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OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1921

Tuesday, 8th February, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Fifteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 27th day of December, 1920, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Dr. *MacLean*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. the Premier, the first Member for Victoria City Electoral District, moved, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the third Member for Vancouver City Electoral District, That *Alexander Malcolm Manson*, Esquire, Member for Omineca Electoral District, do take the Speaker's Chair, and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

John Keen, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *Alexander Malcolm Manson*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted

to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Dr. *MacLean* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the first Session of the Fifteenth Legislature of British Columbia.

Since last Session a referendum was held to ascertain the will of the electorate regarding continuance of the present "Prohibition Act" or substitution therefor of sale of liquors in sealed packages under Government control. Legislation to give effect to the decision of the electorate will require your careful consideration.

In pursuance of its policy to increase agricultural production, my Government, through its Land Settlement Board, has let a contract for the construction of dykes to protect a large area of land at Sumas, in the Fraser Valley.

In several of the settlement areas constituted under the provisions of the "Land Settlement and Development Act" creameries have been established to encourage the dairying industry. This policy will be continued wherever such assistance appears warranted.

You will be asked to provide a sum of money for subsidizing the use of explosives in the clearing of land for agricultural purposes and to assist *bona-fide* mineral prospectors.

Legislation passed in previous Sessions dealing with the matter of irrigation is proving efficacious and the solution of the problem is now assured.

The irrigation project undertaken by my Government in South Okanagan District has been advanced expeditiously. Part of the lands and a portion of townsite property will be placed on the market at an early date.

While the timber industry suffered a decline during the latter half of the year, the aggregate production exceeded that of the previous year and the outlook for 1921 is improving. Legislation will be submitted extending the time for payment of timber-licence fees in arrears.

Amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" making further provision for the safety of coal-miners will be laid before you.

On the initiative of my Government a conference has been arranged with the United States Bureau of Mines, to take place in the month of September this year, for consideration of the standardization of mine-rescue work and apparatus, with a view to further safeguarding underground workers.

I am pleased to advise you that the system of correspondence schools introduced by the Department of Mines has received the approbation of numerous residents of mining districts who desire to qualify for positions of greater trust and responsibility. You will be asked to continue the grant made for the maintenance of this important educational work.

It is the intention of my Government to acquire the plant and property of Tranquille Sanatorium and hereafter to administer the same, and a Bill to make satisfactory provision for this institution will be submitted.

Provision will be made for the extension of the work of the Department of Health by extending the system of Provincial rural district nurses, and you will be asked to make an appropriation for this purpose.

I am pleased to inform you that work on the Trans-Provincial Highway has been carried on during the past year and that three important links in this highway have been completed. It is the intention of my Government to prosecute actively the continuation of this work during the year.

Consolidation of the "Companies Act" is intended in order to incorporate amendments made since revision of the Statutes in 1911, and certain further amendments to adapt this Act to local conditions will be laid before you.

Numerous amendments to the "Land Registry Act" made since 1911 necessitate consolidation of this Act. Further amendments designed to secure uniformity of expression throughout the rearrangement of its sections will be submitted.

Your attention will be called to the draft conventions and recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference held in Washington, D.C., in accordance with the labour part of the Treaty of Versailles, and to the copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 6th of November last, submitted to my Government "With a view to such legislative action in line with the proposals of such of the draft conventions and recommendations as are within the Provincial sphere," and legislation will be submitted in accordance therewith.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration at an early date.

I now leave you to your deliberations, feeling confident that you will discharge worthily the duties and responsibilities of the Session.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Parker*.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The Certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective Electoral Districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election, except in Delta Riding, were read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, January 31st, 1921.

"Whereas, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by Proclamation dated the twenty-third day of October, 1920, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province:

"And whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

"I have now to report that under the provisions of the 'Provincial Elections Act,' being chapter 27, Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, elections were held in all the several Electoral Districts of the Province:

"And I hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that Members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

ALBERNI	Richard John Burde.
ATLIN	Herbert Frederick Kergin.
CARIBOO	John Mackay Yorston.
CHILLIWACK	The Hon. Edward Dodsley Barrow.
COLUMBIA	John Andrew Buckham.
COMOX	Thomas Menzies.
COWICHAN	Kenneth Forrest Duncan.
CRANBROOK	The Hon. James Horace King.
DEWDNEY	John Alexander Catherwood.
ESQUIMALT	Robert Henry Pooley.
FERNIE	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE	Harry George Perry.
GRAND FORKS	Ezra Churchill Henniger.
GREENWOOD	The Hon. John Duncan MacLean.
THE ISLANDS	Malcolm Bruce Jackson.
KAMLOOPS	Frederick William Anderson.
KASLO	Fred Lister.
LILLOOET	Archibald McDonald.
NANAIMO	The Hon. William Sloan.
NELSON	William Oliver Rose.
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NEW WESTMINSTER	David Whiteside.
NORTH OKANAGAN	Kenneth Cattnach MacDonald.
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REVELSTOKE	William Henry Sutherland.
RICHMOND	Thomas Pearson.
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SAANICH	Frederick Arthur Pauline.
SIMILKAMEEN	William Alexander McKenzie.
SLOCAN	William Hunter.
SOUTH OKANAGAN	James William Jones.
SOUTH VANCOUVER	Robert Henry Neelands.
TRAIL	James Hargraves Schofield.
	Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith.
	Ian Alistair Mackenzie.
VANCOUVER CITY	The Hon. John Wallace de Beque Farris.
	James Ramsay.
	Malcolm Archibald Macdonald.
	William John Bowser.
	The Hon. John Oliver.
VICTORIA CITY	Joshua Hinchliffe.
	The Hon. John Hart.
	Joseph Badenoch Clearihue.
YALE	John McRae.

"J. L. WHITE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary,

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—Bulletin No. 1, 1921: Preliminary Review and Estimate of Mineral Production, 1920.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—A Summary of Operations under the "Soldiers' Land Act."

The Hon. the Minister of Railways presented the Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ending December 31st, 1920.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, the Rules were suspended and the Report received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.47 p.m.

Wednesday, 9th February, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *McDonald*.

The Hon. the Premier reported that under the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 6 of the "Civil Service Act Amendment Act," chapter 13, 1920, an Order in Council was passed on the 3rd day of February, 1921, appointing John Keen, Esquire, of Kaslo, B.C., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, *vice* Thornton Fell, K.C., deceased, and moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, that the said appointment be now ratified under the said Act.

Motion carried.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Mackenzie (Vancouver) moved, seconded by Mr. Perry (Fort George),—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We wish to assure His Honour that legislation dealing with the sale and control of liquor will have our most careful consideration.

We are pleased to learn that a contract has been let for the protection of a large area of agricultural land in the Fraser Valley, and that satisfactory progress is being made with the necessary construction-work.

We are pleased to learn that satisfactory progress is being made under the provisions of the "Land Settlement Act," and that creameries are being established in localities where justified.

The proposal to provide moneys to be used in cheapening the cost of explosives used in clearing land for agricultural purposes and for the use of *bona-fide* mineral prospectors will have our favourable consideration.

We are pleased to know that legislation dealing with the problem of irrigation is working out satisfactorily.

We note with satisfaction that the production of timber has been maintained during the year, and that there are reasonable prospects for an improvement in the near future.

The proposed amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" will have careful attention.

We note with satisfaction that the Government has proposed to take part in a conference for the standardization of mine-rescue work and appliances in connection therewith for the purpose of further protecting the safety of underground workers.

We are pleased to note that the system of correspondence schools, introduced by the Department of Mines, is producing satisfactory results.

We approve of the action of the Government in acquiring the plant and property of Tranquille Sanatorium, and the necessary legislation will have our cordial approval.

The proposal to extend the system of Provincial rural district nursing is commendable, and the necessary moneys will be provided.

The activity of the Department of Public Works in the construction of the Trans-Provincial Highway has our approval, and we learn with pleasure that the work will be vigorously prosecuted during the present year.

Legislation for the consolidation of the "Companies Act" and the "Land Registry Act" will receive our careful consideration, as will also legislation dealing with the hours and conditions of labour.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year will be carefully scrutinized.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will have our careful attention.

We assure Your Honour that we shall give our most careful and serious attention to all the duties of the Session, and that all questions shall have our most thoughtful and conscientious consideration.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 8th, 1921.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 8th, 1921.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Thursday, 10th February, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. L. Clay*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Pauline*—From the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Act of Incorporation. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Pooley*—From the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to confirm the official survey of the Township of Esquimalt. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to consolidate, revise, and amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act" and amending Acts. (No. 2.)

Pursuant to Order, 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 House.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1921.

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. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1921.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1921.

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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

That Messrs. *K. C. MacDonald, Yorston, Anderson, Jackson, Perry, Henniger, Buckham, Menzies, Duncan, W. A. McKenzie, A. McDonald, Jones, Lister, Hunter, and Catherwood* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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

That Messrs. *M. A. Macdonald, I. A. Mackenzie, Buckham, K. C. MacDonald, Pauline, Kergin, Sutherland, Jackson, Neelands, Pooley, Jones, Bowser, and Esling* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

That Messrs. *Jackson, Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, Anderson, Clearihue, Ramsay, Duncan, Pooley, Rose, Pearson, and Mrs. Smith* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 11th February, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mrs. *Smith* presented a petition from the land-owners in Port Mann, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the incorporation of Port Mann. (No. 1.)

The following petitions were received:—

From the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Act of Incorporation. (No. 3.)

From the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to confirm the official survey of the Township of Esquimalt. (No. 5.)

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to consolidate, revise, and amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act" and amending Acts. (No. 2.)

Pursuant to Order, 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 Mr. *Burde*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

That whereas, under the provisions of chapter 93, Statutes of 1920, on the 20th day of October last, a vote of the electors was taken on the question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the result of such vote was:—

In favour of the present "Prohibition Act"	55,448
And in favour of Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages	90,885

And whereas it is expedient to give effect to the will of the electors as expressed by their vote on October 20th last:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be placed before the House for its consideration at an early date a Bill which will provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors.

And, further, that such Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to Monday next.

The amended Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective Electoral Districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election was read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

" PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

" VICTORIA, January 31st, 1921.

" Whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by Proclamation dated the twenty-third day of October, 1920, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province:

" And whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

" I have now to report that under the provisions of the 'Provincial Elections Act,' being chapter 27, Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, elections were held in all the several Electoral Districts of the Province:

" And I hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that Members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

ALBERNI	Richard John Burde.
ATLIN	Herbert Frederick Kergin.
CARIBOO	John Mackay Yorston.
CHILLIWACK	Edward Dodsley Barrow.
COLUMBIA	John Andrew Buckham.
COMOX	Thomas Menzies.
COWICHAN	Kenneth Forrest Duncan.
CRANBROOK	James Horace King.
DELTA	John Oliver.
DEWDNEY	John Alexander Catherwood.
ESQUIMALT	Robert Henry Pooley.
FERNIE	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE	Harry George Perry.
GRAND FORKS	Ezra Churchill Henniger.
GREENWOOD	John Duncan MacLean.
THE ISLANDS	Malcolm Bruce Jackson.
KAMLOOPS	Frederick William Anderson.
KASLO	Fred Lister.
LILLOOET	Archibald McDonald.
NANAIMO	William Sloan.
NELSON	William Oliver Rose.
NEWCASTLE	Samuel Guthrie.
NEW WESTMINSTER	David Whiteside.
NORTH OKANAGAN	Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald.
NORTH VANCOUVER	George Samuel Hanes.
OMINECA	Alexander Malcolm Manson.
PRINCE RUPERT	Thomas Dufferin Pattullo.
REVELSTOKE	William Henry Sutherland.
RICHMOND	Thomas Pearson.
ROSSLAND	William Kemble Esling.

SAANICH	Frederick Arthur Pauline.
SIMILKAMEEN	William Alexander McKenzie.
SLOCAN	William Hunter.
SOUTH OKANAGAN	James William Jones.
SOUTH VANCOUVER	Robert Henry Neelands.
TRAIL	James Hargraves Schofield.
	Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith.
	Ian Alistair Mackenzie.
VANCOUVER CITY	John Wallace de Beque Farris.
	James Ramsay.
	Malcolm Archibald Macdonald.
	William John Bowser.
	John Oliver.
VICTORIA CITY	Joshua Hinchliffe.
	John Hart.
	Joseph Badenoch Clearihue.
YALE	John McRae.

" J. L. WHITE,

" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

" *To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*"

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 11th, 1921.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land," 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 following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—The Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1920.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Monday, 14th February, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. M. A. Macdonald—From the land-owners of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the incorporation of Sea Island Municipality.

By Mr. Clearihuc—From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1918," "Victoria City Act, 1919," and "Victoria City Act, 1920."

The petition from the land-owners in Port Mann, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the incorporation of Port Mann, was received. (No. 1.)

Pursuant to Order, 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 Mr. Lister, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. Oliver on 11th instant, as follows:—

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

That whereas, under the provisions of chapter 93, Statutes of 1920, on the 20th day of October last, a vote of the electors was taken on the question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the result of such vote was:—

In favour of the present "Prohibition Act" 55,448

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And whereas it is expedient to give effect to the will of the electors as expressed by their vote on October 20th last:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be placed before the House for its consideration at an early date a Bill which will provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors.

And, further, that such Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

The debate continued and was, on the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, adjourned until the next sitting.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Second Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ending December 31st, 1920.

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

That Messrs. Perry, Yorston, Kergin, Buckham, W. A. McKenzie, Catherwood, and Lister be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

That Mrs. *Smith* and Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Ramsay*, *Perry*, *Clearihue*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Hanes*, *Burde*, *Uphill*, *Schofield*, *Hinchliffe*, *Pearson*, and *McRae* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

That Messrs. *Pauline*, *Clearihue*, *Menzies*, *Rose*, and *Jones* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

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

That Messrs. *Yorston*, *Buckham*, *Kergin*, *Henniger*, *Sutherland*, *Anderson*, *Menzies*, *Guthrie*, *A. McDonald*, *Hunter*, *Estling*, and *Schofield* be appointed the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

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

That *F. A. Pauline*, Esquire, Member for Saanich, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this House.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Provincial Government, through the Department of Lands, during the month of November, 1920, lend the sum of \$25,000 to the Municipality of Penticton?
2. By whom was said loan negotiated on behalf of the municipality?
3. For what purpose or purposes was loan made?
4. What rate of interest is being charged on loan?
5. What arrangements were made at time loan was granted for repayment of same?
6. Did the Department write the clerk of the Corporation of Penticton asking repayment of loan? If so, on what date?
7. Has loan been repaid?
8. At time \$25,000 loan was granted, did the Hon. Minister of Lands promise an additional loan of \$25,000 to the Corporation of Penticton at a later date for same purpose?
9. Were any similar grants made by the Government to any other municipality during the month of November, 1920?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The Reeve and Engineer of the Corporation of Penticton.

"3. (a) For the construction, reconstruction, repair, and extension of works for the utilization of water; (b) for the storage of water; (c) for the maintenance and operation of ditches, reservoirs, and water systems; (d) for the acquisition of works and lands and easements over lands.

"4. Same as on other Conservation Fund loans—namely, 6 per cent.

"5. Repayment in about four months out of first sale of debentures made in 1921.

"6. Yes; Department advised on 13th January last that it was expected that repayment would be made at as early a date as possible out of the proceeds of the first sale of debentures.

"7. No.

"8. No.

"9. Loans from the Conservation Fund were authorized to other districts prior to November, during November, and after November, amounting to approximately \$700,000 to date."

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

1. How many Registrars of Voters were appointed by the Government during the year 1920?
2. What were their names and addresses in each electoral riding?
3. How many Deputy Registrars of Voters were appointed by the Government during the year 1920?
4. What were their names and addresses in each electoral riding?
5. What salaries and allowances for expenses or transportation were allowed in each case?
6. Has each Deputy Registrar been paid in full for services?
7. What amount has each Deputy Registrar been paid?
8. How many returned soldiers were appointed?
9. What were their names and what districts were they operating in?
10. What was the total cost of revising the new voters' lists?
11. What was the total cost of printing said lists, giving the particulars in each case of the parties doing the work?

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary replied that a Return would be prepared and presented to the Legislature containing the information required.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th February, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. H. M. McLean.

The following petitions were received:—

From the land-owners of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the incorporation of Sea Island Municipality. (No. 7.)

From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1918," "Victoria City Act, 1919," and "Victoria City Act, 1920." (No. 2.)

Pursuant to Order, 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 Mr. *Esling*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1919-20 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919.'"

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15th, 1921.

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. 8) intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many car-loads of cement has the Government purchased in connection with the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area: (a) In 1919; (b) in 1920?
2. What was the cost per barrel delivered f.o.b. Penticton?
3. From whom was cement purchased?
4. Did the Government purchase direct from the manufacturers?
5. Were any commissions paid on any cement purchases; and, if so, to whom and what amount per car?

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

- "1. (a) 12 cars; (b) 76 cars.
- "2. First 42 cars, \$3.90 per barrel; next 26 cars, \$4.05 per barrel; remainder, 20 cars, \$4.35 per barrel. Less a discount of 5 cents per barrel for prompt payment. This discount was obtained on every barrel purchased.
- "3. British Columbia Cement Company, Limited.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. No."

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

1. How many animals were condemned and slaughtered for tuberculosis in the years 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920?
2. How many of those condemned were sold for food?
3. What sums of money were obtained from the sale of the condemned animals?

4. Did the inspecting veterinarian examine the carcasses and certify that they were fit for human consumption?

5. Are the consumers of these animals advised by the Government that the meat is that of animals condemned and slaughtered for being diseased?

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

"1. Number condemned and slaughtered: 1917, 579; 1918, 568; 1919, 567; 1920, 716.

"2. 1917, 319; 1918, 336; 1919, 265; to March 31st, 1920, 62.

"3. No moneys have been received by the Department from the sale of beef or hides, but the Department is informed that the owners of the cattle slaughtered and inspected received the following amounts: 1917, \$14,534.34; 1918, \$17,670.64; 1919, \$14,339.48; to March 31st, 1920, \$3,366.61.

"4. Yes, up to March 31st, 1920; since then the practice has been discontinued as there is no statutory authority for such course.

"5. No."

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

1. How many and what are the names of the directors of the Land Settlement Board?

2. What salaries have been paid to each per month during 1920?

3. What was the total amount of salary paid each director during 1920?

4. What were the monthly expenses of each director during 1920?

5. How many officials and clerks were employed by the Land Settlement Board during 1920?

6. What was the total amount of salaries paid the staff of the Land Settlement Board during 1920?

7. What was the total amount paid by the Land Settlement Board for expenses of staff and other incidental disbursements during 1920?

8. How many officials were discharged or relieved from office during 1920, giving particulars and reasons in each case?

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

"1. One; R. D. Davies.

"2, 3, and 4. Information asked for contained in Annual Report, which will be tabled within the next few days.

"5. Greatest number, 44; at present, 29.

"6 and 7. See Annual Report for information required.

"8. Three. One transferred to Government Purchasing Agent's Department; two relieved from office owing to offices in which they were engaged being closed out."

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

1. How many applications for loans were made to the Land Settlement Board during 1920?

2. How many were granted?

3. What amount has been paid on applications received during 1920?

4. What amount of money has been loaned by Land Settlement Board since reorganized by present Government?

5. What is the deficit (if any) for 1920?

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

"Information asked for in questions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 given in Annual Report, which will be tabled within the next few days."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th February, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. E. Baister*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Clearihue*—From property-owners of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, opposing Bill to make valid and binding an official map or survey of part of the Municipal Township of Esquimalt.

By Mr. *Whiteside*—From E. P. Davies *et al.*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to construct a railway under the name of the "Fernie & Elk River Railway Company."

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 16th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petitions:—

Petition No. 2—The Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

Petition No. 5—The Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.

Petition No. 3—The Anglican Theological College of British Columbia.

Petition No. 7—Thomas Laing and others, for the incorporation of the District of Sea Island.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Provincial School for Boys for the Year ending November 30th, 1920.

Annual Report of the Provincial School for Neglected Children for the Year ending November 30th, 1920.

Pursuant to Order, 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 Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 11th instant, as follows:—

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

That whereas, under the provisions of chapter 93, Statutes of 1920, on the 20th day of October last, a vote of the electors was taken on the question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the result of such vote was:—

In favour of the present "Prohibition Act" 55,448

And in favour of Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages 90,885

And whereas it is expedient to give effect to the will of the electors as expressed by their vote on October 20th last:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be placed before the House for its consideration at an early date a Bill which will provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors.

And, further, that such Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

The House divided, and the motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>			

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Private Bills Committee:—

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to revise and consolidate the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act.’”

By Mr. *Pauline*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915.’”

By Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to make valid and binding an Official Map or Survey of Part of the Municipal Township of Esquimalt.”

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to incorporate Sea Island Municipality.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act’” was read a third time and passed.

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

1. When was the Pacific Great Eastern Railway taken over by the Province?
2. Who are the directors of said company?
3. What was the deficit on account of operating for the years 1918, 1919, and 1920?
4. What was the deficit for the months of September, October, November, and December in the years 1918, 1919, and 1920?
5. When was A. B. Buckworth appointed General Manager, and what salary is he receiving?

6. Is the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in receipt of a subsidy for carrying mails from the Dominion Government?

7. If so, what is the amount of same, when it started, and the amount received to date?

8. Who are the contractors for the building of the road from Clinton north, and on what terms?

9. What amount has the Government loaned to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway since it was taken over?

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

"1. July 22nd, 1918.

"2. Hon. John Oliver; Hon. John Hart; Hon. J. W. de B. Farris.

"3. 1918, \$115,255; 1919, \$202,113; 1920, \$324,328.

"4. Deficit operating: September, 1918, \$3,427.73; 1919, \$14,747.91; 1920, \$31,121.84. October: 1918, \$595.79; 1919, \$23,070.19; 1920, \$35,492.47. November: 1918, \$2,594.50; 1919, \$8,155.72; 1920, \$35,118.43. December: 1918, \$15,564.68; 1919, \$21,309.20; 1920, \$48,558.95.

"5. August 1st, 1920; \$6,000 per annum.

"6. Yes.

"7. 4 cents per car-mile from February 23rd, 1918, and 9 cents per car-mile from December 8th, 1920; total received to December 31st, \$4,466.74.

"8. Northern Construction Company; cost, plus 5½ per cent. based on unit prices.

"9. 'Construction Act, 1920,' \$3,974,668.40; Special Warrant No. 36, \$625,000; 'Note Repayment Act,' \$4,800,000; 1916 'Loan Act,' \$5,000,000; total, \$14,399,668.40."

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

1. How many buildings were erected at Camp 3 in the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?

2. What were the dimensions of each building, approximately?

3. How many thousand feet B.M. was used in construction, approximately?

4. What was the total cost of labour in connection with construction?

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

"1 and 2. 6 bunk tents, 28 by 40 feet; 1 cook-house, 20 by 26 feet; 1 dining-room, 30 by 60 feet; 3 tents, 16 by 24 feet; 1 Foreman's stores and oil house, 8 by 10 feet; 1 pump-house, 12 by 16 feet; 1 tool-house, 10 by 16 feet; 1 barn tent, 28 by 50 feet; 1 barn, 16 by 26 feet; 1 office tent, 16 by 24 feet; 1 cook tent, 60 by 24 feet; 1 bath-house, 16 by 32 feet; 1 blacksmith-shop, 16 by 20 feet; 1 harness-room, 10 by 12 feet; 1 root-house in bank, 12 by 14 feet.

"3. 97,000 feet B.M., approximately.

"4. \$1,550."

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

1. On what date did the engineers commence work in connection with the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?

2. How many engineers, assistant engineers, chainmen, and helpers have been employed on this branch of work since date of commencement?

3. Are all engineers employed on this work residents of British Columbia?

4. How many motor-cars did the Department purchase and place at the disposal of Engineering Department in connection with this work, and what was cost of said cars?

5. Does the Government pay mileage allowance for use of private car to any person employed on this settlement area?

6. (a.) If so, to whom? (b.) What amount allowed per mile? (c.) The total amount paid in each case since commencement of work?

7. What is the total amount of money paid for engineering-work in connection with the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area from date of commencement up to and including December 31st, 1920?

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

"1. February 13th, 1919.

"2. Total number employed from commencement to date, 68; maximum at any one time, including draughtsmen, 20.

"3. Yes.

"4. Three; two in use, one having been traded in on purchase of last car; \$2,811.43, less allowance of \$450 on old car traded in on third purchase.

"5. Yes.

"6. (a.) D. P. Simpson, time-keeper. (b.) 10 cents to June 30th, 1920; 12 cents from July 1st, 1920, to date. (c.) \$772.40, less \$298.66 collected for gas and oil supplied by Project. F. H. Latimer during February and March, 1920, also received \$46.50 for 465 miles at 10 cents per mile.

"7. \$58,954.39."

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 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 17th February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *C. S. Quinton*.

The following petitions were received:—

From property-owners of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, opposing Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to make valid and binding an Official Map or Survey of Part of the Municipal Township of Esquimalt." (No. 5A.)

From E. P. Davis *et al.*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to construct a railway under the name of the "Fernie & Elk River Railway Company." (No. 6.)

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 at the opening of the Session be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

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

1. How many returned soldiers received training as Forest Rangers during 1920?
2. Where was this training given and over what period was it held?

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

"1. 57.

"2. In each forest district throughout the Province these men were given a field training from April 1st to September 30th, at the end of which time they were given an opportunity to qualify as Forest Rangers."

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

What progress (if any) has been made in the negotiations between the Government and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company with a view to bringing the minerals within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Grant under the administration of the Government?

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* replied that a Return would be prepared and presented to the Legislature containing the information required.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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 p.m.

Friday, 18th February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. G. Inkster.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1920-21.

The Hon. the Minister of Railways presented the Balance-sheet of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as at June 30th, 1920.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions—

1. How many Civil Servants have been retired from Government employ since their reinstatement in the Service after discharge from the C.E.F.?
2. What are the details of each case?
3. In what cases, with particulars, are reinstated Civil Servants receiving lower salaries than would have been the case had they not enlisted?
4. Have all the temporary employees who were appointed to take the places of men on active service, pending the return of the latter, been retired?

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

- "1. Two.
- "2. Inefficiency.
- "3. None.
- "4. No; but every Civil Servant given leave for military duty was reinstated on application after his discharge."

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

1. What disposal has been made of the carcasses of animals slaughtered for tuberculosis since March 31st, 1920?
2. Has any precaution been taken to prevent these carcasses being used for human consumption?

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

- "1. Carcasses for which compensation has been paid have been destroyed in the presence of the Veterinary Inspectors.
- "2. Where compensation has been paid precautions have been taken to prevent carcasses being used for human consumption."

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

1. Has the Government received payment yet for the four horses and one stud colt procured by one Silverthorne in November, 1918, from the Government Frondeg Farm stock?
2. If so, when was payment made and what was the amount received?
3. If not, have any proceedings been taken to collect said sum, and when, and what was the result of said proceedings?
4. Does the Government know where the horses are now?

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

- "1. No payments of principal received, but interest to February 28th, 1920, has been paid.
- "2. Interest of \$53.73 received April 6th, 1920.
- "3. No proceedings instituted.
- "4. No official knowledge as to whereabouts of horses."

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

1. How many appointments were made to the Civil Service during 1920?
2. How many of the appointees were returned soldiers?

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

- "1. Adult male: Permanent, 133; temporary, 175. Adult female: Permanent, 63; temporary, 222. Juniors: Permanent, 15; temporary, 32.
- "2. Permanent, 105; temporary, 130."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion of the Hon. the Premier of the 11th February regarding Government control and sale of liquor.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be placed before the House for its consideration at an early date a Bill which will provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors.

And, further, that such Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Monday, 21st February, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of a Member to represent the vacancy in the Electoral District of Delta created by the resignation of that seat by the Hon. *John Oliver* was read, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, February 21st, 1921.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the Honourable John Oliver, a Member thereof for the Delta Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 15th day of January, 1921, a writ for the election of a Member to represent the aforesaid Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

“Now I do certify that on the 21st day of February, 1921, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *Alexander McDonald Paterson* to represent the Delta Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“J. L. WHITE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“*To the Clerk, Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.*”

Alexander McDonald Paterson, Member elected to represent Delta Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Mrs. *Smith*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, the Rules were suspended and the name of Mr. *Paterson* added to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, the Rules were suspended and the name of Mr. *Paterson* added to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

On the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, seconded by Mr. *Burde*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Hon. the Minister of Mines and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company with respect to bringing the administration of all minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Land Grant under control of the Government.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—The Third Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Return of information respecting the Registrars of Voters, 1920.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—Return of correspondence relating to the dual control of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt.

On the following resolution being called, Mr. *Hanes* asked leave to withdraw same:—

Whereas it is desirable that an inquiry should be held into the cost of coal supplied to the consumers of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of five Members of this House be appointed, with instructions to inquire into all matters, including cost of production, wholesale

and retail prices of coal supplied to residents of British Columbia; with power to call for persons, books, papers, and documents, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report their findings, recommendations, and evidence to the House.

Leave was granted.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What amount is being expended per month on salaries and expenses in connection with the work of the Lumber Trade Commissioner and his staff?
2. Has the lumber trade expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of results following upon such expenditures?
3. What service has the Lumber Trade Commissioner rendered to the industry?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order that the question was in breach of the Rules.

Mr. Speaker ruled that question No. 1 asks for information probably contained in the Public Accounts recently laid upon the table. If the information is therein contained the question should not be asked. Question No. 2 contains an allegation of fact and an improper inference. The question is therefore not in order and the series will be dropped from the Order Paper.

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

1. Was the Pacific Logging Congress held in Vancouver during the month of October, 1920?
2. What members of the British Columbia Forest Service were present, and at how many sittings of the congress was each present?
3. What monthly salary was each receiving at that time?
4. Was the value of these public employees' services such that they could be spared for an appreciable period without hindrance to the public service?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; on October 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th.

"2. M. A. Grainger, Chief Forester, and W. Turnbull, Lumber Trade Commissioner, attended on four days; H. R. Christie, Assistant Chief Forester, and C. S. Cowan, Assistant Forester, attended on three days; H. K. Robinson, Assistant Forester, attended on two days. All District Foresters who were in Vancouver at that time in connection with the annual meeting of District Foresters, and sundry members of the Vancouver Forest District organization, attended at intervals.

"3. \$335 per month; \$260; \$300; \$220; \$225.

"4. The employees in question were there in the interests of the public service."

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

1. On what dates did prices of cement for Southern Okanagan Settlement Area advance from \$3.90 per barrel to \$4.05 per barrel, and from \$4.05 per barrel to \$4.35 per barrel?
2. Have prices for 1921 advanced? If so, what is the price per barrel delivered f.o.b. Penticton?
3. Does the Government know whether a commission is being paid by the British Columbia Cement Company, Limited, to a man in Penticton on all cement purchases in connection with Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?
4. If so, what is the amount of said commission?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. August 7th, 1920, and September 17th, 1920, respectively.

"2. Not on any purchase to date.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Were any loans or grants made to any municipal corporation in aid of irrigation-works during the months of October and November, 1920, by the Department of Lands?

2. If so, what municipalities received such grants and loans, and for what length of time were they made in each case, and what amounts were granted or loaned in each case?

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

"1. The following expenditures, either by loan or direct expenditure, have been authorized; the terms of repayment will be set when works are completed:—

"Naramata: September 12th, 1918, \$10,000; September 2nd, 1919, \$10,000; September 18th, 1919, \$15,000; September 21st, 1920, \$35,000; total \$70,000.

"Peachland: September 11th, 1918, \$5,000; September 16th, 1918, \$7,000; March 5th, 1920, \$5,000; September 21st, 1920, \$20,000; total, \$37,000.

"Rutland Drainage: January 8th, 1920, \$9,000.

"Glenmore and Rutland: September 16th, 1918, \$20,000.

"Glenmore: September 30th, 1920, \$67,000.

"Black Mountain: October 26th, 1920, \$50,500; February 3rd, 1921, \$100,000; total \$150,500.

"Scotty Creek: September 12th, 1918, \$13,000; September 21st, 1920, \$19,550; total, \$32,550.

"South-east Kelowna: September 30th, 1920, \$31,500.

"Vernon: August 23rd, 1919, \$44,000; December 22nd, 1919, \$70,000; June 1st, 1920, \$27,107; August 20th, 1920, \$20,000; November 11th, 1920, \$25,000; January 26th, 1921, \$5,000; total, \$191,107.

"Hefferly Creek: March 13th, 1920, \$25,000; August 20th, 1920, \$5,000; total, \$30,000.

"Corporation of Penticton: November 12th, 1920, \$25,000.

"Erickson Mutual Water-users' Community: June 1st, 1920, \$12,500.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What has been the cost per thousand of cutting and hauling logs to sawmill at Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?

2. Have logging operations been carried on during the winters of 1919-20 and 1920-21?

3. Has logging been done by contract or by day-labour?

4. Has work in connection with sawmill been under the direction of F. H. Latimer, C.E., during years 1919 and 1920? If not, under whose direction has it been?

5. How far is Mr. Latimer's office from sawmill?

6. Did the Government recently call for tenders for logging the area adjacent to sawmill? If so, what are the names of the different tenderers, the amount of tender in each case, and to whom has contract been awarded, and at what price per thousand?

7. What is the total cut to December 31st, 1920?

8. What has been the cost per thousand, delivered where required?

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

"1. \$7.50 to \$12 per thousand, depending on distance hauled and road-construction necessary.

"2. Yes.

"3. By contract and day-labour.

"4. Up to April 1st, 1919, under direction of F. H. Latimer through superintendent at mill; from April 1st, 1920, to December 15th, 1920, under direction of A. E. Griffin, contractor, through superintendent at mill, under general supervision of F. H. Latimer.

"5. Eleven miles approximately.

"6. Yes. W. A. McLean, S. H. McBee, D. Keith, D. Huckerby, and A. E. Griffin, \$12 per thousand, \$12 per thousand, \$15 per thousand, \$15 per thousand, and \$20 per thousand respectively. Contract awarded to W. A. McLean at \$12 per thousand to haul 1 to 2 miles and do his own road-work.

"7. 2,922,000 feet B.M.

"8. Average cost of lumber approximately 24 per cent. rough and 75 per cent. dressed and special; delivered at yard near Oliver, \$42.50 per thousand."

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

1. Did the Government award a contract for hauling lumber from their sawmill in connection with the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?
2. Did the Government advertise for tenders for this work? If so, in what papers did advertisement appear?
3. If so, how many tenders were received?
4. To whom was contract awarded?
5. What amount per thousand was paid?
6. How many thousand feet per day did contract call for to be delivered?
7. Did the successful tenderer sublet the contract? If so, to whom, and at what price per thousand?
8. How many thousand feet B.M. did contractors haul during the year 1920?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Mill, including haulage, operated by A. E. Griffin, contractor.
- "2. No; contractor invited tenders from various local concerns.
- "3. Three.
- "4. Donald Keith.
- "5. \$10.25.
- "6. Estimated capacity of mill, 12,500 feet B.M. per day.
- "7. No information.
- "8. 2,367,000 feet B.M."

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

1. Has the Government made any arrangements with any person or corporation with regard to special concessions for drilling or prospecting for oil in North-eastern British Columbia?
2. If so, who are the persons or corporations?
3. Is the Government aware that the Imperial Oil Company's interests have staked oil claims covering an area of over 70,000 acres of land in the Dominion Peace River block of land, and in the Province of Alberta immediately adjoining the boundary of the Province of British Columbia?
4. Have any oil claims been staked in British Columbia during the last twelve months? If yes, how many, and where?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Not officially so advised.
- "4. Yes. Northern Interior, Fraser Lake, 3; Northern Coast and Queen Charlotte Islands, 41; Similkameen, 3; East Coast, Vancouver Island, 13; Bulkley Valley and vicinity, 18; Nicola, 5; South-east Kootenay, 27; Burrard Inlet and Delta, 49; West Coast and northern portion Vancouver Island and adjacent islands, 35; total, 194."

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

1. Has the Government a sawmill operating in connection with the Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?
2. If so, what did machinery cost?
3. What was cost of installing said machinery?
4. Did one Mr. Kane have charge of installing machinery and operating sawmill?
5. If so, what length of time was he employed?
6. By whom was he recommended for this position?
7. What rate of wages did he receive per day?
8. What other allowances did he receive, such as: (a) Travelling expenses; (b) board? Give particulars in each case.
9. Was said Kane injured during the time he was in the employ of Government? If so, did injury occur while performing Government work?
10. What amount of money was paid on account of such injury, and to whom paid?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$14,404.58.
- "3. \$4,238.17.
- "4. Yes, under supervision of Project Engineer.
- "5. July 1st, 1919, to April 30th, 1920.
- "6. Made personal application for position.
- "7. \$200 per month and board.
- "8. Proper travelling expenses, which include board while away from headquarters.
- "9. Yes.
- "10. None, beyond his wages and board."

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

1. Has the Government done any more drilling for water on the McMillan property at Cobble Hill since August, 1919?
2. If so, when and at what cost?
3. Who owns the well drilled by the Government on this property in 1919?
4. What residents receive a water-supply from this well?
5. Have any more wells been drilled by the Government on Vancouver Island?
6. If so, where, and for whom and when?

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

- "1. Drilling was done in August, 1919, and continued during September and October to November 8th, 1919.
- "2. During September, October, and November, 1919; \$3,436.37.
- "3. Malcolm McMillan, who has given an undertaking to convey title to the site of the well to His Majesty the King free of charge.
- "4. None at present.
- "5. Not by Department of Lands.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Of what salary is Stanley W. Brown, Provincial Railway Fire Inspector, now in receipt?
2. On what date was he appointed to the Civil Service and at what salary?
3. What changes have been made in his salary since his original appointment, and on what dates did such come into effect?

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

- "1. \$2,520 per annum.
- "2. April 23rd, 1917, at \$125 per month.
- "3. \$150 per month as Recorder of Scaling, October 1st, 1917; \$175 per month as Railway Fire Inspector, March 1st, 1918; salary increased to \$200 per month, April 1st, 1919; salary increased to \$210 per month, April 1st, 1920."

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

1. Has the "Eggs Marks Act, 1919," been proclaimed?
2. Have representations been made to the Government against the proclaiming of the said Act?
3. If so, what was the nature of such representations, and by whom were such representations made?
4. Is there any system of inspection of eggs in effect in this Province?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Yes; under 'Eggs Marks Act, 1916,' and Amendment Act of 1917."

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

1. What amount of moneys have been spent by the Government on the Snowstorm Group of mineral claims since January 1st, 1920?
2. Where were said moneys spent?
3. Under what vote of this Legislature were said expenditures made?
4. What was the nature of the work done on said group of claims?
5. Is the Government drill still on or in the neighbourhood of said claims?

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

- "1. \$15,552.17.
- "2. 'Snowstorm Group,' Ashcroft Mining Division.
- "3. Vote 206 and statutory, 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'
- "4. Preparatory work for drilling.
- "5. No."

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

1. Has the Mines Department specific knowledge of a disaster that occurred on April 5th, 1917, at Coal Creek, B.C.?
2. Was there an inquest to inquire into cause of deaths at said disaster?
3. What was the verdict of jury?
4. If the verdict of the jury was indefinite, has there been an inquiry into said causes?
5. Have there ever been requests for such inquiry?
6. If so, has the Department ordered such inquiry?
7. If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.

"3. 'We, the jury on the inquiry into the deaths of John Monks *et al.* at Coal Creek on April 5th, 1917, hereby find that these men met their death by an explosion, the first cause of which is unknown to us by the evidence adduced.

"'We, however, would recommend from evidence received that the single shift would, if practical, be a great factor in preventing an explosion such as this.

"'In witness whereof, as well the aforesaid Coroner as the jurors aforesaid, have to this inquisition put their seals on the day and year and at the place first above mentioned.

" (Signed) WILLIAM JACKSON, *Foreman*,
 JAMES LINN.
 JOHN J. WOOD.
 WM. ROBSON.
 GEO. CODY.
 WM. MORRISON.

" (Signed) A. C. MURRAY, *Coroner*."

"4. Yes. Reports of following investigators: Geo. Wilkinson, Thos. Graham, and James Ashworth, were published by Department of Mines. (See Special Reports on Coal-mine Explosions, Appendix to the Report of Minister of Mines for the Year 1917.)

"5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 4."

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.