

Wednesday, 13th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. de B. Owen.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the amendment of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" enclosed herewith, as follows:—

Amend by striking out section 4, and substituting therefor the following:—

"4. (1.) In the case of any entry upon the lands of any person and the cutting and taking therefrom of spruce timber under the provisions of section 2, compensation shall be paid to the person whose timber is taken, computed at the rate of six dollars per thousand feet of all No. 1 grade spruce logs removed from such lands, and at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per thousand feet of all No. 2 grade spruce logs so removed, such logs to be graded and scaled in accordance with the provisions of the 'Forest Act' and the Acts in amendment thereof. Except as provided in this subsection, no compensation shall be paid to any person in respect of any such entry, or in respect of any timber cut on the lands so entered upon, or in respect of any spruce timber taken or removed therefrom, or for any damage caused to such lands, or for any loss or injury which any person may sustain by reason of the exercise of any of the powers given to the Minister of Lands or to any person under the provisions of said section 2.

"(2.) In the case of any lands which are occupied or used for a right-of-way under the provisions of section 3, compensation to be computed at the rate of two dollars per thousand feet of all timber cut on such right-of-way shall be paid to the person whose timber is so cut, such timber to be scaled in accordance with the provisions of the 'Forest Act' and the Acts in amendment thereof.

"(3.) All compensation under this section shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and in case any dispute arises as to the quantity of logs or timber cut or removed, or as to the amount of compensation payable, the matter shall be determined by the Minister of Lands, and the decision of the Minister of Lands thereon shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be removable by certiorari or otherwise into any Court."

Government House,
March, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the consideration and adoption of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Ordered, That the amendment reported be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction."

The Hon. the Premier presented the First Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 12th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stratheona Park Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 13th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statutes and Journals Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Wallis*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return: (a) Showing the assessment and taxes collected on each salmon-cannery on real and personal property for the year 1916; (b) showing the assessment and taxes collected on each salmon-cannery on real and personal property for the year 1917; (c) showing the taxes collected for the year 1916 from each salmon-cannery in this Province on the salmon packed and the rate per case; (d) showing the taxes collected for the year 1917 from each salmon-cannery in this Province on the salmon packed and the rate per case; (e) showing the amount of the tax on income collected from each owner, shareholder, or stockholder in each salmon-cannery in this Province which was derived from said salmon-cannery business in the Province for the year 1916; (f) showing the amount of the tax on income collected from each owner, shareholder, or stockholder in each salmon-cannery in this Province which was derived from said salmon-cannery business in the Province for the year 1917.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill to confirm an Agreement and a Minute of Council, copies of which are hereunto annexed.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, made this twenty-second day of February, 1918,

Between

HIS MAJESTY THE KING in right of his Province of British Columbia, herein represented and acting by the Honourable John Oliver, Minister of Railways of the said Province (hereinafter referred to as "the Province"), of the one part;

and

TIMOTHY FOLEY, PATRICK WELCH, and JOHN W. STEWART, doing business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties of the Second Part"), of the other part.

1. The Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith cause to be effectually and absolutely assigned, transferred, and assured to the nominees of the Province, and the Province shall thereupon receive and acquire, all shares not now so held by the Province in the capital stocks of:—

- (a.) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Railway Company");
- (b.) Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Equipment Company"); and
- (c.) Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Development Company");

subject, as to the shares of the Development Company, to the provisions hereinafter contained and set forth.

2. The Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith cause the Province to be put into full possession and control of the entire undertaking and line of railway of the Railway Company, and all and singular the properties, real and personal, and assets, credits, and effects whatsoever of that Company, and of the Equipment Company, and of the Development Company, respectively, including all the rights, powers, immunities, and franchises of the said Companies respectively.

3. All lands and right-of-way contracted to be sold by the Development Company to the Railway Company and all lands at Squamish (including wharf) at present occupied or used as terminals shall be forthwith conveyed to the Province; and the note for eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) given by the Railway Company to the Development Company shall be delivered to the Province for cancellation.

4. The Parties of the Second Part shall pay to the Province:—

- (a.) Cash, forthwith, inclusive of money in Union Bank\$ 500,000 00
- (b.) Additional cash within four months from this date 250,000 00
- (c.) The further sum, subject to option hereinafter set out, of ... 350,000 00

\$1,100,000 00

5. Releases of all claims by each of the above-named Parties of the Second Part against the above-named Companies respectively, and of all claims by each of the above-named parties and Companies against the Province, shall be executed and delivered to the Province forthwith.

6. Upon payment in full of the sums of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) above mentioned within the times hereinbefore limited, and upon due performance on the part of the Parties of the Second Part of all acts, matters, and things set out in Articles one (1), two (2), three (3), five (5), and eleven (11), and on their part to be observed and performed, a release in terms of the draft release hereunto annexed shall be executed by the Province and delivered to the said Parties of the Second Part.

7. The Province may, at its option, at any time during the continuance of the present War and a period of two years thereafter, elect to retain all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company and all its lands and assets absolutely; and thereupon the Parties of

the Second Part shall be released and discharged from the payment of the three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,00) above mentioned.

8. The Parties of the Second Part may, at their option, at any time during the continuance of said War and a period of five years thereafter, pay to the Province the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in cash, and absolutely surrender and relinquish to the Province all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, and all its lands and assets, and thereupon the Parties of the Second Part shall be relieved from the payment of the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) above mentioned.

No interest on the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall accrue, be due, or payable if this option is exercised by the Parties of the Second Part during the continuance of the War and within two years thereafter, but if not exercised until after the expiration of the said period of two years, the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until payment.

9. In case the Province fails to exercise its option under Article 7, the Parties of the Second Part may, upon payment of the said sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) at the expiration of the period named in Article 7 without interest, or at any time during a period of three years thereafter with interest at six per centum per annum until payment, at their option, elect to take over from the Province all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, in which event possession of the lands of that Company, except the part thereof absolutely vested in the Province under this Agreement, shall be relinquished by the Province, and the Province shall thereafter have no interest in or right to require reconveyance of any part of said lands by reason of any subdivision that may be made thereof.

10. The options mentioned in Articles 7, 8, and 9 shall be exercised by notice in writing given by one party to the other. Any notice to be given the Parties of the Second Part shall be deemed to have been well and sufficiently given if mailed at Victoria, British Columbia, in a prepaid envelope registered, addressed to the said Parties of the Second Part at

11. If at the expiration of the period of five years mentioned in Article 9 none of the options set out in Articles 7, 8, and 9 has been exercised, then all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company shall be retransferred to the said Parties of the Second Part, and possession of the lands of the said Development Company, except the part thereof absolutely vested in the Province under this Agreement, shall be relinquished by the Province, and the Province shall thereafter have no interest in or right to require a reconveyance of any part of the said lands by reason of any subdivision that may be made thereof, and the Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith pay the Province the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000), with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the expiration of the period of two years set out in Article 7, and as well after as before maturity.

12. As security for the due performance by the Parties of the Second Part of the obligations on their part herein set out, the Province shall hold the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, transferred to the Province under this Agreement, and the Parties of the Second Part shall, on the execution of this Agreement, forthwith furnish to the Province a bond, satisfactory to the said Minister of Railways, in the penal sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), conditioned on the due performance of the said obligations as aforesaid.

13. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that they and the said several Companies herein shall respectively execute all necessary acts, documents, resolutions, and assurances, including a more formal instrument in the stead of this present Agreement, for such purposes, in such form, and containing such terms, covenants, and conditions as the Attorney-General of the said Province may think necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this Agreement according to their true intent and meaning.

14. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that all the rolling-stock, equipment, plant, and machinery now in, upon, or about the said line of railway or adjacent thereto, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for use by them or any of the said Companies in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway, are the properties of the said Companies, and are to be transferred, set over, and delivered to the Province.

15. It is understood by and between the parties hereto that this Agreement shall not become operative or binding unless and until the same is ratified by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia; the parties hereto severally agreeing to co-operate in taking all

steps and doing all things necessary to obtain ratification at the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

16. The above-named parties agree at any time on request of the Province to apply and petition for any legislative or parliamentary action advised by the Law Officers of the Crown.

17. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that neither they nor the said Company nor any of them have in any way charged, mortgaged, encumbered, hypothecated, or in anywise howsoever dealt with any of the lands, shares, assets, franchises, contracts, or undertakings of any of the said Companies other than as set out in the several trust deeds heretofore entered into to which the Province is a party.

18. This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of the parties hereto respectively.

In witness whereof this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

JOHN OLIVER,

Minister of Railways.

R. T. ELLIOTT,

*Solicitor for Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch,
John W. Stewart, Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy
Tate, E. F. White, and Foley, Welch &
Stewart.*

Witness: R. J. CROMIE.

Approved 25th February, 1918.

P. W.,

For D.C., E.C.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to report for the consideration of the Council the following:—

That he has entered into an Agreement with Messrs. Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White, a true copy whereof is hereunto annexed.

And to recommend that the same be approved and confirmed.

And to recommend that a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, be transmitted to Richard T. Elliott, Esquire, K.C., solicitor for the said Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White.

Dated this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,

Minister of Railways.

Approved this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved,—

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Dated this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,
Minister of Railways.

Approved this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

The Committee reported progress.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

1. Is James Kerr, of Rock Creek, acting as Road Superintendent?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What salary is he paid?
4. Is he still on pay?
5. If so, what work is he now doing?
6. Did said Kerr act as Judge of the Court of Revision this year?
7. What was he paid for said work?
8. Is said Kerr Mining Recorder at Rock Creek?
9. If so, what salary or commission is he paid?
10. Was said Kerr in the meat business or a butcher when appointed Superintendent?
11. Did he not remain in the butcher business after said appointment?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. James Kerr is General Foreman.
- "2. April 24th, 1917.
- "3. \$125 per month.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Supervising public works, Greenwood Electoral District.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. \$104.80.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. 15 per cent. commission on record fees collected for the Government.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. Yes.

"NOTE.—The Minister of Public Works was not aware that Mr. Kerr was engaged in any other occupation until the above questions caused inquiry to be made. Prompt action will be taken to avoid as far as possible a recurrence of any similar condition."

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. For what purpose was the sum of \$3,426.25 charged to capital account *re* Griffiths Hughes's farm?

2. For what purposes was the sum of \$5,358.68, charged to working expenditure, paid out?
3. Was any portion of said amounts paid out to Orientals, either in wages or otherwise?
4. If so, for what purpose and how much?

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

- "1. Live stock, \$2,636.15; plant and machinery, \$56.10; improvements, \$734.
- "2. Seed, \$503.01; wages and board, \$4,295.79; feed, \$314.89; sundry expenses, \$244.99.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Wages, \$754.30.

"NOTE.—For some months after the offer of the use of the Hughes's farm was made to the late Premier the farm was carried on by Mr. Hughes, and upon the Government assuming control the Government paid the accounts incurred by Mr. Hughes in putting in and caring for the crop, and as soon as white labour was obtainable the Chinese labour was dispensed with. Improvements mentioned in answer to question 1 was the erection of two silos to care for crop, which would otherwise have been wasted.—JOHN OLIVER."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Life-insurance Policies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was committed. Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sandon Receivership Act'" was committed. Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, 14th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Chas. Croucher*.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Report of the Department of Railways for the year 1917.

The Hon. Dr. *King* presented the Report of the Minister of Public Works of the Province for the year 1916-1917.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 14th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with.

No. 2—City of Victoria.

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

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

Resolution agreed to.

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

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

Mr. Bowser moved, seconded by Mr. Schofield,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of: (a) Full particulars of the travelling expenses of each Minister of the Crown since the 24th day of November, 1916; (b) particulars of the public business of each Minister on each trip; (c) times and dates covering each trip when each Minister was absent from Victoria; (d) expenses of the Minister's Secretary or other officials who accompanied each Minister.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. King,—

To insert after the word "Crown," in the second line, the words "since the 1st day of January, 1910, and up to and inclusive of the 23rd day of November, 1916, and also."

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Pauline,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders on Petition No. 1—Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia—be referred back to the said Committee, with an instruction to report whether it is just and expedient that the Standing Orders should be dispensed with.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Anderson, adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Pauline,—

Whereas, under the authority of Dominion Statute, an Arbitration Board is now sitting to determine the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Railway has covenanted with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia for the construction and operation of certain railways in the said Province, and has made default in carrying out the said covenant, to the serious injury and loss of the people of said Province:

And whereas the said Canadian Northern Railway is the holder of all the shares of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, which shares constitute one of the assets of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has made default in carrying out undertakings and obligations for the construction and operation of certain lines of railroad in the said Province, to the serious loss and injury of the people thereof:

And whereas the shares of these companies can have no value unless the companies are in a position to carry out their respective obligations:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of the said companies or any of them, unless and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said Province.

Further Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

House again in Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 13th March, recommending the introduction of a Bill to confirm an Agreement for the settlement of matters relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 2)" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Friday, 15th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Archdeacon *Sweet*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 15th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance 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 Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Pauline*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution adopting the report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders on Petition No. 1—Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia—be rescinded.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hall* on March 14th, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders on Petition No. 1—Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia—be referred back to the said Committee, with an instruction to report whether it is just and expedient that the Standing Orders should be dispensed with.

Resolution agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hall* on March 14th, as follows:—

That it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of the said companies or any of them, unless and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said Province.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

On the motion of Mr. *Bell*, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Mrs. *Smith* presented a petition from E. W. Dean and many others, residents of British Columbia, *re* Game Warden's Department being placed under the Provincial Police Department. Laid on the table.

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

What persons domiciled in Kamloops Electoral District hold the following appointments, and the address of each: (a) Justice of the Peace; (b) Notary Public; (c) Commissioner for taking Affidavits within Province of British Columbia?

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

“Unreported deaths and removals occurring during many years render it impossible to furnish this information with any degree of accuracy.”

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

1. Has the Government in its possession the original field-notes, plans, and specifications of the Yale-Cariboo Wagon-road, more especially pertaining to that section between Yale and Lytton?

2. If so, are these records available for scrutiny, and where?

3. If not, are there any engineering records in the possession of the Government relating to this road?

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

“1. As far as can be learned from the records there are no field-notes nor specifications; the original plans by the Royal Engineers are on file in the Department of Lands and are available for scrutiny.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has the Department a permanent Road Superintendent or Foreman in Peace River?

2. If so, what is his name and where is he located?

3. How long has he been drawing salary, and for what months has he been paid since November, 1916?

4. At what rate has he been paid?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. D. Menard, Pouce Coupe.

“3. Eight months and a half, May to January.

“4. \$125 per month.”

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

1. Is there any money due the Lands Department from the King Lumber Co., Ltd., of Cranbrook, for timber royalty?

2. Is the Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, a shareholder or director of the King Lumber Co., Ltd.?

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

“1. Yes, \$3,468.98.

“2. Do not know.”

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

1. Does the Premier propose to investigate the charge that the following Civil Servants took an active part in the Laurier-Liberal interest in the late Federal election: W. S. Fisher, of the Assessor's Office at Prince Rupert; A. Mallory, of Port Clements, Forest Ranger; F. W. DeHart, of Kelowna, member of the Land Settlement Board; C. Ward, of Cranbrook, member of the Land Settlement Board; R. J. Stewart, of Vancouver, Inspector of Factories; James Kerr, of Rock Creek, Road Superintendent; F. J. McAlpine, of Summerland, Road Superintendent; F. K. Hurry, of Creston, Ferryman; A. Forrester, of Nanaimo, Tax-collector; E. S. Woodward, of Victoria, Liquor Vendor?

2. If these charges or any of them are proven, will these officials be dismissed as was R. S. Duggan?

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

“If information in writing, stating definitely the acts complained of, is placed before me I will give the complaints due consideration.”

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

1. Under what section of the “Land Settlement and Development Act” was the Land Settlement Board appointed Sumas Dyking Commissioners?

2. Under what section of the “Land Settlement and Development Act” are they authorized to exercise such duties?

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

“Section 43 and the ‘Dyking and Drainage Act’ combined.”

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act.’”

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 3) An Act respecting Seed-grain.

(No. 6) An Act to amend the “Summary Convictions Act.”

(No. 11) An Act to amend the “Sandon Receivership 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.”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Monday, 18th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLÖCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

The petition presented by Mrs. *Smith* from E. W. Dean and many others, residents of British Columbia, *re* Game Warden's Department being placed under the Provincial Police Department was received.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 18th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hall* on March 14th, as follows:—

Whereas, under the authority of Dominion Statute, an Arbitration Board is now sitting to determine the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Railway has covenanted with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia for the construction and operation of certain railways in the said Province, and has made default in carrying out the said covenant, to the serious injury and loss of the people of said Province:

And whereas the said Canadian Northern Railway is the holder of all the shares of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, which shares constitute one of the assets of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has made default in carrying out undertakings and obligations for the construction and operation of certain lines of railroad in the said Province, to the serious loss and injury of the people thereof:

And whereas the shares of these companies can have no value unless the companies are in a position to carry out their respective obligations:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of the said companies or any of them, unless and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said Province.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Bowser*,—

That all the words after the word "House" in the first line of the sixth paragraph in Resolution be struck out, and the following words substituted: "that out of any payment made to the holders of the shares a sufficient sum be deducted and paid into the Consolidated Fund of this Province to enable this Province to complete the construction of the line contracted for by said company on Vancouver Island."

The debate continuing, on the motion of *Mr. Anderson* it was adjourned until to-morrow.

House again in Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution moved by the Hon. *Mr. Oliver* on 13th March, recommending the introduction of a Bill to confirm an Agreement for the settlement of matters relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of *Mr. Ross*, seconded by *Dr. Rose*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of: (a) All correspondence between Griffiths Hughes and the Government or any member thereof relating to the acquisition by the Government of the farm of the said Griffiths Hughes; (b) all agreements between the said Griffiths Hughes and the Government or any member thereof covering the acquisition of said farm; (c) all reports (if any) by the Departmental officers on the advisability of acquiring the same; (d) pay-roll, if any; (e) particulars of live stock purchased, giving names of persons from whom purchased, with price and correspondence *re* same; (f) the names of any returned soldiers who have received practical instruction in agriculture at the said farm, and in what lines; (g) the names of any returned soldiers now employed (if any) in the operation of said farm.

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

What is the total revenue received from each electoral district in the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1917?

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

"As the boundaries of the assessment districts and those of the electoral districts are not the same it is impossible to answer this question."

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

1. During the visit of the late Premier and Minister of Lands to Peace River in 1917, were representations made to the Ministers urging the necessity for a Government elevator at Pouce Coupe Landing to meet the requirements of the grain-growers of Peace River?

2. What promises, if any, were made towards meeting this requirement?

3. Is the Minister aware that since the said meeting some 200,000 bushels of grain were threshed in the Pouce Coupe section?

4. Has the Hon. the Minister made any report on this subject to the Executive Council?

5. Will any further action be taken?

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

“1. Not to knowledge of the Minister of Lands.

“2. None to knowledge of the Minister of Lands.

“3. It was anticipated that Pouce Coupe would produce a considerably larger quantity of grain than 200,000 bushels.

“4. No written report.

“5. The Government has a watchful eye on all matters affecting the public welfare.”

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

What is the total amount of salaries and expenses paid to date on account of the Taxation Commission?

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

“\$1,999.40.”

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

1. Was one Harry Andrews appointed Government Agent at Anyox?

2. When was he appointed?

3. What salary is he paid?

4. What authority was there for his appointment?

5. Does he hold any appointments other than Government Agent?

6. If so, what are they?

7. Out of what vote is his salary paid?

8. By whom was he recommended?

9. Why was not some person in the Service promoted?

10. Why was not a returned soldier appointed?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. From October 1st, 1917.

“3. \$150 per month.

“4. Order in Council.

“5. Yes.

“6. Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages and Registrar under the ‘Marriage Act’ for the Skeena River Mining Division, and Stipendiary Magistrate for the County of Atlin.

“7. Temporary assistance.

“8. The Member for Atlin.

“9. Mr. Andrews’s knowledge of conditions and requirements in the district to which he was appointed and his qualifications were considered by the Department as especially fitting him for the position.

“10. Answered by No. 9.”

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

1. What became of the old motor-cars which were replaced by new cars?

2. To whom were they sold, and whether by private sale, public auction, or public tender?

3. What prices were received for each, and what make were they?

4. Where are the three new McLaughlin cars being used, and by whom?

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

“1. A few sold; others exchanged and allowances made; one or two on hand.

“2. Cars sold by public tender to: J. M. Collins, Haynes Model 1912, price \$225; Chas. Nickolson, McLaughlin Model 1913, price \$150; Duncan Garage, Ltd., McLaughlin Model 1912, price \$100; P. Bean, McLaughlin Model 1913, price \$150. Cars exchanged and allowances made:

Sampson Motor Co., McLaughlin Model 1913, allowed \$200; (2) Ridley & Kennedy, McLaughlin Models 1913, allowed \$160 and \$120; Duncan Garage, Ltd., McLaughlin Model 1913, allowed \$220; (2) Wm. Henderson, McLaughlin Models 1911 and 1913, allowed \$50 and \$200; M. Dumond, McLaughlin Model 1913, allowed \$300; McLaughlin Carriage Co., Model 1913, allowed \$450; H. A. Davie, Oldsmobile and Cadillac Models 1913, allowed \$1,000 on the two cars.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Victoria and Vancouver; used by the various Government Departments and the District Engineers."

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

1. What were the total travelling expenses, if any, of W. R. Ross, M.P.P., then Minister of Lands, for the months of June, July, August, and September, 1916?

2. Where were the said expenses, if any, incurred?

3. Was the said W. R. Ross a candidate for re-election at the general election of 1916; and, if so, for what constituency?

4. Was any portion of such expenses incurred during the course of electioneering tours?

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

"1. \$1,121.20.

"2. In the northern portions of the Province, largely in the Fort George District.

"3. Yes, for the Electoral District of Fort George.

"4. No information in the Department."

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

1. Has the Government made any arrangements with Messrs. Whalen Bros. or the proprietors of the pulp-mill of Port Alice for the construction of the road from Port Hardy to Coal Harbour?

2. If so, what is the arrangement?

3. If no arrangements have been made with Messrs. Whalen Bros., is it the intention of the Government to carry out this work this year?

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

"1. Yes, but the company is the Whalen Pulp & Paper Mill, Ltd.

"2. To build and fully complete the road from the inner Hardy Bay (where the existing trail starts) to Sorenson's house at Coal Harbour at a cost not to exceed \$18,000, and payments to cover a period of three years without interest.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Does the Government find it possible to obtain medical men for the outlying parts of the Province where there is an urgent demand for the same?

2. What is the practice of the Government in the matter of assisting in the maintenance of physicians in such districts?

3. What is the Government prepared to do by way of assisting in the maintaining of a physician in the Francois Lake District?

4. What is it prepared to do by way of assisting a physician at Telkwa?

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

"1. No. The Government finds that a great number of our younger medical men are on active service, and that there is for the present a scarcity of physicians available for outlying communities.

"2. By annual grants voted by the Legislative Assembly and paid to physicians residing in outlying districts.

"3. The Government has had under consideration for some time assistance to a physician in the Francois-Ootsa Lakes District, but to date a medical man has not been found for the district. The Government will give the customary grant when one is available.

"4. The matter has been considered, but in view of the fact that there is a Resident Physician twelve miles from Telkwa, and of the fact that there are more urgent calls from other localities for physicians, the Government does not deem it advisable to favourably consider the request of Telkwa for the present."

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

1. Was W. E. Burns appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the cost of coal production?
2. When was this Commissioner appointed?
3. What was the total cost of this Commission?
4. What amount was paid to the Commissioner?
5. How many days was such Commissioner engaged on this work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. February 7th, 1913.
- "3. \$10,118.62.
- "4. \$5,314.87.
- "5. 130 days charged for."

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

1. What amount was spent in the year 1917 in the Creston District on account of roads in the territory lying east of the Kootenay River between Kootenay Landing and Goatfell?
2. What amount was spent in the year 1917 in the Creston District on account of trails in the territory lying east of the Kootenay River between Kootenay Landing and Goatfell?
3. Was any part of this expenditure paid to T. Harris?
4. If so, what amount and for what purpose?
5. Was any part of this expenditure paid to W. Slater?
6. If so, what amount and for what purpose?
7. Was any portion of above expenditure paid for the hire of teams?
8. If so, who owned the teams, the amount paid in each case, to whom paid, and between what dates were the services rendered?

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

- "1. \$4,068.13.
- "2. \$267.75.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Wages as Foreman and labourer, \$868.50.
- "5. No.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Teaming paid for: G. H. Bartley, November 1-30, \$8. F. A. Barton, August 1-31, \$56; September 1-30, \$52. V. Carr, June 1-30, \$15. E. Cartwright, June 1-30, \$30; October 1-31, \$22.50; November 1-30, \$93.75. G. Cartwright, October 1-31, \$3.75; November 1-30, \$33.75. A. N. Couling, December 1-31, \$7.50. A. M. Craig, July 1-31, \$32. B. Dew, June 1-30, \$15; October 1-31, \$7.50; November 1-30, \$33.75. P. Hendren, May 1-31, \$48. G. Hood, May 1-31, \$3.50; June 1-30, \$7.50; October 1-31, \$22.50. R. Lamont, September 1-30, \$37.50. G. Leach, August 1-31, \$18.75; November 1-30, \$15. A. Mackie, September 1-30, \$5; January 1-31, \$6. J. J. Moores, October 1-31, \$19.10. H. McCreath, May 1-31, \$12; June 1-30, \$4; July 1-31, \$8; August 1-31, \$86.25; September 1-30, \$45; October 1-31, \$15; December 1-31, \$15. F. Putnam, September 1-30, \$12; November 1-30, \$82.50. T. Putnam, October 1-31, \$15. T. Ross, October 1-31, \$93.75; November 1-30, \$22.50. J. D. Spiers, April 1-30, \$28; June 1-30, \$180; July 1-31, \$60; August 1-31, \$82.50; September 1-30, \$22.50; October 1-31, \$30; December 1-31, \$7.50. E. Telford, October 1-31, \$44. R. Telford, November 1-30, \$56; January 1-31, \$24."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented the report of the Commissioner in the matter of the Fort George Election Inquiry.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. J. Bowden.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the further amendment of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" enclosed herewith.

Government House,
March, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution, and which are as follows:—

“Section 4, subsection (2): Add at the end of the subsection the following words:—

“Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the compensation payable to any person in respect of any such occupation or use of lands, or for any loss or injury which any person may sustain by reason of the exercise of any of the powers given to the Minister of Lands or to any person under the provisions of said section 3, shall be such amount as is agreed upon between the Minister of Lands and such first-mentioned person, or as may be determined by the Minister of Lands under this section.’

“Add the following as section 7:—

“7. Nothing in this Act shall affect any moneys reserved or payable to the Crown in respect of any lands entered upon or in respect of any timber cut and removed under this Act, and in every case such moneys shall be payable and collectable in the like manner and from the like persons as the same would, pursuant to any Statute or under the terms of any contract or grant, be payable and collectable in case no such entry had been made and the timber had been cut by the person to whom compensation therefor is payable under this Act.”

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Ordered. That the amendments reported be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction.”

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return of Spruce Permits issued under Order in Council.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hall* on March 14th, as follows:—

Whereas, under the authority of Dominion Statute, an Arbitration Board is now sitting to determine the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Railway has covenanted with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia for the construction and operation of certain railways in the said Province, and has made default in carrying out the said covenant, to the serious injury and loss of the people of said Province:

And whereas the said Canadian Northern Railway is the holder of all the shares of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, which shares constitute one of the assets of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has made default in carrying out undertakings and obligations for the construction and operation of certain lines of railroad in the said Province, to the serious loss and injury of the people thereof:

And whereas the shares of these companies can have no value unless the companies are in a position to carry out their respective obligations:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of the said companies or any of them, unless and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said Province.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

And the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on March 18th, as follows:—

That all the words after the word “House” in the first line of the sixth paragraph in Resolution be struck out, and the following words substituted: “that out of any payment made to the holders of the shares a sufficient sum be deducted and paid into the Consolidated Fund of this Province to enable this Province to complete the construction of the line contracted for by said company on Vancouver Island.”

With leave of the House, the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. *Anderson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *K. C. Macdonald*.—

To strike out all the words after the word "thereof" in the twelfth line of the Resolution, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:—

"Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, immediate measures should be taken by the Dominion Government, who own or will soon own all the share capital of the Canadian Northern Railway, to have the obligations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in British Columbia completed at the earliest possible moment, more especially the construction and completion of terminals, the lines of railway on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, and the line of railway from the City of Kamloops to Vernon and Kelowna.

"Be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution heretofore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa."

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

House again in Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 13th March, recommending the introduction of a Bill to confirm an Agreement for the settlement of matters relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

1. When will the report of the Indian Commission be presented to the House?
2. Is the Department aware that the said Commission recommended the establishment of Indian reserves in communities at present well settled with white settlers; in particular, in the vicinity of Francois Lake?
3. What negotiations have the Government had with the Federal Government in respect to this report?

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

"1. It appears that the Order in Council appointing the Commission did not contemplate the submission of the report either to the Dominion or Provincial Houses until it had first been considered by the two Governments. As the report is exceedingly lengthy, this Government has not yet had opportunity to thoroughly consider it, but the whole question is under review and will be dealt with as early as possible.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was Timber Sale X882 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?
6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. May 17th, 1917.

"3. Dean Channel, Range 3, Coast.

"4. 850,000 feet.

"5. No report yet received.

"6. Fir, grades 1 and 2, 65 cents; fir, grade 3, 35 cents; hemlock, 35 cents; cedar, grades 1 and 2, 50 cents; cedar, grade 3, 35 cents.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Do not know.

"10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Was Timber Sale X893 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?
6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. May 21st, 1917.

"3. North Bentinck Arm, Range 3, Coast.

"4. 230,000 feet.

"5. No report yet received.

"6. Spruce, Nos. 1 and 2, 75 cents; spruce, No. 3, 35 cents; all other species, 35 cents.

"7. Yes.

"8. Answered by No. 6.

"9. Do not know.

"10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Was Timber Sale X929 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?
6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. July 27th, 1917.

"3. South Bentinck Arm, Range 3, Coast.

"4. 455,000 feet.

"5. No report yet received.

"6. Spruce, Nos. 1 and 2, 75 cents; spruce, No. 3, 50 cents; fir, grades 1 and 2, 75 cents; fir, grade 3, 50 cents; cedar, Nos. 1 and 2, 75 cents; cedar, No. 3, 50 cents; hemlock, 50 cents.

"7. Yes.

"8. Answered by No. 6.

"9. Do not know.

"10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Was Timber Sale X949 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?
6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. October 5th, 1917.
- "3. Dean Channel, Range 3, Coast.
- "4. 1,100,000 feet.
- "5. No report yet received.
- "6. Fir, grades 1 and 2, \$1; fir, grade 3, 50 cents.
- "7. No.
- "8. Answered by No. 7.
- "9. Do not know.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Was Timber Sale X884 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?
6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. May 30th, 1917.
- "3. South Bentinck Arm, Range 3, Coast.
- "4. 550,000 feet.
- "5. No report yet received.
- "6. Spruce, Nos. 1 and 2, 65 cents; spruce, No. 3, 50 cents; cedar, Nos. 1 and 2, 65 cents; cedar, No. 3, 50 cents; hemlock and balsam, 50 cents.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Answered by No. 6.
- "9. Do not know.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Was Timber Sale XS98 made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
2. What was the date of said sale?
3. Where is the timber situated?
4. What is the estimated stand of timber affected by said sale?
5. Has the purchaser commenced logging operations?

6. What price is the Government receiving for the timber?
7. Is there any spruce timber reported on this property?
8. If so, at what price was it sold to Draney Fisheries, Ltd.?
9. Has the Munitions Board entered upon this limit?
10. What compensation, if any, is the Munitions Board paying to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., for said spruce?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. May 30th, 1917.
- "3. North Bentinck Arm, Range 3, Coast.
- "4. 900,000 feet.
- "5. No report yet received.
- "6. Spruce, Nos. 1 and 2, 65 cents; spruce, No. 3, 50 cents; cedar, Nos. 1 and 2, 65 cents; cedar, No. 3, 50 cents; hemlock, 50 cents.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Answered by No. 6.
- "9. Do not know.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the contract been let for the repairs for the Nelson Court-house?
2. If so, to whom was it awarded?
3. What is the amount of the contract?
4. Were any other tenders received for this work?
5. If so, from whom, and what were the amounts of their tenders?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. McWilliam & Munro.
- "3. \$1,465.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. T. H. Waters & Co., \$1,687.50."

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

1. What amount of money has been placed at the disposal of the Land Settlement Board by the Government (apart from the moneys of the Agricultural Credit Commission loan)?
2. How many loans have been granted by the Land Settlement Board out of such money?
3. What is the aggregate amount of money thus loaned?
4. What rate of interest has been charged to borrowers on said loans?
5. From what source or sources has the money been obtained for said loans?
6. What rate of interest is such money costing the Province and what is it costing the Board?
7. How many applications have been received by the Land Settlement Board since its organization?
8. What is the aggregate amount of such applications?
9. How many applications for loans have been refused by the Land Settlement Board?
10. What is the aggregate amount of such refused applications?
11. How many properties on which loans have been applied for have been appraised?
12. How many properties have been appraised but upon which loans have not been granted?

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

- "1. By Order in Council No. 1343, \$150,000; by Order in Council No. 1439, \$111,390.
- "2. At December 31st, 1917, number of loans granted, 157.
- "3. At December 31st, 1917, loans granted for \$319,150.
- "4. 6½ per cent. on \$123,850; 7½ per cent. on \$195,300.
- "5.
- "6. Land Settlement Board is paying 5 per cent.
- "7. To December 31st, 1917, 135.

" 8. To December 31st, 1917, \$294,906.

" 9. To December 31st, 1917, 36.

" 10. To December 31st, 1917, \$53,850.

" 11. To December 31st, 1917, 103.

" 12. To December 31st, 1917, 103 appraised, 36 refused, and 12 action pending."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Minister of Public Works?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

" 1. Renovation, \$5.35; furniture, \$4.40; carpets, *nil*.

" 2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

" *Renovations*.—\$5.35, painting and staining window-sills, C. H. Tite, private contract.

" *Furniture*.—25 cents, repairs to blind, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4.15, card-index outfit with cards, Macey Office Equipment Co."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Minister of Finance?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

" 1. Renovation, \$10; furniture, \$193.50; carpets, *nil*.

" 2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

" *Renovation*.—\$4, name-plate, Melrose Co., private contract; \$6, painting, C. H. Tite, private contract.

" *Furniture*.—\$53, arm office chair, Macey Equipment Co., private contract; \$21.50, arm tilting chair (secretary's office), Macey Equipment Co., private contract; \$115, steel safe, Macey Equipment Co., private contract; \$4, brass cuspidor, Macey Equipment Co., private contract."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Land Settlement Board?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

" 1. Renovations, \$424.53; furniture, \$822.59; carpets, *nil*.

" 2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

" *Renovations*.—\$10.45, hardware, W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd., private contract; \$7.50, hardware, Hickman Tye Hardware Co., private contract; \$2.75, painting materials, British America Paint Co., private contract; \$101, lumber for partition, Lemon, Gonnason Co., tender; \$7.20, hardware, Victoria Hardware Co., private contract; \$51.60, plastering, McWilliam & Munro, tender; \$7.63, heating fixtures, W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd., private contract; \$150.50, painting (labour and material), C. H. Tite, tender; \$27.75, electric fixtures, Carter Electric Co., private contract; \$20, door signs, C. H. Tite, private contract; \$24.65, electric fixtures, T. L. Boyden, private contract; \$13.50, painting and kalsomining, Manser Sign Co., tender.

" *Furniture*.—\$140, 7 tiers steel shelving, Macey Office Equipment Co., tender; \$83, 1 steel truck for books, Macey Office Equipment Co., tender; \$79, 2 sections vertical cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$11, 2 locking devices, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$8.30, 1 card index cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$30.00, 1 typewriter desk, Macey Office Equipment Co.;

\$30.80, 1 12-drawer cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$24.20, 1 2-drawer vertical filing section, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$46, 1 sectional drawer document cabinet (large size), Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$145.05, 3 4-drawer steel cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$58.25, 2 6-drawer sectional cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$23, 2 extra pair ends, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$12, difference on exchange of cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$7.10, cushion, David Spencer, Ltd.; wooden cabinet made on premises, \$93.49, carpenters' time; \$7, panel doors, Lemon, Gonnason Co., Ltd.; \$4.20, hardware, W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd.; \$10.85, hardware, Hickman Tye Hardware Co.; \$8.75, varnishing and staining, Mellor Bros., Ltd.

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the Lands Department?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovations, \$2,176.85; furniture, \$854.15; carpets, \$686.25.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

"Renovations.—\$94.54, beaver board, W. S. Fraser & Co., private contract; \$30.70, hardware, W. S. Fraser & Co., private contract; \$337.21, lumber, Lemon, Gonnason & Co., private contract; \$68, lumber for counter, Lemon, Gonnason & Co., tender; \$155.55, painting (labour and material), Mellor Bros., private contract; \$10, painting, Mellor Bros., tender; \$2.70, glass, Mellor Bros., private contract; \$146, painting (labour and material), Melrose Co., private contract; \$23.75, hardware, Hickman Tye Hardware Co., private contract; \$15.50, mason cutting doorway, E. P. Worthington, tender; \$60.02, electric fixtures, Carter Electric Co., private contract; \$23.33, electric fixtures, McTavish & Spencer, private contract; \$27.97, electric fixtures, Hawkins & Hayward, private contract; \$3.50, repairs to vault door, J. Green, private contract; \$12.50, baize for doors, D. Spencer, Ltd., private contract; \$77, plastering, E. Sherritt, tender; \$155, screen for partition, E. Whittington Lumber Co., tender; \$115, partition (labour and material), W. F. Drysdale, tender; \$14.15, hardware, Victoria Hardware Co., private contract; \$35.93, lumber, Jas. Leigh & Sons, private contract; \$20, name plates (labour and material), F. Mellor, private contract; \$748.50, erecting partitions, screens, shelving, etc., and rewiring, Government carpenters and electrician.

"Furniture.—\$5.50, 2 cushions, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$56, steel cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$10, hat stand, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$55, double standing desk, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$16, 4 wooden transfer cases, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$48, 12 wooden transfer cases, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$15, difference on exchange on cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$20.40, 4 wooden filing cases, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$5.40, 4 locks, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$5, 1 hat and coat stand, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$12, 2 hat and coat stands, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$14.50, 2 hat and coat stands, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$8.25, 1 hat and coat stand, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$8.35, 1 two-drawer multiple card cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$18.70, 2 two-drawer multiple card cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$1, 2 locking rods, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$12.50, 1 hall rack, Smith & Champion; \$2.50, 1 cushion, Smith & Champion; \$103.50, 2 vertical steel cabinets, Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; \$12.25, 1 drawer cabinet, Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; \$35.30, 1 sectional book case top, Victoria Book and Stationery Co.; \$151, 3 steel cabinets, Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; \$46.50, 1 steel vertical cabinet, Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; \$93, 2 steel vertical cabinets, Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; \$10, lounge cover, W. & J. Wilson; \$3.25, cushion, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$25.75, 1 pair curtains, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$15.25, clock, Mitchell & Duncan, Ltd.; \$25, desk, J. E. Smart & Co.; \$6, desk clock, Little & Taylor; \$9, 2 electric lamps, Carter Electric Co.; \$4.25, 1 desk electric lamp, Hawkins & Hayward.

"Carpets.—\$156, 34½ yards carpet, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$97, 24¼ yards border, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4.50, 36 yards lining, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$54.25, 31 yards cork carpet, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$3, laying same, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$198, 49½ yards carpet, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4.50, 36 yards lining, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$122.50, 70 square yards cork carpet, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4.50, laying same, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$24.50, 1 Wilton rug, Smith & Champion; \$17.50, lounge rug, Smith & Champion."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Attorney-General?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovation, \$119.95; furniture, \$674.85; carpets, \$164.50.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

"Renovations.—\$64.70, labour, material, and painting, Melrose Co., private contract; \$55.25, repairs to flooring, Government carpenters.

"Furniture.—\$16, golden oak washstand, Weiler Bros., Ltd., private contract; \$44.35, foyer curtaining, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$80, leather sofa, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$65, Empress chair, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4, 4 shades, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$3, 4 shades, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$1.75, slop-pail, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4, brass cuspidor, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; 75 cents, rehanging shades, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$57, 4-drawer filing-cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$399, dictaphone, complete, Converse Co., Vancouver.

"Carpets.—\$154.50, 1 Wilton rug, lining and laying, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$10, 1 foot-mat, Weiler Bros., Ltd."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Provincial Secretary?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovations, *nil*; furniture, \$60.75; carpets, *nil*.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following: \$6, shades, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$15.90, oak filing-cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$22.85, filing-cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$16, 2 sections, Macey Office Equipment Co."

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.