Tuesday, March 13th, 1928.

QUARTER TO THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, Bill (No. 67) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mrs. *Smith* presented the report of the Select Committee appointed on February 29th on Bill (No. 26) initialed "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia," as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, March 12th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed on February 29th on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia" begs leave to report as follows:---

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Bill and is of the opinion that, while the intention of the Bill is not objectionable, certain of its provisions conflict with the "Barbers Act" and for that reason your Committee cannot recommend its introduction.

It is also the opinion of your Committee that the promotion of sanitation and public health justifies the enactment of legislation along the lines desired by the Hairdressers' Association, but as it is desirable to avoid the unnecessary duplication of administrative machinery and the encouragement of monopolistic tendencies, your Committee have brought the representatives of the barbers and the hairdressers together and attempted to have the "Barbers Act" amended to meet the wishes of both parties. Owing, however, to the late date at which your Committee was able to accomplish this, and the apparent misunderstanding between the parties, your Committee has not succeeded in this effort.

Your Committee recommends that the Hon. the Minister of Labour endeavour to effect an agreement between the barbers and the hairdressers with a view to the introduction at the next Session of the House of acceptable amendments to the "Barbers Act," but, failing this, your Committee believes that a special Hairdressers Act should be enacted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY E. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division :---

YEAS-25.

Messieurs

Neelands Browne Uphill Burde Stoddart Harrison Bryan

Wrinch Colley Odlum Mackenzie, I. A. Manson, A. M. MacLean McDonald Gray McPherson Leary McRae Woodward

Paterson Kergin Perry Barrow Sutherland Pattullo

NAYS—17. Messieurs

Creery Kennedy Bruhn Wallinger Lyons Hayward Twigg Schofield Walkem sieurs Coventry Peek Davie Lister

McKenzie, W. A. Jones Pooley Hinchliffe

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Catherwood Manson, M. Smith, Mrs. Munn

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on February 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and March 5th, 8th, 9th, and 12th 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.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(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 :—

\$116,790.74 for the financial year ended March 31st, 1927.

270,929.66 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1928.

20,821,360.90 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1929.

\$21,209,081.30

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

Mr. Wallinger asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :---

1. How many feet, approximately, of timber, board measure, will be required to construct all bridges and culverts on that portion of the Cariboo Highway between Lytton and Spences Bridge?

2. What is the estimated value thereof?

3. How many lineal feet, approximately, of round timber will be required to construct cribwork on that portion of the Cariboo Highway between Lytton and Spences Bridge?

4. What is the estimated value thereof?

5. How many cubic yards, approximately, of concrete will be required to construct protection and retaining walls on that portion of the Cariboo Highway between Lytton and Spences Bridge?

6. What is the approximate value thereof?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows :--

"1. 508.000 F.B.M.

"2. \$31.000.

"3. 145,000 lineal feet.

"4. \$55,000.

" 5. 6,044.

"6. \$75.000."

Mr. Woodward asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :---

1. Has the Government found by the addition of three business-men as Directors on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, year 1925, any improvement in business, and is the railway more economically run and better managed now, or do you prefer the old system?

2. Has the Government given any consideration to the appointment of two business-men as executives, to manage the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, at a salary of \$5,000 each per annum; this salary to be increased as the business and profits of the railway increase and justify?

3. Has the Government decided on a Commission of two men to sell, rent, or dispose of these sixteen or seventeen million acres of land grant given to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; and, if so, will the proceeds of any sales, rents, or any other revenue of these said lands be used to reduce the Pacific Great Eastern Railway liability?

4. Has the Government any knowledge of the value of these sixteen or seventeen million acres of land, in dollars, at the present time, also what the value might be twenty years hence?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows :---

"1. There has been improvement in business and this year's deficit is less than in any year since the road began operation. Several factors entered into bringing about this result. Economies have been made during the last few years.

"2. No.

"3. No one can sell the railway without the approval of the Legislature.

"4. Some of this land is valuable. Some is not. Transportation facilities will enhance the values. It is impossible to state definitely what the land values will be twenty years hence."

Mr. Colley asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :---

1. Did Alexandra Ranch, Tranquille, operate at a profit or a loss for the fiscal year 1927-28?

2. If at a profit, how much?

3. If at a loss, how much?

4. Is there an increase in value of live stock on the farm since the Provincial Government took the institution over from the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society?

5. Is there an average increase in milk production from the dairy herd since the Provincial Government took the institution over?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows :--

"1. Operated at a profit.

"2. \$1,323 profit.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Yes; increase in value of live stock amounting to \$18,720.50.

"5. Yes; increase in average milk production of 2,868 lb. per head."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1928.

QUARTER TO NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 65) 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 Bill (No. 65) 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.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million six hundred thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified " was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified " was committed.

Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria," Mr. *Hayward* moved in amendment as follows:—

To strike out section 10.

The amendment was carried.

Report as amended to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to include the Inhabitants of The Corporation of The District of South Vancouver and the Corporation of Point Grey, and the Respective Areas thereof, within the City of Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Trade Licence Boards," Mr. *Davie* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *McPherson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Section 10, line 5: That the words "his last application" be struck out, and the words "the date on which his last licence under this Part expired" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was carried.

Section 10, subsection (3), line 4: That the words "and his qualifications for and knowledge of the business of insurance" be inserted after the word "reputation."

The amendment was carried.

Report as amended to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. Davie on February 29th on the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Stoddart:---

Whereas the Cariboo, in which Quesnel is an important factor, has had its development seriously retarded for many years by two factors, namely: (a) The lack of rail connection with Prince George and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway; and (b) the uncertainty as to the future of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:

And whereas lack of completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George is seriously hindering development within the area traversed by the said Pacific Great Eastern and beyond:

And whereas an aggressive railway policy has already greatly assisted the said railway by increasing both freight and passenger traffic and reducing operating loss:

And whereas powerful interests are even now at work with the intention of diverting Northern British Columbia business from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:

And whereas the Government has stated that it will complete the railway if private interests do not acquire it:

And whereas we see no immediate prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway being taken over by private interests or transcontinental lines:

Now this Legislature formally goes on record as urging the Government to complete the said railway to Prince George without any further delay, in the strong belief that such action will bring prosperity to the Cariboo, cause the immediate development of natural resources, produce additional freight and passenger traffic, aid in the upbuilding of Coast points, and be of general benefit to the Province—

as follows :--

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS,—The honourable member for Cowichan-Newcastle raised a point of order on February 29th on the motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable member for Cariboo. "The proposed motion is not in order in that it violates Standing Order 118.

"The motion leads up to an expression of an opinion of the House recommending the expenditure of the public money."

Mr. Lyons moved, seconded by Mr. Peck,-

Whereas many returned soldiers, with disabilities of various kinds, have, for various reasons since the recent war, come from other parts of Canada to reside in British Columbia:

And whereas on account of their disabilities many of these men are not fitted to compete in the labour market with men who are not disabled:

And whereas some of these men are financially unable to provide for themselves such medical and other attention as would be beneficial to them, and are liable to become a charge upon the community:

And whereas the Government of Canada owes a duty to all men who volunteered for service during the said war:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that free medical treatment, medicine, and hospitalization be provided for all returned soldiers who are in need of such things, by the Government of Canada. And that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the proper officials at Ottawa.

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

On the motion of Mr. Bruhn, the report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry was adopted.

Resolved, That the House at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1928.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

. On the motion of Dr. Wrinch, the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The amended Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The amended Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,' "Mr. *Twigg* moved in amendment as follows:—

Section 6, subsection (1) (0), line 10: To strike out all words after "be less than," and to substitute therefor the following: "Two dollars and fifty cents per thousand feet, board measure, upon all timber suitable for the manufacture of lumber and shingles cut upon land situate west of the Cascade Mountains, and one dollar and fifty cents per thousand feet, board measure, upon all other species."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order as affecting the revenues of the Crown.

Mr. Twigg appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :---

YEAS-25.

Messieurs

Neelands	Wrinch	MacLean	Woodward
Browne	Colley	McDonald	Paterson
Uphill	Odlum	Gray	Kergin
Burde	Mackenzie, I. A.	McPherson	Barrow
Stoddart	Smith, Mrs.	Leary	Sutherland
Harrison	Manson, A. M.	McRae	Pattullo
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Messieurs

Creery Kennedy Bruhn Wallinger Lyons Hayward Twigg Schofield Walkem Coventry Peck Davie Lister

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McKenzie, W. A. Jones Pooley Hinchliffe

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Catherwood Manson, M.

Mr. Twigg moved the following amendment :---

Section 6: To insert the following as subsection (2) (aa) :=

"(*aa*.) Any immediate purchaser who under this Act pays any income-tax payable, and which should have been paid, by the predecessor in title of the taxpayer, on an amount of proceeds received by such predecessor from the disposition of the timber property equal to the amount of the excess as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to deduct from the purchase price paid by him in respect of such timber lands a sum equal to the said income-tax, and the person making the deduction shall be discharged from the amount of purchase price equal to the amount deducted, and any contract for the payment of the purchase price of timber land without allowing such deductions shall be void."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order as affecting the incidence of taxation and as therefore not competent for a private member to move.

Mr. Twigg appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :----

YEAS--24.

Messieurs

Browne	Wrinch
Uphill	Colley
Burde	Odlum
Stoddart	Mackenzie, I. A.
Harrison	Smith, Mrs.
Bryan	Manson, A. M.

- MacLcan McDonald Gray McPherson Leary McRae
- Woodward Paterson Kergin Barrow Sutherland Pattullo

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Creery Hayward Kennedy Twigg Bruhn Schofield Wallinger Walkem Lyons

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Catherwood Manson, M. Perry Munn

Mr. Twigg moved the following amendment :---

Section 6: To strike out subsection (4), and to substitute therefor the following :--

"(4.) Any person aggrieved may appeal at such time and in such manner as is provided by sections 125 to 141 of this Act and against any determination by the Minister of the amount of said income-tax or against the refusal of the Minister to make any allowance or to make the allowance for depletion as claimed."

The amendment was negatived on the following division :--

YEAS-19.

Messieurs

Creery	Wallinger	Walkem	McKenzie, W. A.
Neclands	Lyons	Coventry	Jones
Browne	Hayward	Peck	Pooley
Kennedy	Twigg	Davie	Hinchliffe
Bruhn	Schofield	Lister	
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	1	Messieurs	
Uphill	Colley	McDonald	Paterson
Burde	Odlum	Gray	Kergin
Stoddart	Mackenzie, I. A.	McPherson	Barrow
Harrison -	Smith, Mrs.	Leary	Sutherland

PAIRS:

McRae

Woodward

Messieurs

Catherwood Manson, M.

Manson, A. M.

MacLean

Munn Perry

Report adopted.

Bryan

Wrinch

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act," Mr. Kergin moved the following amendment:---

Section S3 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out the word "eight," and substituting therefor the word "nine."

The amendment was negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

McKenzie, W. A.

Jones

Pooley

Hinchliffe

Pattullo

Add to said section 8 the following subsection :---

"(2.) The amendments of said chapter 55 enacted by this section shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1929."

The amendment carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan School Act, 1922'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Trade Licence Boards," Mr. *Davie* withdrew his objection on the point of order raised by him on the 13th instant.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Mr. Hayward moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting.

The motion was negatived.

Bill read a second time on the following division :--

Yeas—26.

		Messieurs	
Neelands	Davie	Wrinch	MacLean
Browne	McKenzie, W. A.	Colley	McDonald
Hayward	Jones	Odlum	Gray
Twigg	Pooley	Mackenzie, I. A.	Leary
Schofield	Hinchliffe	Smith, Mrs.	Paterson
Uphill	Harrison	Manson, A. M.	Sutherland
Burde	Bryan		
		NAYS-14.	
		Messieurs	
Kennedy	Walkem	McPherson	Rergin
Bruhn	Coventry	McRae	Barrow
Wallinger	Peck	Woodward	Pattullo
Lyons	Lister		
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

Munn Perry

To be committed at the next sitting.

Catherwood

Manson, M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Davie on February 29th, as follows:—

Whereas it has been publicly announced that there is to be an exchange of Ministers between Canada and Japan:

And whereas it is the intention of this Legislature, representing the people of this Province, to do the utmost in its power to prevent further encroachment upon industrial, trading, and agricultural activities within British Columbia by any race or races whose customs or practices or economic standards of living may threaten eventually to lower the recognized Canadian standard of living, and of any race or races with whom it is not desirable that Canadians should intermarry: And whereas the treaty between Great Britain and Japan in 1911, as ratified in part by the Canadian Parliament in 1913, is inimical to this Province, in so far as such treaty has, as its effect, the prevention of the successful enactment by this Legislature of legislation designed to curb the present unfair competition, in the Province, of Japanese with Canadian citizens:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to abrogate the said treaty in so far as it interferes with the rights of this Legislature to deal with Japanese and to declare the extent of their civil rights.

And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested not to allow any further naturalization as Canadians of any member of such races hereinbefore referred to.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada the foregoing Preamble and Resolution.

Mr. McPherson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie,-

To strike out all the words after the word "intermarry" at the end of the second paragraph thereof, and to substitute therefor the following :—

"And whereas at the beginning of 1927 there were in British Columbia 46,500 Orientals, or approximately one in every twelve persons, and in 1925 there were in British Columbia more than 11,000 Orientals employed in industry and 3,231 conducting business in licensed trades and callings:

"And whereas Orientals own land and improved property in British Columbia to an aggregate value of more than \$10,000,000:

"And whereas the Japanese birth-rate in British Columbia is 40 per 1,000 as compared with a general birth-rate (not including native Indians) of 18 per 1,000, and in three years the number of Japanese children in the public schools of British Columbia has increased by 74 per cent. and now totals approximately 4,000 children:

"And whereas, of the Orientals arriving in Canada during the past twenty years, British Columbia has absorbed 80 per cent. of the Chinese and almost 100 per cent. of the Japanese:

"And whereas the presence of such large numbers of Orientals and their economic activities constitute a serious menace to the welfare of all classes of other citizens, including those engaged in agriculture, commercial business, professional occupations, and labourers in industry:

"And whereas it is alleged that the administration of public and commercial affairs in Japan, particularly in so far as concerns the collection of taxes, the ownership of land, the control of shares in public utility corporations, and the ordinary economic advancement of citizens, is such as to unjustly discriminate against nationals of Canada resident in Japan and not in accord with the spirit of treaties executed on the 'most-favoured-nation' plan:

"And whereas the people of Canada and the Governments of the other Canadian Provinces have heretofore apparently failed to realize the seriousness of the Oriental problem and the necessity of proper and effective action dealing therewith:

"And whereas resolutions passed by this House from time to time requesting Federal action in this matter have brought no adequate results:

"And whereas the Treaty between Great Britain and Japan entered into in 1911 and ratified in part by the Parliament of Canada in 1913 has prevented the enactment by this Legislature of legislation protecting our people against unfair competition by Japanese resident in Canada:

"Be it therefore Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to immediately institute negotiations with the Government or Governments of China, and with the Japanese Government through an accredited Minister to Japan, with a view to arranging :—

- "(a.) The acceptance of the proposals for restricting Oriental immigration which have so frequently been adopted by this Legislature and which were outlined by British Columbia's representatives at the recent Federal-Provincial Conference at Ottawa:
- "(b.) The repatriation of the Chinese and Japanese residing in British Columbia to the countries of their respective origin so that the proportion of Orientals in Canada to the Canadian population shall not exceed the proportion of Canadians in China and Japan respectively to the population of China and Japan:
- "(c.) The substitution for the present Treaty with Japan of one giving due recognition to the rights of British Columbia as a Province of Canada to enact legislation with reference to property and civil rights, as allowed by the 'British North America Act.'

"And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Governments of all the other Canadian Provinces and to the Government of Canada."

Mr. Kennedy moved in amendment to the main motion, seconded by Mr. Lister,-

To insert in the said Resolution, before the last paragraph thereof, the following paragraph, namely :---

"And be it further Resolved, That this Legislature place itself upon record as being definitely in favour of total Oriental exclusion, and requests the Dominion Government to bring about such measures as will effect such exclusion."

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

Mr. Jones asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :----

1. Has the Government considered the advisability of introducing legislation for the purpose of establishing compulsory registration of stock-brokers and salesmen doing business in this Province, and thereby controlling the operations of such brokers and salesmen?

2. Does the Government know whether such legislation is in force in, or being considered by the Government of, any other Province?

3. Has the Government received any requests for such legislation?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows :---

"1. At present under consideration.

"2. Yes.

"3. No."

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

1. Were tenders called for the erection of a school building at Smithers? If so, when?

2. If so, who tendered, what was the amount of each tender, and which firm was awarded the contract?

3. On what date did specifications call for work to commence, and on what date was the building to be completed?

4. Has construction commenced? If so, what sum of money has been paid the contractors?5. Will the building be completed within the specified time? If not, why not?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows :--

"1. Yes. September 14th, 1927.

"2. Thomas Carson, \$14,700; Ernest Hann, \$18,350; E. H. Shockley, \$20,736. The lowest tenderer was awarded the contract.

"3. No date stipulated either for commencement or completion in specifications, but on the tender Contractor Carson agreed to complete it by December 31st, 1927.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What is the total indebtedness of the Province to date in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. What was the total expenditure on: (a) Construction; (b) repairs and replacements, during the past year?

3. What is the total of such expenditure to date?

4. What was the operation loss or profit for the past year?

5. What is the total of investment and commitments in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to date?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows :--

"1. Principal: For guaranteed stock, \$20,160,000; for direct obligation bonds and Treasury bills, \$13,539,020; total liabilities for principal, January 1st, 1928, \$33,699,020.

"2. (a) Nil; (b) \$326,612.69, including cost of Williams Lake waterworks.

"3. \$28,492,554.10.

"4. \$190,239.79.

"5. Question not clear."

Mr. Bruhn asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :---

1. How many miles of the Big Bend Road were built by the Conservative Government prior to 1916?

2. How many miles have been constructed since the present Government took office?

3. What is the estimated distance from Carnes Creek to Donald?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to complete construction of the Big Bend Road through to Donald?

5. If so, how many years will it take at the present rate of progress to complete the road from Carnes Creek to Donald?

6. Is there on file in the Public Works Department a petition signed by hundreds of residents of Revelstoke asking for construction of the Big Bend Road?

7. If so, what action does the Minister contemplate with regard to same?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows :---

"1. Approximately 12 miles on impossible locations which had to be abandoned excepting about 4 miles.

"2. Time not available to answer this in detail as reference to field records necessary.

"3. Approximately 165 miles.

"4. Now under consideration.

"5. This depends entirely on the moneys available. It is expected, however, that future progress will not be hindered by relocating old roads built prior to 1916.

"6. Yes; October, 1923.

"7. See answer to No. 4."

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

1. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on small fruits?

2. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on poultry?

3. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on eggs?

4. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on grain, other than for export?

5. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on: (a) Apples; (b) cantaloupes; (c) tomatoes; (d) potatoes?

6. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on poultry-feed?

7. What reduction in British Columbia freight rates has been obtained since 1924 on: (a) Bran; (b) shorts; (c) feed-grain?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows :--

"1 to 7. It is not possible to survey the details of all the rate adjustments that have been made. In so far as grain is concerned, in 1925 there was a reduction of 1½ cents and in 1927 a further reduction of 1 cent, making the present rate 20 cents, or a total reduction with respect to grain of 11 cents per 100 pounds, or 35.4 per cent. During the crop-year ending August, 1928, it is estimated that 75,000,000 bushels of grain will move through Vancouver and the rate reductions on this traffic will mean a saving of \$4,900,000. Approximately 10,000,000 bushels will move through the Port of Prince Rupert for the same period."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) initialed "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Trade Licence Boards" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Dr. Wrinch, seconded by Mr. Odlum, it was Resolved,-

1. Whereas statutory provision upon a contributory basis, by both employer and employees, was enacted by legislation by chapter 247, R.S.B.C. 1924, and subsequent amendments, whereby employees of (a) the Provincial Government, (b) the municipalities, and (c) the School Boards may receive superannuation allowances:

2. And whereas it has been found impractical to establish such allowances for teachers under the School Board section of this legislation:

3. And whereas the teachers of our Province feel they are not receiving the benefits that were intended by such legislation:

4. And whereas said teachers are most desirous of obtaining such superannuation benefits, and have shown their desire and good faith by themselves preparing a plan for contributing towards such superannuation for themselves:

5. And whereas their proposed plan appears to require very much less assistance from the Provincial Treasury than that of the Civil Service Department:

6. And whereas such proposed plan does not involve any contributions whatever from either municipal or School Board sources:

7. And whereas the details of the proposed amendments require more time and investigation than is possible at this Session of the Legislature:

Be it hereby Resolved: (1) That this Legislature hereby assures the teachers of the Province of their full sympathy with them in the matter of this their request; and (2) that it recommends that all assistance necessary be given the teachers by the Financial Department of this Government in the preparation of carefully worked-out legislation upon an actuarial basis in time for its presentation to this Legislative Assembly sufficiently early in its next Session to permit of its being given mature consideration.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Colley, seconded by Dr. Wrinch, it was Resolved,-

Whereas, under the "Public Inquiries Act," a Commission was appointed on November 19th, 1919, to inquire into the subject of health insurance and maternity benefits, and particularly as to how far they were being put into operation in any other country or province:

And whereas this Commission submitted an exhaustive report upon these two subjects to the Legislature on March 18th, 1921:

And whereas, while this Commission recommended as its considered opinion that it was desirable that a measure of benefits under some method of health insurance as well as a system of maternity benefits would be of advantage to the people of the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas, on account of the heavy financial cost of initiating and carrying out as thorough a system of health insurance as it considered would be required by the people of that Province, and for other reasons, the Government of this Province has not deemed it wise up to the present time to introduce such a scheme of health insurance or of maternity benefits:

And whereas it would appear that there is now a much more general demand for such a provision to be made to conserve the health of the people of this Province, as is shown by the numerous appeals from widely differentiated sources of origin that are being made to the Government for such legislation:

Be it hereby Resolved, That a Committee of this Legislative Assembly, consisting of five members, be appointed, whose duties shall be to: (1) Inquire into the workings of any systems of health insurance and of maternity benefits wherever such systems can be found in effective operation: (2) to report its findings to this Legislature.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Davic* on February 29th relating to the question of Orientals in the Province, and on the amendments thereto moved by Mr. *McPherson* and Mr. *Kennedy*, respectively, on March 14th.

With the leave of the House, the motion of Mr. *Davie* and the motions in amendment thereto in the names of Mr. *McPherson* and Mr. *Kennedy* were withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Davie, seconded by Mr. McPherson, it was Resolved,-

Whereas it has been publicly announced that there is to be an exchange of Ministers between Canada and Japan:

And whereas it is the intention of this Legislature, representing the people of this Province, to do the utmost in its power to prevent further encroachment upon industrial, trading, and agricultural activities within British Columbia by any race or races whose customs or practices or economic standards of living may threaten eventually to lower the recognized Canadian standard of living, and of any race or races with whom it is not desirable that Canadians should intermarry:

And whereas at the beginning of 1927 there were in British Columbia 46,500 Orientals, or approximately one in every twelve persons, and in 1925 there were in British Columbia more than 11,000 Orientals employed in industry and 3,231 conducting business in licensed trades and callings:

And whereas Orientals own land and improved property in British Columbia to an aggregate value of more than \$10,000,000:

And whereas the Japanese birth-rate in British Columbia is 40 per 1,000 as compared with a general birth-rate (not including native Indians) of 18 per 1,000, and in three years the number of Japanese children in the public schools of British Columbia has increased by 74 per cent. and now totals approximately 4,000 children:

And whereas, of the Orientals arriving in Canada during the past twenty years, British Columbia has absorbed 80 per cent. of the Chinese and almost 100 per cent. of the Japanese :

And whereas the presence of such large numbers of Orientals and their economic activities constitute a serious menace to the welfare of all classes of other citizens, including those engaged in agriculture, commercial business, professional occupations, and labourers in industry :

And whereas it is alleged that the administration of public and commercial affairs in Japan, particularly in so far as concerns the collection of taxes, the ownership of land, the control of shares in public utility corporations, and the ordinary economic advancement of citizens, is such as to unjustly discriminate against nationals of Canada resident in Japan and not in accord with the spirit of treaties executed on the "most-favoured-nation" plan:

And whereas the people of Canada and the Governments of the other Canadian Provinces have heretofore apparently failed to realize the seriousness of the Oriental problem and the necessity of proper and effective action dealing therewith:

And whereas resolutions passed by this House from time to time requesting Federal action in this matter have brought no adequate results: And whereas the Treaty between Great Britain and Japan entered into in 1911 and ratified in part by the Parliament of Canada in 1913 has prevented the enactment by this Legislature of legislation protecting our people against unfair competition by Japanese resident in Canada:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to immediately institute negotiations with the Government or Governments of China, and with the Japanese Government through an accredited Minister to Japan, with a view to arranging :---

- (a.) The acceptance of the proposals for restricting Oriental immigration which have so frequently been adopted by this Legislature and which were outlined by British Columbia's representatives at the recent Federal-Provincial Conference at Ottawa:
- (b.) The repatriation of the Chinese and Japanese residing in British Columbia to the countries of their respective origin so that the proportion of Orientals in Canada to the Canadian population shall not exceed the proportion of Canadians in China and Japan respectively to the population of China and Japan :
- (c.) The substitution for the present Treaty with Japan of one giving due recognition to the rights of British Columbia as a Province of Canada to enact legislation with reference to property and civil rights, as allowed by the "British North America Act."

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Governments of all the other Canadian Provinces and to the Government of Canada.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Lyons on March 13th, as follows:----

Whereas many returned soldiers, with disabilities of various kinds, have, for various reasons since the recent war, come from other parts of Canada to reside in British Columbia:

And whereas on account of their disabilities many of these men are not fitted to compete in the labour market with men who are not disabled:

And whereas some of these men are financially unable to provide for themselves such medical and other attention as would be beneficial to them, and are liable to become a charge upon the community:

And whereas the Government of Canada owes a duty to all men who volunteered for service during the said war:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that free medical treatment, medicine, and hospitalization be provided for all returned soldiers who are in need of such things, by the Government of Canada. And that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the proper officials at Ottawa.

Mr. Lister moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Coventry,-

That the following words be added: "And that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Provincial Secretary of every Legislative Assembly of every Province of the Dominion, with the request that the same be endorsed by Resolution of their respective Assemblies."

The amendment was carried.

The Resolution as amended was carried unanimously.

Mr. Coventry moved, seconded by Mr. Catherwood,---

Whereas, in regard to eggs, butter, cheese, fresh fruits, and vegetables, and other farm products produced in Canada, the foreign tariffs thereon are higher than the corresponding Canadian tariffs on similar articles produced in such foreign countries and imported into Canada:

And whereas this has resulted in a serious diminution in export of such products from Canada into the said foreign countries:

And whereas the farmers and producers of British Columbia are suffering loss thereby:

And whereas it is advisable that the position of the farmers of British Columbia should be strengthened and the Canadian market preserved for them as far as possible:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada that the Canadian tariffs upon said farm products be raised to at least an equality with the tariffs of

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foreign countries on similar products; that the dumping clause be more frequently invoked; and that the principle of a seasonable tariff on fruit and vegetables be endorsed.

The motion was negatived on the following division :---

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	Messieurs		
Lyons	Burde		McKenzie, W. A.
Hayward	Coventry		Jones
Twigg	Davie		Pooley
Schofield	Lister		Hinchliffe
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	Messieurs	4	
Odlum	McDonald		Woodward
Mackenzie, I. A.	Gray		Kergin
Smith, Mrs.	McPherson		Barrow
Manson, A. M.	Leary		Sutherland
MacLean	McRae		Pattullo
	PAIRS:		
	Messieurs		
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On the motion of Mr. Neelands, seconded by Mr. Browne, it was Resolved,--

Whereas unemployment is a problem of national character and cannot be dealt with satisfactorily by civic and municipal authorities :

Therefore be it Resolved, That we urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of enacting legislation providing for the creation of a State Unemployment Insurance Fund by assessments on industries similar to the methods adopted with Provincial compensation funds, to be administered under the authority of the Dominion Government.

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

Mr. W. A. McKenzic asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:---

1. What sum of money has been expended towards maintaining the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of British Columbia since its organization up to December 31st, 1927?

2. Of the total amount expended, what portion has been applied to (a) maintenance and (b) capital account for the same period?

3. What number of students have graduated from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of British Columbia during the same period?

4. What number of students are taking the course in agriculture at the University of British Columbia during the present term?

5. What amount was expended during the year 1927?

6. How many graduates of the Faculty of Agriculture are in the employ of the Government? What positions do they hold and what salary do they receive?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows :-

"1. Total expended from inception to December 31st, 1927, \$1,407,108.43.

"2. (a) Maintenance, \$1,208,202.51; (b) capital, \$198,905.92; total, \$1,407,108.43.

"3. 73 B.S.A., 6 M.S.A.; not including several thousand students who were enrolled in the short courses.

"4. 50 undergraduates; 116 students in short courses; 13 students in occupational course. "5. \$151,669,72.

"6. G. Challenger, District Agriculturist, Kamloops; G. E. W. Clark, District Horticulturist. Vancouver; R. A. Fisher, employed by Department of Lands; C. Lamb, temporary assistant

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in Department of Agronomy, University of British Columbia; S. Phillips, Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

"N.B.-The above expenditure includes purchase and maintenance of live stock, that on hand being valued at \$24,062. The stock consists of two breeds each of dairy and beef cattle, with Clydesdale horses and different breeds of sheep and swine. This stock provides material for students in judging and selecting work, and is also used for experimental study and observation. The milk produced is used for experimental and research work, largely with butter and cheese. The Clydesdales provide the horse-power to work the farm. After five and a half years' observations in feeding animals the Department of Animal Husbandry is recommending Spent Bone Black, a by-product of sugar-refineries, as a mineral feed for stock. A supply of this material is available in the Province and can be bought for 1 cent a pound as against 3 cents for the bone-meal ordinarily used. They have also shown that, in the feeding of swine by the use of recleaned wheat-screenings as against a ration of shorts, oats, and barley, a saving of \$5 per animal was made on returns. In the poultry department the University has made a world record in egg production from a single pen, and with Hen No. 6 also established a world's record in egg-laying for a single hen. The advertising value of this achievement is difficult to estimate, and the monetary saving to farmers as a result of the two successful experiments mentioned above should be very great."

HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 1) An Act to amend the "Notaries Act."

(No. 3)	An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
(No. 4)	An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
(No. 5)	An Act to amend the "Land Act."
(No. 6)	An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."
(No. 8)	An Act to amend the "Municipalities Aid Act."
(No. 9)	An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline.
(No. 10)	An Act to amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
(No. 11)	An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
(No. 12)	An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1921."
(No. 13)	An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921."
(No. 14)	An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)."
(No. 15)	An Act to amend the "Optometry Act."
(No. 16)	An Act to amend the "Provincial Parks Act."
(No. 17)	An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
(No. 18)	An Act to amend the "Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act."
(No. 19)	An Act to amend the "Water Act."
(No. 20)	An Act to amend the "Small Debts Courts Act."
(No. 21)	An Act to include the Inhabitants of The Corporation of The District of South
	Vancouver and the Corporation of Point Grey, and the Respective Areas
	thereof, within the City of Vancouver.
(No. 22)	An Act respecting Canadian Farm Loans.
(No. 23)	An Act to amend the "Electrical Energy Inspection Act."
(No. 24)	An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
(No. 25)	An Act to amend the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act."
(No. 27)	An Act to amend the "Superannuation Act."
(No. 28)	An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
(No. 29)	An Act relating to The Corporation of the District of Burnaby.
	An Act for the Relief of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam.
	An Act to amend the "Produce Marketing Act."
(No. 32)	An Act to provide Relief for the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development
	District.

(No. 33) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."

- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Poll-tax Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million six hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Live Stock and Live-stock Products Act (British Columbia)."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Architects Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Abbotsford School District Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "United Church of Canada Act."
- (No. 50) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 52) An Act to perpetuate certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in said City.
- (No. 56) An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."
- (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to provide for the Appointment of Trade Licence Boards.
- (No. 66) An Act for the Relief of The Corporation of the City of Revelstoke.

(No. 67) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation 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. 65) initial "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 attentive consideration you have given to the many matters submitted to you.

I trust that the various laws and amendments you have enacted will inure to the benefit of the Province.

I thank you for the supplies you have so generously granted for the Public Service.

Your labours having been completed, I am now privileged to relieve you from further attendance at this time. In taking leave of you I pray that the blessing of Providence may accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo, 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.

J. A. BUCKHAM, Speaker.

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