

Tuesday, February 1st, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. Connell*.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 31st, 1955.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution 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.

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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 Mrs. *Arsens*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

Mr. *Richter* presented the petition of Edward Arthur Titchmarsh, Penticton, B.C.; Nigel Robert Cathcart Pooley, Kelowna, B.C.; Clifford Montgomery Nettleton, Naramata, B.C.; Charles Edmund Bentley, Summerland, B.C.; Eric Magnus Tait, Summerland, B.C.; George Turner, Vernon, B.C.; John B. M. Clark, Keremeos, B.C.; and Douglas P. Fraser, Soyoos, B.C., together with such persons and bodies corporate as become members of the company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company."

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The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* on January 31st, as follows:—

That 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:

And whereas in each Session of this Parliament a Special Committee, consisting of ten members of the Legislature, has been appointed to consider certain matters as hereinafter set out, which said Committee's appointment terminated with the conclusion of the last Session:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee, consisting of eleven 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 its 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, Shelford, Turner, Nimsick, Moore, Laing,* and *Giovando*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Gregory* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

To delete the word "eleven," where it appears in the fifth paragraph, and to substitute the word "ten," and to delete the name "*Shelford*" from the last paragraph.

A debate arose.

The amendment was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Quire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Cherwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Corbett</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Price</i>

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

To delete the name "*Shelford*" from the last paragraph, and to substitute therefor the name "*Uphill*."

A debate arose.

The amendment was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Corbett</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Shelford</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The motion was adopted on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Haggen</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Uphill</i>

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1954.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented correspondence (copies) between the Department of the Attorney-General, the Motor-vehicle Branch, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Capt. L. J. Goudy.

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—
What was the expenditure in improving and repaving the road through Savona which parallels the Trans-Canada Highway?

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

"\$11,935.64."

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

1. Who comprises the Advisory Committee on the Curriculum for British Columbia schools?
2. How many meetings have they held and has there been any report to the Minister?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Personnel of Provincial Curriculum Advisory Board: Mrs. A. H. Young, British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation; Mr. A. I. Curtis, British Columbia School Trustees' Association; Miss Hilda Cryderman, British Columbia Teachers' Federation; Mr. T. R. B. Adams, Union of British Columbia Municipalities; Mr. C. E. S. Walls, agriculture and related industries; Mr. J. E. Liersch, forestry and related industries; Dr. C. E. Elsey, fisheries and related industries; Mr. C. H. Mitchell, mining and related industries; Mr. George Reside, T.L.C. (B.C.T.U.C.), labour; Mr. R. R. Smeal, C.C.L. (B.C.F. of L.), labour; Mr. A. R. Kluckner, business and personnel; Mrs. H. S. Armstrong, women's organizations; Mr. George S. Powell, British Columbia Products Bureau (manufacturing); Dean S. N. F. Chant, University of British Columbia, School of Education; Mr. H. D. Pritchard, junior-senior high school principals; Mr. B. C. Gillie, junior high school principals; Mr. B. H. Harford, senior high school principals; Mr. A. E. Evans, elementary school principals (small schools); Mr. W. A. Wilander, elementary school principals (large schools); Mr. Jack S. White, technical education; Mr. Joseph Chell, Provincial Inspectors of Schools; Mr. F. P. Levirs, Chief Inspector of Schools, Department of Education; Dr. R. F. Sharp, School Administrators and Municipal Inspectors; Mr. J. F. K. English, Assistant Deputy, Chairman; and Mr. J. R. Meredith, Assistant Director of Curriculum, Secretary.

“ 2. Two meetings of Board and the Chairman reports to the Minister of Education.”

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

1. Who are the members of the committee named in connection with the capital city grant?
2. Has the committee made its recommendations to the Government?
3. If so, when will the recommendations be made public?
4. If not, can the Minister indicate when the recommendations might reasonably be expected?

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

“ 1. (a) Appointed by the Government: Mr. J. E. Brown, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs (Chairman); Mr. E. S. Jones, Deputy Minister of Public Works; and Mr. W. E. Ireland, Librarian and Chief Archivist. (b) Appointed by the city: His Worship C. L. Harrison, Alderman A. Dowell, and Mr. C. Wyatt, City Manager.

“ 2. In part; further recommendation recently received.

“ 3 and 4. A supplementary answer to this question will be tabled shortly.”

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

1. Has the Game Branch, or any other Governmental department, compensated any registered trap-line owners for the destruction or loss of their trap-lines where such destruction or loss has been caused by logging or mining?
2. If so, what are the names and addresses of the recipients and the amount received respectively by each recipient?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What were total costs of school transportation in the Province in the months of September, October, and November for the years (a) 1953 and (b) 1954?
2. What number, if any, of school transportation routes have been abandoned as a result of the school-bus inquiry undertaken by the Department?
3. Were School Boards consulted as to safety and other factors bearing upon transportation?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) \$630,840.25 and (b) \$748, 376.32.
- “ 2. No information, as any curtailment made by School Boards would be reflected in 1955 budgets not yet submitted.
- “ 3. Yes; the final decision was left in the hands of the School Board; the policy of the Department in this respect was communicated to all School Boards in Administrative Circular dated October 4th, 1954, as follows: ‘ In cases where travel for the pupils has been proven dangerous, or where climatic or environmental conditions present unique problems to the School Board, the secretary-treasurer, on instruction from the School Board, should advise the Superintendent of the problem so that it may be adjusted in relation to local conditions.’ ”

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

1. How many recreation centres are operating under the Community Programmes Branch and how many persons are enrolled?
2. How many full-time persons are employed by the Government in this work and what is the total payroll?
3. What was the total of assistance grants paid in the month of December, 1954?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Eighty-six recreation commissions; 66,574 persons reported by commissions as participating in 1954, plus 3,381 persons enrolled in recreational night-school classes.
- “ 2. There are fourteen full-time persons employed by the Government in recreation work and the total payroll for the month of December, 1954, was \$4,370.
- “ 3. The sum of \$2,808.75 was paid in assistance grants in the month of December, 1954.”

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

1. How many copies of the United Nations World Review for Canadian Schools, originally dropped for economy reasons, are now being distributed to schools in British Columbia?
2. What is the cost in the current year?
3. When the schools were circularized, how many said they wanted the pamphlet and how many said no?
4. Is the pamphlet distributed in all schools without regard to reply?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Five thousand copies monthly for the ten school months.
- “ 2. The sum of \$625.
- “ 3. Yes, 226; no, 31.
- “ 4. Yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2nd, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Soutar*.

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. *Turner* (on behalf of Mr. *Calder*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following petitions were *Ordered* to be received:—

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*—the petition of Edward Arthur Titchmarsh, Penticton, B.C.; Nigel Robert Cathcart Pooley, Kelowna, B.C.; Clifford Montgomery Nettleton, Naramata, B.C.; Charles Edmund Bentley, Summerland, B.C.; Eric Magnus Tait, Summerland, B.C.; George Turner, Vernon, B.C.; John B. M. Clark, Keremeos, B.C.; and Douglas P. Fraser, Osoyoos, B.C., together with such persons and bodies corporate as become members of the company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company."

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On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of Minnie Mead May as liquidator of Gibson Mining Company Limited (Non-Personal Liability) and Minnie Mead May on her own account for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (Non-Personal Liability)."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* moved, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*,—

That this Legislature deplores the action of the Government of Canada in reducing by \$5 per ton the subsidy paid on the movement of feed-grains to British Columbia from Prairie points under the Freight Assistance Policy on Western grains and mill-feeds shipped into Eastern Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Laing* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

To add at the end thereof the words "and urges the Federal Minister of Agriculture to spread the reduction over the next two years."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Gargrave* tabled the file of correspondence and copies of correspondence referred to by himself on the 31st ultimo in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 3rd, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. G. Thompson*.

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. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kitimat Incorporation Act, 1953.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Nanaimo Water District Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936.'"

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.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Moore</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>
<i>Laing</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Haggen</i>
<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
<i>Gaglardi</i>	<i>Uphill</i>

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

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

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the interim report on the inquiry into the production, marketing, and distribution of whole milk in the Province of British Columbia under commission issued to the Hon. Mr. Justice Cline under the "Public Inquiries Act" on September 3rd, 1954, and dated February 2nd, 1955.

By leave of House, on the motion of Mr. *Winch*, seconded by Mr. *Turner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Hon. the Attorney-General be now given an opportunity to answer the point raised by the member for Mackenzie.

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

1. Does the Federal Government or any department thereof now contribute to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on behalf of the native Indians of British Columbia or any of them?

2. If yes, on what basis and to what extent?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Since the inception of the Federal Government freight assistance on grains consumed in British Columbia, what has been the total of such subsidies benefiting British Columbia agriculture?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ Since the inception of the Federal Government freight assistance on grains consumed in British Columbia in the year 1941, as a war-time measure, up until December 31st, 1954, a total of \$220,512,451 has been paid by the Federal Government to the various Provinces; of this amount, \$22,462,938.52 has been paid to producers in British Columbia.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Has the Government given any indication to the Milk Board that its powers under the Act are continuing and independent of Government policy?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ Despite the Court rulings recently obtained by certain distributors' and producers' representatives that appear to limit the authority of the Milk Board, the Chairman has, nevertheless, been encouraged to carry on under existing circumstances until the recommendations of the Royal Commission are forthcoming.”

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent in 1954 on construction of the Cassiar (McDames Creek)—Dease Lake Road?

2. How many miles of road construction remains before connection is made between the Cassiar (McDames Creek)—Dease Lake Road and the Telegraph Creek—Dease Lake Road?

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

“ 1. \$230,777.58.

“ 2. Forty-nine miles.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Friday, February 4th, 1955.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *Laing* asked leave of the House to move that Standing Orders be suspended to permit an oral question to be asked of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* without notice.

Leave was refused.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1953-54 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1956;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1955;

Schedule A. Sums granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1954, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 2nd, 1955.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gregory* made the following statement arising out of remarks passed by him outside of the House affecting members of the House:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Yesterday the Attorney-General, in winding up the debate on the Speech from the Throne, referred to a speech I made in Nanaimo last March in which he quoted me as having said that some members of the Government did not have shoes until they were elected and that the Minister of Health and Welfare was the stupidest boy in school.

Neither statement attributed to me by the Attorney-General was spoken by me on that or any other occasion but, because the Attorney-General's quotations were not entirely wrong, I did not feel yesterday that I could seek refuge in a flat denial. I thank you for the opportunity to tell you what I did say, to indicate the source of my information, and, of course, to apologize, because I regretted having made the statements just as much shortly after having made them as I did when the Attorney-General drew them to the attention of the House.

As far as the statement concerning shoes is concerned, I flatly deny that I said or suggested that any member of the Government did not have a pair of shoes before he was elected. My specific reference was to "a Social Crediter in the House," and I had in mind one particular back-bencher of whom I had heard from a remote relative that, until election, he did not own any shoes. I do not want to cause embarrassment to any member of the House and for that reason do not propose to try to justify my statement by indicating the member whom I had in mind. I am content to concede that there was no truth whatever in the information given me. I mention the source of my information, not to justify the statement I made, but simply so that the House may not think that I was guilty of fabrication as well as poor taste. I withdraw my remark in its entirety, apologize for having made it, and hope that the members of the House, in passing judgment on my conduct on that occasion, will bear in mind the fact that at that time I had less than half a Session's experience as a member of the House and render judgment leniently.

With reference to my statement concerning the Minister of Health and Welfare, I feel that the best way to indicate my regret at what I said is to read a letter which I wrote and had delivered to him this morning.

(Reads letter.)

Again, not with the idea of trying to justify conduct which is unjustifiable, but to indicate that my sins on that occasion did not include fabrication, I propose to read the newspaper article which I had in mind when I mentioned the Minister in Nanaimo.

(Reads from Victoria Daily Times of August 2nd, 1952, at page 11.)

I have apologized to the Minister both verbally and in writing, and I now apologize to the House for the remarks I made concerning him and again express the hope that the members of the Legislature, in passing judgment, will bear in mind that I was a very inexperienced member at the time I made the statement.

I table a copy of the letter I wrote to the Honourable Minister. I regret that I cannot table the newspaper account because I cannot obtain a copy. The reference to the account, however, is in the letter which I table and may be seen by the members themselves in the office of the Clerk.

G. F. T. GREGORY.

And tabled a copy of the letter referred to by him.

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

1. How many miles of road, if any, have been completed by the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited (Port Edward) on the Terrace-Aiyansh (Nass River) Road connection?

2. How many miles of road construction remains before connection is made with Aiyansh (Nass River)?

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

" 1. Twenty-six.

" 2. Thirty-seven miles of road remain to be constructed to reach the Nass River at Andegulay, 15 miles below Aiyansh."

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

1. Is Emmett Gulley an employee of the Provincial Government or any agency thereof?
2. If so, (a) how long has he been an employee of the Provincial Government or any agency thereof and (b) what expenses have been paid on his account?
3. What are Mr. Gulley's duties?
4. (a) Is Mr. Gulley a Canadian citizen and (b) if not, are not competent Canadian citizens available?
5. Has Mr. Gulley's employment in his present work received the approval of the Canadian Friends' Service Committee and the American Friends' Service Committee?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) Since September 1st, 1951, and (b) for 1951-52, \$1,350.71; for 1952-53, \$3,174.58; and for 1953-54, \$3,163.74.

" 3. Appointed as Welfare Adviser to the Doukhobor Research and Consultant Committee, presently engaged in like duties and responsibilities but designated as Secretary of the Local Co-ordinating Committee at Nelson on Sons of Freedom problems.

" 4. (a) No information and (b) see answer to (a).

" 5. My information is that he was the representative of the American Friends' Service Committee on the first Doukhobor Committee organized August 30th, 1950."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.03 p.m.

Monday, February 7th, 1955.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. McPherson*.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 Housing for Elderly Citizens," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 5th, 1955.

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. 47) intituled "An Act respecting Housing for Elderly Citizens," 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 after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices and providing for the Qualification of Tradesmen" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* 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 the Training of Apprentices and providing for the Qualification of Tradesmen," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 2nd, 1955.

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. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices and providing for the Qualification of Tradesmen," 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 after to-day.

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 'Unclaimed Money Deposits Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unclaimed Money Deposits 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 after to-day.

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 'Social Services Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Services 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 after to-day.

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,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 35) 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 after to-day.

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 'Gasoline Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gasoline 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 after to-day.

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 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952,'" 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 after to-day.

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 provide Aid for Municipalities," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to provide Aid for Municipalities," 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 after to-day.

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 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954,'" 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 after to-day.

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 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority 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 after to-day.

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 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization 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 after to-day.

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 'Electric Power Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power 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 after to-day.

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 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" 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 after to-day.

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 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income 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 after to-day.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* 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 Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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 after to-day.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* 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 Victoria College," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3rd, 1955.

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. 43) intituled "An Act respecting Victoria College," 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 after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to validate the Municipal Assessment Rolls for the Year 1955" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act relating to Highland Drainage Areas" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Webster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

To add to the main motion the following:—

"That this House regrets that the Estimates provided for the Committee of Supply for the year ending March 31st, 1956, are inadequate for the following reasons:—

"(1) Because of the percentage and dollar reduction of the moneys being made available to the Department of Agriculture in this crucial year for the farmers of British Columbia:

"(2) Because no allowance has been made for the elimination or reduction of the *per diem* rates which the municipalities must pay to the hospitals:

"(3) Because no provision has been made for substantial reduction in the taxes which are now levied against land and real property in British Columbia with special reference to the immediate need for a considerable reduction of the taxes now being levied against farm land:

"(4) Because of failure to allocate the revenue surplus for the above-mentioned purposes:

“(5) Because of failure to utilize the provision of the ‘Highway Development Act’ for the construction of toll-free bridges with special reference to the proposed new Marpole Bridge.

“This House further regrets that the Budget Speech, given by the mover of the original motion, gave no indication that the present Government is aware of the following needs:—

“(a) Major changes in the policies and terms of the Federal-Provincial tax agreement:

“(b) An early revision of the proposed grants to School Boards:

“(c) Need for the correlation of Provincial-municipal fiscal policies through continuing conferences or representatives of the appropriate Provincial departments and the municipalities:

“(d) Correction of the adverse wage differential now existing between Government employees and those employed by private industries:

“(e) Need of hospitals for chronic cases and convalescent homes providing custodial care:

“(f) An aggressive policy to stimulate the construction of housing for senior citizens:

“(g) The need for urging the Federal Government to promote national plans in co-operation with the Provinces for alleviating unemployment.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, giving his reason as follows:—

Honourable Members,—*Re* motion to amend a motion “that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply”: The motion, when given without prior notice, is out of order. In making this ruling, I am following the decisions of two former Speakers of this House and my own decision, given during the 1954 Session of this Parliament. Further authority for this decision may be found in *May*, 15th edition, at pages 378 and 398. For the decisions of former Speakers, *see Journals*, 1918, page 148, and 1938, page 25.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

The debate continued on the main motion.

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

The Hon. W. D. Black presented the Report of the Civil Service Commission, Province of British Columbia, from January 1st to December 31st, 1954.

The Hon. R. G. Williston presented the Eighty-third Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

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

1. Have any compensation cases been taken to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor since his appointment?
2. If so, how many?
3. In how many cases was he successful in obtaining an increased award?

The Hon. L. Wicks replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. 472, up to December 31st, 1954.

“3. The Compensation Counsellor's duties are to assist persons who have problems under the ‘Workmen's Compensation Act’; he is not required to have knowledge of the final disposition of their problem.”

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

1. What was the number of man-days lost through strikes and lockouts in 1953?
2. What was the number of man-days lost through strikes and lockouts in 1954?
3. What was the time-loss by industry in 1953 and how many employers and employees were affected?
4. What was the time-loss by industry in 1954 and how many employers and employees were affected?

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

“ 1. 260,335.

“ 2. 140,958.

“ 3. 1953:—

Industry.	Number of Employers affected.	Number of Employees affected.	Time-loss in Man Working-days.
Wood products (logging, lumbering, and sawmills)	61	3,290	173,380
Manufacturing	12	948	18,411
Wholesale trade	6	503	16,294
Metal-miners and mill-workers	1	101	15,756
Grain-elevator workers	5	275	15,350
Fisheries	14	1,500	10,500
Construction (building trades, contracting)	10	1,395	7,824
Service	2	183	2,788
Automotive repairs, garage service	1	8	24
Retail trade	1	4	8
Totals.....	113	8,207	260,335

“ 4. 1954:—

Wood products (logging, lumbering, and sawmills)	60	3,368	29,767
Manufacturing	14	1,235	50,499
Metal-miners and hard-rock miners	2	288	16,900
Fisheries	21	6,258	31,928
Construction	2	100	388
Service	9	481	3,230
Automotive repairs, garage service	7	39	897
Retail trade	2	54	2,754
Coal-mining	1	700	4,200
Ship-building	1	99	395
Totals.....	119	12,622	140,958 ”

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

What was the collection of Provincial sales tax in each of the months of 1953 and 1954?

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

“ The social services tax collected and taken to revenue for each of the months of 1953 and 1954 was as follows:—

Month.	1953.	1954.
January	\$3,623,683.52	\$3,574,213.15
February	2,506,829.97	2,212,063.36
March	2,523,489.32	2,469,574.36
April	2,798,092.69	3,417,444.64
May	2,975,829.88	3,990,697.53
June	3,040,437.23	4,489,950.92
July	3,128,234.67	4,796,915.98
August	3,168,838.76	4,916,703.39
September	2,956,034.09	4,815,240.13
October	3,064,743.76	4,902,275.57
November	3,159,430.51	4,952,695.79
December	2,911,992.83	4,676,405.65 ”

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

1. What was the total bonded debt of the Province in January, 1952 and 1955, respectively?
2. What was the contingent debt of the Province in relation to guaranteed bonds in January, 1952 and 1955, respectively?

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

“ 1. Treasury bills funded with the Government of Canada under the terms of contract are of a like nature to bonded debt and registered stock. Therefore, ‘funded’ debt has a like meaning to ‘bonded debt.’

January 31st, 1952—

Funded Debt.

Registered stock and debentures amounting to	\$215,265,500.00
Long-term Treasury bills issued to Federal Government, payable in serial instalments	22,288,379.52
Total funded debt	\$237,553,879.52

Temporary Debt.

Treasury bills sold to The Canadian Bank of Commerce	21,198,400.17
Total gross debt	\$258,752,279.69

February 14th, 1952—

Funded Debt.

Registered stock and debentures	\$245,265,500.00
Long-term Treasury bills issued to the Federal Government, repayable in serial instalments	22,288,379.52
Total funded debt	\$267,553,879.52

Temporary Debt.

Treasury bills sold to The Canadian Bank of Commerce	1,487,084.20
Total gross debt	\$269,040,963.72

Reference: Budget Speech, Hon. Byron I. Johnson, March 4th, 1952, page 14.

January 1st, 1955—

Funded Debt.

Registered stock and debentures	\$207,900,500.00
Long-term Treasury bills issued to Federal Government, payable in serial instalments	20,131,206.80
Total funded debt	\$228,031,706.80

Temporary Debt.

Other Treasury bills	400,000.00
Total gross debt	\$228,431,706.80

“ 2. Contingent liabilities:—

January 31st, 1952.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co. (due 2nd April, 1950)*	\$47,975,000.00	\$23,076,156.52
Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board (due 1952-1973)	7,988,333.33	6,514,833.33
West Nicomen Dyking District (due 1st May, 1953)	90,000.00	87,000.00
South Westminster Dyking District (due 1st July, 1960)	55,000.00	55,000.00
	\$56,108,333.33	\$29,732,989.85

<i>January 1st, 1955.</i>		
	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co. (due 2nd April, 1950)*	\$47,975,000.00	\$23,076,156.52
Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board (due 1952-1973)	9,788,333.33	5,443,500.00
West Nicomen Dyking District (due 1st May, 1953)		
South Westminster Dyking District (due 1st July, 1960)	55,000.00	55,000.00
	\$57,818,333.33	\$28,574,656.52

<i>Outstanding.</i>		
	Jan. 31st, 1952.	Jan. 1st, 1955.
Guarantees authorized pursuant to sec. 5, 'Municipal Improvements Assistance Enabling Act, 1938'	\$1,085,555.98†	\$800,397.29
Certificates of Loan pursuant to sec. 10 (3), 'Municipal Superannuation Act, 1938,' chapter 55	3,474,690.32†	3,118,700.91
Guarantees authorized pursuant to sec. 3, 'Village Municipalities Assistance Act'	1,330,800.00	2,326,900.00
Guarantees authorized pursuant to the 'Dawson Creek Loan Act, 1944'	54,160.34	22,312.84
Guarantees authorized pursuant to sec. 53, 'Electric Power Act'	25,650,000.00‡	40,050,000.00
Guarantees authorized pursuant to 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,' and 'Public Schools Act' (repayable serially). (Payments so far made <i>re</i> maturities, \$864,500.)		37,618,400.00
Guarantees authorized pursuant to sec. 17, 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954'		4,500,000.00
Guarantees authorized pursuant to sec. 28, 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act'		500,000.00

* While these securities have matured and funds have been provided for redemption, the guarantee has not yet been legally discharged. The outstanding securities are pledged to the Minister of Finance and Receiver-General for Canada.

† Shown as of March 31st, 1952, as certificates not available as of January 31st, 1952.

‡ Including notes 22/32, incl., \$9,650,000 refunded in February, 1952, by \$10,000,000 debentures (direct obligation)."

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

1. What was the gross public debt of the Province at December 31st, 1954?
2. What debt maturities became due and payable during the twelve months ended December 31st, 1954?
3. Were these maturities paid and, if so, from what funds?
4. Were there any direct debt obligations incurred during the twelve months ended December 31st, 1954?

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

"1. \$228,431,706.80.

"2. (a) Debenture serial instalments, \$4,399,000; Treasury bill instalments, \$730,532.15; Treasury bill repayments in full, \$100,000; (b) sinking fund debentures, repayments in full, \$11,556,000; total, \$16,785,532.15.

"3. Yes; (a) and (b) *see* above; from Consolidated Revenue Fund.

"4. No; the above figures are disclosed in the Budget Address."

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

1. Under what Act was the plebiscite in Delta held on August 12th, 1954?
2. Under what Act will the plebiscite in unorganized territory be held?

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

- “ 1. ‘ Government Liquor Act, 1953,’ and ‘ Liquor-control Plebiscites Act.’
- “ 2. ‘ Liquor-control Plebiscites Act.’ ”

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

What was the tax yield for the calendar year ended December 31st, 1954, from the (a) 10-per-cent logging tax, (b) 10-per-cent mining tax, and (c) 1-per-cent timber-land tax?

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

“ See report of the Comptroller-General for the nine months ended December 31st, 1954, page V 6.”

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

1. Were any overtime work permits issued to Vancouver Island and Coast logging operators during 1954?
2. If so, (a) to what companies were they issued and (b) what periods of time did they cover in each case?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, were any protests made against these overtime permits?
4. If so, by whom?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Industrial breakdown of overtime permits is not maintained.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. International Woodworkers of America.”

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

1. (a) Were any moneys collected under the 5-per-cent sales tax clauses of the “ Social Services Tax Act ” between April 1st and December 31st, 1954, and, if so, (b) how much was collected?
2. (a) Have any payments been made on account of hospital insurance costs from April 1st to December 31st, 1954, and, if so, (b) how much?
3. (a) Are any accounts unsettled or in dispute at this time and, if so, (b) how much?

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

- “ 1. (a) Yes; (b) see report of the Comptroller-General for the nine months ended December 31st, 1954, page V 6.
- “ 2. See report of the Comptroller-General for the nine months ended December 31st, 1954, page V 14, Vote 319.
- “ 3. Cannot be answered in present form.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Walter Oakley*.

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 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 7th, 1955.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration 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 after to-day.

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 'Forest Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 7th, 1955.

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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Victoria College Foundation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Credit Unions Act.’”

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

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Edward Arthur Titchmarsh, Nigel Robert Cathcart Pooley, Clifford Montgomery Nettleton, Charles Edmund Bentley,

Eric Magnus Tait, George Turner, John B. M. Clark, and Douglas P. Fraser for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of John S. C. Moffitt, Wilfrid J. Borrie, Thomas R. Fyfe, G. Morton Ferguson, Mackenzie Bowell, John Dunsmuir, Harry M. King, and Douglas H. Collister for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Arthur Hugo Ray, William Henry Murray Haldane, James Duncan Donald Campbell, and Helen Vera Paterson for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

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 of Reginald Hibbert Tupper, Robert David Jordan Guy, John Walter Walsh, and Ivan Boyd Quinn for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House, within the time required, of 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 petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the North-west Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'North-west Telephone Company's Act, 1929,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

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 of William James Burns-Miller, Marie Jeanne Crofton, Arthur Thorpe, and Anna McCandless for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building

Restriction Act, 1922,' " have not been complied with inasmuch as the preamble of the printed copy of the Bill filed with the Clerk of the House is at variance with the usual form of preamble in Private Acts and inasmuch as sections 3, 4, and 5 of the proposed Bill appear to be at variance with the Act sought to be amended, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1955.

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 of Minnie Mead May as the liquidator of the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.) and on her own account for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.)" have not been complied with in respect to the deposit with the Clerk of the House, within the time required, of proof of advertising and while the Law Clerk has reported to the Committee that:—

- (1) The prayer of the petition, the public notice, and the copy of the Bill filed with the Clerk of the House are at variance with one another; and
- (2) Paragraph 1 of the petition (though not incorporated in the copy of the Bill filed with the Clerk of the House) and paragraph 2 of the petition pray for legislation which appears to be beyond the legislative authority of this Legislature, inasmuch as the recitals in the petition indicate that both Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.) and Daybreak Mining Company Limited (the registered owner of the mining claims mentioned in the petition) are in process of being wound up under the provisions of the "Winding-up Act," an Act of the Parliament of Canada dealing with the subject within the exclusive legislative authority of such Parliament, by virtue of subsection (21) of section 91 of the "British North America Act," 1867; and
- (3) Paragraph 3 of the petition prays for relief by legislation in respect of matters assigned to and within the jurisdiction of the Courts of this Province and does not appear to set forth a case in which the Legislature ought to interfere,—

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.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. R. G. Williston, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. With reference to the Government acquisition of the bridge and contiguous property of the Lions Gate Bridge Company Limited, did the Government acquire the entire issued capital stock of the company?

2. If so, what is the number and par value of such shares?

3. If not, what number of shares remain in the hands of shareholders and what are the names of such shareholders?

4. Did the Government redeem all mortgages outstanding, and, if so, what was the total amount paid to redeem the first mortgage and what was the amount paid to redeem all second mortgages?

5. What other liabilities of the company were paid by the Government?

6. What property other than the Lions Gate Bridge was acquired by the Government and what amount was paid for same?

7. What commission was paid to agents closing the deal and to whom was it paid?

8. Were expert engineering or other professional services engaged on this project in behalf of the Government and, if so, what are their names and the amount paid?

9. What was the amount of undistributed income on hand and what was the amount of tax-paid undistributed income on hand at the date the company sold the properties to the Government?

10. Were all income taxes due to the Federal Government paid or accepted as a liability of the company to be paid from proceeds of sale of properties?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Out of a total of 500,000 shares of the First Narrows Bridge Company, there have been purchased 491,099 shares and 4,000 shares more are in the process of immediate acquisition.

"4. No.

"5. None.

"6. The British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority has acquired over 98 per cent of the shares of the aforesaid company.

"7. None.

"8. No.

"9. Not applicable.

"10. To the best of our knowledge, the First Narrows Bridge Company has paid such income taxes as are due to the Federal Government."

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

1. How much money, if any, was allocated for use on the secondary road between Kitwanga and the Kitwancool Indian Reserve for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1955?

2. To date, how much of this money has been spent?

The Hon. P. A. Gagliardi replied as follows:—

"1. No definite allocation of funds was made.

"2. Spent to date on this road, \$5,427."

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

1. During the past year has your Department undertaken to complete the painting of the Home for the Aged at Terrace?
2. If so, what arrangements were made to complete the painting and with whom were the arrangements made?
3. Has the painting been completed?
4. What was the cost of completing this painting?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Tenders for painting were posted locally at Terrace; on receipt of tenders it was decided to carry out work by day-labour.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Cost to date: Labour, \$724.10, and materials, approximately \$400.”

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

1. Who are the members of the committee named in connection with the capital city grant?
2. Has the committee made its recommendations to the Government?
3. If so, when will the recommendations be made public?
4. If not, can the Minister indicate when the recommendations might reasonably be expected?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows (supplementary to the answer given on February 1st):—

“ 3 and 4. Dallas Road, Clover Point to Memorial Crescent: North curb, south sidewalk, railing, and paved road, including parking lookout on Dallas Road opposite Memorial Crescent Boulevard on the north side. Memorial Crescent green and road construction: Curbs, road, and green. Clover Point: Lookout for cars at intersection of Dallas Road and Clover Point Road and shelter area below bank. Holland Point: Grading and drainage, foot-path from Paddon Street to Menzies Street, surfacing area below wall on Paddon Street, path from Government Street and South Turner Street to sea, brush-cutting and clean-up, and marking graves.”

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works bought a used Grumman-Widgeon aeroplane within the last year?
2. If so, what was the purchase price?
3. How much money has been spent so far on refitting the aeroplane?
4. How many hours of work have gone into the refit?
5. What price was paid or agreed to be paid for each of the new seats in the aeroplane?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. \$10,300.
- “ 3. \$39,635.
- “ 4. 4,925 hours.
- “ 5. Seats included in purchase price.”

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

1. What are the assessment values of land, improvements, and machinery of each municipal district, village, town, and city in British Columbia?
2. What are the aggregate assessed values of land, improvements, and machinery in the unorganized area of British Columbia?

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

“ 1. The assessed values requested will not be available until confirmed by the Court of Revision on or about February 28th, 1955.

“ 2. See answer to No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. E. McGrane*.

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

That all correspondence between the Department of the Attorney-General, the Motor-vehicle Branch, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and one Capt. L. J. Goudy be filed with this House.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition.”

On the motion of Mr. *Tomlinson*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Giovando*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘North-west Telephone Company’s Act, 1929.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.).”

On the motion of Mr. Moore, Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Unorganized Territory" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. Strachan moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Harding,—

That the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply" be amended by adding thereto the following:—

"And that this House regrets that the Estimates for the year ending March 31st, 1956, are inadequate for the following reasons:—

"(1) Because of the percentage and dollar reduction of the moneys being made available to the Department of Agriculture in this crucial year for the farmers of British Columbia:

"(2) Because no allowance has been made for the elimination or reduction of the *per diem* rates which the municipalities must pay to the hospitals:

"(3) Because no provision has been made for substantial reduction in the taxes which are now levied against land and real property in British Columbia with special reference to the immediate need for a considerable reduction of the taxes now being levied against farm land:

"(4) Because of failure to allocate the revenue surplus for the above-mentioned purposes:

"(5) Because of failure to utilize the provision of the 'Highway Development Act' for the construction of toll-free bridges with special reference to the proposed new Marpole Bridge.

"This House further regrets that the Budget Speech, given by the mover of the original motion, gave no indication that the present Government is aware of the following needs:—

"(a) Major changes in the policies and terms of the Federal-Provincial tax agreement:

"(b) An early revision of the proposed grants to School Boards:

"(c) Need for the correlation of Provincial-municipal fiscal policies through continuing conferences or representatives of the appropriate Provincial departments and the municipalities:

"(d) Correction of the adverse wage differential now existing between Government employees and those employed by private industries:

"(e) Need of hospitals for chronic cases and convalescent homes providing custodial care:

"(f) An aggressive policy to stimulate the construction of housing for senior citizens:

"(g) The need for urging the Federal Government to promote national plans in co-operation with the Provinces for alleviating unemployment."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Bate</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

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

1. With reference to the new section of the Loughheed Highway recently built between Brunette Street and Essondale, what is the total length of road built in this section?
2. What was the total cost?
3. How much was spent for work done on (a) contract basis, (b) cost-plus basis, and (c) day-labour basis?
4. Has the Department on file a report made by a group of engineers several years ago with respect to the possibilities of obtaining a suitable road-bed across this terrain?
5. If so, was the recommendation favourable to construction of a road in this location?
6. Since the new surface was laid, have repairs been necessary?
7. If so, what was the cost of the repair work done?

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

- " 1. Three and one-half miles.
- " 2. \$471,224.61.
- " 3. (a) \$471,224.61, (b) *nil*, and (c) *nil*.
- " 4. No.
- " 5. Answered by No. 4.
- " 6. Yes.
- " 7. \$925."

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

1. Did a span on the bridge across Quesnel River on Highway No. 2 collapse during June, 1954?
2. If so, did said collapse occur at the time when any unduly heavy load was crossing said bridge?
3. What are the lengths and designs of any spans on the said bridge and what loads are such spans designed to carry?
4. If any unduly heavy load was on the bridge at the time of any such collapse, what was the nature and what was the weight of it?
5. If it was proposed to take any such unduly heavy load across such bridge, were any special precautions taken to see that the bridge was safe for such load?
6. If so, what?
7. Have any arrangements been made to replace any such collapsed span?
8. If so, has replacement been completed?
9. If the answer to No. 7 is in the affirmative, for what length of time was the bridge out of commission?
10. If work has been completed, what was the total cost of same?
11. If it has not been completed, what is the estimated total cost of same?
12. To what 1954 estimate is it proposed to charge any cost of replacement of a collapsed span?
13. In the case of subjecting any bridges in the Province to unduly heavy loads, what precautions are taken to ensure that they are in safe condition to carry such loads?
14. Are routine checks carried out on wooden bridges in the Province to ensure their safety at all times?
15. If so, what and by whom are they carried out?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. Four timber through Howe truss spans of lengths of 100 feet, 130 feet, 150 feet, and 120 feet respectively; trusses designed for uniform live load of 100 pounds per square foot of roadway over entire span; floor system designed for truck-axle loads of 10 tons, plus 30 per cent for impact.
- " 4. See answer to No. 2.
- " 5. See answer to No. 2.
- " 6. See answer to No. 2.
- " 7. Yes.
- " 8. Yes.
- " 9. Night of June 13th to afternoon of July 6th.
- " 10. \$18,708.28.
- " 11. See answer to No. 10.
- " 12. Vote 298.
- " 13. Comparison is made between the proposed load and the load-carrying capacity of the bridge, taking into consideration the design loading and the physical condition of the structure.
- " 14. Yes.
- " 15. Bridge Inspector of headquarters' staff makes periodic inspections supplemented by routine inspections by the District Engineer and the District Bridge Foreman."

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

1. Has the highway bridge at Springbrook been replaced by a temporary bridge?
2. If so, have plans been made for the replacement of this by a temporary bridge?
3. If yes, what plans have been made?

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

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

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

1. Since August 1st, 1952, how many total hours of flying have been logged by Government aircraft when the Minister of Public Works was the sole passenger or sole passenger on Government business?
2. What is the average cost per hour of operating such a craft?

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

- “ 1. 136.05 hours on Government business.
- “ 2. \$59.”

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent on school repairs in 1954 in each of the communities of (a) Atlin, (b) Tulsequah, (c) Lower Post, (d) Telegraph Creek, (e) Stewart, and (f) Torbrit Silver Mines?
2. What shortage of school-teachers, if any, is experienced in the Atlin constituency for the school term 1954–55?
3. How much money, if any, was spent by (a) this Government and (b) Cassiar Asbestos Company in the construction of the school at Cassiar (McDames Creek)?
4. When was this school opened?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Amounts budgeted for school repairs by school districts for 1954: (a) \$900, (b) \$350, (c) \$2,070, (d) \$1,700, (e) \$5,283, and (f) \$839.
- “ 2. None; as far as the Department knows, no schools are closed for lack of teachers.
- “ 3. (a) *Nil* and (b) not known.
- “ 4. September, 1953.”

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

1. When the late Sheriff of Nanaimo died in office, how much money was on deposit in his trust account?
2. What was the extent of his liabilities *qua* Sheriff?
3. What was the amount of his bond?
4. To what extent did his liabilities *qua* Sheriff exceed the moneys available to meet these liabilities?
5. How many persons suffered loss as a result of his inability to meet his obligations *qua* Sheriff?

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

- “ 1. \$10,237.49; additional assets realized since, \$5,384.24.
- “ 2. \$32,525.78.
- “ 3. \$10,000.
- “ 4. \$6,904.05. (NOTE.—This sum may be increased because the private assets of the late Sheriff, included in the answer to No. 1, are still subject to the costs of administering his estate.)
- “ 5. Impossible presently to answer as matter not fully disposed of.”

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

1. Where are Provincial aircraft housed?
2. Does the Government own hangars or are they rented?
3. If so, what hangars are rented and from whom?
4. What total monthly rentals are paid and to whom?
5. Has any effort been made to provide hangars or purchase some?

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

- “ 1. Provincial aircraft was housed in a hangar located at Patricia Bay Airfield.
- “ 2. Hangar is rented.
- “ 3. One hangar is rented from the Dominion Government, Department of Transport.
- “ 4. Rental is \$766.65 per month and payment of rent is made to the Receiver-General of Canada.
- “ 5. Yes.”

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

1. How many aircraft does the Government own and to what departments are they allocated?
2. What is the original cost of each aircraft?
3. Is repair and maintenance undertaken by the Government or let out?
4. What is the total monthly payroll for pilots, maintenance, and repair?

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

- “ 1. Department of Public Works aircraft only, two aircraft.
- “ 2. Anson, \$10,000, and Grumman, \$10,300.
- “ 3. Approximately 95 per cent of repairs were undertaken by Department aircraft mechanics.
- “ 4. \$967 (average).”

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

In the year ended March 31st, 1954, what were the totals of expenditures on public works in each of the following ridings: (a) Omineca, (b) South Okanagan, (c) Kaslo-Slocan, (d) Kamloops, (e) Prince Rupert, (f) North Okanagan, (g) all four Vancouver City ridings, and (h) City of Victoria?

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

“(a) \$1,433,365.88, (b) \$844,223.12, (c) \$571,999.25, (d) \$1,901,296.82 (including Trans-Canada), (e) \$228,157.35, (f) \$1,360,608.25, (g) \$1,016,552.60, and (h) \$810,668.21.”

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

1. Does the Government have any plans to improve to the standard of the Alberta four-lane highway (now under construction from Edmonton to the British Columbia border) the British Columbia section from the border to Mile 0 of the Alaska Highway?
2. Conversely, what plans are being made to improve and ensure year-round travel on the John Hart Highway?

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

- “ 1. Four-lane highway not contemplated at the present time.
- “ 2. Progressive gravelling and paving projects.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, February 10th, 1955.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. A. Roberts*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Fish," standing on the Order Paper in his name, was withdrawn.

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* 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 the Inspection of Fish," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1955.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Fish," 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 after to-day.

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Construction of Extensions of the Lines of Railway of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" a debate arose.

The motion of Mr. *Brown* to adjourn the debate was negatived.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow a second motion for the adjournment of the debate.

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

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

1. Since April 1st, 1954, how many attractions sponsored by non-profit organizations solely to raise money for charity were required to pay amusement tax at the 15-per-cent rate?

2. In the same period, how many such organizations were permitted to pay at the 5-per-cent rate?

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

"No tax is imposed upon organizations sponsoring or promoting attractions or amusements; the tax is on the spectator.

"1. In eighty-three instances organizations which sought a grant from the Crown by way of a tax remission failed to meet the statutory requirements enabling such remission grant as either insufficient or, in many instances, no funds were donated to charity.

"2. No organization was permitted to pay a 5-per-cent rate; 666 organizations, having met statutory requirements, were permitted to retain for charitable purposes two-thirds of the tax collected by way of a remission grant."

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

1. How many persons holding deputy ministerships or positions of equal rank were appointed since June 15th, 1952?

2. In what departments were such appointments made?

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

"1. Ten.

"2. Labour, Education, Railways, Agriculture, Lands, Attorney-General, Municipal Affairs, Welfare, Trade and Industry, and British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.