

Monday, 17th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 6th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 17th instant be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*December 17th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*December 17th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Agents' Licensing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved.* That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$ 99,586 75 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1923.  
 960,851 75 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1924.  
 19,286,413 44 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1925.

\$20,346,851 94

The Chairman reported the Resolution.  
 Report considered forthwith and adopted.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene" was adopted

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 27) (as amended) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed.

The Chairman of the Committee on such Bill reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee on Mr. *Uphill's* motion to amend as follows:—

To insert the following as section 2 and renumber the following sections:—

"2. Subsection (1) of section 56 of the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,' being chapter 160 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,' as re-enacted by section 8 of the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1919,' is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"56. (1.) Examinations of applicants for certificates of competency as coal-miners shall be conducted and certificates of competency granted by a Board of Examiners, which shall consist of the Inspector of Mines for the district in which the examination is held, and two other members, one to be appointed by the Minister and the other to be elected by the coal-miners of the district in which the examination is held. The Inspector of Mines and the appointed member shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister."

That the Chairman had ruled it out of order under Rule 118 and that his ruling had been appealed from.

Mr. Speaker thereupon expressed his views on the Chairman's ruling for the information of the House.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Bucham</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Esling</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Bowser</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Patullo</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>MacLean</i>

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Nclunds</i>	<i>McKae</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Henniger</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>			

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Debate continued.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

*Ordered.* That the same be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved.* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Bill read a second time and committed.  
 Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. *Re* Project 22, Section C, Eagle Pass Road, North Okanagan District: While this work was in progress in the year 1922, did the Government purchase hay to supply to teams engaged on this work?

2. If yes, what amount was purchased, and from whom?

3. What was the cost to the Government per ton?

4. Did the Government purchase oats to supply to teams engaged on this work?

5. If yes, what amount was purchased, and from whom?

6. What was the cost to the Government per ton?

7. After completion of this work, what amount of each remained on hand?

8. If any, was same sold?

9. If yes, give names to whom sold, with amounts, and prices realized by the Government?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. 16.635 tons; Vernon Fruit Union at \$31.06 per ton.

"4. Yes.

"5 and 6. 8 tons; Vernon Fruit Union at \$42 per ton.

"7. Hay, 12,820 lb.; oats, 8,400 lb.

"8. Yes.

"9. Hay sold to: A. Zettergreen, 4,000 lb. at \$28, \$56; J. Splisted, 2,000 lb. at \$28, \$28; H. O. Kellett, 2,440 lb. at \$28, \$34.25; J. Splisted, 2,000 lb. at \$28, \$28; L. O. Zettergreen, 2,260 lb. at \$28, \$31.55; M. Cadden, 120 lb. at \$28, \$1.70. Oats sold to: B. Green, 2,000 lb. at \$38, \$38; M. Robertson, 1,500 lb. at \$38, \$28.50; R. Dale, 1,200 lb. at \$38, \$22.80; H. O. Kellett, 2,500 lb. at \$38, \$47.50; A. L. Zettergreen, 200 lb. at \$38, \$3.80; L. O. Zettergreen, 1,000 lb. at \$38, \$19.

"The reason for selling the above at this time and at these prices was that prices were falling, and after the camp closed were: Hay, \$25 per ton; oats, \$38 per ton. The cost to the Government for shipping the feed to storage would have been \$33; there was thus a saving to the Government of \$52.50 by disposing of feed as above."

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

1. Has any survey-work been carried on in connection with relocation or reconstruction of the road between Spences Bridge and Ashcroft?

2. If so, when, and who was in charge of this work?

3. If so, what is the estimated cost of relocating, rebuilding, and surfacing this road?

4. What width of road is provided for in such estimates?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes, between Spences Bridge and Cache Creek.

"2. 1921; H. R. Wade, under direction of F. J. Dawson, Assistant District Engineer.

"3. Preliminary estimate \$124,205 for the 30.67 miles between Lytton and Cache Creek.

"4. 18 feet."

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

1. When was work started on the diversion 7-10 Rutland-Ellison Road?

2. What was the total cost of completing this road?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. October, 1919.

"2. Work not completed; cost to date \$19,424.44; estimated \$1,200 required to complete surfacing."

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

1. Has any survey-work been carried on in connection with relocation or reconstruction of the road between Lytton and Spences Bridge?
2. If so, when, and who was in charge of this work?
3. If so, what is the estimated cost of relocating, rebuilding, and surfacing this road?
4. What width of road is provided for in such estimates?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 1919 (May to December); F. J. Dawson, B.C.L.S., D.L.S., under direction of W. K. Gwyer, locating engineer.

"3. Preliminary estimate \$179,273.

"4. 16-foot maximum."

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

What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works for engineering-work (other than that done by District Engineers) during each of the years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 up to November 15th?

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

"1918-19, \$3,863.16; 1919-20, \$49,306.02; 1920-21, \$80,577.38; 1921-22, \$84,947.04; 1922-23, \$95,066.79; 1923-24 (to date), \$47,197.58. The increased expenditure from 1920-21 to 1922-23 is on account of additional engineering-work entailed by reason of Federal aid grants, the same having been charged to the various works."

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

1. Has W. Hood been employed as clerk of the works on the Acute Mental Hospital at Essondale since March 31st, 1923?
2. If not as clerk of the works, in what capacity, if any, has he been employed?
3. What salary is he in receipt of?
4. What is the total amount of money paid W. Hood in connection with the Mental Hospital since date of commencement up to November 30th, 1923?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$200 per month.

"4. \$2,804.10."

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

What income-tax has General A. D. McRae paid to the Province of British Columbia for each of the years 1914 to 1923, inclusive?

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

"1914, \$157.50; 1915, \$125; 1916, none; 1917, none; 1918, none; 1919, none; 1920, \$2,116.53; 1921, none; 1922, \$85.03; tax for 1923, \$18.70 (not yet paid)."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th December, 1923.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Mr. Perry moved that the report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, received on the 11th instant, be adopted.

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

The Hon. the Premier, with the leave of the House, withdrew his objection on a point of order to the motion moved by Mr. Estling on 13th instant, and a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Kergin, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Hinchliffe on 17th instant, as follows:—

Whereas certain serious charges have been made from time to time on the floor of the House and in public in regard to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as well as against certain Members of this House in relation thereto:

And whereas the Premier has stated from his place on the floor of the House that charges of a very serious nature have been made publicly against himself in his former capacity of Minister of Railways in this regard:

And whereas for the protection of the Province it is necessary to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these as well as of all other charges in connection with the said railway and the construction thereof:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Royal Commission consisting of such person or persons, not exceeding three in number, as may be appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" be appointed to investigate the said charges, and that the said Commission be invested with all the powers and authority which under the said Act may be granted, including (but so as not to limit the generality of the powers aforementioned) power and authority to investigate all the facts, figures, costs, contracts, transactions, details, and all other matters directly or indirectly relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; and also into the relations and transactions between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the contractors or any other person, firm, or corporation directly or indirectly concerning the same; and further to make the fullest investigations into the personal dealings of any and all Members of this Legislature in connection with the matter under investigation; and generally to make the most searching inquiry into all matters that the said Commission may deem necessary to investigate in order to enable it to report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as to the truth or otherwise of all charges or matters in any way pertaining to the said railway, its construction, or the doings or dealings of any and all persons in connection therewith.

And that His Honour be pleased to order that the report of the said Commission be printed immediately after its presentation to him, and that copies of the report be forwarded to the Members of this Legislature.

Mr. Haacs moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Duncan,—

To add the following words after the word "same" in the nineteenth line thereof: "including the withdrawals of money from funds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, P. Welch, contractor or firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart (actual contractors in name of P. Welch), and final disposition of same to any person whatsoever, and the amounts each received, together with the use to which said money was put, whether for personal, private, political, campaign funds, influence, or for the purpose of obtaining charters, advantages, or benefits."

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene."

Bill (No. 27) (as amended) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District."

On the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Is the Revelstoke West Road, known as Project 22, completed?
2. What was the mileage of said road from Revelstoke to Sicamous?
3. Was this work done by contract, day-labour, or on the cost-plus basis?
4. If done by contract, who were the tenderers, and which one was accepted, giving the price of each tender?
5. What was the total cost to the Department of this road?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately 50 miles.

"3 and 4. Tenders called for first unit; one received, that of Angus McDonnell, who tendered on unit-price basis, with alternative bid on actual cost plus 10 per cent., the latter being accepted. Tenders called for further work in 1920: Rawlings & LaBrash, \$95,167.18; Greenlees & Boyd, \$121,372.58; Angus McDonnell, on estimated cost plus 10 per cent., with various conditions and reservations. Contract on this basis extended in June, 1921, and in June, 1922.

"5. \$427,270.61."

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

1. In what newspapers (if any) did notice appear asking for bids on the stone-work in connection with the new Science Building at Point Grey?
2. In how many issues (if any) of each newspaper did such notice appear?

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

"1 and 2. One quotation for stone-work was voluntarily submitted to contractors previous to the latter obtaining quotations. On instructions of the Minister competitive prices were obtained and the lower bid accepted. In this case, therefore, the firms dealing in the stone specified were reached without the necessity of newspaper advertising."

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

1. What amount of money has been expended on roads in the Tulameen District during each of the years 1921, 1922, and 1923 as at December 1st?
2. Who is the foreman in charge of roads in this district?
3. What rate of wages does he receive per day?
4. What is the age of such foreman?

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

"1. 1920-21, \$1,053.61; 1921-22, \$1,153.38; 1922-23, \$1,502.94; 1923-24 to December 1st, \$1,178.65.

"2. J. H. Jackson.

"3. \$4.50.

"4. 64 years."

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

1. Has the road between Fort George and Quesnel been completed?
2. If not, how much still remains to be done?
3. Who were the contractors on the work already done, and the amount of the contract in each case?
4. What has been the total cost paid on account of the building of this road to date?

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

"1. No.

"2. Approximately 18 miles.

"3. 1921: Bowles & Pickard, subsection 1 (Prince George to Stone Creek), \$25,336; Caine & Brawn, subsection 2 (Stone Creek to Hexon Creek), \$20,168.45. 1922: E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., completing portions of road between Prince George and Woodpecker, \$17,766.42; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., extension to above contract between Canyon Creek and Woodpecker, \$34,107.15.

"4. \$199,148.18, inclusive of work done by day-labour."

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

1. What was the cost to the Government for the building of the approaches to the bridge built in the year 1923 over the stream known as Sullivan's Creek on the Mara Lake Road? Give names of all employed on this work, showing number of days worked and amounts paid to each.
2. What was the total cost for all work done in connection with this work, including building of bridge, and approaches to same, and other work done on this creek during the year 1923?

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

"1 and 2. The expenditure on the approaches is included in the cost of the bridge as stated in reply to question No. 2, Orders of the Day No. 28."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount of revenue received from motor-licence fees from the Pentiction Agency for each of the years 1922 and 1923?
2. What is the total amount of revenue received from gun-licence fees from the Pentiction Agency for each of the years 1922 and 1923?

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

"1. 1922 (nine months): Fees, \$620.51; licences, \$2,660.94. 1923 (eleven months): Fees, \$2,735.09; licences, \$25,284.58.

"2. 1922 (nine months), \$2,409; 1923 (eleven months), \$2,623.63."

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

1. Were tenders called for the building and paving of a road from Murrayville to Langley, known as Project 9, Section 1?
2. If so, who were the tenderers, and the amount of each tender?
3. Who was the successful tenderer, and the amount of his tender?
4. Is this work now completed?
5. If so, when, and the total amount paid?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Cement concrete paving (excluding cement): A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$51,505.74; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$56,534.70; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$56,353.52. Asphaltic concrete paving (alternative): Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$57,467.30; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$70,031.90.

"3. A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$51,505.74.

"4. Yes.

"5. September, 1922; \$49,884.84, exclusive of cement."

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

1. What is the height of the Malahat Summit?
2. What is the cost per mile of maintaining the Malahat Drive per year?
3. What amount was spent on maintenance this year?



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

"1. 1,120 feet above sea-level.

"2. An average cost of \$11,826 for improvements and maintenance.

"3. \$6,511.88."

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

How much has been expended in repairs on the concrete highway on Lulu Island laid down by Harrison & Lamond?

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

"There has been no expenditure made in repairs on this section of the highway."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.12 p.m.

## Tuesday, 18th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*December 18th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*December 18th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many burglaries have taken place in the various Government Liquor Stores?
2. If any, give dates and places where same took place?
3. What was the quantity of liquor reported missing in each case?
4. Were any arrests made in any of said cases? If yes, what was the result thereof and the sentences meted out?

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

"1. Nineteen.

"2. Date, place, and value of liquor as follows:—

"1921: November, Grand Forks, \$1,096.88.

"1922: February, Vernon, \$115.38; March, Revelstoke, \$147.86; March, Anyox, \$130.22; April, Keremeos, \$40.80; April 29th, Powell Street, Vancouver, \$23.95; May 21st, Keremeos, \$1,745.62; June 10th, Cumberland, \$149.47; August 19th, Ashcroft, \$162.45; November 20th, Powell Street, Vancouver, \$69.77; December 9th, Coquitlam, \$33.42; December 23rd, McBride, \$353.06.

"1923: January 23rd, Keremeos, \$894.11; April 4th, Kamloops, \$18.55; May 22nd, Quesnel, \$47.25; June 13th, Greenwood, \$1,772.67; June 13th, Langley Prairie, \$529.33; August 23rd, Maillardville, \$7.27; September 29th, Parksville, \$166.75; December 10th, Williams Lake, no report.

"Liquor stocks in every Government Liquor Store are, and have been, covered by burglary insurance. All of the above amounts have been recovered from the insurance company, with the exception of the sums of \$1,096.88, Grand Forks, and \$745.62, Keremeos.

"The insurance company refused to pay in the case of Grand Forks on the ground that entrance to the store was effected by duplicate pass-keys, and by the terms of the policy the company is only liable for burglarious entry where such entry is effected by breaking of doors or windows or by means of violence. In the case of Keremeos the stock was insured against burglary in the sum of \$1,000, and the company paid to the extent of their liability.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Yes. E. Guilbault, convicted at Quesnel, and burglar at Williams Lake captured with goods."

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

1. Who were the contractors for the building of the Rossland-Cascade Road, and what was the amount of the contract price?
2. Was this done by tender?
3. Is this road now completed?
4. What was the total amount paid to the contractors on account of said road?

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

"1. 1920: A. W. Davis, mileage (east of Cascade) 35-40.75, inclusive, 20 per cent. of estimated cost (\$77,434.50) less 10 per cent. of actual cost (Section 10). 1921: W. P. Tierney & Co., mileage 0-15, inclusive, \$169,924.50 (Section F). 1922: W. P. Tierney & Co., mileage 16-34, inclusive, \$226,563.83 (Sections G and K).

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$587,384.55, including cost of surfacing portion of road not in contract."

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

1. Who was the successful tenderer for the building of the Acute Mental Hospital at Essondale?
2. What was the contract price of the successful tenderer?
3. Is the building completed? If not, when is it expected that it will be completed?
4. How much has already been paid to the main contractor, and how much has been paid on the other contracts, such as heating and ventilating?
5. What amount does the Department expect the building will cost to fully complete it?
6. What amount does the Department expect the furnishings will cost?

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

- "1. McDougall-McNeill, Ltd., and Barr & Anderson, Ltd.
- "2. Building, \$578,800; heating and ventilating, \$53,222.
- "3. No; about March 31st, 1924.
- "4. McDougall-McNeill, Ltd., \$476,079.65; Barr & Anderson, Ltd. (heating and ventilating), \$33,488.10.
- "5. Very little over the contract price.
- "6. From \$50,000 to \$75,000."

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

1. Were tenders called for certain work in connection with alterations and repairs to the building now used as a School for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind at Point Grey?
2. If so, who tendered, and what is the amount of each tender?
3. Which firm received the contract?
4. On what date was the work commenced?
5. On what date was it completed?
6. Were any extras allowed? If yes, give details?
7. Is the work finished? If so, what was the total cost thereof?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. For alterations and renovations: Dominion Construction Co., \$19,270; E. D. Cook & Co., \$19,500; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$20,700; E. Chrystal & Co., \$20,885.60; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$21,221; Western Construction Co., \$22,136; Smith Bros. & Wilson, \$26,700; G. M. Champion, \$23,800; C. F. Perry, \$27,867. Architect's estimate, \$25,000.
- "Repairs to four cottages: F. P. Rogers, \$1,365; J. Layfield, \$1,625; Mc & Mc Roofing & Building Co., \$1,792; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$1,590; Broley & Martin, \$2,628; E. Chrystal & Co., \$2,640; Western Construction Co., \$3,022. Architect's estimate, \$1,600.
- "Exterior painting: A. V. Lewis, \$1,350; C. J. Cummings & Co., \$1,680; A. Voegel, \$1,865.60; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$2,175; Johnston & Paterson, \$2,500. Architect's estimate, \$1,500.

"3. For alterations and renovations and repairs to four cottages, E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.; exterior painting, A. V. Lewis.

"4 and 5. Alterations and renovations commenced September 16th, 1921; completed March, 1922. Repairs to four cottages commenced May 23rd, 1922; completed January 19th, 1923. Exterior painting commenced April 7th, 1922; completed July 30th, 1922.

"6. The following additional work was done: Cleaning down preparatory to painting, fire-escapes, fire-hose, fire-alarms, new chimney-stack, drinking-fountains, lockers, connecting washing-machine, new flooring, new fence, cement sidewalk, alterations to doors, varnishing linoleum, plumbing alterations, new porch, hot-water service, extra painting.

"7. \$30,541.16."

*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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests" Mr. *Bowser* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Poolcy*, as follows:—

Section 91: To strike out the words "of March, 1930," in lines two and three, and to insert in lieu thereof the words "of December, 1924."

A debate arose, and the House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Schofield</i>		

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was committed.  
The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves."

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

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## Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Department do work in connection with what is known as Serpentine Fill on the Pacific Highway?
2. Were tenders called for this work, or was it done on the cost-plus basis?
3. If by contract, what was the amount to be paid?
4. Who were the contractors and what was the total amount it cost the Department?

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

"1 to 4. This is known as Project 9, Section C, and the information is given in reply to question No. 18 on Orders of the Day No. 36."

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

1. What was the cost of Section C, Project 9, Pacific Highway, between Cloverdale and the American boundary?
2. What was the cost of Section A, Project 10, same highway?
3. What was the cost of Section B, Project 10, same highway?
4. What was the length of Section C, Project 9, and A and B, Project 10?
5. Who tendered on each section, and what were the amounts tendered?
6. Who were the successful tenderers?
7. What was the total amount paid the successful tenderer?
8. Was any of this work done on a cost-plus basis? If so, what were the particulars, the amounts paid, and to whom paid?

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

"1. Project 9, Section C, is between New Westminster Bridge and Cloverdale. Filling Serpentine Flats, surfacing, etc., \$128,067.65, extra cost due to additional material required owing to settlement of ground; paving, \$56,840.82.

"2. Filling Nicomekl Flats, gravelling, etc., \$72,415.61; paving, \$120,173.23.

"3. \$149,027.95.

"4. Section C, 1.4 miles; Section A, 3.04 miles; Section B, 4.02 miles.

"5. Project 9, Section C (fill): T. J. Sullivan, \$59,439; Vancouver Cement Floor Co., \$62,215.29; Mayne Construction Co., \$66,879.37; Nickson Construction Co., \$69,939.74; Palmer Bros., \$79,477.59; Northern Construction Co., \$83,695.96; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$87,177.48; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$104,365.74.

"Project 10, Section A (fill): A. B. Palmer Co., Ltd., \$63,687.47; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$64,824.10; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$68,878.39; Harrison & Lamond Construction Co., Ltd., \$73,838.30; Reynolds Motor Cartage & Haulage Co., \$75,175.54.

"Project 9, Section C, and Project 10, Sections A and B (paving), exclusive of cement: A. B. Palmer Co., Ltd., \$248,396.50; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$249,080.15; United Paving & Construction Co., Ltd., \$280,469.75; Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$292,592.30.

"6. Project 9, Section C, and Project 10, Section A (fills): A. B. Palmer Co., Ltd.; Project 9, Section C, and Project 10, Sections A and B (paving), A. B. Palmer Co., Ltd.

"7. Project 9, Section C (fill), \$94,465.07; additional work, \$16,570.30; Project 10, Section A (fill), \$68,273.78; Project 9, Section C, and Project 10, Sections A and B, \$245,967.25; work almost completed.

"8. No."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.25 p.m.

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## Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

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QUARTER TO THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*December 19th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, the Order for Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*December 19th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.  
 Bill introduced and read a first and second time.  
 To be committed at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*December 19th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.  
 Reported complete with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was again committed.  
 Reported complete with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District" was read a second time.  
 To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented corrected answers to the following questions asked by Mr. *Menzies*:—

1. What is the height of the Malahat Summit?
2. What is the cost per mile of maintaining the Malahat Drive per year?
3. What amount was spent on maintenance this year?

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

- "1. 1,120 feet above sea-level.
- "2. An average cost of \$11,826 for improvement and maintenance for 17 miles, being average of total cost for past five years.
- "3. \$6,511.88."

*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 6 p.m.



Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor, in order to correct a typographical error, transmits herewith the following amendment to Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia":—

"To strike out the figures '1924' in line sixteen of section 1 of the said Bill, and to substitute in lieu thereof the figures '1925,'"

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*December 18th, 1923.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill and amendment 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 the following amendment to Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia":—

"To strike out the figures '1924' in line sixteen of section 1 of the said Bill, and to substitute in lieu thereof the figures '1925.'"

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered,* That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole forthwith having in charge Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*December 17th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounties Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Hanes* moved for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* rose to a point of order.  
 Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was again committed. Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed. Progress reported.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act,'" Mr. *Pooley* moved the following amendment:—

To add the following as section 17:—

"17. This Part shall come into operation on Proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor after having submitted to a vote of the electors pursuant to the provisions of the 'Liquor-control Plebiscites Act,' being an Act of the present session, the question set out in the form of ballot contained in section 3 of that Act, and upon it appearing from the statement of the Provincial Secretary pursuant to that Act that the total number of votes in the affirmative exceeds fifty per cent. of the total votes polled in respect of that question."

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Neclauds</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Duncan</i>		

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" a point of order arose.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Towboat Owners and Operators" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved the following amendments:—

That paragraph 8 of the Schedule to Bill 32 be amended by inserting the word "Newcastle" between the word "Cowichan" and the word "Electoral" where they occur in the paragraph.

That paragraph 22 of the Schedule be amended by inserting after the word "Cowichan" the word "Newcastle" wherever it occurs in the paragraph.

The amendments were carried.

Mr. *Duncan* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out the word "forty-eight" in the last line of section 2, and substitute therefor the word "forty-nine."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanco</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>			

NAYS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Manson</i>		

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the time of superannuation of the Chief Censor of Moving Pictures been extended; and, if so, to what date?

2. Has the Attorney-General or Civil Service Commissioner received any communication in the last six months in which attention was drawn to extreme lack of courtesy, or to positive discourtesy, on the part of the Chief Censor toward his staff, or in general, or toward any individual member in particular?

3. Was the attention of the Censor directed to this complaint, or was it investigated?

4. If so, by whom?

5. Did any Civil Servant resign on account of such bad treatment by the Censor?

6. If so, who?

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

"1. Yes. March 31st, 1924.

"2. No.

"3 to 6. Answered by No. 2."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 2 a.m.

Thursday, 20th December, 1923.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. S. Patterson*.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, received on 14th instant, was adopted.

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

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act,'" Mr. *Clearihue* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out section 4.

A debate arose, and the House divided.

The amendment was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Esting</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>			

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Nelands</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manson</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>			

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted. Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was adopted.

Third read at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Women and Girls in certain Cases" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Towboat Owners and Operators" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

Second reading negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>			

NAYS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Manson</i>		

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounties Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.05 p.m.

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Thursday, 20th December, 1923.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Clearihue* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 20th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that the fees paid in respect of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" be refunded to the promoters of the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out the words "a close season for one or more years has been declared and limited to such period" in the sixth and seventh lines, and substitute therefor the words "there has been no open season as to fur-bearing animals within the preceding period of twelve months."

Amendment carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" Mr. *Bowser* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out section 4, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"4. That Part IV. of chapter 75 be struck out."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Esling</i>			

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Jackson</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings," Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* moved the following amendment:—

To add at the end of the eleventh line of subsection (c) of section 2 the words "or any vegetable- or fruit-canning plant."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Jones</i>	

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	

Mr. *Burde* moved the following amendment:—

Section 15: To strike out the word and figures "January, 1925," in the first and second lines, and to substitute therefor the word and figures "July, 1924."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>			

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Bowser</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Jones</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil."

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Agents' Licensing Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District" was committed. Reported complete with amendments. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounties Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver."

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Women and Girls in certain Cases," the Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved the following amendment:—

That the word "in" be inserted in the second line of section 3 between the words "girl" and "or."

Amendment carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" a point of order arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, and delivered his decision as follows:—

"I am asked to rule as to whether Bill 73, 'An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act,"' is in order as being brought in by a private member.

"The purport of the Bill is to create an additional county or territorial division for judicial and other purposes. The 'County Courts Act,' being chapter 53, section 183, 'Revised Statutes,

1911,' says: 'In every county there shall be an officer or officers to be called the "Clerk of the Peace," and such and so many other officers as to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appear to be necessary.'

"The amendment sought to be made by this Bill to the 'Counties Definition Act' therefore would necessarily involve and require the expenditure of public money, and cannot under Rule 119 be proposed by a private member.

"The Bill is not in order."

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

Whereas it is recognized as necessary for the development of the natural resources of British Columbia, and with a view to laying the foundations for the industrial expansion of the Canadian Pacific North-west, that an iron and steel industry should be established in this Province:

And whereas the question of the establishment of the industry hereinbefore mentioned has received much consideration in this Province in recent years and has been endorsed as one of the imperative needs of the Province:

And whereas it is of paramount importance that the iron-ore and coal deposits of the Province should be developed in order that the dormant unexploited wealth of British Columbia may be made more than at present a factor in the trade and commerce of Canada and employment given to many who have made their homes in this Province:

And whereas it is felt that encouragement may justly be asked for the work of building-up of a Province on the Pacific Coast that in point of population, industrial activity, and prosperity will reflect the richness and variety of its natural resources:

And whereas the Government of the Dominion of Canada assisted in its inception, and continued such aid until it was well established, the iron and steel industry of Eastern Canada by granting a bounty on pig-iron and certain of the products of rolling-mills conditioned upon such manufacture taking place in Canada from the iron ores of Canada, with the result that there was established on a sound basis one of the most important industries of Eastern Canada and one of the first industries of its kind on the American Continent:

And whereas it is desirable, in order to assure the early development of the iron-ore and other mineral resources of Western Canada, that the establishment of an iron and steel industry in British Columbia should be granted financial support by means of a bounty on the products of such industry by the Government of the Dominion of Canada:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislature of the Province of British Columbia endorse the principle of the granting of a bounty by the Government of the Dominion of Canada on pig-iron and associated products which may be manufactured in this Province from the iron ores of the Province of British Columbia.

And be it further *Resolved*, That this Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, being impressed with the importance of the establishment of an iron and steel industry in this Province for the reasons hereinbefore set out, respectfully petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada to grant early consideration to this their petition.

And be it further *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,—

Whereas under the present banking system all deposits made with all banks in British Columbia are under the control of the directors of those banks, who are men of Eastern training, experience, and interest:

And whereas the control of all moneys deposited in banks in British Columbia is exercised by men who have no direct interest in the progress, prosperity, or development of the various industries and other enterprises common to this Province:

And whereas the present banking system is tending to place the control of all the moneys in the Dominion of Canada in the hands of a comparatively few men:

And whereas the failure of the Home Bank and the merger of other banks has disclosed the instability of the present banking system:

And whereas it is essential that the moneys of British Columbia shall be controlled by British Columbians:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of this Province petition the Dominion Government with a request that the Dominion Government direct a general inquiry into the banking activities carried on by the present banking institutions in this Province, with a view to ascertaining:—

First: The total amount of money deposited with the said banks in the Province of British Columbia during the last twenty years:

Second: The total amount of credits extended by the various banking institutions in British Columbia, segregated as to municipal and Provincial Government and other public corporations, such as the Joint Sewerage Board, etc.:

Third: Industrial enterprises engaged in the development of natural resources, other industrial enterprises, commercial enterprises other than insurance companies and real-estate brokers:

Fourth: The gross revenue secured by banks in British Columbia during a similar period, as against gross expenses:

Fifth: The net profits made by the banks in British Columbia during that period of time.

And be it further Resolved, That the Government of British Columbia take under consideration the advisability of establishing in this Province a banking institution that shall be an institution representative of the interests of this Province.

And be it further Resolved, That this Legislature respectfully petition the Government of Canada to indemnify the depositors of the Home Bank who have lost all their savings through the failure of the bank, and many of whom are facing privations, distress, and destitution at the present time.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution and the Preamble hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

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

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

1. Has the Department built a road this year from Fort St. John to the Nelson River?
2. If so, when was this work started, and is it now completed?
3. What is the length of said road?
4. What has been the cost of the road to date?
5. How much will have to be spent to finish the road?
6. What was the justification for this expenditure?
7. What is the distance between Fort St. John and Fort Nelson?
8. How many settlers live on said road?

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

"1. A sleigh-road is now under construction.

"2. August; not completed.

"3. 165 miles approximately.

"4. \$727.70, according to vouchers in this office; cannot obtain cost to date owing to remoteness of road camp.

"5. Sleigh-road will be built for the amount appropriated; and further expenditures will depend on traffic requirements.

"6. To open up the northern section of the Province adjacent to Peace River; this route will divert traffic to the Peace River Section, which hitherto was routed via Great Slave Lake, consequently reducing the freight rates; and, further, this route will be open six weeks earlier than routes previously used. Will create a local market. See also answers 4 and 5, Votes and Proceedings No. 14, page 7.

"7. 170 miles approximately.

"8. Approximately 150 adjacent to Fort St. John."

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

The names and addresses of all persons qualified to issue marriage licences in the Province of British Columbia?

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

"Registrars under the 'Marriage Act': George L. Anderson, Kitimat; William R. Allen, Kitimat; T. J. Armstrong, New Westminster; John Baird, Cumberland; Herbert Beech, Barkerville; T. M. Bowman, Nelson; J. A. Brown, Keremeos; H. B. Campbell, Williams Lake; John Conway, Anyox; W. R. Dewdney, Penticton; L. A. Dodd, Nanaimo; H. W. Dodd, Telegraph Creek; John Dunlop, Lillooet; R. A. Dorrell, Clinton; Fred Fraser, Fort Fraser; E. Fisher, Kamloops; E. G. Freeze, Alberni; H. B. French, Victoria; E. C. Gibbs, Creston; W. H. Gibson, Bella Coola; Heber W. Goggin, Victoria; M. Gorman, Tete Jaune Cache; A. P. Grant, Vancouver; Knud Hansen, Holberg; H. F. Helmsing (as to Indians only), Kootenay Agency; Ronald Hewat, Kaslo; Thomas W. Herne, Prince Rupert; H. S. Hoskins, Smithers; Hugh Hunter, Princeton; Edward Hyde (as to Indians only), Babine Agency; J. Johnson, Salmon Arm; J. B. Knowles, Kelowna; E. C. Lunn, Quesnel; Alfred H. Lomas (as to Indians only), Cowichan Agency; John Mahony, Vancouver; J. Maitland-Dougall, Duncan; Winfield Maxwell, Revelstoke; George Milburn, Fort George; Harry Connell Moore, Golden; Charles L. Munroe, Atlin; N. A. McDiarmid, Ladner; Angus McInnes, New Denver; H. P. McMartin, New Westminster; Thomas McNeish, Slovan City; Leonard Norris, Vernon; Justinian Pelly, Chilliwack; T. A. Pope, Penticton; John Pritchard Scarlett, Stewart; G. E. Sanborn, Golden; E. M. Sandilands, Wilmer; W. Scott, Nakusp; S. Service, McBride; Robert J. Stenson, Fernie; J. Stewart, Ladysmith; F. A. Small, Cranbrook; Rev. M. Swartout, Ucluelet; Dr. H. E. Young, Victoria.

"Issuers of marriage licences: R. F. Archibald, North Vancouver; N. T. Baker, Agassiz; J. L. Barge, Queen Charlotte City; George Barber, Fort St. John; F. G. Bews, Revelstoke; Andrew Black, Fernie; T. H. Boothe, Penticton; W. H. Boothroyd, Merritt; J. D. Charleson, Vanderhoof; C. B. Christenson, Fisherman Bay, Vancouver Island; Frank Ross Cotton, New Westminster; A. O'N. Daunt, Indian Agent, Clinton; W. T. Dawley, Clayoquot; Thomas Deasy, Masset; David G. Dick, Rivers Inlet; G. T. Duncan, Pouce Coupe; W. M. Halliday, Indian Agent, Alert Bay; George H. Hill, Ocean Falls; Oscar Jacobsen, Trout Lake; Charles William Long, Powell River; John D. Moore, Pouce Coupe; F. L. Mosher, Houston; William M. Mouat, Ganges; George R. Mutrie, Courtenay; John A. MacDougal, Hudson Hope; J. C. McIntyre, Mission; William P. Mandale, Mission; Alexander McCallum, Abbotsford; F. F. O'Halloran, Tete Jaune Cache; Rev. Samuel Spencer Peat, Bella Coola; J. D. Pettigrew, Kelowna; C. H. Price, Westholme; H. M. Ramsay, Penticton; Ernest H. Robinson, Alert Bay; Mary J. Robinson (acting), Alert Bay; Thomas H. Rotherham, Hedley; Rev. W. H. Pierce, Port Essington; Robert Sangster, Victoria; Adam Stark, Summerland; Harry Tidy, Keremeos; A. R. Waldie, Trail; Alexander Wimbles, Fort George; Walter McM. Wright, Armstrong; J. M. Wright, Armstrong; Indian Agents at Hazelton, Nass River, and Prince Rupert agencies.

"(NOTE.—This list dates back some years, and at the present time is in course of revision.)"

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

1. Did the Government Engineers condemn the Westham Island Bridge?
2. If so, when?
3. Did the Government build approaches to said bridge?
4. If so, what did these approaches cost?
5. Did the Government put in a ferry after the approaches were built?
6. Was it impossible for the ferry to work as the approaches were not put in properly?
7. If so, how does the Government propose to rectify this?

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

"1. Yes, for gross loads over 2 tons; further inspection is now being made to determine the future of this bridge.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes, in 1911; no new approaches have been built since.

"4. Cost of approaches built in 1911 cannot be segregated from total cost of bridge.

"5. Ferry was installed in 1923 to carry heavy traffic.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Is McKenzie, the Grazing Commissioner, a British subject?
2. How many employees of the Lands Department (including the Forest Branch, the Water Branch, and all other branches) are not British subjects?
3. If any, what are their names, and what positions do they hold?

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

"1. A New Zealander. Upon entering Forest Service of the United States, became a citizen of the United States. He is now in process of reinstatement as British subject.

"2. None, other than as set out in No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Were tenders called for the paving of the Ladner Trunk Road?
2. If so, the names of the tenderers and the successful one, and the amounts in each case?
3. What was the estimated cost of this road?
4. How much did the Delta Municipality contribute towards it, and how much did the Dominion Government contribute?
5. What percentage did the Provincial Government pay?
6. Did this road give trouble after it was finished?
7. If so, was any extra work done on it?
8. What did this extra work cost, and who paid for it?
9. What was the total cost of the road, and what did the Delta Municipality contribute towards it?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. See Journals, 1922, pages 91 and 92.

"3. \$272,978.71; estimate does not include supervision.

"4. Final contribution not adjusted with municipality. Dominion Government contribution \$109,407.40.

"5. On Federal aid projects Dominion contributes 40 per cent.; balance payable by municipality and Province.

"6. No.

"7 and 8. Answered by No. 6.

"9. \$279,261.57; municipal contribution, answered by No. 4."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 21st December, 1923.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Premier presented the report, with relative exhibits, of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, on the cost of work carried out under the contract with the Northern Construction Company, Limited, dated September 18th, 1918, and amendments and revisions thereto.

To be laid upon the table.

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

What are the details of each one of the fifty-four charges referred to in the letter of instructions of the Minister of Railways to Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., and by whom were they made and against whom were they directed?

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

“Information asked for will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House.”

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

1. What was the value of goods purchased for resale to workmen, and what was the final result of same as to profit or loss sustained?

2. What was the value of merchandise purchased for subsistence of employees, and what was the final result as to profit and loss?

3. What was the value of the inventory of equipment, material, and supplies at final settlement with contractors?

4. Of the supplies remaining on hand at the final settlement with the Northern Construction Company, what quantities have been sold, when, to whom, and at what prices?

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

“Answers to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House.”

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

1. What prices on various classifications of material moved were paid by the Northern Construction Company to Murdock & Co. on the Quesnel regrade?

2. Did Murdock & Co. sublet this work?

3. What prices did the sub-contractors receive from Murdock & Co. on the various classifications?

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

“The answers to questions 1, 2, and 3 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House.”

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

1. Did Duncan Murdock have a sub-contract from the Northern Construction Company or the Pacific Great Eastern in 1919 or 1920?

2. If so, for how many miles?

3. What price did Northern Construction Company pay Murdock for the work?

4. Did Murdock again sublet the work?

5. If so, to whom, and at what price?

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

“The answers to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House.”

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

1. Did Joyce & Johnson have a contract from the Northern Construction Company for cutting timber for the 4-Mile and 6-Mile Bridges on the Pacific Great Eastern?
2. If so, what price per M. were they paid by the Northern Construction Company?
3. What price per M. did the Northern Construction Company charge the Pacific Great Eastern?
4. Did Fraeleck & Kelly have a contract from the Northern Construction Company for erecting the timbers for these bridges?
5. If so, what price per M. were they paid by the Northern Construction Company?
6. What price per M. did the Northern Construction Company charge the Pacific Great Eastern?

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

"Answers to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House."

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

1. Did Fraeleck & Kelly have a sub-contract to erect the timbers on Australian Creek Bridge on the Pacific Great Eastern?
2. If so, what was the sub-contract price?
3. What was the actual cost?
4. What price did the Northern Construction Company charge the Pacific Great Eastern for this work?

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

"The answers to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House."

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

1. Did G. G. Fraeleck or associates have any sub-contracts from the Northern Construction Company for ties on the Pacific Great Eastern?
2. If so, how many ties did he or his associates furnish altogether?
3. What price did he receive from the Northern Construction Company for these ties?
4. What price did the Northern Construction Company charge the Pacific Great Eastern?

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

"The answers to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., to be presented to the House."

HALF-PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

W. H. *Langley*, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
- (No. 2) An Act respecting Cemetery Companies.
- (No. 3) An Act respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans.
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Loan Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
- (No. 9) An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Official Guardians Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Apiaries Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."
- (No. 14) An Act for the Protection of Women and Girls in certain Cases.
- (No. 16) An Act respecting the Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols.

- (No. 18) An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of certain Municipal Fire Departments.
- (No. 19) An Act respecting the Two-platoon System for Employees of certain Municipal Fire Departments.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 21) An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs.
- (No. 22) An Act respecting Probate Duty.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 24) An Act respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Department of Industries Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
- (No. 34) An Act respecting the Titles to certain Foreshores and Lands covered by the Waters of False Creek, in the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 35) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene.
- (No. 36) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil.
- (No. 37) An Act respecting Stockyards and Live-stock Exchanges.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act Relief Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to repeal the "Offensive Weapons Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Married Women's Property Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1914."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Rural Street-lighting Act."
- (No. 50) An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia.
- (No. 51) An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert.
- (No. 52) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 53) An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.
- (No. 54) An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 55) An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.
- (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Fire Insurance Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 70) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.
- (No. 71) An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Public Inquiries Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Landlord and Tenant Act."



- (No. 76) An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Government Liquor Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Pharmacy Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Iron Bounties Act."
- (No. 80) An Act respecting the West Nicome Dyking District.
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Insurance Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 86) An Act respecting the City of New Westminster Reserves.
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act"
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 91) An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District.
- (No. 92) An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings.
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I wish to express my appreciation of the careful consideration you have given to the many important subjects which have been placed before you.

The Bill to amend the "Constitution Act" will ensure a more equitable representation of the electors in the various electoral districts than at present obtains.

The Bill relating to foreshores in the City of Vancouver will provide a security of title hitherto lacking, and should be a material aid to industrial expansion in that locality.

Legislation providing for a reduction of taxation on farm lands, personal property, and places of amusement will afford a welcome relief; and I sincerely hope that the new forms of taxation imposed may be found to be not unreasonably burdensome.

The completion of the work of Statute revision and the Bill confirming the same have my warmest commendation.

The legislation providing for a reference to the electorate of questions pertaining to intoxicating liquors and the amendments made to the "Liquor Act" will doubtless remedy undesirable conditions now existing.

The "Hours of Work Act" should tend towards betterment of labour conditions, and it is hoped will assist in stabilizing industrial undertakings within the Province.

The Bills providing for a more efficient organization of the Provincial Police, amendments to the Hospital, School, Municipal, and other Acts should prove beneficial to the Province.

The amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act," making for the greater safety of underground workers, meet with my earnest approval.

Bounties to the extent of \$2,000,000 offered on pig-iron production in the Province, together with representations to the Dominion Government advocating the granting of a Federal subsidy, will, I hope, result at an early date in the establishment of an industrial steel-producing plant in British Columbia.

I thank you for the supplies so generously granted for the Public Service, and in relieving you from your legislative duties, I trust that the result of your labours will be abundantly blessed in the continued progress and prosperity of the Province.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

E. A. PAULINE, *Speaker*.

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