that the Department of Industries have a representative on the Board of Directors of the company.

And that a certified copy of this Order in Council, if approved, be forwarded to the Industrial Commissioner.

Dated this 7th day of February, A.D. 1921.

JOHN OLIVER,

Minister of Industries.

Dated this 7th day of February, A.D. 1921.

JOHN OLIVER,

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

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

1. Has there been complaint of unsanitary conditions at the Fort Garry Lumber Company's camps at Miworth, in the Prince George Electoral District?
2. If so, when?
3. Was it complained that the Provincial Police, when requested to enforce the provisions of the "Health Act" there, had failed to do so?
4. What has the Government done in regard to these complaints, and what is the report made to it by its officers as to the health conditions of these camps and generally as to the complaints made?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. Complaint made by local secretary of Loggers' Union to District Inspector of Provincial Police.

"2. November 22nd, 1920. Inspection made and report returned under date of November 24th, 1920.

"3. No. A letter was received from local secretary of L.W.I.U. under date of February 11th, 1921, conveying information furnished him as to infringement of Health Regulations and asking that Health Officer be sent.

"4. Local officials written to and instructions given to enforce regulations. At end of November Inspector reported as follows: 'In the matter of the complaint of overcrowding, this is only to be expected, as the works were started some three weeks ago. The men crowded in when there was no accommodation for them. They were requested to return when additional bunk-houses could be put up. The men, however, stayed.' Further: 'Several men at the camp were interviewed as to the conditions of the camp and stated that they were satisfied. Taking the matter on the whole, this camp when completed will be considered satisfactory.'"

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

1. Is the Minister aware of the allegations contained in the *British Columbia Federationist* of March 4th, 1921, in regard to sanitary conditions in the lumber camps along the North Thompson River, in Kamloops Electoral District?
2. If so, will the Minister cause an investigation to be made?
3. If so, when?
4. If unsanitary conditions are found on investigation, will the Minister direct the prosecution of the offending parties?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Periodical inspections made by Provincial Police. Chief Sanitary Inspector sent March 1st. His report on file in office of Provincial Board of Health.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Instructions given by Inspectors being carried out. Further inspection ordered for March 14th to see that instructions obeyed."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was again committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of February, 1921, between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings" was committed.

Committee rose without report.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported. Bill to be reprinted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 15th, 1921.

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. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition from the Union of Municipalities.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year 1920; and the Report of the Game Conservation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1920.

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 5.46 p.m.

Friday, 18th March, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Esting*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the exact full terms and date of contract with the Northern Construction Company for Pacific Great Eastern work; how much has been paid under the contract; the unit prices for earth, loose rock, solid rock, ties, rails, and track-laying; on whose advice these unit prices were adopted; on what percentage of profit the contract was awarded; how much the contractors have received on the basis of this percentage profit; how much (if any) bonus the contractors have earned in addition to the percentage profit; how much they have received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of February, 1921, between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King."

On the motion of Dr. *Rose*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.
