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SECOND SESSION 1953

Tuesday, September 15th, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-fourth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 28th day of July, 1953, the members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, member for South Okanagan Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, member for Vancouver East Electoral District, that *Thomas James Irwin*, Esquire, member for Delta Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *Thomas James Irwin* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by The Lord Bishop of New Westminster.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect (standing on His Honour's right) then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the Legislature last convened, the year has been marked by the Coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

In no part of the Commonwealth were the ceremonies, attendant upon the Coronation, observed with greater affection and loyalty than in this Province.

It is fitting to note that British Columbia was, by invitation, officially represented in London on the auspicious occasion.

I unite with you in general thanksgiving that a truce has been negotiated in the Korean theatre of war, and it is my fervent prayer that terms of an armistice may be determined in the not too distant future and that a foundation will be laid for a lasting peace.

I join with you in extending condolences to those families which have suffered bereavement as a result of the conflict, and I hope that those of our men still serving overseas will soon enjoy happy reunions with their loved ones.

During the course of this Session my Government will submit measures of considerable importance.

Foremost among these will be legislation implementing the over-all policy of my Government.

Amendments to the "Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act" will be introduced to include further exemption on meals.

You will be asked to authorize the setting-up of an Assessment Commission to establish equalized assessment values for school purposes throughout the Province.

It is proposed to grant further tax relief by the reduction of automobile licences, applicable to private passenger-cars.

It is proposed to introduce certain measures to ensure fair remuneration to female employees.

On June 12th, 1952, a plebiscite on the liquor problem was held, and, as a result of this, my Government appointed a Commission of Inquiry. In consequence of their findings, remedial measures will be introduced for the consideration of the Legislature.

Legislation will be presented contributing to the solution of the Doukhobor problem.

You will be asked to authorize the distribution of the fund created under the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act" amongst certain former members of the Provincial Police Force.

You will be asked to consider amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act."

As a result of a great increase in the population of British Columbia in recent years, a committee will be set up during this Session to study the possibility of a redistribution of seats for this Legislature.

You will be asked to pass an Act to secure additional revenue from the natural resources of the Province, and to introduce an Act to amend the "Taxation Act."

An Act will be presented to control the ribbon development on the main highways of the Province.

A Supply Bill will be presented for the remaining six months of the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1954.

Legislation affecting branches of public service of a character devised to improve existing Acts will be placed before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence will rest upon your labours.

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

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

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read, as follows:—

" Re General Election, June 9th, 1953.

" OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

" VICTORIA, B.C., August 3rd, 1953.

" E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,

" Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,

" Buildings.

" SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by Proclamation dated 27th March, 1953, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution.

" The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the 'Provincial Elections Act.'

" I transmit herewith the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of the members who were elected in the respective electoral districts.

" Yours very truly,

" R. A. PENNINGTON,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*"

(ENCLOSURE.)

" July 31st, 1953.

" R. A. Pennington, Esq.,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*
" *Buildings.*

" *Re General Election, June 9th, 1953.*

" The twenty-third Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on March 27th, 1953, and Writs calling for a General Election were issued on April 10th, 1953, and made returnable July 31st. The day for the nomination of candidates was set for May 19th, with Polling Day being June 9th, 1953.

" I hereby certify that from the returns received members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective electoral districts as are hereinafter set forth, viz.:—

ALBERNI.....	Stanley John Squire.
ATLIN.....	Frank Arthur Calder.
BURNABY.....	Ernest Edward Winch.
CARIBOO.....	William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd.
CHILLIWACK.....	William Kenneth Kiernan.
COLUMBIA.....	Richard Orr Newton.
COMOX.....	William Campbell Moore.
COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE.....	Robert Martin Strachan.
CRANBROOK.....	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
DELTA.....	Thomas James Irwin.
DEWDNEY.....	Lyle Wicks.
ESQUIMALT.....	Herbert Joseph Bruch.
FERNIE.....	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE.....	Ray Gillis Williston.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD.....	Rupert Williams Hagen.
KAMLOOPS.....	Philip Arthur Gaglardi.
KASLO-SLOCAN.....	Randolph Harding.
LILLOOET.....	James Gordon Gibson.
MACKENZIE.....	Anthony John Gargrave.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS.....	Lorenzo Giovando.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Wesley Drewett Black.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Rae Eddie.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Lorne Hugh Shantz.
NORTH VANCOUVER.....	George Henry Tomlinson, Sr.
OAK BAY.....	Philip Archibald Gibbs.
OMINECA.....	Cyril Morley Shelford.
PEACE RIVER.....	Charles William Parker.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	Arthur Bruce Brown.
REVELSTOKE.....	Vincent Segur.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Robert Edward Sommers.

SAANICH.....	John Douglas Tidball Tisdalle.
SALMON ARM.....	James Allan Reid.
SIMILKAMEEN.....	Francis Xavier Richter.
SKEENA.....	Frank Howard.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	{ Eric Charles Fitzgerald Martin. Bert Price.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	{ Alexander Small Matthew. George Churchill Moxham.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	{ Arnold Alexander Webster. Arthur James Turner.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	{ Thomas Audley Bate. Robert William Bonner. Arthur Laing.
VICTORIA CITY.....	{ Lydia Augusta Arsens. William Neelands Chant. Walter Percival Wright.
YALE.....	Irvine Finlay Corbett.

" F. HURLEY,
" Chief Electoral Officer."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the general election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Summary Convictions 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. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

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.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, it was *Resolved*,—

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 and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;

4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

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, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committee of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* and Messrs. *Chant, Corbett, Webster, and Laing*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*, it was Resolved,—

That *Lorne Hugh Shantz*, Esquire, member for North Okanagan Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General)—

The Thirty-first Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier)—

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Licence-year 1952-53.

The Eighth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1953.

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

The Eightieth Annual Report of the Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Health and Welfare, of the Province of British Columbia, for the Year 1951.

The Fifty-first Annual Report of the Vancouver General Hospital for the Year 1952.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) on behalf of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* (Minister of Finance)—

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," Chapter 348, R.S.B.C., 1948, for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1953.

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary)—

Return submitted in accordance with Section 199 of the "Provincial Elections Act," being Orders in Council Nos. 967 and 1070, 1953.

Department of Queen's Printer, Balance-sheet, as at March 31st, 1953.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16th, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. Sigston*.

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. *Wright* (Victoria City) moved, seconded by Mr. *Williston* (Fort George),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“ We, Her 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.

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

The Hon. *L. Wicks* presented the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Department of Labour of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

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 4.44 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *MacMillan*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 4.44 p.m.

Friday, September 18th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Allan*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented a Return pursuant to Section 169 of the "Mineral Act."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, September 21st, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Forty-second Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, 1953 (Business transacted in 1952).

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

1. How many, if any, applications for admission to the Homes for the Aged at Essondale are on the waiting list?
2. What provision, if any, has been made to take care of those awaiting admission?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- "1. Active applications: Male, 42, and female, 53.
- "2. Plans are well advanced for a new unit at Port Coquitlam."

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

1. Has the Department under way a topographic survey from Hazelton through Telegraph Creek to Atlin?
2. If yes, in what year was such survey commenced?
3. When does the Department estimate the survey will be completed?
4. What sum of money, if any, was spent in each year on this survey?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. The survey commenced in 1949.
- “ 3. Field work is being completed this month and office compilations are expected to be completed during the coming winter.
- “ 4. 1949, \$17,291.90; 1950, \$46,259.72; 1951, \$59,598.32; 1952, \$81,284.75; and 1953, \$18,000 (estimated, all accounts not yet closed).”

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

1. In the period for which records are available since the granting of Forest Management Licence No. 1 to Columbia Cellulose Limited, what has been the total timber cut according to species?
2. What was the average revenue per 100 cubic feet of said timber cut, according to species, received by the Government?
3. What was the total Government revenue received from said timber cut, according to species?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Total cut by species from date of issuance of Management Licence No. 1 to August 31st, 1953: Cedar, 138,793 cubic feet; spruce, 3,613,048 cubic feet; hemlock, 9,217,401 cubic feet; balsam, 4,221,262 cubic feet; cottonwood, 423,660 cubic feet; lodgepole pine, 56 cubic feet; cypress, 541 cubic feet; hardwoods, 37 cubic feet; total, 17,614,798 cubic feet.
- “ 2. Average revenue per 100 cubic feet not available; stumpage rates received on Crown lands portion of licence, after all costs of management have been allowed, have varied by species according to various cutting permits issued, as follows: Hemlock, \$1.86 to \$4.34 per 100 cubic feet; balsam, \$1.50 to \$3.83 per 100 cubic feet; spruce, \$2 to \$4.80 per 100 cubic feet; cedar, \$1.60 to \$3.15 per 100 cubic feet; cypress, \$1.70 to \$2.57 per 100 cubic feet; other species, \$2.10 to \$2.60 per 100 cubic feet; and fuel logs, 35 cents.
- “ 3. Total revenue received from said timber cut is \$390,248.35; no breakdown of revenue by species is available.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. What was the tonnage and value of iron ore exported from the Province during the past year?
2. What was the destination?
3. What tonnage was extracted from Provincial Crown lands

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 1952, 838,691 tons, \$5,841,174, and 1953, first seven months, 562,053 tons, \$4,168,706.
- “ 2. Japan, the United States, and Germany.
- “ 3. None.”

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

1. Has a forest management licence been granted to the Hecate Development Company in the Skeena, Prince Rupert, and Mackenzie Electoral Districts or any part of any of them?

2. If yes, (a) what was the date of issuance, (b) what provisions were made for royalty and stumpage rates, and (c) at what rates are such royalties and stumpage chargeable?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, (a) in what manner is your Department dealing with the application of the said company for such a licence, and (b) at what stage of development, if any, is your Department's investigation into the said company's application?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2. Not applicable.

" 3. Advertising of the application has been completed and the application is currently under final review."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Ward*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 15th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

September 22nd, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 15th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present

Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Corbett, Matthew, Moxham, Newton, Parker, Price, Williston, Wright*, Mrs. *Arsens*, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Messrs. *Turner, Webster, Howard, Eddie, Brown, Laing, and Giovando*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Matthew, Moxham, Price, Richter, Shelford*, Mrs. *Arsens*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *L. Wicks*, Messrs. *Strachan, Webster, Harding, Turner, Gibbs, Laing, and Giovando*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Bate, Chant, Moxham, Reid Shantz, Tisdalle, Tomlinson, Bruch*, the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, Messrs. *Nimsick, Segur, Calder, Haggan, Gibson, Gibbs, Giovando, and Uphill*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Richter, Chant, Newton, Parker, Price, Reid, Shantz, Shelford, Tisdalle*, the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, Messrs. *Harding, Haggan, Strachan, Segur, Laing, Gibbs, and Giovando*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Wright, Chant, Corbett, Price, Reid, Shelford, Bate, Tomlinson, Mrs. Arsens*, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Messrs. *Nimsick, Squire, Howard, Moore, Gibbs, Brown, Giovando, and Uphill*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Williston, Bate, Bruch, Corbett, Newton, Reid, Richter, Shantz, Shelford, Wright, Howard, Eddie, Gargrave, Calder, Gibson, Brown, and Giovando*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Bruch, Chant, Moxham, Richter, Tisdalle, Tomlinson, Williston, Wright*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, Messrs. *Strachan, Moore, Squire, Eddie, Laing, Gibson, Giovando, and Uphill*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Parker, Bate, Matthew, Williston, Mrs. Arsens*, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, the Hon. *L. Wicks*, Messrs. *Webster, Moore, Gargrave, Winch, Brown, Gibson, and Giovando*.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Crewe*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Has the British Columbia Power Commission an estimate of the cost of the proposed Buttle Lake Dam and, if so, what is it?

2. Was the cost of a control cable from John Hart Dam to the proposed Buttle Lake Dam included in the estimated cost?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Preliminary estimates only as submitted to the Water Comptroller and to the Legislative Committee; estimates will be based on result of surveys and investigation now in progress.

"2. No."

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

Under what authority is the British Columbia Power Commission spending public moneys for scaling and cruising park timber and building a road to the dam-site at Buttle Lake?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"The 'Electric Power Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, September 24th, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Greenhalgh*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Giovando* presented the petition of Thomas Horace Plimley, Constance Mary Susette Plimley, Sidney Leonard Hole, and Samuel Philip Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company."

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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. 4) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 24th, 1953.

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. 9) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What action, if any, has been taken to implement the recommendation by the Hon. Gordon McG. Sloan, Chief Justice of British Columbia, in the 1952 Report of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" and Board Inquiry (page 357) relative to the appointment of an Advocate and Deputy Advocate?
2. If such appointments have been made, who are the respective appointees and what are their individual salaries?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

- "1. A Compensation Counsellor has been appointed.
- "2. Mr. F. C. Dickins, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum."

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

What was the amount of social security and municipal aid tax collected in each of the following months for the years 1952 and 1953: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (on behalf of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*) replied as follows:—

"Information relating to current revenues and expenditures are the subject of official report to the Legislature as and when the Public Accounts are presented to the House. In any event, monthly remittances to the Department do not reflect actual collections by vendors or actual tax payments by purchasers for any specific month."

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

1. What were the total receipts from the social security and municipal aid tax for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1953?
2. How much of this was distributed to the municipalities?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (on behalf of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*) replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$34,279,238.90.

“ 2. \$11,281,247.09.”

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

Has the Forest Service any estimate of the amount or value of timber involved in the flooding of Buttle Lake?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ No; survey and cruise are now being made for British Columbia Power Commission by a forest engineering firm; regardless of inventory, stumpage will be collected on all material cut and removed from the area to be flooded.”

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 5.49 p.m.

Friday, September 25th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Hyde*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Sheriffs Act.’ ”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ County Courts Act.’ ”

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act.’ ”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’ ”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended to allow the introduction of the following motion without notice:—

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

This House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee, and to report its findings to the House.

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

1. Has the Pas Lumber Company applied for a forest management licence in the Fort George Forest District?

2. If so, (a) how much area is under application, (b) what is the estimated, or surveyed, volume of timber on the area under application, and (c) at what stage, if any, is your Department's investigation into the said application for such a licence?

3. If so, has your Department received any briefs or submissions containing opposition to the said application?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, from whom were the respective briefs or submissions?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) 738,800 acres of productive forest land, (b) 431,000,000 cubic feet, subject to check following completion of field survey of the general region, and (c) application approved in principle and advertising as required by Statute has been completed.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. Four largely signed petitions, as follows: (a) Brief by fourteen Prince George planer-mill operators, (b) brief from forty Prince George sawmill operators, (c) brief signed by forty-five Prince George business-men, and (d) brief from Crooked River Forest Protective Association."

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

1. Has the Forest Branch undertaken a forest survey in the Prince George area?

2. If so, (a) how many acres were surveyed and (b) what is the volume of timber on the area?

3. If so, what is the allowable annual cut established or estimated by the Department?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. The inventory statement to December 31st, 1952, as presented on pages 18 to 31, inclusive, of the 1952 Annual Report of the Forest Service gives, by regions, the most recent data available.

" 3. No general estimate available; allowable annual cuts established for individual forest management units as required."

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

1. Has the Department considered the possibility of establishing any public working-circles in the Fort George Forest District?

2. If so, (a) how many are considered, (b) what is the respective location of each, (c) what is the volume of timber on each, and (d) what is the allowable annual cut on each?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Seven public working-circles have been approved and two additional units are under consideration; (b), (c), and (d):—

Name and Location.	Volume of Mature Timber in Cubic Feet.	Allowable Annual Cut in Cubic Feet.
Cottonwood, Cottonwood Watershed....	180,000,000	3,000,000
Crooked River, Summit Lake.....	150,000,000	6,000,000
Naver, Hixon	440,000,000	7,000,000
Purden Lake, Lower Bear River.....	570,000,000	5,000,000
Stuart Lake, Fort St. James.....	300,000,000	4,000,000
West Lake, West Lake.....	40,000,000	4,000,000
Willow River, Lower Willow.....	800,000,000	9,000,000 ”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, September 28th, 1953.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. G. Brown*.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Haggen* presented a letter, dated April 1st, 1953, from the Clerk of the House to himself, during the 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. *Tisdalle*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas on the 25th day of November, 1950, the Mount Maxwell Park Board, of Ganges, as vendor, entered into an agreement with one Armand Quesnel and William T. Guyer, as purchasers, operating as the Q.L.K. Logging Company, of Ganges, whereby the vendor agreed to sell to the purchasers all the merchantable timber on the North Half of Section 49 and the South-east Quarter of Section 49, of South Saltspring Island, Cowichan Land District, for \$130,000, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the said

agreement and that the said agreement was subsequently assigned by the said Quesnel and Guyer to one Mohan Singh:

And whereas the timber contracted to be sold under this agreement comprised the total stand of timber on Mount Bruce Provincial Park and belonged to the Crown in right of the Province and it appeared that the Mount Maxwell Park Board had no authority to sell the said timber:

And whereas by agreement, dated the 15th day of June, 1951, between the then Attorney-General of the Province of British Columbia and Mohan Singh and the Mount Maxwell Park Board, after reciting that the Attorney-General contemplated bringing action against Mohan Singh for obtaining the said timber contrary to the provisions of the "Forest Act," it was agreed that the contemplated action be settled upon the terms and conditions therein set out and it was intended by the parties thereto that the agreement should be ratified at the next Session of the Legislature (February, 1952):

And whereas the said last-mentioned agreement was never ratified by the Legislature:

And whereas it is deemed expedient to cause an inquiry into the above-mentioned matters and all other matters relative thereto:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the matters above recited be referred to the Select Standing Committee of the House on Forestry and Fisheries for inquiry and to make recommendations in respect thereof to this Legislature:

And be it further Resolved, That, in making their inquiry, the Committee shall be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be pertinent to the subject and to send for persons, papers, and records as required.

By leave of the House, the following notice of questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Strachan* was withdrawn:—

1. Have any compensable accidents occurred on the Alcan project?
2. How many compensable accidents have occurred on the Alcan project since the time construction commenced until August 30th, 1953?
3. How many of these occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the Morrison-Knudsen Company?
4. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 3 fatal?
5. If so, how many?
6. How many of the accidents referred to in No. 2 occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the B.C. Contractors Limited?
7. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 6 fatal?
8. If so, how many?
9. Does the Compensation Board have a safety inspector stationed on the Alcan project?
10. If not, why not?

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

1. (a) How many persons who were delinquent in registering for hospital insurance have paid premiums since the Order in Council of May, 1953, wiping out all arrears in hospital insurance payments, and (b) how many of these former delinquents registered under the payroll deduction plan?

2. (a) How many patients, duly registered under the Hospital Insurance Service, paid \$1 per day co-insurance from January 1st, 1953, to August 31st, 1953, and (b) of these how many paid sums amounting to \$30 to \$50, \$51 to \$70, \$71 to \$100, and over \$100?

3. (a) What was the cash balance of the Hospital Insurance Fund as at August 31st, 1953; (b) how much of this balance represents prepaid payments by registrants;

and (c) how much of the balance represents cash payments from Consolidated Revenue and when were payments from Consolidated Revenue made?

4. (a) What was the total collection of hospital insurance premiums, other than by payroll deductions, in January, February, March, April, May, and June, 1953, respectively; (b) what was the average monthly collection of hospital insurance premiums by payroll deductions from January 1st to June 30th, 1953; (c) what percentage of registrants paid by payroll deduction during the first six months of 1953; and (d) what is the estimated percentage for the last six months of 1953?

5. (a) What payments from the Hospital Insurance Fund were made to British Columbia hospitals in the twelve months of 1952, severally, and (b) the first six months of 1953, severally?

6. (a) Who are the members of the British Columbia Hospital Advisory Council; (b) did the Council meet from August 1st, 1952, to December 31st, 1952; (c) did the Council meet from January 1st, 1953, to September 15th, 1953; and (d) if not, give reasons?

7. (a) Have any drugs or medicines been struck off the list of prescriptions for old-age pensioners or other persons eligible for the issuance of free drugs or medicines by the Government; (b) if yes, which have been struck off; (c) have any drugs or medicines been placed on a list requiring special authorization before they can be issued as free prescriptions; and (d) if yes, which?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Five thousand three hundred and twenty-five persons who were delinquent on May 15th have now registered and paid hospital insurance premiums and (b) of these, 2,794 registered under the payroll deduction plan..

"2. (a) Patients numbering 97,788 were charged \$1 per day during period; \$1-per-day charge is collected by the hospitals and details of amount actually paid, of charges incurred from January 1st, 1953, to August 31st, 1953, are not available; and (b) \$30 to \$50 payable, 2,868 patients; \$51 to \$70 payable, 763 patients; \$71 to \$100 payable, 344 patients; and over \$100 payable, 258 patients.

"3. (a) Cash balance as at August 31st, 1953, \$4,613,535.86; (b) this fiscal year, \$5,142,274.38 represents prepaid payments by registrants; and (c) the available cash balance as at August 31st amounted to \$4,613,535.86 and is a result of cumulated operations of the Hospital Insurance Fund, including all previous payments from Consolidated Revenue; the subsidy for the 1953-54 fiscal year, amounting to \$4,033,428, has not yet been credited to the Hospital Insurance Fund during this fiscal year.

"4. (a) Total collection of hospital insurance premiums, other than by payroll deductions, for the first six months of 1953:—

	Collection Agency Revenue.	Premiums for Indians.	Total.
January	\$1,427,301.91	\$1,427,301.91
February	282,059.85	282,059.85
March	235,715.19	235,715.19
April	162,104.18	162,104.18
May	110,617.97	\$200,000.00	310,617.97
June	1,836,944.43	13,450.75	1,850,395.18
Totals ...	\$4,054,743.53	\$213,450.75	\$4,268,194.28

"(b) Average monthly collection of hospital insurance premiums by payroll deductions from January 1st to June 30th, 1953, \$590,342.75.

"(c) The percentage of registrants paid by payroll deduction during the first six months of 1953 was 35 per cent.

"(d) The estimated percentage for the last six months of 1953 is 43 per cent.

" 5. (a) Payments made from Hospital Insurance Fund to British Columbia hospitals in 1952: January, \$862,909.81; February, \$1,672,568.99; March, \$2,920,835.77; April, \$1,077,939.54; May, \$2,395,404.70; June, \$1,538,219.53; July, \$1,528,329.99; August, \$1,860,058.29; September, \$1,294,093.42; October, \$1,860,806.27; November, \$1,532,831.48; December, \$2,147,211.40; total, 1952, \$20,691,209.19; and (b) for the first six months of 1953: January, \$1,894,306.19; February, \$1,928,519.49; March, \$2,217,618.62; April, \$1,195,001.57; May, \$2,154,930.49; June, \$1,658,459.26; total for first six months, 1953, \$11,048,835.62.

" 6. (a) The members of the Provincial Hospital Advisory Council, appointed under section 23 of the 'Hospital Insurance Act,' are Messrs. K. K. Reid, Percy Ward, A. H. J. Swencisky, O. R. Olson, E. E. Sendall, R. K. Gervin, George Home, R. E. Sang, George C. Miller (resigned), A. W. Macdonald, Mrs. R. Eaton, Miss Alice L. Wright (R.N.), Dr. M. Weaver, Dr. J. A. Ganshorn, Dr. G. A. Davidson, and Dr. Murray Baird; (b) yes, on December 3rd, 1952; (c) no; and (d) the Provincial Hospital Advisory Council meets at the call of the Minister of Health and Welfare and it was not deemed necessary to call a meeting during the period specified.

" 7. (a) No, (b) answered by (a), (c) no, and (d) answered by (c)."

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

1. How many teachers in the Province have been granted interim certificates for the present school term without teacher qualifications?
2. Are any schools closed for lack of teachers now?
3. If so, how many?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner (on behalf of the Hon. T. J. Rolston) replied as follows:—

" 1. The number of unqualified teachers employed in the schools will not normally be known until the teachers' monthly reports are received in late October; a query has gone out to all School Boards.

" 2. No information has been secured that any school is closed for lack of a teacher; a query has gone out to School Boards.

" 3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What amount was paid for freight charges by the Liquor Control Board in the fiscal year 1952-53 on liquor shipped to Prince Rupert by the Liquor Control Board?
2. What transportation companies shared in the above amount and to what extent did each share?
3. What transportation companies are now engaged by the Liquor Control Board to transport liquor to Prince Rupert and in what proportion do these companies share the business?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

" 1. This information will be found in the Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board to be filed in the House at the Spring Session.

" 2. The Union Steamship Company and the Canadian National Steamship Company were engaged during the relevant period.

" 3. During the current fiscal year the Union Steamship Company, the Canadian National Steamship Company, and the Northland Navigation Company Limited have been engaged to transport liquor to Prince Rupert."

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

1. How many proprietary liquor clubs are operating in the City of Vancouver?
2. Who are the registered owners of these clubs or, in case of incorporation, who are the directors and shareholders?

3. What is the annual licence fee exacted in each case?

4. On what dates were each of these licences last renewed by the Government?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The designation ‘ proprietary liquor club ’ is not to be found in the Statutes of this Province.

“ 2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What was the net profit for the last fiscal year from the operation of the Liquor Control Board's retail outlet in Prince Rupert?

2. Is it intended by the Liquor Control Board to establish a retail outlet at any place in the Queen Charlotte Islands during the coming year?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is in the affirmative, at what place?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. This information will be found in the Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board to be filed in the House at the Spring Session.

“ 2. This matter is under advisement.

“ 3. Answered by No. 2.”

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 5.33 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *C. B. Smith*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act, ’ ” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

September 25th, 1953.

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. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act, ’ ” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees.”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act.’”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter.’”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sheriffs Act.’”

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Marriage Act.’”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Harding*, adjourned to the next sitting.

By leave of the House, No. 3 of Question No. 42 standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Laing*, and which read as follows, was withdrawn:—

3. If so, was the operator prosecuted or were the permits lifted?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the British Columbia Liquor Control Board Balance-sheet as at March 31st, 1953.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the forest problems in British Columbia?

2. If so, when is it expected that this appointment will take place and who will be the Commissioner?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“1. No; not at present.

“2. Not applicable.”

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

1. How many persons receive payments under the "Old-age Assistance Act"?
2. How many applications have been refused under this Act?
3. Of those receiving payments, how many receive (a) \$40 per month, (b) \$30 to \$40 per month, (c) \$20 to \$30 per month, (d) \$10 to \$20 per month, (e) less than \$10 per month?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. 7,976.

"2. 1,547.

"3. (a) 6,628, (b) 602, (c) 393, (d) 221, and (e) 132."

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

1. What was the cost to the Province of the "Old-age Pension Act" in the year 1951?
2. What was the total payment made under the "Old-age Assistance Act" in the year 1952?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Fiscal year 1951–52, \$2,715,752; non-shareable expenditures for bonus and health services and including Provincial share of basic pension was \$7,971,478.

"2. Fiscal year 1952–53, \$1,700,000 (estimated); non-shareable expenditures for bonus and health services and including Provincial share of basic pension, \$8,815,000 (estimated)."

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 5.25 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. D. Kendell*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 30th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
September 30th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for an "Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees and in respect of proof of advertising, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. F. CORBETT, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*,—

Whereas the ninth decennial census of Canada, conducted in 1951, showed that the population of the Province had increased from 817,861 in 1941 to 1,165,210 in 1951:

And whereas the increase in population was much greater in some electoral districts of the Province than in others:

And whereas it appears that the representation of the people in this Legislature may not now be on an equitable basis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee, consisting of ten members of the Legislature, be appointed to consider the desirability of amending section 14 and Schedule C of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 65 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," and to make recommendations in respect thereof to this Legislature as to the desirability of increasing the number of members to be elected to the Legislature and as to the distribution of the members amongst the electoral districts of the Province:

And be it further Resolved, That in making their inquiry the Committee be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be pertinent to the subject and to send for persons, papers, and records as required:

And be it further Resolved, That the Committee be composed of the Hon. *W. D. Black* and Messrs. *Parker, Bate, Chant, Reid, Turner, Nimsick, Moore, Laing, and Giovando*.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following notice of questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Strachan* was withdrawn:—

1. Have any compensable accidents occurred on the Alcan project?
2. How many compensable accidents have occurred on the Alcan project since the time construction commenced until August 30th, 1953?
3. How many of these occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the Morrison-Knudsen Company?
4. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 3 fatal?
5. If so, how many?
6. How many of the accidents referred to in No. 2 occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the B.C. Contractors Limited?
7. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 6 fatal?
8. If so, how many?
9. Does the Compensation Board have a Safety Inspector stationed on the Alcan project?
10. If not, why not?

By leave of the House, No. 2 of Question No. 47 standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Laing*, and which read as follows, was withdrawn:—

2. Is this a legal strike or is it illegal?

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many members comprise the Board of Industrial Relations?
2. What are their names and upon what dates did their respective appointments take place?
3. Which member, or members, of the Board represent (a) organized groups of employers, (b) organized groups of employees, and (c) the general public.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Five.

“ 2. Mrs. Fraudena Eaton, Mr. Herbert Douglas, Mr. G. A. Little, Mr. W. H. Sands, and Mr. H. J. Young; appointed June 22nd, 1934; September 3rd, 1946; June 22nd, 1951; August 13th, 1952; and December 9th, 1952, respectively.

“ 3. (a) H. J. Young, (b) H. Douglas, and (c) G. A. Little.”

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

1. From the period July 1st, 1952, to June 30th, 1953, how much timber, by species, if possible, was cut from (a) Vancouver Forest District and (b) that portion of the Prince Rupert Forest District lying west of the Cascades, under the following tenures: Crown grants prior to April 7th, 1887; Crown grants subsequent to April 7th, 1887; timber leases; timber licences; pulp leases; timber sales; and others?

2. How much revenue from stumpage and royalties was received from the timber cut under the respective tenures?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Vancouver Forest District:—

Tenure.	Board Feet.			
	Fir.	Cedar.	Hemlock.	
Crown grants to 1887	626,483,772	107,583,103	186,639,837	
Crown grants, 1887 to date	120,486,175	29,287,316	39,858,257	
Miscellaneous	36,403,686	15,979,574	33,359,314	
Dominion lands	15,433,335	2,460,326	4,288,191	
Timber licences	128,786,109	157,126,664	194,967,205	
Timber berths	43,468,236	36,918,174	26,720,135	
Timber leases	31,124,353	24,102,031	24,756,378	
Pulp leases and licences ...	3,579,306	2,951,631	5,141,585	
Timber sales	240,805,868	145,734,034	166,240,296	
Management licences	650,255	292,785	704,734	
Tenure.	Spruce.	Balsam.	Cypress.	
Crown grants to 1887	1,918,422	27,104,413	1,622,752	
Crown grants, 1887 to date	6,982,243	12,792,447	107,292	
Miscellaneous	1,750,474	9,542,792	-----	
Dominion lands	1,052,701	1,492,135	317,133	
Timber licences	7,743,192	75,142,016	1,952,055	
Timber berths	15,728	6,221,909	1,204,455	
Timber leases	2,920,637	8,115,399	252,349	
Pulp leases and licences ...	1,179,837	3,590,008	972	
Timber sales	10,119,872	44,828,791	2,327,924	
Management licences	-----	107,108	-----	
Tenure.	Pine.	Cottonwood.	Hardwoods.	
Crown grants to 1887	12,412,290	556,025	5,606,077	
Crown grants, 1887 to date	659,428	196,961	1,256,177	
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	-----	
Dominion lands	86,242	15,748	400,412	
Timber licences	2,397,237	26,628	2,550	
Timber berths	755,120	-----	308,317	
Timber leases	431,265	-----	3,382	
Pulp leases and licences ...	743,403	75,393	90,050	
Timber sales	3,712,452	602,651	391,393	
Management licences	7,400	-----	-----	

Cubic Feet.

Tenure.	Fir.	Cedar.	Hemlock.
Crown grants to 1887	506,153	183,685	5,503,301
Crown grants, 1887 to date	79,209	2,964	419,268
Miscellaneous	151,354	63,838	633,061
Dominion lands	-----	-----	-----
Timber licences	165,250	899,596	4,676,431
Timber berths	-----	-----	1,656
Timber leases	1,162,451	312,000	126,974
Pulp leases and licences	9,821	263,053	2,331,932
Timber sales	3,492,384	988,272	776,194
Management licences	421,466	476,350	2,304,643
Tenure.	Spruce.	Balsam.	Cypress.
Crown grants to 1887	74,935	275,503	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	11,238	216,253	-----
Miscellaneous	29,130	249,862	-----
Dominion lands	6,130	-----	-----
Timber licences	110,316	2,005,977	-----
Timber berths	-----	180	-----
Timber leases	28,829	9,779	-----
Pulp leases and licences	215,005	821,687	-----
Timber sales	60,250	211,769	847
Management licences	208,973	694,843	2,641
Tenure.	Pine.	Cottonwood.	Hardwoods.
Crown grants to 1887	4,855	129	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	273
Dominion lands	-----	-----	-----
Timber licences	20,523	-----	17
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	1,710	1,765	549
Pulp leases and licences	-----	-----	100
Timber sales	21,495	448	213
Management licences	23,455	-----	59

“(b) Prince Rupert Forest District (west of the Cascades):—

Board Feet.

Tenure.	Fir.	Cedar.	Hemlock.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	8
Crown grants, 1887 to date	2,584,879	2,670,584	4,350,695
Miscellaneous	40,606	258,122	2,173,240
Dominion lands	386,282	371,308	1,095,311
Timber licences	-----	2,172,426	7,549,564
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	1,754,697	10,275,003	20,216,692
Timber sales	10,066,694	20,040,981	45,536,603
Management licences	-----	-----	-----

Board Feet.

Tenure.	Spruce.	Balsam.	Cypress.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	7,831,571	364,514	-----
Miscellaneous	3,105,030	1,327,233	2,158
Dominion lands	1,655,547	-----	-----
Timber licences	9,256,317	258,209	20,303
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	10,030,691	5,354,887	26,143
Timber sales	40,479,419	5,009,605	172,155
Management licences	-----	-----	-----

Tenure.	Pine.	Cottonwood.	Hardwoods.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	-----	525,664	-----
Miscellaneous	-----	915	-----
Dominion lands	-----	99,496	-----
Timber licences	-----	1,236,758	-----
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	-----	3,292	621
Timber sales	-----	1,519,567	664
Management licences	-----	-----	-----

Cubic Feet.

Tenure.	Fir.	Cedar.	Hemlock.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	5,730	1,095	11,118
Dominion lands	-----	-----	-----
Timber licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber sales	9,573	46,822	343,419
Management licences	-----	33,944	1,464,019

Tenure.	Spruce.	Balsam.	Cypress.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	28,041	1,759	-----
Dominion lands	-----	-----	-----
Timber licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber sales	1,449,909	232,836	-----
Management licences	654,982	579,383	-----

Tenure.	Cubic Feet.		
	Pine.	Cottonwood.	Hardwoods.
Crown grants to 1887	-----	-----	-----
Crown grants, 1887 to date	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	-----	3,329	-----
Dominion lands	-----	-----	-----
Timber licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber berths	-----	-----	-----
Timber leases	-----	-----	-----
Pulp leases and licences	-----	-----	-----
Timber sales	-----	50,717	-----
Management licences	-----	15,742	-----

"2. (a) Data by tenures not available; (b) total all tenures for period specified in Vancouver Forest District, stumpage, \$6,031,289, and royalty, \$1,604,007; and (c) no data available for Prince Rupert Coast."

Mr. *Calder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Is it the intention of this Government to place the Indian Inquiry Committee on an active basis this year?
2. If yes, what problems, at the Provincial level, will be considered?
3. Did the Committee make any recommendations to the Department resulting from its activities in (a) 1951 and (b) 1952?
4. If yes, (a) what were the recommendations and (b) were they implemented?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. All problems that may arise from time to time within the jurisdiction of the Indian Inquiry Committee.

"3. See Report of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs.

"4. Same as No. 3."

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 5.27 p.m.

Thursday, October 1st, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *G. Penfold*.

On the motion of Mr. *Giovando*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Nelson Borrowing-power Extension Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to establish the Greater Nanaimo Water District.”

On the motion of Mr. *Webster*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to protect certain Civil Rights.”

On the motion of Mr. *Webster*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Laws Declaratory Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Strachan*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Annual Holidays Act.’”

Mr. *Howard* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

The sanction of the Crown not having been given to the introduction, Mr. Speaker ruled the introduction out of order, and *Ordered* that the notice of introduction be dropped from the Order Paper.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has the Minister been informed of a strike at forty mills in the Prince George area, effective Monday morning, September 28th?
2. What action is the Minister taking toward assuring resumption of work in these mills?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. A senior member of the conciliation service has been assigned to this dispute and has been in the Prince George area since commencement of the strike.”

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

1. What amount of money was represented by those in arrears in payment of hospital insurance premiums at the time of the Order in Council in May, 1953, wiping out all arrears?
2. What is the estimate of the number of persons, not under legal exemption, who failed to register for hospital insurance at the time of the Order?
3. How many persons in this category (a) have since registered for hospital insurance premiums and (b) now pay premiums?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$2,216,934.61.

“ 2. 33,700.

“ 3. (a) 5,570 and (b) 5,325.”

Mr. *Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

To what extent does rent control now apply in the Province and how many (a) property-owners and (or) (b) individual living accommodations are affected?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“(a) All units of accommodation which are being used as places of dwelling in the Province of British Columbia, which are not self-contained units, are subject to rentals control, with the possible exception of some few units which may be situated in new buildings, built after January 1st, 1947; all self-contained dwelling units in the Province of British Columbia which have not become exempt from rentals control because of a change in tenancy since November 1st, 1948, or were not, originally, exempt from control because they were contained in a building, built since January 1st, 1947, are still subject to control. (b) This information is not a matter of Departmental record.”

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 5.58 p.m.

Friday, October 2nd, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. V. H. Redman*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

Monday, October 5th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. E. E. King*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statements:—

Honourable Members,—I wish to draw attention to the use of words in this House. In this instance I refer specifically to the word “vicious.” This word has been ruled out, together with many others, and in this respect I would refer you to page 439 of May's 15th Edition. The dictionary definition of this word is: “Addicted to vice or immorality,

depraved and wicked." You will readily see that the use of this word is unparliamentary if referring to members or acts of members. I would ask members carefully to abstain from the use of any words casting reflections on other members or acts of members.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

Honourable Members,—There has been a tendency in some of the speeches in this House to refer to matters that have already been appointed for discussion by this House, either in the form of Bills or motions.

I would refer you to May's 15th Edition, page 431, and I quote: "Debate must not stray from the question before the House to matters which have been decided during the current Session or anticipate a matter appointed for the consideration of the House or of which notice has been given."

I draw the attention of members to this fact so that they may not fall into error.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing:—

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Documents Disposal Act.'"

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

1. Were any traffic counts made on Highways Nos. 1, 2, or 3 between August 16th and August 31st?

2. If so, at what points were such counts taken and what vehicle traffic was recorded in each case on each date?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; on Highway No. 3, August, 1953.

"2. Points where counts were taken in August, 1953, are shown as follows: 0.5 mile east of Princeton and east of Copper Mountain Road, 1 mile west of Keremeos, 400 feet west of Kaleden Junction, 0.2 mile south of Kaleden Junction, 0.2 mile north of Oliver, 5 miles south of Oliver, 0.5 mile east of Osoyoos Bridge, 0.25 mile west of Rock Creek Bridge, 3 miles east of Rock Creek Village, 4.7 miles east of Midway, 1 mile east of Greenwood, 300 feet west of Danville Customs Road, 0.25 mile east of junction with road to Danville Customs, 4.5 miles east of bridge at Grand Forks, 200 feet west of Cascade Junction, 300 feet north of Cascade Junction, 300 feet east of junction with road to Christina Lake, 400 feet west of junction with road to Paterson Customs, 150 feet east of junction with road to Paterson Customs, between Rossland and Trail Cemetery gates, 0.5 mile east of Tadanac, 1.8 miles east of Castlegar Ferry, 200 feet east of South Slokan Junction west of Slokan Village, and 1 mile west of Nelson; traffic count figures are not yet compiled."

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

1. How many hospital beds for (a) acute and (b) chronic patients are now available in the Province?
2. What is the respective percentage of the above in relation to the general population?
3. What is the respective percentage of the above to the general population as recommended by (a) the Government and (b) medical authorities?
4. What number of bed facilities for (a) acute and (b) chronic patients are now under construction?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) 7,035 hospital beds (hospitals operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Indian Health Services are not included) and (b) 1,587 hospital beds and 1,844 beds in institutions and boarding homes licensed under the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.' ”

“ 2. (a) 5.75 beds per 1,000 population and (b) 2.76 beds per 1,000 population (including beds in institutions and boarding homes licensed under the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.')

“ 3. (a) The Government considers that an over-all ratio of approximately six acute hospital beds per 1,000 population is adequate to meet the needs of the civilian population (a minimum of three beds per 1,000 population for chronic patients with approximately one bed per 1,000 being for patients requiring therapeutic care and two per 1,000 for patients requiring largely domiciliary or custodial care) and (b) no information available.

“ 4. (a) Seven facilities for acute patients with a total capacity of 422 beds are now under construction and (b) two facilities for chronic patients with a total capacity of seventy-two beds are now under construction.”

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

1. How much was appropriated for expenditure on Highway No. 16 for the period April 1st, 1953, to September 30th, 1953?
2. What portion of the amount appropriated was spent for that purpose as of August 31st, 1953?
3. As at March 31st, 1953, how much remained unspent of the funds appropriated for Highway No. 16 for the fiscal year 1952-53?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$643,200.76, major construction and maintenance.

“ 2. \$459,662.25, major construction and maintenance.

“ 3. \$67,763.40, major construction.”

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

1. What amount has been spent by the Department of Public Works in the Fort George Electoral District since March 31st, 1953?
2. What amount was appropriated for expenditure in the Fort George Electoral District covering the period April 1st, 1953, to September 30th, 1953?
3. If more was spent on public works in the Fort George Electoral District in the same period than was voted for that purpose, from where did the excess derive?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$567,023.53, to August 31st, 1953, major construction and maintenance.

“ 2. \$991,925.36, major construction and maintenance.

“ 3. See answers to Nos. 1 and 2.”

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

1. What was the date of issuance of the last beer licence in the Province?

2. (a) How many winery licences have been issued in the Province since August 1st, 1952, (b) what is the name and address of the licensee in each case, and (c) are the above wineries in production and have they made sales to the Government Liquor Board?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. By Government edict of April, 1951, with the exception of any licences approved at that time, no new licences were to be issued, and no deviation therefrom has been made; the last beer licence in the Province was issued on November 3rd, 1951, to the Hotel Sidney at Sidney, in pursuance of the plebiscite held on April 17th, 1951, under the ‘Liquor-control Plebiscites Act’; plans for the building in respect of which this beer licence was issued were filed with the Board and approved on February 5th, 1951.

“ 2. (a) Two permits, under section 36 of the ‘Government Liquor Act,’ to manufacture or produce wine were issued by resolution of the Board, dated September 22nd, 1952. (b) By resolution of the Board, No. 19831, dated September 22nd, 1952, a wine manufacturer’s or producer’s permit was issued to the Pacific Wine Growers, of 3295 West Broadway, Vancouver. The full names and addresses of the officials of the company, as reported, are as follows: Saul Kaganoff, 3295 West Broadway, Vancouver; Morris Kagnoff, 3027 West Thirteenth Avenue, Vancouver; and Nathan Kagnoff, 3236 West Twenty-sixth Avenue, Vancouver. By resolution of the Board, No. 19832, dated September 22nd, 1952, a wine manufacturer’s or producer’s permit was issued to the British Columbia Wineries Limited, of 800 Hall Building, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver. The full names and addresses of the company, as reported, are as follows: Directors—Jacob G. Derksen, 1004 Central Road, Yarrow, producer; Earl Percy, Langley Fruit Packers Limited, R.R. 3, Langley Prairie, business executive; John H. Edmonds, 1642 Stephens Street, Vancouver, business-man; Joseph Augustus, 903 Steveston Highway, Lulu Island, B.Sc. in Agriculture, farmer; Henry H. Goossen, 1050 Central Road, Yarrow, producer; Atlee Percy, R.R. 3, Langley Prairie, business-man; secretary, Elmore Meredith, 800 Hall Building, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, barrister. The full names and addresses of bond or share holders are as follows: Joseph Augustus, 903 Steveston Highway, Lulu Island, farmer; Henry H. Goossen, 1050 Central Road, Yarrow, producer; Atlee Percy, R.R. 3, Langley Prairie, business-man; Jacob G. Derksen, 1004 Central Road, Yarrow, producer; John H. Edmonds, 1642 Stephens Street, Vancouver, business-man; and Earl Percy, Langley Fruit Packers Limited, R.R. 3, Langley Prairie, business executive. (c) So far as is known, neither of these companies is in operation and neither has made any sales to the Liquor Control Board; under date of August 12th, 1953, they were notified that their permits had expired.”

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

1. Are any guards being maintained at schools, railways, or highways in the Grand Forks District, Rossland-Trail District, Nelson-Creston District, or Kaslo-Slocan District?

2. If so, how many guards have been maintained and what is the present cost per week of maintaining same?

3. Is the Province paying any proportion of the cost of such guards and, if so, what?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; school guards and guards on railway bridges; none on highways.

“ 2. No information for cost of guards by the week, but there are approximately sixty-two school guards, plus holiday relief guards, at a cost of \$11,300 per month and thirteen bridge guards at a cost of approximately \$2,400 per month.

“ 3. The Province reimburses the school districts for the cost of school guards and pays the bridge guards direct.”

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

1. What bridges, if any, were repaired within the Atlin constituency in 1952 and how much was spent on each?
2. What bridges, if any, does the Department propose to have repaired in 1953?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

" 1. Stewart-Hyder No. 2, \$335.62; Stewart-Hyder No. 3, \$6,668.31; Stikine Avenue, \$284.18; McKee, \$827.09; Surprise Lake, \$1,317.10; Spruce Creek, \$954.09; Casca No. 1, \$30.71; Casca No. 2, \$298.50; Casca No. 8, \$91.33; Six Mile, \$52.33; Tuya, \$156.45; Twenty-four Mile, \$15.35; Bitter Creek, \$186.04; Bear River, \$152.56; Stewart-Hyder No. 1, \$4,389.88; Marmot River, \$274.24; Alice Arm Shore Road Bridge, \$68.88; Fletcher Creek, \$1,441.23; York, \$88.13; Canyon Creek, \$34.52; Paul Klay-Duc, \$43.17; South Fork, \$1,047.70; Bernachie, \$93.96; Glacier Creek, \$223.88; Goat Creek, \$25.06; Log, \$98.26; Rainey Creek, \$71.71; Birch Creek, \$936.18; Esperanza, \$35.23; Jones, \$22.79; Keystone, \$2,687.94; Kitsault, \$5.07; Cascade, Cobalt, and Silver Lake Bridges on Big Missouri Road rebuilt and ten bridges filled out of mining grant of \$15,000.

" 2. The following bridges have been repaired during the calendar year 1953 to date: Hitchcock Creek, Base Camp, Glacier Creek, Fourth of July, Telegraph Creek, Halfway, Casca No. 1, Casca No. 2, Casca No. 4, Waterfall, Stikine Avenue, Second South Fork, Tahltan, Tuya, Bitter Creek, Bear River, Glacier Creek, Stewart-Hyder No. 1, Stewart-Hyder No. 2, Stewart-Hyder No. 3, Kitsault Suspension, Alice Arm Shore, South Fork, Rainey Creek, Bear Creek, Surprise Lake, Birch Creek, and Keystone; proposed bridge work during the balance of 1953 consists of the replacement of the Bear River Bridge and the Gingit Bridge and repairs to Halfway, Tuya, Tahltan, and Casca Bridges."

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works been approached by the Aluminum Company of Canada relative to the building of a road from Kitimat to Highway No. 16?
2. If so, did the Aluminum Company of Canada make an offer to contribute toward the cost of building the said road?
3. If they did, what amount of money was offered?
4. Has the Department discussed with the British Columbia Power Commission the building of such a road?
5. Has the British Columbia Power Commission made any offer to contribute toward the cost of building such a road?
6. Has the Department undertaken to make a survey of such a road?
7. If so, what is the estimated cost of construction?
8. Does the Department plan to start upon the construction of such a road?
9. If so, when?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes; May 13th, 1953.

" 2. No definite offer, but manager of Aluminum Company said he was prepared to recommend to his company that it contribute toward the cost an amount equivalent to the value of the road to the company.

" 3. Answered by No. 2.

" 4. No formal discussion.

" 5. No.

" 6. No.

" 7. Answered by No. 6.

" 8. No.

" 9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. How many clubs described on page Y 18 of the Report of the British Columbia Liquor Inquiry Commission as “ the so-called ‘ propriety ’ clubs ” were in existence when the inquiry was held?
2. How many are now in existence?
3. Who are the registered owners of these clubs or, in case of incorporation, who are the directors and shareholders?
4. What is the annual licence fee exacted in each case?
5. On what dates were each of these licences last renewed by the Government and on whose authority?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1, 2, and 3. The Liquor Control Board has no knowledge of what the British Columbia Liquor Inquiry Commission considers ‘ the so-called “ propriety ” clubs.’
- “ 4. The annual licence fee for any club licence is \$100.
- “ 5. All clubs heretofore holding club licences received renewals for 1953.”

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

1. With respect to alterations to the north and south approaches to the Pattullo Bridge have plans been finalized?
2. Has any division of cost been arrived at as a result of negotiations between the Provincial and Federal Governments?
3. If yes, how is the cost apportioned?
4. Have any plans been finalized as a temporary expediency to relieve the congestion of traffic presently occurring in busy hours?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Answered by No. 2.
- “ 4. Plans are being discussed with New Westminster City Council.”

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 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. B. Carr*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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 5.51 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Have any compensable accidents occurred on the Alcan project?
2. How many compensable accidents have occurred on the Alcan project since the time construction commenced until August 30th, 1953?
3. How many of these occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the Morrison-Knudsen Company?
4. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 3 fatal?
5. If so, how many?
6. How many of the accidents referred to in No. 2 occurred on the section of the Alcan project under construction by the Kitimat Constructors Limited?
7. Were any of the accidents referred to in No. 6 fatal?
8. If so, how many?
9. Does the Compensation Board have a Safety Inspector stationed on the Alcan project?
10. If not, why not?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. The records of the Workmen's Compensation Board show that for the period ended August 30th, 1953, 3,688 cases, including 2,482 requiring medical attention only, have been charged to the contractors of the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited.

“ 3. Three thousand one hundred and fifteen cases, including 2,187 requiring medical attention only, have been charged to the Morrison-Knudsen group.

“ 4. Yes.

“ 5. Forty fatal accidents have been reported by the Morrison-Knudsen group, of which seventeen occurred in aeroplane wrecks when workmen were being transported to or from the job.

“ 6. Five hundred and forty-three cases, including 271 requiring medical attention only, have been charged to the Kitimat Constructors group.

“ 7. Yes.

“ 8. Four fatal accidents have been reported by the Kitimat Constructors, all arising from an aeroplane crash while the workmen were being transported from the job.

“ 9. The Workmen's Compensation Board has not had a Safety Inspector stationed at any one point on the Alcan project, but one Inspector has been assigned to that area and has devoted practically full time to the project; in addition, three other Inspectors have covered the territory on a number of inspection tours and regular inspections have also been made by the silicosis department.

“ 10. Answered by No. 9.”

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 10.30 p.m.