

Friday, March 9th, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 8th, 1928.*

*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. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to the Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year 1928-29, as follows :—

Page A 95—Vote 188—Add after the word "etc.," in second line of text of Vote, the words "or construction of Buildings or Bridges throughout the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 8th, 1928.*

*Ordered,* That the said amendment to the Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee reported the Resolution.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the Relief of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'United Church of Canada Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to provide Relief for the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 9th, 1928.*

*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. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

With the leave of the House, Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of the amendments to Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act,'" introduced by Message on February 22nd.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to perpetuate certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in said City" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to include the Inhabitants of The Corporation of The District of South Vancouver and the Corporation of Point Grey, and the Respective Areas thereof, within the City of Vancouver" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Produce Marketing Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Premier announced that by an arrangement entered into by all parties in the House the following Special Committee, consisting of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, Messrs. *Hinchliffe*, *Odlum*, *Davie*, and *Neelands*, had been informally agreed upon to consider Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" and to report its findings and recommendations to the House.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on all the following days of the Session there shall be three separate sittings of the Legislature each day, one from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., and the other from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. *Munn* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Forestry begs to report that the time at the disposal of the Committee to procure the necessary data and information upon which to base an intelligent and conclusive report was quite inadequate.

The question of forest conservation and conditions in respect thereto prevailing in British Columbia is of such importance that any conclusions as to policy can only be reached after the fullest investigation and consideration of all information.

From the evidence submitted to your Committee, your Committee is of the opinion that the Forest Branch is doing everything possible in the interests of forest conservation so far as the funds at the disposal of the Branch will permit.

Your Committee recommends that additional sums from forest revenue should be provided for the purpose of extending fire-prevention service and forest conservation.

Owing to the extreme importance of the whole problem, your Committee suggests the advisability of appointing a small committee to further investigate the question with a view to reporting its findings at the next Session of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. MUNN, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Was one J. B. Armishaw employed as General Road Foreman in the Omineca Riding up to September, 1926?

2. If so, was said Armishaw ordered to proceed to Ocean Falls for employment there?

3. Did said Armishaw refuse to be transferred and did he remain in Vanderhoof for one month longer drawing Government pay?

4. Is said Armishaw now General Road Foreman at Pouce Coupe?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Yes."

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

What was the cost of the work of digging up and resodding and installing the sprinkling system on the lawn in front of the Parliament Buildings in 1926-27?

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

"\$5,293.75."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

## Friday, March 9th, 1928.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to-day to consider Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 9th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed to consider proposed amendments to the "Elections Act" begs to report as follows:—

It recognized the following as fundamental principles by which the adequacy of any system of voting should be tested:—

(a.) It should give every elector the opportunity to cast his ballot:

(b.) Prevent non-qualified persons from voting:

(c.) Prevent impersonation:

(d.) Prevent tampering with ballots after such have been cast:

(e.) Prevent misuse of the privilege of voting; e.g., disposing of the right to vote:

- (f.) Permit the rejection of ballots containing vital defects discovered up to the time of the final count :
- (g.) Permit ballots to be counted on the day of the poll :
- (h.) Preserve secrecy of the ballot :
- (i.) Be as simple as possible :
- (j.) Be as inexpensive as possible.

It recognized that the special problem confronting the Committee was that of discovering how to extend to the moving population of British Columbia every opportunity to vote without opening the door to wrongdoing and misuse of the franchise.

The following systems for accomplishing this purpose were examined :—

- (a.) The absentee ballot as amended in 1925 :
- (b.) The proposed traveller's ballot :
- (c.) The advance poll.

The last named was rejected as being too limited in its scope and as open to abuse during the period marked ballots were held in custody.

The traveller's ballot was found to be not so wide in its application as the absentee ballot.

The absentee ballot, as amended in 1925, on examination was found most nearly to meet all requirements. Records of its use in the North Okanagan election were examined and any failure of the absentee vote to give satisfaction in that election was found to be due to misunderstanding and not to the ballot itself. Your Committee therefore unanimously recommends :—

- (1.) That the absentee ballot as amended in 1925 be retained :
- (2.) That the " official mark " be discarded as being no longer needed :
- (3.) That Form 25 of the " Provincial Elections Act " be amended so as to read " with a pencil " instead of " with the pencil provided in the compartment " :
- (4.) That thicker ballot-paper or, if available and deemed necessary, banker's safety-paper be used for ballots :
- (5.) That simple instructions as to methods of folding the absent voter's ballot be printed on the ballot-paper itself :
- (6.) That fifty copies of the voters' list applicable to his riding be supplied to each candidate and, in addition thereto, five copies for each poll.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. D. PATTULLO, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Bill (No. 9) intituled " An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled " An Act to provide Relief for the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Milk Act ' " was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Fire Marshal Act ' " was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Small Debts Courts Act ' " was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Insurance Act ' " was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Motor-vehicle Act ' " was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act.'"

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Odium</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

PAIRS :

Messieurs

*Catherwood* *Barrow*

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of the amendments to Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act,'" introduced by Message on February 22nd.

Amendments read a second time and *Ordered* to be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Poolcy*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee heard representations from both those in favour of and those opposed to the undermentioned Bill, and recommends the deletion of section 2 as being unnecessary.

Your Committee has approved section 3, being of the opinion this section principally clarifies the interpretation of the existing phraseology. Section 4 has been approved as affecting only the internal affairs of the Architects' Association.

Your Committee has submitted an additional section and recommends same as being necessary in the public interest to permit the erection anywhere in the Province of buildings costing less than ten thousand dollars without the "Architects Act" being applicable, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed as amended.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Odlum*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

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

1. When was work on the construction of the Port Hardy-Coal Harbour Road first commenced?
2. Since construction on this road was commenced, how much money has been expended thereon?
3. What is the length of the said road?
4. Has there been any, and, if so, what, serious engineering obstacles in the construction of the said road?
5. What amounts have been expended for (a) labour and (b) material on the said road?
6. How many men have been employed on the said road on the average throughout the period of construction?
7. What material has been used in the construction of the said road?
8. When will the said road be completed?

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

"1 and 2. *See* Votes and Proceedings No. 15, Monday, February 13th, 1928, page 6.

"3. 10¾ miles, approximately.

"4. Physical conditions were such as to make construction costs very high; lack of suitable surfacing materials, heavy clearing and grubbing, high cost of obtaining supplies, etc.

"5. From 1923 to 1927: Labour, \$77,935.74; materials, etc., \$27,604.60.

"6. April 1st, 1925, to February 29th, 1928, average of 20.7 men per month.

"7. Crushed rock gravel used on surface and timber obtained locally for several culverts, etc.

"8. Expect to complete this summer."

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

1. Has one Byers received any appointment in the Forest Branch recently?
2. If so, to what position has he been appointed and at what salary?
3. What is the duty entailed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Appointed Ranger in October, 1919, at salary of \$125 per month; promoted to be Acting Supervisor in May, 1925, at salary of \$166.66; promoted to be Supervisor in April, 1926, at salary of \$175 per month.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.04 p.m.

## Monday, March 12th, 1928.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 8th, 1928.*

*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 borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.28 p.m.



## Monday, March 12th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 12th, 1928.*

*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. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.  
Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
With the leave of the House, Bill read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million six hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The debate continued.

Mr. *Peck* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Lister</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Broune</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>			

NAYS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Colley</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Gray</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Manson, M.*

*Munn*

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Crcery</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Broune</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>		

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

*Manson, M.* *Munn*

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Odlum*, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Trade Licence Boards" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 12th, 1928.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Strike out all the sections of the Bill after section 3, and substitute therefor the following:—

"4. Section 19 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out clause (d), and substituting therefor the following:—

"(d.) He shall strike off from the last revised list of voters (if any) the names of all voters who, from an examination of the books kept pursuant to section 92, and the lists of absent voters furnished to him pursuant to this Act showing the names of voters who have tendered their votes at any election held in the electoral district since the completion of the last revised list of voters, are found by him to have failed to tender their votes at that election; except where the voter was debarred from voting by reason of the provisions of section 77, or where the voter has filed with him an application for reinstatement under subsection (2) of section 17.'

"5. Section 25 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out subsection (3), and substituting therefor the following:—

"(3.) The Registrar shall furnish to any person written copies of the list of voters, or any part thereof, upon payment of the cost of preparing the same as determined by the Deputy Provincial Secretary.'

"6. Section 28 of said chapter 76 is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"28. The King's Printer, when directed by the Deputy Provincial Secretary, shall print or cause to be printed the list of voters for each electoral district, and copies of any list when printed shall be furnished by the King's Printer to any person upon payment of the sum of twenty-five cents for each copy, and every candidate at an election shall be entitled on demand to ten copies of the list free of charge, together with one additional copy for each polling division in the electoral district.'

"7. Section 78 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out the words 'and shall not communicate to any person before the poll is closed any information as to the official mark, except for some purpose authorized by law' in the third, fourth, and fifth lines.

"8. Section 86 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out all the words of subsection (1) after the word 'district' in the fifth line; and by striking out all the words of subsection (2) after the word 'voters' in the third line.

"9. Section 92 of said chapter 76 is amended by adding to subsection (3) the following: 'The Poll Clerk shall write opposite the name of each voter in the book the number appearing opposite the name of that voter in the list of voters.'

"10. Section 93 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out the words 'marked in or near the middle of the back, on the part nearest to the counterfoil, with the official mark, either stamped or perforated, and' in the first, second, and third lines of subsection (1); and by striking out the words 'which has not on its back the official mark, or' in the first and second lines of subsection (2).

"11. Section 94 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out the words 'the official mark stamped on the back of the ballot-paper, and' in the tenth and eleventh lines; and by striking out the words 'the official mark on the ballot-paper and' in the seventeenth line.

"12. Section 106 of said chapter 76, as re-enacted by section 17 of the 'Provincial Elections Act Amendment Act, 1925,' is amended by striking out the words 'which ballot-paper shall be marked with the official mark as provided in section 93' in the fifth, sixth, and seventh lines of subsection (2).

"13. Section 107 of said chapter 76, as re-enacted by section 18 of the 'Provincial Elections Act Amendment Act, 1925,' is amended by striking out the words 'The ballot-paper shall in every

case be marked with the official mark as near as may be in the manner provided in section 93' in the eleventh and twelfth lines of subsection (2).

"14. Section 108 of said chapter 76 is amended by inserting after the word 'forwarded,' in the twenty-fourth line of subsection (5), the words 'without delay'; and by adding to subsection (8) the words 'and shall send by telegraphic dispatch or by the most speedy method available to the Returning Officer of each electoral district in respect of which absent voters' ballot-papers have been deposited a statement of the number of votes cast for each candidate as shown by the written statement prepared pursuant to subsection (5).'

"15. Section 110 of said chapter 76 is amended by inserting after the word 'Officer,' in the third line of clause (c) of subsection (1), as re-enacted by section 20 of the 'Provincial Elections Act Amendment Act, 1925,' the words 'at any time before the completion of the final count.'

"16. Section 112 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out clause (a), and by relettering clauses (b) to (f) as clauses '(a)' to '(e)' respectively.

"17. Section 118 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out clause (a) of subsection (2), and by relettering clauses (b) to (g) as clauses '(a)' to '(f)' respectively.

"18. Section 119 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out the words 'lists of voters marked pursuant to section 93' in the last line of subsection (3), and substituting therefor the words 'list of absent voters made pursuant to subsection (2) of section 110 and all books kept pursuant to section 92.'

"19. Said chapter 76 is amended by inserting therein the following as section 127A:—

"127A. Where parcels containing absent voters' ballot-papers in respect of any electoral district which have not been counted either at the final count or at a subsequent recount are received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary, he shall, within two months after the day on which the poll was held, in the presence of the Judge of the County Court of Victoria, without unfolding that portion of the absent voter's ballot-paper containing the candidates' names and without disclosing how the ballot-paper is marked by the voter, open that portion of the absent voter's ballot-paper containing the affidavit of the voter; and shall make a list stating the name of each absent voter so shown to have tendered his vote within the meaning of this Act, and shall transmit the list to the Registrar of Voters for the electoral district. All absent voters' ballot-papers so partially opened by the Deputy Provincial Secretary shall be forthwith sealed up in a parcel and dealt with by him pursuant to the provisions of section 128.'

"20. Section 172 of said chapter 76 is amended by striking out clause (h), and substituting therefor the following:—

"(h.) Being a Presiding Officer at any polling-booth, neglects to sign the jurat of any affidavit sworn before him under this Act."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Report adopted.

Amendments introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 12th, 1928.*

*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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

With the leave of the House, Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Government undertake any work on the new road to Ioco through the Municipality of Port Moody last year?
2. If so, did they call for tenders? How many tenders were received? What are the names of the tenderers and the amount of each tender?
3. What was the estimated cost?
4. What was the actual cost?
5. Is the work completed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes. Four tenders received for road-construction only on following unit price basis:—

"Dawson, Wade & Co.: Clearing, per acre, \$200; grubbing, per acre, \$280; excavating, solid rock, \$1.25; excavating, loose rock, 65 cents; excavating, hard-pan, 65 cents; excavating, earth, 48 cents; overhaul, per sta. yard, 5 cents; shallow grading, per lineal foot, 20 cents; 12-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$2.40; 18-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$3.50; 36-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$8.20; gravelling, per cubic yard, \$1.20.

"General Construction Co.: Clearing, per acre, \$200; grubbing, per acre, \$250; excavating, solid rock, \$1.20; excavating, loose rock, 60 cents; excavating, hard-pan, 55 cents; excavating, earth, 40 cents; overhaul, per sta. yard, 4 cents; shallow grading, per lineal foot, 75 cents; 12-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$3.50; 18-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$4.50; 36-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$11; gravelling, per cubic yard, \$1.50.

"W. P. Tierney & Co.: Clearing, per acre, \$200; grubbing, per acre, \$400; excavating, solid rock, \$1.60; excavating, loose rock, 80 cents; excavating, hard-pan, 60 cents; excavating, earth, 40 cents; overhaul, per sta. yard, 5 cents; shallow grading, per lineal foot, 50 cents; 12-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$2.10; 18-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$2.95; 36-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$7; gravelling, per cubic yard, \$2.

"C. D. Collard: Clearing, per acre, \$375; grubbing, per acre, \$185; excavating, solid rock, \$1.50; excavating, loose rock, 80 cents; excavating, hard-pan, 70 cents; excavating, earth, 50 cents; overhaul, per sta. yard, 4 cents; shallow grading, per lineal foot, 37½ cents; 12-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$2.65; 18-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$3.50; 36-inch metal culvert, per foot, \$8; gravelling, per cubic yard, \$2.10.

"Contract awarded to Dawson, Wade & Co. on above unit prices.

"3. Road construction, \$12,417.50. Bridges, \$4,513.64. Estimated costs are exclusive of engineering. Construction of bridges was made on extension to main contract on following unit prices submitted by Dawson, Wade & Co.: One 60-foot span king truss, timber in place, \$70 per M.; ironwork in place, 12 cents per pound. Trestle approaches and piers, timber in place, \$61 per M.; steel and cast iron in place, 9 cents per pound; galvanized sheet metal in place, 12 cents per pound. Pile trestle at Sta. 18 + 50, timbers in place, \$61 per M.; ironwork in place, 10 cents per pound. Cedar piles delivered, 22 cents per lineal foot; cedar piles driven, \$20 each.

"4. Road, \$12,149.39; bridge, \$5,780.26, engineering included.

"5. Yes, except for some gravelling."

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

1. Was one C. Wentworth Smythe appointed as Game Warden for Revelstoke District in 1924, 1925, and 1926? If yes, were his services later dispensed with?
2. If yes, when was he so appointed, and were his services as Game Warden later dispensed with? If so, for what reason?
3. Was the said Smythe appointed a police constable at Princeton? If yes, when was he so appointed?
4. Were his services as police constable at Princeton dispensed with? If so, on what date and for what reason?
5. Was the said Smythe appointed as a police constable stationed at Golden? If so, on what date?
6. Were the services of the said Smythe as police constable at Golden later dispensed with? If so, on what date and for what reason?
7. Was the said Smythe re-employed as a Game Warden for the Revelstoke District? If so, on what date?
8. Was any report made to the Attorney-General, or the Department of the Attorney-General, in relation to the said Smythe?
9. Is the said Smythe still in the employ of the Department? If so, in what capacity and at what salary?

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

- “1. Appointed temporary Game Warden September 3rd, 1925, to December 31st, 1925, for duty during the open season; also from July 6th, 1926. He is still employed.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.
- “3. Yes; appointed police constable on probation, January 26th, 1926.
- “4. No.
- “5. Transferred to Golden from Princeton, February 24th, 1926.
- “6. No.
- “7. Transferred to Revelstoke as Game Warden, July 6th, 1926.
- “8. Yes, as to his unsuitability for police-work.
- “9. Yes, as special constable engaged in game duty; \$3.50 per diem.”

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

1. (a.) How many liquor export houses were there in this Province handling *in transitu* shipments in 1925, 1926, 1927, and the name of each? (b.) What licence did they pay each year to the Dominion Government and what licence or tax to the Provincial Government?
2. (a.) How many liquor export houses were there in this Province in 1925, 1926, and 1927, and the names of each? (b.) What did they pay the Dominion Government each year for Customs bond? (c.) What did they pay the Provincial Government each year for licence or tax?
3. Was the Scottish Canadian Exporters, of Vancouver, a company handling “duty-paid” liquor licensed or taxed by the Provincial Government through the Liquor Control Board? What amount did they pay, when did they take this licence, and when was this company organized?

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

- “1. (a.) No information, this being a Federal matter. (b.) See ‘Government Liquor Act,’ section 63, as to amount of tax by way of licence fee payable by export liquor warehouses to Liquor Control Board. No information as to amount paid Dominion Government.
- “2. (a.) For years 1921 to 1926 see Annual Reports of Liquor Control Board; for year 1927 as follows: Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Limited, Grand Forks; Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Limited, Prince Rupert; Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Limited, Victoria; Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Limited, Vancouver; Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Limited, Fernie; North American Importers, Limited, Vancouver; Joseph Kennedy, Limited, Vancouver; Nastillers, Limited, Vancouver; Scottish Canadian Exporters, Limited, Vancouver; British Wine Cellars, Limited, Vancouver. (b.) No information. (c.) See answer to question 1 (b).
- “3. Licence issued to Scottish-Canadian Exporters, Limited, pursuant to ‘Government Liquor Act.’ See section 63, ‘Government Liquor Act’ as to amount of licence. License issued June 16th, 1927; company incorporated June 10th, 1927.”

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

1. What is the total mileage of paved highway in British Columbia?
2. What is the total mileage in each electoral riding?
3. What has been the total cost thereof?
4. What portion of the cost was contributed by: (a) The Provincial Government; (b) the Federal Government?
5. Was any portion of cost paid by any municipal corporations? If so, what is the amount in each case?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. 122.38 miles, representing mileage in unorganized territory and paving on classified highways within organized districts.

"2. Burnaby, 10.98; Chilliwack, 7.83; Cowichan-Newcastle, 2.10; Delta, 35.02; Dewdney, 7.70; Esquimalt, 4.49; Islands, 3.71; Kamloops, 0.26; Nanaimo, 2.42; New Westminster, 0.24; North Okanagan, 0.34; North Vancouver, 8.95; Revelstoke, 0.41; Richmond-Point Grey, 11.15; Saanich, 17.23; Salmon Arm, 0.43; South Vancouver, 9.12.

"3. \$3,565,141.35.

"4. (a.) \$2,300,890.10, excluding Burnaby Municipality, 1927 work, pending final settlement; (b) \$542,631.11.

"5. City of Armstrong, \$10,280.15; Burnaby, \$188,666.37, excluding 1927 work pending adjustment; Chilliwack, \$42,627.39; Delta, \$119,950.44; North Vancouver, \$71,881.04; Saanich, \$249,276.87; Salmon Arm, \$6,000.92; South Vancouver, \$32,936.96."

*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 5.58 p.m.

## Monday, March 12th, 1928.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act,'" the Hon. Mr. Manson moved in amendment as follows:—

To strike out section 10.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million six hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the report of the Special Committee appointed on March 9th on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"  
 Bill read a second time.  
 To be committed at the next sitting.

The amendments to Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" introduced by Message on March 12th, were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$375,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—*Re* deficit on Operation and Maintenance Account and for purchase of equipment, or construction of buildings or bridges throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1929.

The Committee reported the Resolution.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
 And then the House adjourned at 11.18 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections 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. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"  
 Bill read a second time.  
 To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."  
 On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.



With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act for the Relief of The Corporation of the City of Revelstoke" was introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 13th, 1928.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Insert the following as sections 5 and 6 of the Bill and renumber the following sections:—

"5. Section 23A of said chapter 98, as enacted by section 14 of the 'Game Act Amendment Act, 1925,' is repealed.

"6. Section 24 of said chapter 98 is amended by striking out clause (*h*) of subsection (1), as re-enacted by section 13 of the 'Game Act Amendment Act, 1927.'"

Add to the Bill the following section:—

"9. The amendments of said chapter 98 enacted by sections 5 and 6 shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Report adopted.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

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

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

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

Whereas the late Hon. William Sloan, member for Nanaimo Electoral District, and Minister of Mines and Commissioner of Fisheries, departed this life on the 2nd day of March, 1928:

And whereas the said Hon. William Sloan was, up to the said 2nd day of March, in attendance at the present Session of this Legislature:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay the full Sessional indemnity to the widow of the said Hon. William Sloan.

The following papers were presented :—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*—

Final Report of the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene (appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" by Order in Council dated December 30th, 1925).

Annual Report of the Lands and Survey Branches, Department of Lands, for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Clerk of the House, by and with the direction and advice of the Hon. the Attorney-General, be authorized to revise the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Procedure of the Legislative Assembly, the revision to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly at its next Session.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Coventry*:—

1. What public vehicles are applying for hire in British Columbia to whom special permits have been issued?

2. Give: (a) Names of owners and operators of such vehicles; (b) the number of passengers authorized to be carried on such vehicles; (c) the insurance company or companies or other persons who furnish bonds, securities, or insurance policies for the protection of the passengers, as the case may be?

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

1. What did the travelling expenses of the Ministers of the Crown amount to for the five years ending March 31st, 1916?

2. What did the travelling expenses of Ministers of the Crown amount to for the five years ending March 31st, 1927?

3. Has the cost of travel increased during the past ten years?

4. Has the business of the Province increased in the same period?

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

"1. \$72,459.53.

"2. \$64,957.44.

"3. Yes. From 8 to 60 per cent.

"4. Yes. Aggregate revenue and expenditure in 1915-16 was \$19,964,166.84; in 1925-26 it was \$43,450,944.98."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.