

Tuesday, 21st November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Premier rose to a question of privilege, and stated that the names of the Members who voted on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan* on 10th instant, and which was carried unanimously on the 20th instant, should be recorded on the Votes and Proceedings of 20th instant, and it was so *Ordered*.

Mr. *Guthrie* rose to a question of privilege, with reference to a proposed notice of motion which he had handed in to Mr. Speaker on 17th November.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved ruling thereon, as follows:—

“On Friday afternoon a proposed notice of motion in the name of the Honourable Member for Newcastle was brought to my attention. It was of such a character that I thought it to be my duty to withhold it from the Notice Paper, in order that I might consider carefully whether it was drawn in compliance with proper parliamentary practice, and was such a motion as could properly be put before this House. The proposed motion recites in its preamble a statement, alleged to have been published by a paper known as the *Mining and Engineering Record*, said to be published in Vancouver, B.C., in which the names of several Members of this House are mentioned and the honour of an Honourable Member questioned, and concludes with a resolution that a Select Committee of this House be appointed to investigate the allegation contained in the preamble, with power to take evidence under oath, call for documents, papers, witnesses, etc., and to report their findings to this House.

“It is the accepted practice of this House that the Speaker is responsible for the due enforcement of the rules, rights, and privileges of the House. In accordance with this duty, I have carefully examined this motion to see whether it is within the rules. A careful perusal of the preamble on which the motion is based does not enable me to discover any charge of wrongdoing on the part of any Member, nor of imputation; it does convey an insinuation.

“*May's Parliamentary Practice* does not assist in forming a conclusion. *Bourinot*, 4th edition, page 51, says: ‘Any scandalous and libellous reflection on the proceedings of the House is a breach of the privileges of Parliament, but the libel must be based on matters arising in the usual transaction of the business of the House. Aspersions upon the conduct of Members in private life are within the cognizance of the Courts and are not fit for complaints to the House of Commons.’

“The alleged reflection upon the honour of an Honourable Member is concerning something said to have happened outside this House, and in point of time several years ago, and in my judgment is not one that can be brought before the House in this manner.

“If brought to the attention of this House at all, it might be possible to do so by way of privilege, for procedure on which, see decision of Mr. Speaker *Manson*, page 4, Journals, B.C. Legislative Assembly, Second Session, 1921.”

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, Bill (No. 42) intituled “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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on 16th instant, as follows:—

That Colonel Napier be called and give evidence before the Public Accounts Committee, touching his knowledge pertaining to the accounts of the Liquor Control Board, and more especially to the matters under the headings of Breakage, Shortage, Burglary and Theft, and Administration Salaries.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on the same day, as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word “That” be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor: “the Public Accounts Committee be instructed that

it possesses all necessary power to procure the attendance of any witness whose evidence is necessary to the inquiry into any matter referred to it by this House, but that it has no power to inquire into any matter not so referred; and, further, that no report of Colonel Ross Napier made to the Premier or any other member of the Executive Council has been referred to it, nor are the contents of any such report before the Committee for inquiry, nor can it so inquire unless instructed by Resolution of this House."

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Schofield,</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>			

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

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<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Hart,</i>			

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

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<i>McRae,</i>			

The Resolution as amended was carried on the same division.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Kergin,—

Whereas it is set out under section 132 of the "British North America Act" that "The Parliament and Government of Canada shall have all powers necessary or proper for performing the obligations of Canada or of any Province thereof, as part of the British Empire, towards foreign countries, arising under treaties between the Empire and such foreign countries":

And whereas the treaty-making power of Canada, in dealing with foreign countries, is thus limited to the "performing of obligations" undertaken by the Imperial Parliament, should Canada, as a self-governing Dominion, consent to become a party to the same:

And whereas a serious situation has developed in the Province of British Columbia because of the rapidly growing numerical and economic power of its Asiatic population:

And whereas it is imperative for the protection of the citizens of British Columbia that strong measures be adopted designed to prevent Asiatics from acquiring further rights in this

Province, the active exercise of which would give them an alarming hold on agriculture, fishing, lumbering, mining, and other Provincial industrial interests:

And whereas, under section 91, subsection (25), the limitation of Provincial legislative authority under the "British North America Act" precludes Provincial Legislatures from enacting such legislation as is necessary to effectively deal with the situation defined:

And whereas it is essential, if the Caucasian population of the Province of British Columbia is to be permitted to work out, unfettered, the high ideals of Anglo-Saxon civilization, both in the development of the country's natural resources and in the application of those ideals to proper standards of living:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of the Dominion of Canada be petitioned to grant its assent and accord its active assistance to the obtaining of an amendment to the "British North America Act," giving the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, the power to make laws prohibiting Asiatics from acquiring proprietary interest, in any form whatsoever, in agricultural lands in British Columbia, in the timber lands of British Columbia, in the mineral lands of British Columbia, or in the fishing or other industrial enterprises carried on within the Province of British Columbia, and from obtaining employment in any of the above-mentioned industries.

And be it further Resolved, That the Government of the Dominion of Canada be respectfully requested to grant adherence on the part of Canada to no treaty or binding international obligation in any form whatsoever having the effect of limiting the authority of Provincial Legislatures as set out by the terms of this Resolution.

And be it further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

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 Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

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

On the motion of Mr. W. A. *McKenzie*, seconded by Mr. *McRae*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the reports of Chief Architect H. Whittaker and a Mr. Jeffers, Architect, in connection with the Booth Memorial School at Prince Rupert, and particularly dealing with their estimate as to the probable cost of completing the building and making it safe for use, and that there be included in said Return all correspondence between the Provincial Government, the officials thereof, and the Board of School Trustees of Prince Rupert leading up to the investigation and report, and any other correspondence between the Government, the officials thereof, and Board of School Trustees dealing with this matter since the date of report.

Pursuant to an Order of the House, the Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented a Return of the report of H. Whittaker, Supervising Architect, in connection with the Booth Memorial School.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Public Printing" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Public Schools Act'" 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. 5) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Order in Council respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to provide Relief in Relation to certain Licences and Leases under the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

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

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act' and Amending Acts," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 21st, 1922.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to consolidate the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act' and Amending Acts," 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. *Uphill* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. When was the Loggers' Agency, Limited, incorporated?
2. Who were the organizers of the company?
3. Who were the provisional directors?
4. Has this company been carrying on an employment agency in Vancouver?

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

"1. September 12th, 1919.

"2. The subscribers to the memorandum of association were Henry Seymour Tobin and Lina R. Wait, but according to the annual reports of the company filed with the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies they are no longer members of the company. The company has forty-eight members according to the last report dated December 10th, 1921.

"3. The first notice filed with the Registrar, and dated September 28th, 1919, states that Goodwin G. Johnson, Philip Aitkin Wilson, Thomas Andrew Lamb, Norman Allan English, and H. S. Tobin had consented to be directors.

"4. No official knowledge. The company's objects do not specifically refer to the business of an employment agency, but include the following (*inter alia*): ' . . . to carry on the business of general agents, and to transact every kind of agency business, and for such purposes on its own account, or on account of its customers or members, to enter into contracts of . . . labour.'"

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

1. What was the date when H. Urquhart, of Vancouver, was sent to Great Britain?
2. For what purpose was he sent?
3. How long was he on this trip?
4. What were his expenses?

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

"1. Mr. Urquhart left Vancouver at 8 p.m. on Sunday, February 20th, 1921.

"2. To obtain information in regard to purchases of wines and spirits and to make preliminary purchases for the Board.

"3. From February 20th to April 27th, 1921.

"4. \$1,154.80."

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

1. Was F. R. Anderson retained as prosecuting attorney in connection with infractions of the "Government Liquor Act" in the Electoral District of Similkameen during the year 1922?
2. If so, what fee per day was allowed said Anderson in connection with this work?
3. What other expenses were allowed or paid?
4. What is the total amount due or paid F. R. Anderson in connection with said prosecutions, including certain alleged perjury cases arising therefrom?
5. What has been the total cost of prosecutions in connection with liquor law infractions in the Electoral Riding of Similkameen during the year 1922 to November 1st?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$35 per day.

"3. \$275 expenses for thirty days away from Vancouver, and includes transportation, hotel account, meals, etc.

"4. \$1,000 paid for preparation of cases, attendance at Court, and on appeals and preliminary hearing of perjury case against Claughton.

"5. Unable to state accurately. The cost to municipalities is not known, and, so far as the Provincial Police are concerned, the cost is not segregated."

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

1. How many lots have been sold by the Government in the townsite of Oliver?
2. What was the total value of lots sold?
3. What amount of cash has been received from the sale of townsite lots?

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

"1. Eighty-two.

"2. \$21,960.

"3. \$8,753.12."

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

1. What were the total irrigation rates levied on the Southern Okanagan Project for years 1921 and 1922 respectively?
2. What was the rate levied per acre?
3. What sum of money was received from the water-users for the years 1921 and 1922 respectively?
4. Does the rate levied meet maintenance, operating, and sinking fund charges?
5. If not, how does the Government propose to meet them?

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

"1. No levy in 1921; 1922, \$8,129.40.

"2. \$6 per acre.

"3. No levy or collection in 1921; 1922, \$3,112.28.

"4. Rate was levied on basis thought to be sufficient to cover all charges when project completed.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Is one, L. Walton acting as a Road Foreman in Cowichan District?
2. If yes, how long has he been acting?
3. What are the names of the owners of teams employed by him on road-work within the last five years, and how much has been paid annually for each of said teams?
4. Does the said Walton use his own team on Government road-work?
5. If yes, how much money has he received on account of said team?

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

"1. Yes, L. F. Walton.

"2. Since 1911.

"3. Names and amounts as follows:—

	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23 (to Date).
P. Beasley .....	.....	.....	\$ 13 50	.....	.....
G. Britton .....	.....	\$192 00	.....	.....	.....
J. Cheal	\$388 00	486 00	117 00	.....	.....
J. Craik	468 25	298 00	.....	.....	.....
E. D. Dougan .....	.....	68 00	4 50	.....	.....
D. Faulkner .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Gibbs	161 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Gibbs .....	.....	272 00	117 00	.....	.....
L. Gordon .....	.....	96 00	.....	.....	.....
G. Harknett .....	.....	.....	184 00	.....	.....
J. Hartell .....	.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....
W. Hartell .....	.....	.....	166 50	.....	.....
T. Jeffries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Jeffries	192 00	264 00	.....	.....	.....
S. Jones .....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 8 00	.....
C. Knight	640 50	610 00	675 00	520 00	\$564 00
J. LaFortune .....	.....	.....	.....	120 00	.....
A. Leslie .....	.....	.....	13 50	.....	.....
R. Manley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Martin .....	.....	.....	.....	384 00	320 00
J. S. H. Matson	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. H. May	42 00	.....	9 00	8 00	.....
G. Meredith .....	.....	.....	101 25	.....	278 00
N. McIntee .....	.....	.....	22 50	.....	.....
J. Parker .....	.....	.....	263 25	384 00	.....
A. Pendray .....	.....	.....	162 00	.....	.....
E. E. Powell .....	.....	72 00	.....	.....	.....
C. Rhodes .....	.....	246 00	.....	.....	.....
J. Roberts .....	.....	.....	177 75	.....	.....
R. Robinson .....	.....	.....	216 00	.....	.....
J. Robson	56 00	.....	132 00	.....	.....
W. Robson .....	.....	76 00	.....	.....	.....
W. Secret .....	.....	.....	222 00	.....	.....
W. Shaddock .....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....
E. Shearing	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
B. Weeks .....	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....
J. Whitaker .....	.....	32 00	27 00	.....	.....
E. Williams	151 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Wood .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Yates .....	.....	.....	40 50	.....	.....
J. Walton .....	.....	.....	516 38	80 00	388 00

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Are F. C. Wade and family occupying living premises in the British Columbia House in London?
2. If so, how much of said building are they occupying?
3. What was the expense of fitting up these premises for F. C. Wade?
4. Did the Government pay such expense of renovation?
5. If so, what did it cost the Government?
6. Is the said Wade paying anything for said premises?
7. If so, how much is he paying?
8. Does the Government pay the bills of said Agent-General for entertaining in London?
9. If so, what is the amount allowed for each year's entertaining by the Government to said Wade since he took office?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Portion of top floor.
- "3. \$2,648.14.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Answered by No. 3.
- "6. No.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. 1918-19, *nil*; 1919-20, \$442.68; 1920-21, allowance of \$1,750 voted for allowance and travelling expenses, out of which \$1,135.22 was spent; 1921-22, allowance of \$1,750 voted for allowance and travelling expenses, out of which \$1,689.92 was spent."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Did the Provincial Government make a grant of money towards the construction of the Booth Memorial School at Prince Rupert?
2. If so, what was the amount and on what date was grant made?
3. What was the estimated cost of school at the time grant was made?
4. Has the money been paid to the Prince Rupert Board of School Trustees?
5. If so, on what dates were payments made?
6. On whose recommendations were payments made?
7. Is the building being used for school purposes at the present time? If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$60,000; grant promised April, 1920.
- "3. \$150,000.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. July 12th, 1920; August 4th, 1920; August 31st, 1920; October 19th, 1920; November 16th, 1920; December 23rd, 1920; February 11th, 1921; March 9th, 1921; April 18th, 1921; May 20th, 1921.
- "6. On receipt of Architect's progress certificates forwarded by Secretary of Board of School Trustees.
- "7. Yes."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Whereas the tariff enactment by the American Government effectively excludes British Columbia fruit from competing with United States markets:

And whereas the Government of British Columbia has invested millions to prepare lands for settlement in the fruit belt of the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the fruit-growing centre of this Province has this year been blessed with a magnificent growth of high-grade fruit:

And whereas the natural territory for marketing said fruit has heretofore been the three Prairie Provinces of Canada:

And whereas large quantities of American fruit has been this year dumped on the Canadian market in the Prairie Provinces at prices below the cost of production:

And whereas in consequence of said dumping the fruit-growers of British Columbia have been unable to market their crops, resulting in large quantities of the best fruit being left to rot in the British Columbia orchards, and serious financial loss to the fruit-growing industry of this Province:

And whereas it appears that the Dominion Government has cancelled the anti-dumping legislation formerly in effect in the Dominion of Canada, thereby bringing this condition of affairs to pass:

And whereas, if matters are not remedied immediately, the fruit-growing industry of the Province will soon be a thing of the past:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is essential, in the interests of the fruit-growers of this Province, that the anti-dumping legislation should be re-enacted at the earliest possible moment.

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.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of November, A.D. 1922, between the Corporation of the City of Duncan, the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, and the Board of School Trustees of the Duncan (City) School District" was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion that the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for second reading, Mr. *Anderson* rose to a point of order as to whether the Bill was or was not a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on 21st instant, as follows:—

Whereas it is set out under section 132 of the "British North America Act" that "The Parliament and Government of Canada shall have all powers necessary or proper for performing the obligations of Canada or of any Province thereof, as part of the British Empire, towards foreign countries, arising under treaties between the Empire and such foreign countries":

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimation by Subsequent Marriage" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Boilers Inspection Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to consolidate the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act' and Amending Acts" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1921,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.

November 22nd, 1922.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1921,'" 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. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Premier from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

"As Premier, \$1,017.92; as Minister of Railways, *nil*."

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

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Mines from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

"\$768.95."

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

In arriving at the amount to be paid the contractors for Pacific Great Eastern construction as their 5½ per cent. on actual cost, has the percentage been calculated on: (a) The actual cost to sub-contractors (if any); or (b) on the price charged by the sub-contractors to the contractors?

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

"Percentage was calculated and paid on the unit prices."

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

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

"\$1,881.90."

Mr. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Attorney-General from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

"\$1,499.59."

Mr. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

“\$1,049.60.”

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

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

“\$2,297.52.”

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

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Lands from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

“Accounts rendered to November 1st, 1922, \$2,424.65.”

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

What have been the personal and travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Finance from January 1st, 1922, until November 1st, 1922?

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

“\$992.30.”

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

1. What has been the cost of the headgate and main canal of the Southern Okanagan Project to October 1st, 1922?

2. What has been the cost of the distribution or lateral system to October 1st, 1922?

3. What was the cost of repairing the washout on the main canal during season of 1921, and diverting same?

4. What amount of money has been paid to the Engineers and staff from the undertaking of the project up to October 1st, 1922?

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

“1. Dam and intake works, including headgates, \$27,744; main canal, including siphons, bridges, and flumes, \$1,477,191.

“2. \$249,854.

“3. \$21,355.69.

“4. \$143,070, which includes administration, accounting, all surveys, superintendence on construction, and inspection.”

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

1. Is the Government carrying any insurance on the complex ore-reduction works at Nelson?

2. If so, what is the amount?

3. With what agents is said insurance placed?

4. What amount does the Government pay annually on account of said insurance?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$30,000.

“3. The Century Insurance Co., Ltd.; agents, Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd.

The Northern Assurance Co., Ltd.; agents, R. V. Winch & Co., Vancouver.

National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburg, Pa.; agents, Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.

The Northern Empire Fire Insurance Co.; agents, Cameron Investment & Securities Co., Ltd.

American & Central Insurance Co., St. Louis, Mo.; agents, Cameron Investment & Securities Co., Ltd.

The Liverpool-Manitoba Assurance Co., Montreal; agents, L. U. Conyers & Co., Victoria, B.C.

Boston Insurance Co., Boston, Mass.; agents, Douglas Mackay & Co., Victoria, B.C.

British Crown Assurance Corporation, Ltd.; agents, Geo. I. Warren & Co., Ltd., Victoria, B.C.

London Guarantee & Accident Co., Ltd.; agents, Geo. I. Warren & Co., Ltd., Victoria, B.C.

"4. \$832.69."

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

1. Has the Minister had a private telephone system installed in his private office and communicating with the various branches of the Lands Department?

2. If yes, when was the installation made?

3. Give the name and address of the parties who made the installation?

4. What did the installation cost?

5. Were not all these departments already connected with the Minister's office through the telephone exchange branch of the Parliament Buildings?

6. If yes, what necessity was there for going to this expense?

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

"1. Dictograph intercommunicating system.

"2. September, 1922.

"3. The Converse Company, Orpheum Building, Vancouver, B.C.

"4. \$3,421.08.

"5. Yes.

"6. For the same reason that electricity supplanted candle-power."

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 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1922.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Lister* on 22nd instant, as follows:—

Whereas the tariff enactment by the American Government effectively excludes British Columbia fruit from competing with United States markets:

And whereas the Government of British Columbia has invested millions to prepare lands for settlement in the fruit belt of the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the fruit-growing centre of this Province has this year been blessed with a magnificent growth of high-grade fruit:

And whereas the natural territory for marketing said fruit has heretofore been the three Prairie Provinces of Canada:

And whereas large quantities of American fruit has been this year dumped on the Canadian market in the Prairie Provinces at prices below the cost of production:

And whereas in consequence of said dumping the fruit-growers of British Columbia have been unable to market their crops, resulting in large quantities of the best fruit being left to rot in the British Columbia orchards, and serious financial loss to the fruit-growing industry of this Province:

And whereas it appears that the Dominion Government has cancelled the anti-dumping legislation formerly in effect in the Dominion of Canada, thereby bringing this condition of affairs to pass:

And whereas, if matters are not remedied immediately, the fruit-growing industry of the Province will soon be a thing of the past:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is essential, in the interests of the fruit-growers of this Province, that the anti-dumping legislation should be re-enacted at the earliest possible moment.

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.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*,—

That all the words of the preamble after the first word "Whereas" and all the words of the Resolution after the first word "Therefore" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:—

"it is alleged that the tariff enactment of the American Government effectively excludes British Columbia fruit from competing with United States markets:

"And whereas it is alleged that the Government of British Columbia has invested millions to prepare lands for settlement in the fruit belt of the Province of British Columbia:

"And whereas it is alleged that the fruit-growing centre of this Province has this year been blessed with a magnificent growth of high-grade fruit:

"And whereas it is alleged that the natural territory for marketing said fruit has heretofore been the three Prairie Provinces of Canada:

"And whereas it is alleged that large quantities of American fruit have this year been dumped on the Canadian market in the Prairie Provinces at prices below the cost of production:

"And whereas it is alleged that in consequence of such dumping the fruit-growers of British Columbia have been unable to market their crops, resulting in large quantities of the best fruit being left to rot in the British Columbia orchards, with serious financial loss to the fruit-growing industry of this Province:

"And whereas it is alleged that it appears that the Dominion Government has cancelled the anti-dumping legislation formerly in effect in the Dominion of Canada, thereby bringing this condition of affairs to pass:

"And whereas it is alleged that if matters are not remedied immediately the fruit-growing industry of the Province will soon be a thing of the past:

"be it Resolved, That the above allegations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture for consideration, and for such recommendations as they may deem fit to make to this House."

On the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

Thursday, 23rd November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

By Mr. *Neelands*—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Night Employment of Young Persons Act.’”

By Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Night Employment of Women Act.’”

By Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Employment of Children Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Esling*, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copy of the report made by Messrs. Williams and Percy as to the extent of the iron-ore deposits in British Columbia.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Neelands* on 16th instant, as follows:—

That the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act respecting Chiropractic” be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Pearson*, *Yorston*, *Guthrie*, *Paterson*, *Duncan*, and *McRae*, and that such Committee shall report its finding and recommendation to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Whiteside*,—

That the name of Mrs. *Smith* be struck out, and the following names substituted therefor: Messrs. *Jackson*, *Kergin*, *Schofield*, and *Burde*.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Optometry Act.’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Anderson* on the 22nd instant with reference to Bill No. 45, as follows:—

“Upon the introduction by the Hon. Member for Cowichan of a Bill intituled ‘An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of November, A.D. 1922, between the Corporation of the City of Duncan, the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, and the Board of School Trustees of the Duncan (City) School District,’ a ruling was asked by the Hon. Member for Kamloops as to whether this Bill was a Public or Private Bill.

“The character of a Public Bill is that it relates to matters of public policy. The Bill in question is to validate certain agreements by and between certain public bodies concerning the maintenance of schools and provision for public education.

“The Bill is in my opinion in the public interest and can be proceeded with as such.”

On the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of November, A.D. 1922, between the Corporation of the City of Duncan, the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, and the Board of School Trustees of the Duncan (City) School District” was *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys" was again committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Order in Council respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1921'" was read a second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Was any insurance carried on the buildings at Merville which were destroyed or damaged in the recent fire?
2. If so, by what companies and to what amount in each case?
3. Have all fire claims been adjusted and paid?
4. If not, why not; and what are the names of the companies withholding payment?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Insurance placed by Land Settlement Board with Mutual Fire Insurance Company of British Columbia for \$10,000. Insurance also placed by settlers in various companies; exact information not available.

"3. All with exception of two.

"4. Two claims not yet adjusted, where settler placed insurance himself, and regarding which dispute has arisen between settler and insurance company. Companies involved are Wawanesa Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Manitoba and Royal Exchange Assurance Company of London, England. (Board's claim for concurrent insurance with the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, amounting to \$1,000, has, with Board's consent, been temporarily held over pending adjustment of one of these claims.)"

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

1. What is the assessed value respectively of real property, personal property, wild land, and school lands in the Okanagan District for 1922?
2. What are the sums levied for taxes on each for 1922?
3. What sums of money have been collected to date for motor licences, gun licences, probate duties, or any other tax in the Okanagan District for 1922?
4. What is the total sum of money received as revenue from the Okanagan District for 1922?

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

"1. Owing to the district given not conforming to the boundaries of assessment district, unable to give the assessed value.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

What amount of moneys was spent by the Provincial Government to assist the unemployed during 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922?

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

"1. 1919-20, *nil*; 1920-21, \$270,312.35; 1921-22, \$244,514.73; 1922-23 (to date), \$41,981.81."

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, 23rd November, 1922.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Friday, 24th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,793,133.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1924.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Third Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ending 31st December, 1921.

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

On Section G, Project 23, Rossland-Christina Lake section of the Trans-Provincial Highway, what is the total paid on account of this work to date?

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

"The expenditure on Section G is not segregated. Sections G and K being embodied in the one contract and progress payments made on the contract as a whole."

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

1. Has the Department invested the amount standing at the credit of the "Government Liquor Act" under the heading of "Reserve Fund"?

2. If yes, in what manner, with details?

3. If not, why not?

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

- "1. The amount remains invested in the business of the Board.
- "2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Are the taxes payable by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company on their property in the Fort George Assessment District credited to any other district?
2. If so, why?
3. Will the Fort George Assessment District be credited with the said taxes in future?

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

- "I presume questions refer to taxation of right-of-way and rolling-stock.
- "1. Yes.
 - "2. The Act only requires railway to make return of total mileage to Surveyor of Taxes; consequently, assessment is made on that total and can only be placed in one district.
 - "3. No."

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

1. What is the total amount of money received from the pari-mutuel race-track tax during the year 1922?
2. What amount of money received was paid to the municipalities by the pari-mutuel levy?
3. What amount was retained by the Provincial Government?

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

- "1. \$192,796.18.
- "2. \$191,648.26 will be distributed between the municipalities; audit completed November 2nd; order now being prepared.
- "3. \$1,147.92, cost of administration."

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

1. What was the total expense incurred by the Minister of Lands on his recent trip of three and a half months to Europe?
2. What countries were visited, and what was the purpose of the visit?

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

- "1. Account not rendered.
- "2. Great Britain; immigration and other matters."

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

1. Has the Ladner-Woodward's Landing Ferry been a paying service?
2. If not, how much has it lost since it was installed?
3. In this computation what charges have you made against the ferry other than its operating expenses?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to abandon this ferry service?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Since inaugurating the toll system August 1st, 1919, revenue collected to September 30th, 1922, is \$45,643.90; expenditure (including depreciation on hull \$7,679.16 and landings \$4,837.50) covering same period, \$117,139.86, a difference of \$71,495.96.
- "3. No charges other than those specifically stated in answer No. 2.
- "4. No such decision has been arrived at."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 27th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, the Rules were suspended, and on the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it is alleged that firm orders for Canadian grain to be shipped through the Port of Vancouver to the Orient have been cancelled within the past ten days because of the absence of sufficient grain-handling facilities at the Port of Vancouver; and that these orders have been transferred to Portland, Oregon, United States of America, for the purchase of American grain:

And whereas there is a strong public sentiment existing in favour of increasing the number of farmer settlers in Canada, particularly in the Prairie Provinces?

And whereas such increased settlement, if accomplished, will require greater facilities for shipment of produce:

And whereas there is unemployment existing in the Coast cities of British Columbia:

And whereas the construction of increased grain-handling facilities at Canadian seaports on the Pacific would tend to relieve the existing unemployment:

And whereas the continued existence of railway transportation rates, known as the mountain rates scale, discriminates against the interests of British Columbia:

And whereas railway transportation rates westward on grain are considerably in excess of the rates for the transportation of the same commodity eastward:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Government of British Columbia be urged to use every endeavour to secure the abolition of the mountain rates scale; and, further, to secure as favourable a rate on grain moving westward to the Pacific as that upon grain moving eastward to the Atlantic; and, further, that the Dominion Government be urged to immediately provide ample additional facilities for the handling of grain at Canadian ports upon the Pacific Coast.

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 Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

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

By the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*—Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Columbian Hospital Act, 1901.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

By Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Lister* on 22nd instant, as follows:—

Whereas the tariff enactment by the American Government effectively excludes British Columbia fruit from competing with United States markets:

And whereas the Government of British Columbia has invested millions to prepare lands for settlement in the fruit belt of the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the fruit-growing centre of this Province has this year been blessed with a magnificent growth of high-grade fruit:

And whereas the natural territory for marketing said fruit has heretofore been the three Prairie Provinces of Canada :

And whereas large quantities of American fruit has been this year dumped on the Canadian market in the Prairie Provinces at prices below the cost of production :

And whereas in consequence of said dumping the fruit-growers of British Columbia have been unable to market their crops, resulting in large quantities of the best fruit being left to rot in the British Columbia orchards, and serious financial loss to the fruit-growing industry of this Province :

And whereas it appears that the Dominion Government has cancelled the anti-dumping legislation formerly in effect in the Dominion of Canada, thereby bringing this condition of affairs to pass :

And whereas, if matters are not remedied immediately, the fruit-growing industry of the Province will soon be a thing of the past :

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is essential, in the interests of the fruit-growers of this Province, that the anti-dumping legislation should be re-enacted at the earliest possible moment.

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.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow* on the same day, as follows:—

That all the words of the preamble after the first word "Whereas" and all the words of the Resolution after the first word "Therefore" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:—

"it is alleged that the tariff enactment of the American Government effectively excludes British Columbia fruit from competing with United States markets :

"And whereas it is alleged that the Government of British Columbia has invested millions to prepare lands for settlement in the fruit belt of the Province of British Columbia :

"And whereas it is alleged that the fruit-growing centre of this Province has this year been blessed with a magnificent growth of high-grade fruit :

"And whereas it is alleged that the natural territory for marketing said fruit has heretofore been the three Prairie Provinces of Canada :

"And whereas it is alleged that large quantities of American fruit have this year been dumped on the Canadian market in the Prairie Provinces at prices below the cost of production :

"And whereas it is alleged that in consequence of such dumping the fruit-growers of British Columbia have been unable to market their crops, resulting in large quantities of the best fruit being left to rot in the British Columbia orchards, with serious financial loss to the fruit-growing industry of this Province :

"And whereas it is alleged that it appears that the Dominion Government has cancelled the anti-dumping legislation formerly in effect in the Dominion of Canada, thereby bringing this condition of affairs to pass :

"And whereas it is alleged that if matters are not remedied immediately the fruit-growing industry of the Province will soon be a thing of the past :

"be it Resolved, That the above allegations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture for consideration, and for such recommendations as they may deem fit to make to this House."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

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

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question?" and Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

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

The Resolution as amended was carried on the same division.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie on 21st instant, as follows:—

Whereas it is set out under section 132 of the "British North America Act" that "The Parliament and Government of Canada shall have all powers necessary or proper for performing the obligations of Canada or of any Province thereof, as part of the British Empire, towards foreign countries, arising under treaties between the Empire and such foreign countries":

And whereas the treaty-making power of Canada, in dealing with foreign countries, is thus limited to the "performing of obligations" undertaken by the Imperial Parliament, should Canada, as a self-governing Dominion, consent to become a party to the same:

And whereas a serious situation has developed in the Province of British Columbia because of the rapidly growing numerical and economic power of its Asiatic population:

And whereas it is imperative for the protection of the citizens of British Columbia that strong measures be adopted designed to prevent Asiatics from acquiring further rights in this Province, the active exercise of which would give them an alarming hold on agriculture, fishing, lumbering, mining, and other Provincial industrial interests:

And whereas, under section 91, subsection (25), the limitation of Provincial legislative authority under the "British North America Act" precludes Provincial Legislatures from enacting such legislation as is necessary to effectively deal with the situation defined:

And whereas it is essential, if the Caucasian population of the Province of British Columbia is to be permitted to work out, unfettered, the high ideals of Anglo-Saxon civilization, both in the development of the country's natural resources and in the application of those ideals to proper standards of living:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of the Dominion of Canada be petitioned to grant its assent and accord its active assistance to the obtaining of an amendment to the "British North America Act," giving the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, the power to make laws prohibiting Asiatics from acquiring proprietary interest, in any form whatsoever, in agricultural lands in British Columbia, in the timber lands of British Columbia, in

the mineral lands of British Columbia, or in the fishing or other industrial enterprises carried on within the Province of British Columbia, and from obtaining employment in any of the above-mentioned industries.

And be it further Resolved, That the Government of the Dominion of Canada be respectfully requested to grant adherence on the part of Canada to no treaty or binding international obligation in any form whatsoever having the effect of limiting the authority of Provincial Legislatures as set out by the terms of this Resolution.

And be it further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

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 Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*,—

Whereas the Member for Rossland, standing in his place in the House, made an allegation to the effect that the Northern Construction Company had been allowed to sublet construction-work on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and that the said Northern Construction Company had pocketed the difference between the price paid to the sub-contractors and the unit prices used in connection with the said work :

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company's accounts have been referred to the Public Accounts Committee :

Therefore be it Resolved, That the aforesaid allegation be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with instructions to immediately inquire into the truth or otherwise of the above allegation, and to report its finding to the House at an early date.

Mr. *Esling* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*,—

That after the word "date," in the last line of the last paragraph, the following words be added: "and that all the books of the Northern Construction Company be produced before said Committee at the same time."

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

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

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tranquille Sanatorium Agreement Ratification Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 27th. 1922.

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. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tranquille Sanatorium Agreement Ratification 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. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, the Order for the adjourned Committee on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs for consideration and report.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, the Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs for consideration and report.

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

Whereas the inhabitants of an area lying adjacent to the City of Trail have made petition to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for incorporation as a district municipality under the name of "The Corporation of the District of Tadanae," and have complied with all the statutory requirements in connection with such petition:

And whereas the greater portion of the lands comprised in this area belong to the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, whose employees compose the greater portion of the population of the adjacent City of Trail:

And whereas the incorporation of this area not only involves the taking of such steps as may be necessary to protect the interests of the City of Trail, but involves also the determination of questions of general municipal policy, upon which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should not establish a precedent until it has been considered from this broader standpoint of general policy:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the said petition for incorporation be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs, and that the said Committee be directed to report their opinions to this House.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Boilers Inspection Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Paterson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Control of the Codling-moth," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

November 27th, 1922.

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. 55) intituled "An Act to provide for the Control of the Codling-moth," 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. *Menzies* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has an inquiry been held to find out the cause of the Merville fire in July last?
2. If so, by whom was the inquiry held?
3. What is the nature of the report?
4. Has an inquiry been held to find out the cause of the fire at Lang Bay in July last?
5. What is the nature of the report?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Forest Supervisor J. G. MacDonald and Forest Ranger Wm. Byers.
- "3. Report gives details on cause of fire, costs, damage done, and efforts to save property.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Similar to report as specified in No. 3."

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

1. On what date was the rate per k.w.h. for electric light supplied by the hydro-electric plant operated by the Pacific Great Eastern at Squamish increased from 11 cents to 20 cents?
2. On what basis was the increase of 9 cents per k.w.h. arrived at?
3. Was any notice given to the consumers of the increase; and, if so, what?
4. On what date was the rate decreased from 20 cents per k.w.h. to 11 cents?
5. What was the reason for the reversion to the former rate?
6. On what date were the cheapest passenger tickets—namely, 50-ride individual tickets—in use on the North Vancouver Division withdrawn from sale in the year 1921?
7. Was any notice given to the public of the withdrawal of these tickets?
8. On what date in the same year were the rates of all other passenger tickets increased?
9. Was any notice given to the public of the increased rates; and, if so, what?
10. By the withdrawal of the individual-ride tickets and the increasing of the rates of the other tickets, what was the maximum increase in percentage in any one ticket, and between what stations?
11. On what date were reduced fares put into effect by the reintroduction of the 50-ride individual tickets and the introduction of 10-ride individual tickets?
12. Was any notice given to the public of the reduced fares; and, if so, what?
13. What was the maximum decrease in percentage in any one fare and between what stations as compared with the fares ruling after the increases before mentioned became effective?
14. On what date were "Mamquam" and "Chee-kye" closed as stations on the Squamish Division?
15. What notice was given to the public of the closing of these stations?

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

- "1. January 15th, 1921.
- "2. Averaged in comparison with other small plants operating in the Province.
- "3. January 12th, 1921.
- "4. January 25th, 1921. Proposed increase cancelled.
- "5. Plant formerly working twenty-four hours, and agreed with a committee of Squamish citizens to operate the plant: Week-days, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sundays, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., allowing one shift to be reduced, thereby reducing operating expenses.
- "6. March 29th, 1921.
- "7. Notice posted North Vancouver Depot.
- "8. April 12th, 1921.
- "9. Notice posted North Vancouver Depot.
- "10. Fifty per cent.; North Vancouver and Altamont.
- "11. May 1st, 1921.
- "12. Tariff issued April 26th, 1921. Notice posted North Vancouver Depot.
- "13. Fifty per cent.; North Vancouver and Altamont.
- "14. May 17th, 1921.
- "15. Supplement of tariff issued May 14th, 1921, and notices posted on door of stations."

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

1. What is the total cost of work done on the Ladner Trunk Road, in which the Provincial and Federal Governments participated?
2. What is the mileage of such work?
3. In what sections was this road-work done, giving the type of pavement adopted and the mileage from Ladner?
4. What tenders were received for each section respectively, with the width and thickness of pavement?
5. Who was the successful tenderer for each section referred to in question 4?
6. What was the cost per square yard of paved surface, including the subgrade, for each section and type of pavement adopted respectively?

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

" 1. \$269,957.00, excluding cost of engineering and supervision.

" 2. 8.37 miles.

" 3. Section C, Mile 0 (Ladner Ferry Landing) to Mile 1.48 and Mile 1.97 to Mile 3.48, Warrenite-Bitulithic pavement (Type C) on broken-stone base; Section D, Mile 1.48 to Mile 1.97, Warrenite-Bitulithic pavement (Type C), resurfacing old litha pavement; Section B, Mile 3.48 to Mile 5.51, cement concrete pavement; Section A, Mile 5.51 to Mile 8.37, Warrenite-Bitulithic pavement (Type C) on broken-stone base.

" 4. *Road Section A.*—Proposal (A), asphaltic concrete or Warrenite-Bitulithic wearing surface, 2 inches thick, 16 feet wide, on broken-stone base: Type (a), asphaltic concrete, coarse aggregate composed of broken stone, Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$92,013.90; Type (b), asphaltic concrete, coarse aggregate composed of gravel, Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$89,834.80; Type (c), Warrenite-Bitulithic, coarse aggregate composed of broken stone, Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$98,239.90; Type (d), Warrenite-Bitulithic, coarse aggregate composed of gravel, Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$96,060.80.

" *Road Section C.*—Proposal (A), asphaltic concrete or Warrenite-Bitulithic wearing surface, 2 inches thick, 16 feet wide, on broken-stone base: Type (a), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$79,112; Palmer Bros., \$85,495.30; Type (b), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$77,198; Palmer Bros., \$84,538.30; Type (c), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$85,492; Type (d), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$83,578.

" *Road Sections A and C (combined as One Contract).*—Proposal (A), as before: Type (a), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$161,740.26; Cotton Co., Ltd., \$179,617.90; Type (b), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$157,328.16; Type (c), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$174,976.56; Type (d), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$169,934.16.

" *Road Section D.*—Asphaltic concrete or Warrenite-Bitulithic wearing surface, 1½ inches thick, 14 feet wide, resurfacing old litha pavement: Type (a), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$7,641.48; Cotton Co., Ltd., \$9,097; Type (b), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$7,368.57; Type (c), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$8,642.15; Type (d), Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$8,414.73.

" *Road Section A.*—Proposal (B), cement concrete pavement, 7 inches thick, 16 feet wide: Palmer Bros., \$119,325.80; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$137,599.

" *Road Section C.*—Proposal (B), as before: Palmer Bros., \$103,697; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$122,210.

" *Road Sections A and C (combined as One Contract).*—Proposal (B), as before: Palmer Bros., \$223,254.90; Cotton Co., Ltd., \$263,802.

" *Road Sections A and C (combined as One Contract).*—Proposal (C), asphaltic concrete or Warrenite-Bitulithic, Ltd., wearing surface, 2 inches thick, 16 feet wide, on cement concrete base, 6 inches thick, 16 feet wide: Type (a), asphaltic concrete wearing surface, coarse aggregate composed of broken stone on cement concrete base, Cotton Co., Ltd., \$295,570.

" *Section B.*—Proposal (A), cement concrete pavement, thickness at centre 7½ inches, at edge 6¾ inches, width 14 feet: Palmer Bros., \$112,963.70; Nickson Construction Co., \$116,728.70. Proposal (C), alternative paving proposals based on contractors' own specifications, thickness to be equivalent to that specified in Proposal (A), width 14 feet, Palmer Bros., \$103,197.34 (tender did not comply with specification requirements); Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$103,906.70; Cotton Co., Ltd., \$65,647.90, plus additional for mixed base where required at rate of \$7.50 per J,100 lb. (tender did not comply with specification requirements).

"NOTE.—The above tenders for Section B were based on a length of 3.18 miles and in a different location, now known as part of Section A, distance 2.03 miles.

"5. Sections A and C (combined as one contract), Columbia Bitulithic Co.; Section D, Columbia Bitulithic Co.; Section B, Palmer Bros.

"6. Sections A and C, paved surface only, \$2 per square yard; subgrade, including shoulders, 99 cents per square yard. Section D, paved surface only, \$1.90; subgrade, *nil*. Section B, paved surface only, 3.87 per square yard; subgrade, including shoulders, 57 cents per square yard. (*See* foot-note, answer to question 4.)"

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

What money has been spent in hard-surfacing the road from Creston to Erickson in the years 1920, 1921, and 1922 respectively?

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

"Fiscal year 1920-21, \$7,388; 1921-22, \$11,416.75; 1922-23 (to date), \$11,699.68."

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

1. How many Orientals are employed in the mines at Cumberland owned by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.?

2. How many white men are employed in those mines?

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

"1. For latest information *see* Minister of Mines' Report, 1921, page 307.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What is the full list of text-books supplied by the Free Text-book Department for use in the public schools, and what does it cost the Province for each such book?

2. What is the full list of text-books required by pupils in the public schools, and which are not supplied by the Free Text-book Department, and what does each book cost the pupil?

(These questions do not refer to the high schools.)

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

"1. The books issued to the public-school pupils by the Free Text-book Branch are: The B.C. Beginners' Reader, 15 cents; Canadian Readers, Book II., 32.25 cents; Canadian Readers, Book III., 35.75 cents; Canadian Readers, Book IV., 41.5 cents; Canadian Readers, Book V., 46 cents; Canadian History, 40 cents; How to be Healthy, 43.2 cents; Arithmetics, Book I., 39.6 cents; Arithmetics, Book II., 36 cents; Public School Grammar, 30.4 cents; Drawing Books Nos. I., II., III., IV., and IV.A, each 11 cents; Writing Compendiums Nos. 1 and 2, each 10 cents; Writing Compendium No. 3, 11 cents; Writing Compendium No. 4, 12 cents; Writing Compendium, Senior Manual, 23 cents; Writing Compendium, Teachers' Manual, 67 cents.

"The following is a list of the Supplementary Readers supplied free to the rural and assisted schools: Heart of Oak, Book I., 36 cents; Art-Literature, Primer, 43.2 cents; Art-Literature, Book I., 43.2 cents; Art-Literature, Book II., 46.8 cents; Progressive Road to Reading, Book III.A, 61.2 cents; Robin Hood Reader, 50 cents.

"The prices quoted are the publishers' prices and do not include freight charges or the cost of distribution.

"2. The prescribed text-books not supplied by the Free Text-book Branch, and the prevailing retail price of each in Victoria, are as follows: Dominion School Geography, \$1.40; Elementary Composition, 65 cents; History of England for Public Schools, 75 cents; Public School Speller, 55 cents. *Four* of the following options are required by Entrance pupils: Golden Steps, 35 cents; Narrative and Lyric Poems, B.C. Edition, 35 cents; A Christmas Carol and King of the Golden River, 40 cents; Scott's *Ivanhoe*, 90 cents; Lamb's *Tales from Shakespeare*, 40 cents; Sharp Eyes and Winter Neighbours, 35 cents; Selections from Irving & Hawthorne, 40 cents; Lady of the Lake, 35 cents; Lay of the Last Minstrel, 35 cents."

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.