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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1923

Monday, 29th October, 1923.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Fifteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 5th day of September, 1923,

His Honour WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature:

I welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

The sympathy of the Province with the Empire of Japan, in the terrible loss of life and property occasioned by recent disasters, is very sincere, and my Government has forwarded a relief contribution of approximately 2,000,000 feet of lumber and shingles.

Since you last met there has been a steady betterment in industrial conditions within the Province, and the bounteous harvest throughout Western Canada will tend towards further improvement.

The timber industry was never in a more prosperous condition than at present, and the outlook for the future is bright.

Forest fires during the past summer have been fewer in number, and resulting damage much less than in previous years.

The adjustment of the Indian reserves question, which has for many years been the subject of negotiation between the Dominion and the Province, is progressing satisfactorily toward a final settlement.

The important question of foreshore ownership in public harbours, which has been in dispute for many years between the Province and the Dominion, has been adjusted by amicable agreement.

It is satisfactory to note that the metalliferous mining industry is in a healthy condition. Mining operators on the Coast, in the Interior, and in the northern sections of the Province are enlarging and modernizing their plants to permit of greater and more economical production, and many new properties are being developed.

A Bill to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" will be submitted.

Under agreement with the Dominion Government the examination of the iron-ore deposits of British Columbia by the Geological Survey Branch of Canada is making rapid progress.

Due to the increased consumption of foreign fuel-oil, the coal-mining industry of the Province is in a depressed condition.

During the year the Government of the Province of Alberta joined with my Government in appealing to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council for the entire removal of the discriminatory railway transportation rates. The final outcome of the appeal has not yet been determined, but it is satisfactory to note that a substantial reduction has recently been made in the matter of grain rates.

My Government regrets that the Canadian Senate has again rejected the Bill to secure to the Province the sole right of importing liquor for use within its borders.

A Bill providing for the more efficient organization and regulation of the Provincial Police will be submitted for your consideration.

Revision of the Statutes has now been completed and a Bill confirming the same will be placed before you.

A Bill regulating the hours of labour in certain industries will be submitted to you.

A Bill to provide for a more equitable distribution of representation in the Legislative Assembly will be laid before you for consideration.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the construction of main highways throughout the Province, and a large mileage of settlers' roads has also been constructed.

University grant lands are in course of being cleared and prepared for sale, and satisfactory progress is being made in the erection of University buildings.

Reclamation of approximately 32,000 acres of Sumas prairie lands has been successfully completed, and excellent crops on portions of this land have been harvested this season.

The service on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has been improved, and the operating deficit has been materially reduced.

The revenues of the Crown continue to be satisfactory.

It is proposed to reduce the rate of taxation upon real and personal property, and you will be asked to consider other changes in the "Taxation Act."

The Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1922-23 will be brought down at an early date.

The Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board will be placed before you.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, prepared with due regard to economy and the necessities of the Public Service, will be submitted for your approval.

Members of the Legislature:

In leaving you to your deliberations I have confidence that you will give your best consideration to the questions which you will be called upon to decide, and I pray that your labours will have the blessing of the Almighty.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Stoan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-morrow, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Malcolm Bruce Jackson*, Member for the Islands Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Second Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Game Conservation Board for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ending September 30th, 1923.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ending September 30th, 1923.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ending October 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ending March 31st, 1923.

Report of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Provincial Legislation in Canada.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1922.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ending September 30th, 1923.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children for the Year ending March 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ending September 30th, 1923.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ending March 31st, 1923.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Annual Report of the Minister of Lands for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Return of Alienation of Indian Reserves under Section 127, R.S.B.C. 1911, Chapter 129.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Return pursuant to Section 10, Chapter 59, Statutes of British Columbia, 1919, "Iron-ore Supply Act."

Return pursuant to Section 119 of the "Coal-mines Regulation Act," Chapter 160, R.S.B.C. 1911, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 58, Statutes of 1919.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

Return of Moneys received and paid by the Official Administrators of the Province under Section 46 of the "Administration Act," R.S.B.C. 1911.

By the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1922.

Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ending December 31st, 1922.

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ending December 31st, 1922, with Supplement to September 30th, 1923.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Year 1922-23.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 30th October, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. Leslie Clay.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House desires to place upon record its appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Empire by the late Right Honourable Bonar Law, and its regret at his removal by death.

And further, that Mr. Speaker do convey to the family of the late Right Honourable Bonar Law a copy of the above Resolution.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Clearihue* (Victoria City) moved, seconded by Mrs. *Smith* (Vancouver City),—

That the following humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—
"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to 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 3.40 p.m.

Wednesday, 31st October, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. J. Sipprell.

Mr. *Clearihue* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill amending Victoria City Private Acts, and for further powers.

Mr. *Neelands* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for enabling powers to divide the municipality into districts, and for other purposes.

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.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of seven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Anderson*, *Farris*, *Jackson*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Esling*, *A. McDonald*, and *Guthrie*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of five Members, as follows: Messrs. *Whiteside*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Clearihue*, *Neelands*, and *Esling*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of twelve Members, as follows: Messrs. *Yorston*, *Buckham*, *Kergin*, *Campbell*, *Henniger*, *Perry*, *Wallinger*, *Schofield*, *Uphill*, *Guthrie*, *Menzies*, and *Hunter*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *K. C. MacDonald*, *Yorston*, *Anderson*, *Paterson*, *Henniger*, *Lister*, *Catherwood*, *Duncan*, and *Menzies*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs shall consist of twelve Members, as follows: Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Ramsay*, *Paterson*, *Perry*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Campbell*, *Schofield*, *W. A. McKenzie*, *McRae*, *Hanes*, *Neelands*, and *Jones*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of eleven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Buckham*, *Farris*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *K. C. MacDonald*, *Kergin*, *Yorston*, *Bowser*, *Pooley*, *Jones*, *Menzies*, and *W. A. McKenzie*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders shall consist of seven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Jackson*, *Clearihue*, *Farris*, *Anderson*, *Pearson*, *Hinchliffe*, and *Burde*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas, pursuant to a Supply Vote of the Legislature at the Third Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, and numbered Vote No. 83, an appropriation was made for the preparation of a revision of the Statutes of the Province under the supervision of the Department of the Attorney-General:

And whereas in the course of the said revision and in the classification and consolidation of the said Statutes it has been found necessary to omit certain Statutes and parts thereof which have expired, been repealed, or had their effect, and certain Statutes and parts of Statutes repealing the whole or parts of certain other Statutes, and to alter the number and arrangement of the Statutes that shall be in force at the time of the completion of the said revision, classification, and consolidation, and the arrangement of the different sections thereof:

And whereas in the course of the said revision, classification, and consolidation it has also been found necessary to make alterations in the language, in order to preserve a uniform mode of expression; and to make minor amendments to bring out more clearly what is deemed to have been the intention of the Legislature, or to reconcile seemingly inconsistent enactments, or to correct clerical or typographical errors:

And whereas in the course of the said revision, classification, and consolidation it has also been found necessary to omit certain Statutes and parts of Statutes which, although printed among the Public General Statutes, have reference only to a particular place or municipality and have no general application throughout the Province:

And whereas the said revision has now been completed:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of the following Members of this House: Messrs. *Manson, Farris, Whiteside, Jackson, Ian A. Mackenzie, Clearihue, Bowser, Hinchliffe, and Pooley*, be appointed to examine fully into the said revision, classification, and consolidation and all Statutes which have been rearranged, varied, changed, repealed, expired, amended, corrected, or altered.

And that such Committee report its findings and recommendations to this House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the accounts of the Liquor Control Board for the year ended March 31st, 1923, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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 4.37 p.m.

Thursday, 1st November, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Arthur de B. Owen*.

Mr. *Kergin* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a certain Local Improvement By-law, and for other purposes.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill amending Victoria City Private Acts, and for further powers.

From the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for enabling powers to divide the municipality into districts, and for other purposes.

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.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Thursday, November 1st, and on the following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., and the second from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1923.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1923, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

On question No. 19 on the Order Paper of November 1st being read, the Hon. the Attorney-General objected that it was not in the public interest to furnish the information asked for.

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

How many Orientals have been dismissed from the Cumberland Mines since the last explosion which occurred on February 8th, 1923?

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

“No information.”

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

“1 and 2. None.”

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Department expended any money on the Snowstorm group of mineral claims during the past year?

2. If yes, how much, and what was the nature of said work?

3. What has been the total cost of all work done by the Government on this property to date?

4. Have any efforts been made to recover the moneys advanced?

5. If so, what; and the results?

6. What security has the Government for the moneys advanced?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$240; caretaker's salary only.

"3. \$46,754.87, including caretaker's salary.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. The security provided by the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act' (chapter 41, British Columbia Statutes, 1917)."

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

1. Did a fire take place in the Government Liquor Warehouse in Victoria during the past year?

2. What was the damage to the Government stock (if any)?

3. Did the Department or the Liquor Board hold an investigation into the cause of the said fire?

4. If yes, what was the result of the said investigation?

5. What insurance was carried on the stock and fixtures?

6. What was the amount of the claim put in to the insurance companies?

7. What was the amount recovered or agreed upon (if any)?

8. What companies carried the insurance, and in what proportion; and who were the agents placing the insurance for the different companies?

9. What does the Liquor Board propose to do with the damaged stock (if any)?

10. In what part of the building did the fire originate?

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

"1. Yes; on August 25th, 1923.

"2. Stock partly damaged by fire and water.

"3. An investigation was held by the Fire Marshal of British Columbia.

"4. Origin of fire was not determined.

"5. \$362,000.

"6 and 7. The loss has been settled and agreed upon at \$149,562.47, which is believed to cover fully the actual loss. The foregoing amount is now in course of payment by the various companies involved.

"8. See Return filed contemporaneously.

"9. The Board proposes to have goods which have been damaged by fire or water reconditioned, but where possible damage to goods may have accrued through heat the Board proposes to send goods to the Old Country and not to offer same for sale again unless the original manufacturers will stand behind goods after reconditioning with their guarantee.

"10. Not known."

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Härt & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Did the Department spend any moneys during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1923, on the road leading to the Duthie Mine on Hudson Bay Mountain, in the Omineca Riding?

2. If yes, how much?

3. Have any Government funds been expended upon said road since March 31st, 1923?

4. If yes, how much?

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

“1. Expenditure made on Hudson Bay Mountain Road.

“2. \$1,538.80.

“3. Yes.

“4. \$148.85.”

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

1. What was the contract price for the Booth Memorial School at Prince Rupert?

2. Who was the contractor?

3. What did the school cost when completed?

4. What amount of money did the Government expend thereon?

5. Were any defects found in the building? If so, what?

6. What was the cause of such defects?

7. Were said defects remedied? If so, when?

8. What further sum was expended in remedying said defects?

9. Is the building entirely satisfactory to-day?

10. If not, in what particulars; and what expenditure will be entailed in making said building satisfactory?

11. Who will defray the cost of said defects?

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

“1. No information in this Department.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. \$152,465.78.

“4. \$60,000.

“5. Refer to Public Works Department. No information in this Department.

“6. See answer to No. 5.

“7. See answer to No. 5.

“8. See answer to No. 5.

“9. See answer to No. 5.

“10. See answer to No. 5.

“11.”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to pave any portion of the highway in Esquimalt District from the end of the pavement at Colwood westerly towards Metchosin?

2. If so, what portion?

3. If the work is contemplated, when does the Department propose starting it?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Under consideration.”

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

1. Did the Department spend any moneys during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1923, on the road leading to the Duthie Mine on Hudson Bay Mountain, in the Omineca Riding?
2. If yes, how much?
3. Have any Government funds been expended upon said roads since March 31st, 1923?
4. If yes, how much?

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

" 1. Yes; on the road serving mineral properties on southern slope of Hudson Bay Mountain, including what is now known as the Duthie Mine.

" 2. \$1,467.49.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. \$23,005.93."

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

What amount of money has been expended under the heading of " Roads, Streets, and Trails " to date in Esquimalt District during the present fiscal year?

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

" \$25,807.27."

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

1. Does the Department propose to change the Otter Point Road so as to do away with what is known as " Cook's Hill "?

2. If so, what is the nature of the proposed work; and when is it proposed to start?

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

" 1 and 2. Under consideration."

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 4.55 p.m.

Friday, 2nd November, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

The following petition was received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a certain Local Improvement By-law, and for other purposes.

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.

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

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of the voters' list of each electoral district as compiled at the last revision.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, Bill (No. 6) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Provincial Elections Act ' " was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

In answer to question No. 16 standing on the Order Paper of November 2nd, as follows: "Did the Premier at any time give to H. J. Landahl, or others, assurance that the Government would guarantee the bonds of the Coast Range Steel Company to the extent of one-third of the amount required, or in any other sum?" the Hon. the Premier, with the leave of the House, presented a Return.

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

1. Does the Government contemplate building a road leading from Prince Rupert towards Terrace?

2. If so, when; and what is the estimated cost thereof?

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

"1 and 2. This is under consideration."

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

1. Does the Department propose to change the road at Fitzgerald's Hill on the Shawnigan Lake Cut-off, in Esquimalt District?

2. If yes, what does the proposal consist of; and when will the work be started?

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

"1 and 2. This is under consideration."

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

1. Has the Department done anything towards investigating the possibilities of the construction of a road along the west coast of the Island from Jordan River to Port Renfrew?

2. If so, what steps have been taken; and what are the results of the investigation?

3. Does the Department propose building this road, or any portion of it?

4. If so, when does it propose to start?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Surveys made.

"3. Under consideration.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Is the Coal Creek Hill on the Jordan River Road, Esquimalt District, now being changed?

2. If so, is the work being done by the Department or is it being done by a contractor?

3. If by a contractor, what is the name of the contractor; what is the contract price?

4. When will the work be finished?

5. Were tenders called for the work?

6. If yes, give a list of tenders. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. By contract.

"3. J. B. Bright; unit price basis, approximately \$8,638.50.

"4. Date for completion, November 1st.

"5. Yes.

"6. *John Bright*.—Clearing, \$150 per acre; grubbing, \$250 per acre. Excavation: Earth, 35 cents per cubic yard; hard-pan, 78 cents per cubic yard; loose rock, 45 cents per cubic yard; rock, \$1.25 per cubic yard. Log crib, 30 cents per lineal foot; log culverts, 40 cents per lineal foot. Culverts: Vitrified pipe, 8-inch, \$1.05 per lineal foot; or corrugated metal, 8-inch, \$1.55 per lineal foot. Guard-rail, logs and posts, 30 cents per lineal foot; overhaul, 5 cents per cubic yard.

"*J. McDevitt*.—Clearing, \$200 per acre; grubbing, \$350 per acre. Excavation: Earth, 50 cents per cubic yard; hard-pan, 90 cents per cubic yard; loose rock, 90 cents per cubic yard; rock, \$1.50 per cubic yard. Log crib, 28 cents per lineal foot; log culverts, 35 cents per lineal foot; culverts, vitrified pipe, 8-inch, 60 cents per lineal foot; guard-rail, logs and posts, 30 cents per lineal foot; overhaul, 3 cents per cubic yard.

"*Jones & Rant, Ltd.*—Clearing, \$125 per acre; grubbing, \$250 per acre. Excavation: Earth, 45 cents per cubic yard; hard-pan, 85 cents per cubic yard; loose rock, \$1.50 per cubic yard; rock, \$2.25 per cubic yard. Log crib, 32 cents per lineal foot; log culverts, 48 cents per lineal foot. Culverts: Vitrified pipe, 8-inch, 70 cents per lineal foot; or corrugated metal, 8-inch, \$1.30 per lineal foot. Guard-rail, logs and posts, 60 cents per lineal foot; overhaul 3 cents per cubic yard.

"*Cotton Company, Ltd.*—Clearing, \$300 per acre; grubbing, \$500 per acre. Excavation: Earth, 50 cents per cubic yard; hard-pan, \$1 per cubic yard; loose rock, \$1 per cubic yard; rock, \$2 per cubic yard. Log crib, 20 cents per lineal foot; log culverts, 30 cents per lineal foot. Culverts: Vitrified pipe, 8-inch, \$1.50 per lineal foot; or corrugated metal, 8-inch, \$1.50 per lineal foot. Guard-rail, logs and posts, 50 cents per lineal foot; overhaul, 10 cents per cubic yard."

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

1. Are sections 20 and 21 of the "Coal-mines Regulation Act," chapter 160 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," being observed by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, at No. 5 Mine, South Wellington?

2. If not, has the company been prosecuted?

3. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Does the Government contemplate building a bridge across the Skeena River at Terrace?

2. If yes, what is the estimate of the cost of this work?

3. Have any contracts been let?

4. If yes, to whom, when, covering what work, and what was the contract price therefor?

5. Has work been started yet?

6. When is it estimated the work will be finished?

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

"1. The bridge is now under construction.

"2. \$155,815.

"3. Yes.

"4. *Substructure.*—September 10th, 1923; Hansen & Shockley. Foundations: Excavation, solid rock, \$3 per cubic yard; other materials, \$1.50 per cubic yard. Piers: Stone masonry, 90 cents per cubic yard; concrete masonry, 1:2:4 mixture, \$21 per cubic yard; concrete masonry, 1:2½:5 mixture, \$20 per cubic yard; steel-plate protection and reinforcement in place, 10 cents per pound. Approaches: Clearing and grubbing, \$100 per acre; earth-fill, 50 cents per cubic yard; trestle-timber in place, \$48 F.B.M.; wrought iron in place, 10 cents per pound; cast iron in place, 8 cents per pound; galvanized iron in place, 10 cents per pound.

"*Superstructure.*—September 10th, 1923; John Coughlan & Sons, Ltd. Steel through truss, 12 cents per pound; steel deck truss, 10 cents per pound.

"5. Yes.

"6. May, 1924."

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?

2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

"1. Prior to 1918 a policy was written on the Government House for \$5,000. On November 29th, 1918, the policy was cancelled at the request of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited. Since 1918 no insurance has been placed with said company.

"2. \$7.70."

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

1. Has any printing or newspaper business received a loan from the Department of Industries?
2. If so, what amount, to whom, the present location of the business, and the name of the publication?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. For what distance north of Quesnel is the track laid on the Pacific Great Eastern?
2. For what distance south of Prince George is the track laid on the Pacific Great Eastern?
3. How many miles of track are necessary to complete the connection?
4. What is the Government's estimated cost of completing and equipping the line from its present end of steel to Prince George?

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

- "1. 16 miles.
- "2. 17 miles.
- "3. 46.8 miles.
- "4. No recent estimate made by the Government."

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?
2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

- "1. None.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the Government's original estimated cost of the bridge now under construction at Revelstoke?
2. Has the contract been let; and, if so, to whom and at what figure?
3. How much has been expended on the work to date?
4. Does the Government expect to complete the structure at the contractor's figure?
5. If not, how much is it estimated the structure will now cost?

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

- "1. \$212,000, including approaches.
- "2. Yes. Substructure to Grant, Smith & Co. and McDonnell, Ltd.; unit price basis, approximately \$105,851. Superstructure, steel, to John Coughlan & Sons, Ltd., \$5.50 per 100 lb. Erection of superstructure to Grant, Smith & Co. and McDonnell, Ltd.; unit prices, approximately \$25,880.
- "3. \$136,616.02.
- "4. The contracts are based on unit prices.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

What sum has the Provincial Government spent during the present year in a survey of the iron-ore deposits of British Columbia?

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

"The survey of the iron-ore deposits of British Columbia is being carried on under the supervision and direction of the Dominion Geological Survey. As yet there has been no expenditure by the Provincial Government."

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

1. How many schools have been burned in Doukhobor settlements since the last Session of this Assembly?
2. In how many cases (if any) has the Government been able to establish responsibility for the fires?
3. What was the total value of the school-houses which were destroyed?

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

"1. Outlook School, May 22nd, 1923; Brilliant School, June 2nd, 1923; Glade School, June 28th, 1923; Pass Creek School, August 3rd, 1923.

"2. One man was convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment for attempting to burn Outlook School.

"3. Cost of building Brilliant School, \$3,385.90, which amount was assessed on school district. Other schools were built and paid for by Doukhobors and information as to cost not available."

Mr. *Estling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

Did the Government call for tenders on the Pacific Great Eastern from Mile 225 to Prince George?

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

"No."

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

1. How much did the Government Printing Office charge against the printing of the Fourth Annual Report of the Department of Industries?

2. How many copies were printed?

3. What was the total cost of this Department during the year 1922 for salaries and operating expenses?

4. What is the amount of disbursements made during the year 1922 by way of loans in aid of industries?

5. To what persons or companies were these loans made, and what was the amount in each case?

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

"1. \$265.

"2. 750.

"3. \$13,564.18.

"4. \$39,211.58.

"5. B.C. Yacht & Boat Builders, Ltd., \$230.25; Cut-to-Fit Buildings Co., Ltd., \$3,090.27; Ceramic Industries, Ltd., \$6,522.80; Canada Dolls, Ltd., \$62.15; Diamond Lumber & Shingle Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Eckley Bros., \$264.05; Great West Manufacturing Co., Ltd., \$592.14; Henshall Fish Products, Ltd., \$112.50; Maddaugh & Huggard, \$649.80; Pacific Crating & Manufacturing Co., \$2,303.65; Pacific Guano Co., Ltd., \$207.50; Quesnel Timber & Trading Co., Ltd., \$500; Shore Bolt & Nut Manufacturing Co., Ltd., \$3,431.21; San Juan Box Co., Ltd., \$1,742.30; Schaake Co., Ltd., \$3,955.91; Veterans Products, Ltd., \$845.75; Western Toy & Furniture Manufacturing Co., Ltd., \$1,201.30; Waters & Co., Ltd., T. H., \$3,500."

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

1. When did A. B. Buckworth resign as General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern?

2. Who is his successor, and when was he appointed?

3. Since the date of the appointment of Mr. Buckworth's successor, what has been the operating loss of the Pacific Great Eastern?

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

"1. February 1st, 1923.

"2. Thomas Kilpatrick; February 1st, 1923.

"3. Operating deficits are compiled fully only once a year. Audited statement of year's operation will be presented in a few days."

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

1. Is Gerald G. Latimer employed on the South Okanagan Irrigation Project as an engineer?
2. If not as an engineer, in what capacity is he employed?
3. What degrees or certificates does he hold which entitle him to do engineering-work?
4. What length of time has he been employed on this project?
5. What monthly salary has he received during the period of employment?
6. Has the Government provided him with a motor-car for personal use?
7. Does he receive a monthly allowance for gasoline?
8. What is the total amount of money paid him in salary during time of employment?
9. What is the total amount paid him as allowance for gasoline or other expenses during time of employment?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Gerald B. Latimer employed as instrument-man.
- "3. Graduate of Toronto University, 1912; Captain, Canadian Engineers.
- "4. First employed July 27th, 1919.
- "5. \$150.
- "6. No.
- "7. No.
- "8. \$7,197.24.
- "9. *Nil.*"

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

1. Did the Hon. the Premier at any time present or give financial assistance to the Doukhobors, or the Christian Society of Universal Brotherhood, by way of a loan or otherwise?
2. If so, what was the amount, and on what terms?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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 4.10 p.m.

Monday, 5th November, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Colonel *G. H. Andrews*.

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.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 respecting Cemetery Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

October 31st, 1923.

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. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Cemetery Companies," 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. *Manson* 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 'Lunacy Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 1st, 1923.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy 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. *Manson* 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 respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 31st, 1923.

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 respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans," 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. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What sum of money was paid to the *Prince Rupert News* by the Government for advertising and other work during the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1921, 1922, and 1923; with details?

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

"See Public Accounts for the years mentioned."

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

1. Did the Minister take a trip into the Peace River during the past year?
2. If yes, who accompanied him on that trip?
3. How long was he engaged thereon?
4. What was the total cost thereof?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Public Works Engineer, District Engineer, Second Member for Vancouver, Member for Fort George, and Government Auditor (on duty).

"3. September 6th to 23rd, inclusive.

"4. \$581.78, covering all Government officials."

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

1. What was the total cost of the 40¼ miles known as Sections D, F, G, and K, Rossland-Christina Lake section of the Trans-Provincial Highway?
2. How much of this was for engineering?
3. How much for construction?
4. What was the total cost of the 6¼ miles known as Section D?
5. How much was paid in extras in the 40¼ miles?

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

"1. \$624,520.05; of this, \$239,695.32 contributed by the Dominion Government.

"2. \$34,891.09, or 5.58 per cent.

"3. \$589,228.96.

"4. See answers to questions, November 9th, 1922.

"5. No extras; contracts were on unit prices."

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

How much money was paid to the Creston Service Garage (Lydgate Bros.), Creston, for hire, repairs, and supplies for motor-cars, trucks, tractors, etc., for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 to date, by your Department?

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

"1920, \$131.50; 1921, \$516.52; 1922, \$875.38; 1923, \$220.04; total, \$1,743.44."

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

1. Did the Government during the year 1921 or 1922 grant a sum of money to Captain Cates for the construction of a road on the Tulameen Summit Camp District?
2. If so, what was the amount of such grant?
3. Did Captain Cates apply to the Government for a grant before commencing construction?
4. If not, on what date did he first request the Government to defray the cost of construction?
5. Was the work done under the direction of the District Engineer?
6. If not, under whose supervision was the work done?
7. What was the total length of the road built?
8. Was it necessary to construct any new bridges?
9. If so, how many and what was the cost, with particulars?
10. Who recommended payment of grant to Captain Cates?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$568.53.

"3. No.

"4. June 7th, 1922.

"5. Work done inspected by General Foreman and approved by District Engineer.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Three-quarters of a mile.

"8. Total work not segregated on voucher.

"9. Answered by No. 8.

"10. Resident Mining Engineer."

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

1. How much money has been spent to date for digging the Government well at Oliver?
2. How much additional has been spent to date for testing?
3. How deep is this well?
4. Was it sunk on gravel or solid rock?

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

- “1. See page 92, Journals, 1921 (2nd Session).
- “2. See page 92, Journals, 1921 (2nd Session).
- “3. See page 92, Journals, 1921 (2nd Session).
- “4. Boulders and water-bearing gravel.”

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

1. Does the Government contemplate building a road on Queen Charlotte Island westerly across the island from Masset?
2. If yes, what sum of money does the Department contemplate spending upon said work?
3. Has said work been started? If yes, when; and if not, when does the Department propose to start?
4. What part of the island will this road serve?
5. Will the work be done by day-labour or contract?
6. If by contract, particulars thereof?
7. When is it estimated the work will be finished?

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

- “1. No.
- “2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 1.”

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

What amount of money was spent by the Public Works Department during the last departmental year on: (a) Saltspring Island; (b) Mayne Island; (c) Pender Island; (d) Galiano Island?

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

“(a) Saltspring Island, \$22,416.62; (b) Mayne Island, \$1,468.95; (c) Pender Island, \$2,173.24; (d) Galiano Island, \$1,632.53.”

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

1. Has the Government purchased the property now used as a Home for Incurables at Marpole?
2. If so, who was the vendor?
3. What was the purchase price of the property?
4. What is the assessed value of the property?
5. What will the necessary alterations and equipment cost?
6. How many feet of open space: (a) Between front of building and building-line; (b) between building and north line; (c) between building and south line; (d) between building and east line?
7. What number of patients are now in the Home in question?
8. What number of officials or employees are employed in the Home and the total amount paid in salaries or wages to such employees?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Jacob Grauer.
- “3. \$80,000, including certain furniture and fixtures, the property of the vendor.
- “4. Land assessed at \$19,700. No assessment on improvements.
- “5. Details of proposed alterations, etc., not yet settled.
- “6. (a) None; (b) 145.6 approximately; (c) none; (d) 169 approximately.
- “7. 101.
- “8. Sixteen permanent, eight temporary; pay-roll, \$1,397.50 *per menscm.*”

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

1. Has the Government of British Columbia taken any steps during 1922 and 1923 to induce the Federal Government to pass legislation for the purpose of prohibiting the export of pulp-wood or unmanufactured logs?
2. If so, what steps?

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

"1. The Dominion Government has appointed a Commission to investigate the question of export of pulp-wood, and the Government of British Columbia is furnishing to the Commission information requested by them.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

Since the Government took office in 1920, what is the total amount paid for travelling expenses for the Hon. Lady Member for Vancouver?

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

"\$1,221.50, being expenses while attending three conferences of the Canadian Council Immigration for Women at Ottawa."

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

1. Did the Government purchase during the past year property in Prince George for Government purposes?
2. If yes, when; and what was the nature of the property?
3. Who was the vendor?
4. What was the amount paid therefor?
5. What was the assessed value of the lands and buildings?
6. Had the buildings on the property been used as an hotel?
7. Who recommended the sale of the property to the Government?
8. What does the Government intend using the building for?
9. What amount of money has been spent in renovating and altering said building to date?
10. If the said work is not completed, what will it cost to complete said renovations and alterations?
11. Were tenders called for said work?
12. If yes, give names and amounts of each tender.
13. If tenders were not called, what was the reason therefor?
14. Who is doing the work?
15. What is the estimated total outlay of the Government under all headings?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. May, 1923. Lots 9 and 10, Block 131, Map 1268, Cariboo District, and Lots 7 and 8, 11 and 12, Block 131, Group 1, Cariboo District.

"3. Johnson Hotels, Limited, and John Harman Johnson.

"4. \$48,500 for building and land to Johnson Hotels, Limited, and \$4,000 for outbuildings and lots to John Harman Johnson.

"5. Supervising architect's valuation is as follows: Building, \$55,275; lots, \$3,000; lots and outbuildings, \$4,000; total, \$62,275.

"6. Yes; on Lots 9 and 10, Block 131.

"7. After a thorough examination of the building the Architect approved and recommended purchase.

"8. Court-house and Government offices.

"9. Work let by contract at \$19,650. Amount paid to date, \$8,925.

"10. Date for completion, November 1st. It is not expected that cost will exceed contract.

"11. Yes.

"12. John Gaul, \$20,712.75; A. P. Anderson, \$21,470; McInnis & Wilson, \$19,650.

"13. Answered by No. 11.

"14. McInnis & Wilson, the lowest tenderer.

"15. Approximately \$73,000."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were surveys carried on during the present year on the Fraser Canyon route of the Trans-Provincial Highway?
2. If so, what was the name of the engineer in charge of the work?
3. Has the engineer submitted his report to the Department of Public Works of the season's work?
4. If no, when will the report be submitted?
5. If yes, will the Minister table a copy of his report; and, if so, when?
6. Were surveys carried on during the present year on the Hope-Princeton route of the Trans-Provincial Highway?
7. If yes, what was the name of the engineer in charge of the work?
8. Has the engineer submitted his report to the Department of Public Works of the season's work?
9. If no, when will the report be submitted?
10. If yes, will the Minister table a copy of the report; and, if so, when?

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

- "1. No.
- "2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. W. K. Gwyer, District Engineer.
- "8. No.
- "9. After same has been received and analysed.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Does the Pacific Great Eastern still maintain offices in Vancouver?
2. If so: (a) How many employees are there in the Vancouver office; (b) what rent is paid for these offices?
3. Does the Pacific Great Eastern maintain offices in Squamish?
4. If so, how many employees are there in the Squamish office?

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

- "1. Yes. General administrative offices. (a) Here is carried on all clerical work in connection with the management of the road; (b) all the accounting, auditing, and purchasing; (c) arranging of freight, passenger, and other tariffs; (d) and in addition all the general official business of the railway.
- "2. (a) Eleven; (b) \$200 per month.
- "3. Yes, embracing Railway Superintendent's office.
- "4. Three; local administrative officers. They carry on all clerical work of superintendence of line, including: (a) Maintenance-of-way departments; (b) maintenance of equipment and transportation; (c) distribution of labour; (d) keeping time and making out pay-rolls."

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

1. Has H. Silverthorne paid the Government in full for the four horses and one colt which he purchased from the Government from Frondeg Farm for \$700 on November 18th, 1918?
2. If yes, when was the cash received?
3. If not, what steps have been taken by the Government to collect the amount due?
4. Has the Government any idea where the horses are to-day?
5. Is the Government aware that Silverthorne has sold two of the horses for \$700 cash?
6. If the horses have not been paid for, what lien has the Government upon the horses, and what security does the Government hold?
7. Does H. Silverthorne, the purchaser of the horses, still live at Houston, in the Omineca Riding?
8. Has any other Government property been removed from the Frondeg Farm which has not yet been paid for?
9. If yes, what property, and who obtained possession of it?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Repeated applications through mail, and personal calls by Government Agent and representative of this Department.
- "4. No.
- "5. No official information.
- "6. Promissory note and mortgage on land.
- "7. Was living there in August.
- "8. No.
- "9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. Since the date when the Government took over the Pacific Great Eastern, what is the total sum expended for all purposes and under what Loan Acts?
2. How much of this was interest?
3. How much was paid to the Northern Construction Company for: (a) Construction-work; (b) material; (c) commissions; (d) for any other purpose, and on what account?
4. During the period dating from commencement to conclusion of construction on the Pacific Great Eastern, were merchandise, supplies, and equipment checked by any officials or employees on behalf of the Government as owners of the Pacific Great Eastern?
5. If so, by whom?
6. Where were these officials or employees located and what salaries did they receive?

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

"1. The liabilities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company have increased \$20,918,193.64 from the date the company was taken over by the Government to June 30th, 1923; under Loan Act, 1916, P.G.E. Note Guarantee Act, Construction Loan Acts, 1920 and 1921; Vote 253, P.G.E.R. Co., deficit on Operation and Maintenance Account, 1921; Vote 253A, P.G.E.R. Co., repair damage caused by flood, 1921; Vote 258, P.G.E.R. Co., deficit on Operation and Maintenance Account and for purchase of equipment.

"2. \$4,814,870.58.

"3. (a) and (b) \$7,353,960.09, cost of work done, including material and supplies; (c) \$398,627.39 (earned under terms of this contract); \$7,018.09 was deducted from amount due at settlement, making a total of \$7,745,569.39 paid Northern Construction Company; (d) \$115,052.89 for rebuilding and repairs to wharf. This was additional work.

"4. Yes.

"5. E. J. Rossiter and G. G. Macafee.

"6. Victoria; E. J. Rossiter, \$175 per month; G. G. Macafee, \$150 per month."

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.