

Monday, November 2nd, 1936.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to create an issue of new refunding debentures, and for other powers, was received.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Wismer, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, it was Resolved,—

That the Rules be suspended and that the name of Mr. Forester be added to the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

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.

The debate continued.

Mr. Planta moved, seconded by Mr. Pooley,—

"This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that a Royal Commission to inquire into the social and economic conditions obtaining in this Province among the Oriental population, in particular their participation in all phases of the agricultural and fishing industries, is a matter of such urgency that provision will be made at this Session of this Legislature to appoint a Royal Commission for that purpose and vote the money necessary for its operation."

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

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

1. How many Official School Trustees have been appointed in Fernie and Cranbrook Districts during 1936?
2. What are their names, and what salary does each receive?
3. Was there a request from the School Boards or from any other source to have Official Trustees appointed?
4. If not, why was the change made?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows:—

"1. Two in the Fernie Electoral District and two in the Cranbrook District.

"2. J. E. Brown, Inspector of Schools, was appointed Official Trustee of Fort Steele and Larchwood School Districts; J. W. Beech, of Michel-Natal; and N. W. Burdett, of Kimberley. No salary is attached to the position.

"3 and 4. The Fort Steele School Board requested that an Official Trustee be appointed. In Larchwood there were no ratepayers qualified to be School Trustees. In the other districts the change was made on the recommendation of the Inspector as being in the best interest of the school."

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

1. Exclusive of cases in which cutting rights only were involved, have any areas of forest land been disposed of during the past twenty years in which the area involved exceeded 100 square miles?
2. If yes: (a) To whom; (b) date; (c) area involved; (d) where located; (e) price?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. During the year 1935 or statute year 1935–36, and under the regulations as prescribed in R.S.B.C. 1924, chapter 266, how many cases of venereal disease were reported by: (a) Legally qualified medical practitioners; (b) Superintendents or other responsible hospital heads; (c) places of detention; (d) other institutions?

2. How many free treatments for these diseases were given at public-health clinics?

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

"1. (a) 335; (b) General Hospitals, 24; (c) B.C. Penitentiary, 4; (d) Mental Hospital, 28.

"2. Vancouver Dispensary, 41,788; Victoria Dispensary, 12,319; total, 54,107."

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 5.52 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

On the Order being called for the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session,

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—At the conclusion of an address yesterday by the honourable member for Peace River, he offered the following amendment to the resolution of the mover and seconder in reply to the King's Speech, namely:—

"This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that a Royal Commission to inquire into the social and economic conditions obtaining in this Province among the Oriental population, in particular their participation in all phases of the agricultural and fishing industries, is a matter of such urgency that provision will be made at this Session of this Legislature to appoint a Royal Commission for that purpose and vote the money necessary for its operation."

A point of order arose.

The important part of this amendment is that advising His Honour that a Royal Commission to inquire into certain matters of public concern "is a matter of urgency." Had the amendment been limited to this advice I would have ruled it in order. An analogous motion was ruled in order by Mr. Speaker *Eberts* on March 3rd, 1909. See *Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. I., p. 148, or *Journals*, 1909.

A motion asking for a Commission to inquire into certain conditions alleged to exist among a section of the community comes under the matter of good government and is within the rights of a member to move.

The "Public Inquiries Act," chapter 114, R.S.B.C. 1924, authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint Commissioners to inquire into matters affecting the "good government of the Province" and provides for defraying expenses of such a Commission.

The amendment moved by the honourable member goes beyond what was necessary to seek a Royal Commission. The words "that provision will be made at this Session of this Legislature to appoint a Royal Commission for that purpose and vote the money necessary for its operation" clearly violate Standing Order No. 66, which distinctly states:—

"This House will not receive any resolution stating an express or abstract opinion of the House or recommending the expenditure of public money unless recommended by the Crown."

On this point the amendment is out of order.

It also omits to include the necessary words at the commencement of such an amendment, as "To add the following words." By omitting this phrase the amendment is left without

connection to the original motion, and (see *May*, p. 285), "if agreed to by the House, the question as amended would be unintelligible and inconsistent with itself."

On this point the amendment is irregular.

For the above two reasons I rule the amendment out of order.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Planta* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Forester</i>	<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Swailes</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Barrow</i>		

NAYS—6.

Messieurs

<i>Planta</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Connell</i>
<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>		

PAIRS:

Smith, Mrs.

Uphill

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

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 4.32 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Planta* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, stated the subject-matter, which related to an alleged monopoly in the distribution and sale of green vegetables, and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, after reading the statement submitted by Mr. *Planta*, ruled that the matter was not of urgent public importance, and on that ground alone the motion was out of order.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, stated the subject-matter, which related to the question of petitioning the Minister of Justice to remit the sentence of the three George brothers, Indians, and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker stated that he considered the motion in order, and read it out as follows:—

"I move, seconded by the member for North Vancouver (Mrs. *Steeves*), the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance.

"Whereas the three George brothers, Indians, are to be executed Friday at Oakalla; and

"Whereas the British Columbia Court of Appeals split two to two on the question of conviction:

"And whereas Chief Justice MacDonald, in giving his decision for the setting-aside of the conviction, declared that there had been illegal arrest, the consequences of which were not murder:

"And whereas the Chief Justice declared for the quashing of the conviction:

"And whereas Justice Archer Martin declared for a new trial:

"Resolved, That this Legislature desires to go on record as petitioning the Minister of Justice to remit the sentence to penal servitude.

"Be it further Resolved, That a humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of this Resolution and the preambles thereto be immediately wired to the Minister of Justice and other officials of the Government of Canada."

Mr. Speaker asked whether the member had the leave of the House.

Objection being taken, Mr. Speaker requested those members who supported the motion to rise in their places.

Eight members accordingly rose in their places.

Question proposed—"Has the member leave to move the adjournment of the House?"

The House divided.

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

Savage
Swailes

Winch, E. E.
Uphill

Connell
Price

Winch, H. E.
Steeves, Mrs.

NAYS—33.

Messieurs

Forester
Connelly
King
Asselstine
McDonald, A.
Kenney
Murray
Planta
Strachan

Harris
Burns
Anscomb
Pooley
McPherson, D.
Leary
Hanna
Barrow

Sutherland
Hart
Pattullo
Sloan
Weir
Tupper
Carson
Whittaker

Wismer
Johnson
Wilkinson
McKeen
MacPherson, F. M.
Pearson
Gray
MacDonald, K. C.

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Gillis

Bakewell

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. *Anscomb*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 3rd, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition.

No. 1—The Corporation of the City of Victoria.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Johnson*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has there been any cases of the bursting of "fly-wheels" during the years 1935-36?
2. If yes: (a) Where; (b) were inquiries held into the causes of these accidents; (c) was "excessive speed" found to be the cause; (d) if not, what were the causes?

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

"1. Yes. Three.

"2. (a.) Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd., Port Alberni; Allen, McDougall, Butler Shingle Co., Ltd., Ruskin; Timberland Lumber Co., Ltd., New Westminster. (b.) Yes. (c.) No. (d.) (1) Engine speeded up due to pulley driving governor becoming loose; (2) fly-wheel was of faulty design and collapsed (was cast several years ago and not used); (3) engine speeded up due to governor breaking.

"No one injured in any of these accidents."

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 5.17 p.m.

Thursday, November 5th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *McKeen* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

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.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

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

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1935–36 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. Where are the offices of the State Health Insurance Commission located?
2. Who is the registered owner of the building in which such offices are located?
3. For what number of years has the building been leased?
4. What monthly rental is being paid?
5. Was it necessary to make renovations, repairs, and alterations to the building?
6. If yes, of what did they consist, and what was the total cost thereof?
7. Was the work, if any, done by contract or day-labour?
8. If work was done by contract, who tendered, what was the amount of each tender, and which firm was awarded the contract?
9. Was the plumbing-work done by contract or day-labour, by whom was the work done, what was the cost thereof, and what did the work consist of?
10. Were any furnishings or fittings purchased? If so, of what did they consist, and what was the cost of each piece of furniture or fitting?
11. From whom were the furnishings and fittings purchased?
12. Were tenders invited for supplying the furniture or fittings?
13. If yes, was the lowest tender accepted in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. What has been the total cost to the Public Treasury of the trials of the four George brothers charged with the murder of two police officers at Canford, near Merritt?
2. What counsel were employed by the Department of the Attorney-General in connection with the trials of the said George brothers?
3. How much was paid to each such counsel: (a) In fees; (b) for travelling expenses; (c) for other expenses?
4. Have such counsel been paid in full? If not, how much is still owing to such counsel?

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

1. Is road-construction work being done between Goldstream and the Shawnigan Lake Cut-off on the Malahat Drive?
2. If so, what is the name and address of the contracting company, or contractor?
3. If a company, who comprises such company?
4. Were more than one set of tenders asked for in connection with this work?
5. If so, why?
6. Who, in addition to the successful tenderer, made bids for this work?
7. Was the lowest tender submitted at any time for the work accepted?
8. Did the successful tenderer comply with the regulations requiring the posting of a percentage of the contract value for the proper performance of the work?
9. What was the amount of such tender: (a) In bonds or securities; (b) as a percentage of the work?
10. Was any other bidder asked to put up a higher percentage of his bid as security?
11. If so: (a) Who was such bidder; (b) why was such a demand made?
12. If such a request was made, did such bidder comply with the request?
13. If such bidder complied with such request, why was he not awarded the contract?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., Vancouver.
- "3. No information.
- "4. No.
- "5. See answer to No. 4.
- "6. R. E. Paget; Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd.; Coast Quarries, Ltd.; General Construction Co., Ltd.; Parfitt Bros., Ltd.
- "7. No.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Deposit was a cheque for \$18,000, and performance deposit comprised acceptable bonds in the sum of \$14,000, or over 30 per cent. of the amount bid.
- "10, 11, 12, and 13. No."

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

1. Has any arrangement been made, definitely or tentatively, between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, by which the Dominion Government will be given control of or ownership of the existing traffic and railway bridge crossing the Fraser River at New Westminster?
2. If no such arrangement has definitely or tentatively been made, has such transfer been discussed between the Government of British Columbia, or any Minister or official of British Columbia, with the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any Minister or official thereof?
3. What is the value of the present bridge?
4. What has been the average earnings in tolls and fees of the said bridge during the past ten years?
5. If such an arrangement has been made, upon what terms will the said bridge be transferred to the Dominion?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Physical value to-day, \$550,000.
- "4. Net annual deficit, \$41,515.96.
- "5. On the completion and operation of the new bridge it is the intention to transfer the old bridge to the Dominion Government, said bridge to be used for railway traffic only. The Province will then be relieved of all responsibility with respect to same, including construction of a lift-span at approximate cost of \$1,000,000."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Were any loans made from the Industrial Development Fund between January 1st, 1936, and October 27th, 1936?
2. Were any guarantees made between January 1st, 1936, and October 27th, 1936?
3. If so, to whom were these loans or guarantees made, and what amounts were allotted to each?
4. Were any collections made on past loans between January 1st, 1936, and October 27th, 1936?
5. If so, from whom were the collections made, and what was the amount in each case?
6. How many requests for loans or guarantees were made from January 1st, 1936, to October 27th, 1936?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Alouette Peat Products, Ltd., \$2,200; Greenwood Ore Concentrating Co., Ltd., \$6,000; White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd., \$29,500; White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd. (additional), \$5,500.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Acme Cabinet Works, \$25; B.C. Livestock Exchange, Ltd., \$4,460.05; Canadian Western Woodworkers, Ltd., \$148.20; Gordon Campbell's, Ltd., \$3,000; C. F. Hutchinson, \$7.50;

Francis Millerd, \$2,458.20; Peerless Brick & Tile Co., Ltd., \$21.25; Sayward Lumber Company, \$200; Vivian Gas Engine Works, \$968.21; T. H. Waters & Company, Ltd., \$15; West Coast Woollen Mills, Ltd., \$1,050.

"6. Twenty-five."

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

1. Has the Commission appointed in November, 1934, to inquire into the various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum products in the Province of British Columbia finished its inquiry?

2. If so, has the Commission presented its complete report to the Government? If yes, on what date?

3. How many meetings did the Commission hold during the year 1936?

4. Where were such meetings held?

5. What amount has been paid to each Commissioner from date of appointment to November 1st, 1936, for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses; (c) other expenses?

6. Have all salaries and expenses been paid in full? If not, what amount is still owing to each?

7. What amount has been paid to each counsel acting on Commission for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses; (c) other expenses?

8. Has each counsel been paid in full? If not, what sum is still owing to each?

9. What is the total amount paid to Price, Waterhouse & Co. to November 1st, 1936, and what amount is still owing?

10. What is the total amount paid to each official, other than counsel, up to November 1st, 1936, for: (a) Travelling expenses; (b) salary; (c) other expenses?

11. Will the Government table a copy of the Commission's report at the present Session of the Legislature?

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

"1 to 11. The report of the Commission has not yet been submitted, and the information requested is not available at the moment."

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

1. What are the net hours of duty per shift (exclusive of meal-time) of the guards at Oakalla Prison Farm?

2. Are they all on a six-day week?

3. How many orderlies are employed?

4. What are their hours on duty per shift?

5. How many days a week do they work?

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

"1. Eight hours.

"2. Yes, excepting temporary help.

"3. Two temporary men, employed in hospital.

"4. Day men, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; night men, 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., with sleep part of the night.

"5. Regulation shift; but temporary men may work seven days if they wish."

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

1. Has any money been paid to the City of Vancouver or to the Jubilee Committee of the City of Vancouver, during the period from March 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936, in connection with the Vancouver Jubilee celebration?

2. If so, how much?

3. Has any money been promised to the said City of Vancouver or to the Jubilee Committee, and not yet paid, in connection with the Vancouver Jubilee celebration?

4. If so, how much?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$50,000.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 2."

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.

Friday, November 6th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Wismer—

Petition from the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain by-law relating to the substitution of motor-buses for tram-cars, and for other powers.

By Mr. Wismer—

Petition of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of enabling the said Company to reduce its capital, and for other powers.

The Hon. Mr. Hart presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1936-37, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1938;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1937; Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1936, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

November 4th, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. Hart moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to provide for the Organization of Co-operative Savings and Credit Societies, termed ‘Credit Unions.’”

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Town Planning Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate ‘An Act relating to Trade-unions.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—(Bill No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vital Statistics Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act.’”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,” was received.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* was withdrawn:—

That on Monday, November 9th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

That on Monday, November 9th, and all following days of this Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, as follows: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. Was the bridge at Copper River Slough, near Usk, washed out during the year 1935?
2. If so, has the bridge been reconstructed?
3. If reconstructed, was the work done by contract or day-labour?
4. If the work was done by contract, who tendered, what was the amount of each tender, and which firm did the work?
5. If the bridge was rebuilt by day-labour, what is the total amount paid in wages?
6. What is the total length of the bridge?
7. What materials were used in the abutments?
8. How many thousand feet of lumber B.M. was used in the bridge?
9. From whom was the lumber purchased, and what was the cost per thousand, delivered on the site of the bridge?
10. On what date did construction commence?
11. On what date was the work finished?
12. What is the total cost of the bridge?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“3. Day-labour.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. \$8,130.35.

"6. 230 feet over all; one 150-foot Howe-truss span.

"7. No abutments. Timber pile piers and bents; west pier footing enclosed in concrete.

"8. 90,856 M.B.M.

"9. Canada Creosoting Co., Vancouver:—Creosoted timber: 18,665 B.M. at \$62 f.o.b. plant, \$80 f.o.b. site; untreated timber: 12,637 B.M. at \$33 f.o.b. plant, \$49 f.o.b. site. Vansardol Lumber Co., Copper City:—Untreated timber: 59,554 B.M. at \$19 f.o.b. site; cedar piles, 3,440 lineal feet at 12 cents f.o.b. site.

"10. April 23rd, 1936.

"11. October 20th, 1936.

"12. \$15,983.56."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.07 p.m.

Monday, November 9th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Adjutant *L. Ede* (Salvation Army).

The following petitions were received:—

Petition from the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain by-law relating to the substitution of motor-buses for tram-cars, and for other powers.

Petition of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of enabling the said Company to reduce its capital, and for other powers.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to give Relief to Home-owners in the City of Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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 'Apprenticeship Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

Mr. E. E. *Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. H. E. *Winch*,—

Whereas venereal diseases, because of their prevalence and communicable nature and effects, constitute a serious menace to the health and well-being of the people of this Province; and

Whereas it is essential that the public, more especially the youth, be fully advised of the necessity for preventing contagion and the spread of such disease, and also of the treatment essential to the cure where contamination already exists:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature deems it necessary that the Department of Health consider forthwith:—

(1.) The selection of a fully qualified person or persons to give public lectures in the larger industrial areas (and elsewhere, if requested) explaining the nature, effects, prevention, and cure of venereal disease.

(2.) The establishment of one or more stationary or travelling exhibits (or of both stationary and travelling exhibits) depicting the nature and effects of venereal disease, such exhibits to be free to the public at all reasonable hours.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*,—

To strike out all the words after the words "venereal diseases" in the first line, and to insert in lieu thereof the following: "are a serious social menace:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Division of Venereal Disease Control of the Provincial Board of Health should continue and extend its efforts to inform and protect the people of this Province in respect to venereal diseases."

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

By leave of the House, the following notices of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Planta* were withdrawn:—

That a Return to this House be granted calling for the filing with the Clerk of the House of copies of all correspondence, telegrams, cables, and documents that have been exchanged between or written by any member of this Government or officials of this Government relating to the proposed Alaska Highway.

That a Return be granted calling for the filing with the Clerk of the House of copies of all correspondence, telegrams, and cables that have been exchanged between or written by any member of this Government or officials of this Government relating to the Sockeye Fisheries Convention of 1930.

Mr. *Planta* moved, seconded by Mr. *Swales*,—

Whereas the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board and the Agency of the Board have been under severe criticism by the press and individuals of the Province wherein charges have been made which amount to alleged misconduct on the part of the members of the Board and its Agency; and

Whereas it is not in the best interests of the Province that a Board functioning under a Statute of this Province should continue its operation under the shadow of suspicion:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the conduct of the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board and its Agency, and in particular the alleged partiality and uneconomic administration in the handling of the produce grown within the areas under its jurisdiction.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn, and on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the operation of the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board and its Agency, and in particular any alleged partiality or uneconomic administration in the handling of the produce grown within the areas under its jurisdiction.

On the motion of Mr. *Planta*, seconded by Mr. *Bakewell*, it was *Resolved* unanimously,—

Whereas recent representations made before a Select Committee of the International Institute of Pacific Relations in convention this year at Yosemite, U.S.A., by a Japanese representative, specifically requesting that discussion be entered into between the United States of America and Japan for the purpose of establishing negotiations leading to a treaty between the United States and Japan to determine the right and interest of each country in the fisheries of the North Pacific; and

Whereas offshore fishing and operation of floating canneries and fish-reduction plants are becoming a more generally accepted mode of operation in the fisheries of Japan and the United States; and

Whereas it is not in the best interests of the fisheries of the Province of British Columbia that offshore fishing by the system of mother-ships auxiliary to floating canneries, fish-reduction plants, or refrigeration plants should be at any time permitted to operate off the shores of British Columbia, including the international waters of Swiftsure Banks; and

Whereas the fishing population of this Province has become alarmed over the threatened invasion of the fisheries in the North Pacific by alien interests operating in the waters off the coast of this Province and international waters which are the runways of salmon homing to the rivers of British Columbia, and which form the spawning and fishing grounds of halibut; and

Whereas jurisdiction over the fisheries rests in the authority of the Dominion Government:

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That this House humbly prays that, in any treaty negotiations that may in the future be discussed in convention between Canada and any foreign nation, provisions will be made for adequate representation of British Columbia on such a convention by nominees of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of this Province.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Destruction or otherwise of Valueless Public Documents," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 9th, 1936.

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. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Destruction or otherwise of Valueless Public Documents," 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. Mr. *Sloan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
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,
November 6th, 1936.

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 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.
Second reading at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 9th, 1936.

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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries 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. Mr. *MacPherson* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

Report *re* Sale of Government Property pursuant to "Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1930."

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

1. What is the total sum of money expended on roads in the Omineca Electoral Riding during each of the following months: April, May, June, July, August, and September, 1936?
2. What is the total sum expended on bridges in the same district for each of the said months?

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

"1 and 2. This information will be made available in the Public Accounts in due course."

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

1. What damage, if any, was caused by the high water on the Fraser River this spring to the works of the new Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?
2. Has the damage been satisfactorily repaired?
3. Are the footings of the various main piers in a satisfactory condition?
4. What was the cost of repairing the damage?

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

- “1. Damage was of two kinds: First, that resulting in loss or destruction of contractor's property; and, second, some loss of material by scour around piers 4 and 5.
- “2. The scoured material is in course of replacement.
- “3. The uncompleted footings of the main piers are in a satisfactory condition.
- “4. See answer to No. 2.”

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

1. Is the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Trail, using siliceous ore as flux in smelting its Sullivan Mine concentrates?
2. (a.) If so, how many tons is it using per day? (b.) If so, how many tons is being accepted from the smaller independent producers at the basic rate of \$5 per ton and less?
3. (a.) If not, has the Minister made representations to the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company that the output of independent producers in Kootenay be processed? (b.) If representations have been made, what has been the result?
4. If the Minister has not discussed this question with the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, does he intend to do so, and when?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. (a.) About 40 tons per day. (b.) No information.
- “3. (a.) Answered by No. 1. (b.) The stock-pile at the smelter has been reduced, and smelter requirements of siliceous ores now exceed supply.
- “4. Answered by the above.”

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

1. What is the total amount of money expended for maintenance in the Salmon Arm District during April, May, June, July, August, and September, 1936, including pay-rolls, travelling expenses, public garages, etc.?
2. Has any money been expended on bridges apart from maintenance in that district? If so, how much?

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

- “1 and 2. This information will be made available in the Public Accounts in due course.”

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

1. Did the Minister receive a request, dated September 15th, 1936, from the Powell River Board of Trade for the construction of a footpath along the highway between Powell River and Cranberry?
2. If so, what action is contemplated in regard to it?
3. Is the construction of a sidewalk along the highway in the business section of Westview under consideration?
4. If so, when will action be taken?

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

- “1. A request, dated September 11th, 1936, was received from Powell River Board of Trade.
- “2 to 4. Matter under consideration.”

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

1. Has the scale of pay of the attendants, (a) male and (b) female respectively, at Essondale been reinstated to that existing prior to 1932?
2. If not, is it the intention of the Government to reinstate that scale?
3. Does the present schedule provide for yearly increases for continuous service until a maximum rate has been attained?
4. If not, is it the intention of the Government to reintroduce that principle?
5. Are some members of the staff, senior in length of service, in receipt of less remuneration than members with shorter service who are engaged in similar duties?
6. If yes, will this condition be remedied by raising the rate of the longer-service members?
7. What periods are allowed for annual holidays?
8. Are these with or without pay?
9. Are some members of the staff charged: (a.) For meals of which they do not partake? (b.) For use of rooms which they do not occupy? (c.) If yes, will this condition be remedied?
10. Are the provisions of the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act" conformed to?
11. If not, will this be done in the future?
12. When vacancies occur in other departments of higher rating service are ward attendants promoted to same on the basis of seniority plus ability?
13. If not, from what sources are the appointees obtained, and what qualifications form the basis of selection?
14. What sick-leave is allowed? Is it with or without pay?

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

- "1. No, but percentage reductions restored April 1st, 1936.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Not during the current year.
- "4. Yes, as at April 1st, 1937.
- "5. No, not in similar duties.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Two weeks for service up to fifteen years, then three weeks.
- "8. With pay.
- "9. Employees were originally paid a salary with free board and room. In 1930, for book-keeping purposes, the estimated value of board and room was added to the salary and then taken off. Cash salary received is unaffected by the charge for board and room whether room is occupied and meals eaten or not.
- "10. This Act is not applicable to the payment of wages at Essondale.
- "11. Answered by No. 10.
- "12. Yes.
- "13. Answered by No. 12.
- "14. Each case is dealt with upon its own merits, but the general principle is one month with full pay and one month with half-pay for every five years' of service or portion thereof."

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

1. Was one John B. Willcock, Forest Ranger, in the employ of the Forest Branch in November, 1931?
2. Was the said J. B. Willcock dismissed on or about November 28th, 1931?
3. If so, for what reason?
4. Was he allowed but two days to wind up departmental business?
5. If so, for what reason?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. General staff reduction, reasons of economy.
- "4. No. Was paid for thirty-four days after notice of dismissal.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. How many chauffeurs' licences were issued during the fiscal year 1936-37 to October 31st?

2. What was the total amount received from this source for the same period?

3. How many drivers' licences were issued during the fiscal year 1936-37 to October 31st?

4. What was the total amount received from this source for the same period?

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

"1. (a) Chauffeurs' licences, 3,307; (b) substitutional licences, 35.

"2. (a) Chauffeurs' licences, \$14,446.50; (b) substitutional licences, \$35.

"3. All classes: (a) Drivers' licences, 56,487; (b) duplicate licences, 1,588.

"4. All classes: (a) Drivers' licences, \$54,654; (b) duplicate licences, \$396.50."

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

1. How many medical doctors are employed full time in connection with the T.B. Unit in Vancouver?

2. What remuneration does each receive, and what is the name of each such medical doctor?

3. How many medical doctors are employed part time in connection with the same institution?

4. What is the name of each medical doctor so employed, and what remuneration does each receive?

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

"1. One.

"2. Dr. W. H. Hatfield, Medical Director; remuneration, \$401.05 net per mensem.

"3. Six.

"4. Dr. P. W. Barker; remuneration, \$243 net per mensem. Dr. William Morris; remuneration, \$202.50 net per mensem. Dr. W. E. Harrison; remuneration, \$141.75 net per mensem. Dr. W. Coburn; remuneration, \$121.50 net per mensem. Dr. W. W. Simpson; remuneration, \$121.50 net per mensem. Dr. Palmer; remuneration, \$100 net per mensem."

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

1. On what date did the Government acquire the equity of Mrs. Ella Lowe in certain lands at Cawston, Similkameen Division of Yale District?

2. How many settlers whose titles were in dispute at the time of purchase have since received titles to their holdings?

3. What are the names of the settlers who have received titles to their property?

4. Have any surveys been carried out by the Government since the purchase of this property to ascertain if water is available for irrigation purposes?

5. If so, by whom, when, and what is the estimated cost of installing an irrigation system?

6. Has the West Kootenay Light & Power Company been approached by the Government with a view of having that company supply power for irrigation purposes?

7. If so, with what result?

8. What is the total sum involved in purchase of the Cawston lands as at October 31st, 1936, including interest?

9. Of the total amount involved, what portion has been expended on the various investigations?

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

"1. March 12th, 1934.

"2. Five.

"3. Robt. S. Wainwright; Thos. S. Crouch; Ora L. MacKenzie; C. E. MacKenzie; and Mabelle J. Newton.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. \$47,103.07.

"9. None."

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

1. Has the Minister received from the local road committee a copy of a petition addressed to the Chief Engineer concerning road conditions in the environs of Sointula?
2. If so, what action has been taken?
3. If no action has yet been taken, what action is contemplated?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Have any unemployed men from the City of Vancouver been sentenced to Oakalla Gaol?
2. If so, how many, and for what offence in each case?
3. What is the cost per day per man of maintaining inmates at Oakalla Gaol?
4. Of the total number of men committed to Oakalla, how many were recent arrivals in British Columbia from other Provinces?
5. Have any unemployed men been given free transportation to other Provinces?
6. If so, how many, and what has been the cost of such transportation?
7. Does the Provincial Government contribute anything to the cost of transporting unemployed men to other Provinces?
8. Has any member of the Provincial Government made any recommendations to the Federal Government at Ottawa requesting reopening of the construction camps in British Columbia?

9. If so, what is the nature of reply to such requests?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 191. Of these, 104 for obstructing police officer; 40 for fraudulently obtaining food; 8 for rioting; and 39 for vagrancy.

"3. \$1 per diem.

"4. Fifty-six were recent arrivals in British Columbia.

"5 to 9. Not within the purview of the Hon. the Attorney-General. These questions should be addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Labour."

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

1. Was a warrant issued by Stuart Henderson, J.P., on or about August 26th, 1936, for search of premises of T. Wall, Road Foreman, Halfmoon Bay?
2. Was T. Wall found to be in possession of property belonging to the Department of Public Works and the Department of National Defence?
3. If yes, what action has been taken by the Department of the Attorney-General?

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

"1 to 3. Investigation disclosed Wall and another in possession of property belonging to Department of National Defence. Both appeared on the 6th instant before Stipendiary Magistrate at Vancouver and pleaded guilty to a charge of theft. They were given suspended sentence and bound over in the sum of \$100 each. Accused admitted possession and took police to their respective places and pointed out property stolen."

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

1. How many parcels of land have been (a) sold and (b) leased in the University Endowment Lands since October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936?
2. What was (a) the total sale price and (b) the total lease price of such parcels?
3. What has been the total cost of administration from all sources during the same period?

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

"1. (a) None; (b) none. From July 1st, 1930, until December 31st, 1935, the London & Western Trusts Co. acted as sole agent in administration of area under agreement. Since January 1st, 1936, administration has been direct from the Department of Lands.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$15,114.50."

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

1. At what rate per hour were men paid for fighting forest fires during the present year?
2. What rate per day was charged for board against men employed in fighting forest fires?
3. What has been the total amount expended in fighting forest fires since April 1st, 1936, to October 1st, 1936?
4. What is the estimated loss in (a) timber and (b) personal property during the same period?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

- "1. 25 cents per hour.
- "2. \$1 per day.
- "3. Figures not yet available.
- "4. Figures not yet available."

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 5.45 p.m.

Monday, November 9th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for the Organization of Co-operative Savings and Credit Societies, termed 'Credit Unions,'" the Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the grounds: Firstly, that it purported to confer powers upon the Crown; and, secondly, that it imposes the responsibility upon the Crown of bringing the proposed scheme into effect. Accordingly, such a Bill is beyond the competence of a private member to introduce without the consent of the Crown.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act,'" the Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate 'An Act relating to Trade-unions'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pearson, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Destruction or otherwise of Valueless Public Documents."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. Sloan presented the following papers:—

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended March 31st, 1936.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10th, 1936.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

At 4.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the sitting for ten minutes for the purpose of allowing the members to attend a memorial service to be held in the Parliament Buildings, and left the chair.

At 4.55 p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 10th, 1936.

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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice 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. Mr. Sloan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 10th, 1936.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry 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. Mr. Weir presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 10th, 1936.

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. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health 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. Mr. Pearson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate Trade-schools," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 10th, 1936.

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. 23) intituled "An Act to regulate Trade-schools," 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. Mr. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 10th, 1936.

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. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories 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. Mr. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 10th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Standing Order No. 98 in connection with the undermentioned petitions have not been complied with.

Your Committee recommends that the advertising be dispensed with and that the Bills be allowed to proceed.

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

No. 3—The Corporation of the City of New Westminster.

No. 4—The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

On the motion of Mr. *McKeen*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster and the Agreement therein mentioned.”

On the motion of Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company Act, 1901.’”

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

1. What mileage of hard-surfacing work was carried out in the South Okanagan Electoral Riding during the year 1935?

2. At which districts in the riding was such work done?

3. Was the work done by contract; and, if so, who was the contractor?

4. Were tenders called for the work; and, if so, was the lowest tender accepted? If not, why not?

5. What was the total cost of all hard-surfacing carried out in this riding during the year 1935?

6. Was it necessary to repair or reconstruct certain portions of this work during the year 1936?

7. If so, where, and what did such work cost?

8. Did the Government or the contractor bear the cost of such repairs, if any?

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

“1 to 5. See Return presented to this House on March 31st, 1936 (Journals, 1936, page 132).”

“6. Yes.

“7. Vicinity of Kelowna; \$311.82.

“8. Government.”

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

1. What is the total amount expended by the Department on the purchase of hardware supplies from local merchants in the Electoral Riding of Cariboo since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

2. What is the total amount expended on the purchase of hardware supplies from wholesale houses during the same period in the same riding?

3. What is the total amount expended by the Department on the purchase of hardware supplies from local merchants in the Electoral Riding of Fort George since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

4. What is the total amount expended on the purchase of hardware supplies from wholesale houses in the same riding during the same period?

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

“1 to 4. This information will be available in the Public Accounts in due course.”

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

1. What total amount has been expended as travelling expenses by (a) the Minister, (b) departmental officials, since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

2. Of the total general grant to the University of British Columbia, what total amount has been charged as travelling expenses since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

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

“1. Returns for the period mentioned are incomplete, but in due course will appear in the Public Accounts for the current year.

“2. This question will be referred to the University authorities.”

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

1. Has a survey been made during the years 1935 or 1936 for a highway to link up the road system of Peace River with the area of the Province west of the Rocky Mountains?
2. If so, by whom was the survey made, and what amount has been expended on this work?
3. What is the estimated amount required to link up the two road systems?
4. What is the total mileage separating the two road systems?
5. If no survey has yet been made, will the Department undertake such a survey during the year 1937?

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

- “1. No.
- “2. See answer to No. 1.
- “3. No estimate made.
- “4. This would depend on route chosen.
- “5. This matter will be given consideration.”

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

1. Have any trucks been hired by the Department from April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

2. If so, from whom, in which electoral ridings, and at what rental in each case?

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

- “1 and 2. This information will appear in the Public Accounts in due course.”

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

What total amount has been expended as travelling expenses by (a) the Minister, (b) departmental officials, since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

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

“Returns for the period mentioned are incomplete, but will in due course appear in the Public Accounts.”

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

What was the amount of each tender submitted for the construction of the new road between Goldstream and the Shawnigan Lake Cut-off on the Malahat Drive?

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

“R. E. Paget, \$97,557; Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., \$105,790; Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., \$109,830; Coast Quarries, Ltd., \$107,209; General Construction Co., Ltd., \$109,220; Parfitt Bros., Ltd., \$128,966.”

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

1. Was the “B.C. Marketing Act” declared, in the opinion given by the Supreme Court of Canada, to be invalid?
2. Was similar legislation of the Dominion, under which the Department operated the “B.C. Marketing Act,” invalid in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada?
3. Has the said Act been continued in operation in British Columbia?
4. How many boards of control have been set up under the provisions of the “Marketing Act”?
5. Who constitute the various boards, and what salary does each member receive?
6. How many persons are employed by the said boards of control?
7. How many prosecutions have been conducted under the said Act: (a) 1935; (b) 1936?
8. How many convictions have been secured: (a) In fines; (b) gaol sentences?
9. How many, if any, persons are now in gaol as the result of such convictions?

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

- “1. No.
- “2. The ‘Natural Products Marketing Act,’ chapter 57 of the year 1934, was declared, in the opinion given by the Supreme Court of Canada, to be invalid.
- “3. That Act has not been repealed.

"4. Under the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act' seven Boards have been set up.

"5. British Columbia Tree-fruit Board consists of Walter E. Haskins, George A. Barrat, and Orris W. Hembling; Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board consists of William J. Park, William T. McArthur, and Thomas M. Edwards; B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board consists of Leslie Gilmore, Andrew H. Peterson, and Archibald W. McLelan; British Columbia Interior Vegetable Marketing Board consists of Thomas Wilkinson, Robert B. Homersham, and Edward Poole; B.C. Hothouse Tomato and Cucumber Marketing Board consists of George William Riddle, Murdoch Dingwall, and Quan Yuen Yen; B.C. Sheep-breeders' Marketing Board consists of Robert Heron, James Sutherland, and Arthur Lock; British Columbia Beef Marketing Board consists of Robert C. Cotton, William F. Palmer, and Francis B. Ward. No information as to salaries, which are paid out of funds of Boards.

"6, 7, 8, and 9. No information."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Provincial Secretary speak at the opening of a new tubercular clinic at Vancouver on October 30th last?

2. If so, did he, as reported in the press, state or infer that 150,000 persons in British Columbia were suffering from social diseases? If not, what number, if any, was stated or inferred by the Minister?

3. If such a statement was made, was it predicated upon physical examination by officials of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary's Department or upon estimates?

4. If upon estimates, by whom were such estimates made?

5. What is the estimated population of British Columbia?

6. What was the population ascertained at the last decennial census?

7. How many Indians were shown by such census?

8. How many Orientals were shown by such census?

9. In the estimates made of social diseases, how many such sufferers were: (a) Orientals; (b) Indians?

10. Does the Provincial Board of Health, or other Government Board, conduct or contribute to social-disease clinics?

11. If so, how much money has been expended between January 1st, 1926, and January 1st, 1936, in conducting such clinics or in contributions to such clinics?

12. Where are such clinics conducted or established?

13. How many cases have been treated in such clinics during the period from January 1st, 1926, to January 1st, 1936?

14. How many cases were repeated treatments to the same individuals?

15. Are social diseases included in the diseases under which hospitalization and medical benefits will be given under the "State Health Insurance Act, 1936"?

16. What diseases are included in the term "social diseases"?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The Provincial Secretary spoke of this number as suffering with or from the effects of venereal disease.

"3 and 4. The figures given were supplied by the Director of the Division of Venereal Disease Control, and based upon local available figures and general statistics of North America. It is safe to say that the prevalence of venereal disease in British Columbia is not less than the average for the whole of the United States. A few International authorities, whose ability and opportunities for securing authoritative data are beyond question, state as follows:—

"Dr. Thomas J. Parran, Jr., Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, and President of the American Public Health Association, estimates that 10 per cent. of the population of the United States suffer from syphilis.

"Dr. John H. Stokes, Professor of Syphilology in the University of Pennsylvania, and Consultant on Syphilis to the Health Section of the League of Nations, states that three out of one hundred children and five to ten of every hundred adults are afflicted with syphilis.

"Dr. John L. Rice, Health Commissioner of the City of New York, estimates that at least 5 per cent. of the population of New York (where treatment facilities are adequate) are suffering from syphilis.

"Statistics as to the prevalence of venereal disease in Canada are inadequate; there are no official figures to be had at Ottawa from which the venereal-disease situation in this country may be accurately gauged. It is quite generally believed by authorities that gonorrhœa is at least twice as prevalent as syphilis—official figures everywhere indicate this. The figures as given by the Provincial Secretary were estimated on the basis of 7½ per cent. of the population of British Columbia as suffering with or from the effects of syphilitic infection, and that twice that number—namely, 15 per cent.—were suffering with or from the effects of gonorrhœa.

"5. Approximately, 740,000. This is based upon the 1931 census plus the estimated increase in population for five years (50,000) as indicated by the increase in population for the 10-year period ended 1931 (100,000).

"6. 1931 census, 694,263.

"7. 24,599.

"8. 49,344.

"9. Available statistics are inadequate on this point in British Columbia, but it would appear that the incidence would be somewhat greater than among the non-Asiatics.

"10. Two clinics have been established since 1920, one at Vancouver and the other at Victoria, both of which are conducted by the Provincial Government. In addition, facilities for free treatment are provided through the medical profession throughout the Province.

"11. \$299,261.71; April 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1936.

"12. Answered by No. 10.

"13. 18,263.

"14. Owing to the practice of re-registering cases with new (gonorrhœal) infections under the original case number it is extremely difficult to determine the number of repeat treatments. However, having taken one year (1933) at random, it was found that approximately 11 per cent. of all cases registered during that year have subsequently returned with new infections and resumed treatment.

"15. No, the benefits of the 'Health Insurance Act' will be indirect.

"16. There are six distinct and separate diseases which may be classified as venereal or 'social' diseases: Gonorrhœa; syphilis; chancre; balanitis gangrenosa; granuloma inguinale; lympho-granuloma inguinale. It may be noted that 15 per cent. of blindness is caused by syphilitic infection; 10 per cent. of the admissions to mental hospitals are due to neuro-syphilis; 15 per cent. of serious heart conditions and 15 per cent. of serious blood conditions are also due to the same disease; and, in addition, syphilis is responsible for a small percentage of still-births."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What are the names of the persons who comprise the "Milk Board"?

2. What salary, if any, is paid to each member thereof?

3. What is the rental of the premises occupied by the Board for offices and kindred purposes?

4. Has any expense, other than rental, been incurred by the Board in connection with the foregoing premises?

5. If yes, what amount, and for what purpose?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:—

"1. The members of the Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board are: William J. Park, William T. McArthur, and Thomas M. Edwards.

"2. No information. Salaries paid out of funds of Board.

"3, 4, and 5. No information."

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

1. What is the total amount borrowed, or expended from existing Loan Bills, on account of Pacific Great Eastern Railway, since October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936?

2. Has any amount of such borrowings been applied to deficits and to new construction, not including maintenance; and, if yes, what amount in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. \$340,000.

"2. Amount spent for capital purposes."

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

1. How many officials have been appointed to date in connection with the "State Health Insurance Act" of 1936?
2. On what date was each such official appointed?
3. What remuneration does each receive?
4. Have any appointments been made for a fixed period of years; and, if so, how many, for what period, and for which positions?
5. Has the full staff of officials been appointed; and, if not, what additional number will be required, approximately?

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

- "1. Four.
- "2. May 22nd, 1936 (two appointed); June 2nd, 1936 (one appointed); September 4th, 1936 (one appointed).
- "3. One, \$6,000 per annum; one, \$5,500 per annum; two, \$1,000 per annum.
- "4. In accordance with the terms of the Act the Chairman's appointment is for seven years and the other members' appointments are for five years.
- "5. The clerical and technical staff is now in process of organization, and particulars cannot be given at this time."

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

1. What amount has been expended on the West Coast Road since April 1st, 1936, to November 1st, 1936, by: (a) Provincial Government; (b) Federal Government?
2. Where was such work done, and what did it consist of?
3. How many miles west of Jordan River is the road completed?
4. Has the survey been completed to Port Renfrew; and, if so, when?
5. What is the approximate mileage from the end of construction to Port Renfrew?
6. What is the estimated cost of completing the road to Port Renfrew, not including hard-surfacing?

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

- "1. (a) \$27,561.54; (b) no information as to Federal Government's expenditure, except for amount of claim under Dominion-Provincial Agreement, \$6,521.56, which amount is included in (a).
- "2. Between Sooke and a point 5 miles west of Jordan River; grading and gravelling.
- "3. 5 miles.
- "4. Yes; February, 1928.
- "5. 21 miles.
- "6. \$525,000."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 12th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

1. Under what conditions were the lands now held by the Creston Dyking and Reclamation Company acquired?
2. If purchased, what was the price per acre?
3. If lands were classified, what classifications were made and what was the area and price in each classification?

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

"1. Reclaimed area acquired as free grant under provisions of section 66, 'Land Act.'

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"(NOTE.—The company acquired by purchase 22 acres outside the dyked area for purposes of maintenance and protection of the dykes; paid at the rate of \$5 per acre, being the minimum rate of first-class land.)"

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

1. How many beer licences were granted in British Columbia up to October 1st, 1933?
2. What additional number of beer licences have been granted since October 1st, 1933, to November 1st, 1936, and at what places?

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

"1. 317.

"2. 53. Wasa; Prince George; Greenwood; Midway; Kamloops (5);* Beaton;† Nakusp;* Fish Lake; Bridge River District; Goldbridge; Minto City; Echo Bay; Lumby;‡ Atlin; Stewart;‡ Maillardville (2);* Cariboo; Stanley; Wells; Windermere; Alert Bay; Nr. Nanaimo; Maple Bay; Cranbrook; Moyie; Fort Langley;* Langley Prairie;* Esquimalt (2); Jordan River; Lagoon Spit; Fort Steele; Okanagan Landing; Creston;* Salmo; Lynnmour;* Dawson Creek; Rolla;* Castlegar;* Westwold;* Oliver (2);* Smithers;‡ Smithers; Vancouver; Lytton; Merritt;‡ Alexis Creek."

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

1. How many Beer-parlour Inspectors are employed by the Liquor Control Board?
2. What are the names of such Inspectors?
3. What monthly salary does each Inspector receive?
4. What are the duties of such Inspectors?
5. What has been the cost of travelling expenses of each Inspector since April 1st, 1936, to November 1st, 1936?

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

"1. Three.

"2. (a) M. J. Galvin; (b) J. N. Browning; (c) R. H. Ley.

"3. (a) and (b) \$165 per month; (c) \$200 per month.

"4. (a) and (b) Inspection of premises, equipment, etc.; and (c) duties include, in part, inspection of beer-parlours and general supervision thereof.

"5. (a) \$306; (b) \$964; (c) \$432.83.

"(NOTE.—Others members of the Liquor Control Board whose duties require them to travel in various parts of the Province are instructed to inspect licensed premises when necessary.)"

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

What total amount has been expended as travelling expenses by (a) the Minister, (b) departmental officials, since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

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

"Returns for the period mentioned are incomplete, but will in due course appear in the Public Accounts."

* By plebiscite.

† Replacing hotel destroyed by fire.

‡ Former licence allowed to lapse and now renewed.

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

1. How many beer licences have been granted in the villages of: (a) Stanley; (b) Wells; (c) Barkerville?
2. On what dates were such beer licences granted?
3. In whose names were such beer licences granted?
4. What is the population of Stanley, Wells, and Barkerville respectively?
5. What annual licence fee is collected from each licensee?

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

- "1. (a) Two; (b) one; (c) two.
- "2. (a) August 18th, 1933, and August 16th, 1933; (b) November 12th, 1934; (c) August 17th, 1933.
- "3. (a) J. F. Williams and J. B. Hanafin; (b) A. McDonnell; (c) T. Nichol and M. McKinnon.
- "4. No information, but these are mining communities and population continually changing, and there is also considerable activity in surrounding districts.
- "5. According to volume of business; for 1936: (a) \$86 and \$113 respectively; (b) \$350; (c) \$197 and \$164 respectively."

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

1. Was a petition submitted to the Attorney-General on or about September 11th, 1935, asking for: (a) Extension of the right to purchase in public dining-rooms beer and wine for consumption at meals, subject to proper regulations in that behalf; or (b) granting of a plebiscite therefor to be taken in pursuance of the provisions of the "Liquor-control Plebiscites Act" (being chapter 147, R.S.B.C. 1924) and the regulations in force thereunder?
2. (a.) If so, how many registered voters in the Victoria Electoral District signed this petition? (b.) If so, what percentage of the total number of voters in the Victoria Electoral District signed this petition?
3. (a.) If so, was the petition supported by any organized public bodies? (b.) If so, what were their names?
4. (a.) If so, what action has the Department taken with regard to this petition? (b.) If no action has been taken, what action is contemplated?

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

- "1. No; but such a petition was presented to the Hon. the Premier.
- "2. (a) 8,417; (b) 42.32 per centum, plus 2,747 who claimed eligibility to register.
- "3. No information.
- "4. (a.) Matter has been under consideration. (b.) This is a question of policy."

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 12.50 p.m.

Thursday, November 12th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to define Residence in Local Areas and the Responsibility of the Crown and of the Municipalities under certain Acts relating to Relief, Health, or Welfare Services," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 12th, 1936.

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. 31) intituled "An Act to define Residence in Local Areas and the Responsibility of the Crown and of the Municipalities under certain Acts relating to Relief, Health, or Welfare Services," 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. Mr. Weir presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 12th, 1936.

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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. Pattullo on the 9th instant on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act,'" as follows:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order arose on Bill No. 14 as to its regularity. I am of the opinion that this Bill is quite in order and within the powers of any private member to introduce.

It has been brought to my attention, however, that the operative parts of this Bill are now covered by regulations issued under the Act which it seeks to amend. There is no reason why the House cannot incorporate into a Statute existing regulations and thereby make the regulations statutory.

Regulations are, of course, subject to change at any time by Order in Council. A Statute can only be changed by the Legislature.

I rule the Bill in order.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker.*

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in answer to the following questions by Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. How many, if any, automobiles and trucks were purchased by the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year March 31st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936?
2. What were the makes of such cars?
3. From whom were such cars purchased, with number of each kind or make of car and the agent's name?
4. Under what legislative vote was each car purchased?
5. What was the date upon which each car was purchased?
6. What was the date upon which each car was delivered to the Department?
7. How many automobiles have been purchased since March 31st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?
8. What is the total number of cars owned by the Department of Public Works?
9. How many, if any, cars are owned by other departments and operated full or part time by the Department of Public Works?

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

1. Does the Department intend to restore roads and bridge at Salloomt destroyed in the flood of 1934?
2. If so, when?
3. If not, why not?

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

“1 to 3. This matter is under consideration.”

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

1. What amount has been expended on the propagation of game birds during the fiscal year up to October 31st, 1936?
2. Of the total amount so expended, what amount was paid in salaries and expenses?
3. How many birds were released throughout the Province?
4. What has been the cost per bird?
5. Where is the game-bird farm located?

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

“1. Propagation of game birds was discontinued in 1934 with a view to purchasing pheasants from local farmers who raised game birds, and to generally encourage this line of business. This policy has been continued to date, with the result that a larger number of birds have been liberated at a lower cost than when propagation was undertaken by the Department. Under the above policy the sum of \$12,643.35 has been expended in the purchase of pheasants from game-bird farmers during the period mentioned.

“2. As the purchase of pheasants is made through the Game Commission no salaries are chargeable to same, but expenses in connection therewith for the same period amount to \$686.

“3. 9,389.

“4. \$1.42.

“5. Royal Oak, near Victoria; but it is not now in operation.”

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

1. Has the Department completed any transaction for the acquisition, by purchase or exchange, of timber known as Cathedral Grove, Vancouver Island?
2. If so, when, and what was the purchase price?
3. If an exchange was made, what are the details and from whom was the transaction concluded?
4. What is the total area known as Cathedral Grove?
5. What is the estimated amount of timber on the area?

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

“1. No.

“2. and 3. Answered by No. 1.

“4. Never been defined, but within Block 35 containing 2,736 acres.

“5. All or part of the timber on Block 35 which may aggregate 150 million feet.”

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

1. Was the Pacific Construction Company awarded a contract for excavating and filling at or near the water-front at Point Grey?
2. If so, what was the contract price: (a) For the entire work; (b) on a unit basis; (c) for excavating; (d) for filling?
3. If on a unit basis, what is the unit of excavation used: (a) Is it a cubic yard of excavation measured in the pit before excavating; (b) after having been excavated; (c) by the wagon or truck load?
4. What other firms tendered for this work?
5. On what unit of excavation measurement did they tender?
6. Were profiles made of the probable contents of the pit to be excavated?
7. If so, when and by whom were such profiles made?
8. Were such profiles and measurements of probable contents made available to all tenderers for the work at the time tenders were called for?
9. Who is charged with measurement of the excavation made, and how does he conduct measurement: (a) By the yard, and, if so, before excavating or loose earth on the ground; (b) in the wagon or truck box; (d) after the earth has been deposited for filling purposes?
10. If such an official has been appointed by the Department of Public Works, what salary or wages does he receive?
11. Who pays him: (a) The Department of Public Works; (b) the contractors?
12. For what purpose is the excavation being made?
13. For what purpose is the fill being made?
14. Will the said fill be utilized in full or in part for the improvement of the public bathing facilities for the City of Vancouver or the University Area at Point Grey?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

- "1. No, but a contract for this and other works in the vicinity was let to the General Construction Co., Ltd., Vancouver.
- "2. (a) \$29,023.75; (b) yes; (c) 24 cents per cubic yard earth excavation; (d) price for excavation including filling.
- "3. (a) Yes; (b) no; (c) no.
- "4. Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd.; E. R. Taylor Construction Co., Ltd.; Associated Engineering Co., Ltd.; Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd.; Coast Quarries, Ltd.; J. E. Morton, Bennett & White Construction Co., Ltd.; Pacific Engineers, Ltd.
- "5. Per cubic yard.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Last fall by George Bolton.
- "8. A typical cross-section and the total quantity of estimated excavation was made available to all tenderers for the work at the time tenders were called for.
- "9. George Bolton, under the District Engineer; (a), (b), and (d): In view of very steep and irregular slopes it is necessary to check the excavation quantities by measuring in the vehicle of transport and by measurement of the fill, making due allowance for contraction or expansion.
- "10. \$160 per month, plus \$1 per day living allowance.
- "11. (a) Department of Public Works; (b) no.
- "12. To get material for fill.
- "13. Raising the foreshore to protect the highway.
- "14. Improvement of bathing facilities is merely incidental."

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

1. Were any survey parties sent out by the Department during the season of 1936?
2. If so, how many, and in what areas did such parties work?
3. Who was in charge of each party?
4. How many persons were employed other than permanent officials?
5. Were any aeroplanes employed in any survey-work? If so, from whom were they obtained, and what is the total cost?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes, six; two in Horsefly Lake region in Cariboo, two on Vancouver Island, one near Big Bend, Columbia River, and one between Telkwa and Prince George. In addition a few small scattered surveys were carried out by surveyors resident near the required work.

"3. R. D. McCaw, A. J. Campbell, N. C. Stewart, and G. J. Jackson of the permanent staff; and F. C. Swannell and P. M. Monckton, surveyors in private practice, respectively.

"4. Thirty-five on the six parties above listed.

"5. No."

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

1. What is the total number of employees in the Game Branch?

2. What is the total amount paid to such employees from April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, for: (a) Salaries; (b) travelling expenses?

3. At what points are employees of the Game Branch stationed in addition to members of the Provincial Police?

4. How many employees were there in the Game Branch in the year 1930?

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

"1. Seventy.

"2. This will appear in Public Accounts.

"3. Victoria, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Duncan, Alert Bay, Alberni, Nelson, Creston, Greenwood, Cranbrook, Canal Flats, Fernie, Penticton, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Williams Lake, Barkerville, Merritt, Kelowna, Lillooet, Clinton, Vernon, Golden, Prince George, Vanderhoof, McDame Creek, Prince Rupert, Dawson Creek, Burns Lake, Fort St. John, Vancouver, Powell River, Chilliwack, Port Coquitlam, Ganges, Abbotsford.

"4. Eighty."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Premier make any trip or trips from Victoria to Ottawa, or elsewhere in Eastern Canada or the United States, during the period from January 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

2. If so, was he accompanied by any person or persons?

3. If the preceding question is answered in the affirmative, who so accompanied him on such trip or trips?

4. By what method of conveyance did he travel?

5. What was the cost of such trip or trips?

6. Did the Hon. the Premier make any trip or trips to any place or places in British Columbia between January 1st, 1936, and October 31st, 1936, by air-plane?

7. If the preceding question is answered in the affirmative, who accompanied him on such trip or trips?

8. What was the cost of such trip or trips by air-plane to any place or places in British Columbia?

9. Did the Hon. the Premier make a trip or trips to any place or places in the Territory of Yukon during the period from January 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

10. If in the affirmative, who accompanied him on such trip or trips to the Territory of Yukon?

11. What was the conveyance used in making such trip or trips to the Territory of Yukon?

12. What was the total cost of such trip or trips to the Territory of Yukon?

13. What was the total cost of travelling, including transportation, living allowance, and incidental expenses, by the Hon. the Premier during the period from January 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

14. What was the total travelling expenses, if any, charged to the Public Treasury by any person or persons accompanying the Hon. the Premier on any and all trips made by him between January 1st, 1936, and October 31st, 1936?

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

"1 to 14. The Hon. the Premier has made various trips both within and without the confines of the Province, accompanied by Secretary only, except trip around Vancouver Island,

when one additional passenger was taken. These trips were made by rail, air, motor, and water transport. Expenses for such trips will appear in the Public Accounts in due course."

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

1. What was the cost of work done on the 2 miles of road between Beaumont's crossing and Indian reserve?

2. What was the cost of work done on the 3½ miles of road between railway crossing, Engen, to near Martin Lake Road?

3. What is the amount of money received by A. Goodwin, Fort Fraser, from the Public Works Department during the present year?

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

"1. \$844.40.

"2. This information will be available in the Annual Report in due course.

"3. This information will be available in the Public Accounts in due course."

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 5.50 p.m.

Friday, November 13th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Planta* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bakewell*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That," and insert in lieu thereof the words: "this House regrets the increase in public expenditure without first consideration being given to the reduction of our mounting debt; the inadequate assistance to municipalities; the absence of any clearly defined policy for dealing with single unemployed men and women; the absence of a full and complete revision of taxation; the absence of any indication that the "Elections Act" will be brought down this Session for amendment; the absence of any policy pointing toward a complete reconstruction of the Civil Service for the purpose of removing that body entirely from the influence of politics; the large payments for the services of legal advisers; the absence of any stated policy on the question of public utilities and (or) highway commission; the failure of the Government to have ready a full presentation of the findings of the Commission to inquire into Coal and Fuel-oil; and the absence of any pronouncement on the question of light wine and beer being served in hotels and restaurants."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Forester</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Connelly</i>	<i>MacPherson, D.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Planta</i>	<i>Swailes</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Connell</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Wismer**Anscomb*

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

Report of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1936.

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

1. How many motor-vehicles were licensed on Vancouver Island for the year ended March 31st, 1936: (a) Trucks; (b) passenger-cars; (c) commercial cars other than trucks; (d) motor-cycles?

2. What was the amount collected from such motor-vehicles for licences during the year ended March 31st, 1936?

3. How many drivers' licences were issued to drivers of motor-vehicles on Vancouver Island during the year ended March 31st, 1936?

4. What was the amount collected by the Government for such licences?

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

"1. (a) 4,303; (b) 21,169; (c) 457; (d) 429.

"2. \$513,837.34.

"3. 38,353.

"4. \$37,173.

"(NOTE.—As the motor-vehicle licence-year ends on the last day of February in each year, the above figures include both 1935 and 1936 licences—namely, 1935 licences issued between April 1st, 1935, and February 29th, 1936, and 1936 licences issued between February 1st and March 31st, 1936.)"

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

1. Has the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, made any representations to the Department regarding checking of importations of American coal to Canadian points?

2. How many tons of American coal have been imported into British Columbia since October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936?

3. How many tons of coal have been imported from Great Britain into British Columbia since October 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

4. How many tons of coal have been imported from Russia into British Columbia during the present year?

5. What amount of coal was exported from British Columbia to American ports in the years 1935 and 1936?

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

"1. No.

"2. No information *re* imports for parts of year. Imports of American coal into British Columbia for calendar years 1933, 1934, and 1935 were 9,320 tons, 4,414 tons, and 7,237 tons, respectively; this shown in the Minister of Mines Report for respective years.

"3. No information. This information is received from the Dominion Department of Customs at the end of the year.

"4. Same as No. 3.

"5. British Columbia exports to American ports during 1935, 54,195 tons; 1936 to end of September, 57,532 tons."

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

1. Does the Canadian Pacific Railway Company pay fuel-oil tax on oil consumed on the E. & N. Railway, Vancouver Island?

2. If so, what total sum has this company paid in fuel-oil tax since October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936?

3. Have any negotiations of experiments been conducted between the E. & N. Railway Company with a view of having the E. & N. locomotive engines converted from oil-burning to coal-burning?

4. If so, when, and with what results?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes.

"4. On September 28th and 29th, 1930, tests were made with a full-load freight-train hauled by a coal-fired locomotive equipped with a Brown Cyclone Spark-arrester on a round trip, Victoria-Duncan; and on November 4th and 5th, 1930, further tests were made with the same locomotive, further equipped with a 'Rosebud' grate on a round trip, Victoria-Shawnigan; the management of the E. & N. Railway reported that the results of the tests would not justify a conversion from oil to coal."

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

1. How many Inspectors are there now engaged on work for the Marketing Board?

2. What has been the average monthly cost of running the Marketing Board since its inception?

3. What is the average cost charged during 1936 to the farmer by the Board for handling each ton of potatoes on his behalf?

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

"1 and 2. No information.

"3. The charge made by the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board for handling potatoes is \$2 per ton."

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 12.55 p.m.

Friday, November 13th, 1936.

HALF-FAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert" was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

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

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch* (for Mr. *H. E. Winch*)—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Wilkinson*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Cleaners and Dyers of British Columbia.”

On the motion of Mr. *Planta* (for Mr. *Wismer*)—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dentistry Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Tupper*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Naturopathic Physicians Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Short Form of Mortgages Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (for the Hon. Mr. *Weir*)—Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Infants Act.’”

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 13th, 1936.

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. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest 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. Mr. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 13th, 1936.

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. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver," 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. Mr. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

November 13th, 1936.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Garibaldi Park Act,'" a draft 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.

To the following questions by Mr. *Bruhn* on the 9th instant:—

1. On what date did the Government acquire the equity of Mrs. Ella Lowe in certain lands at Cawston, Similkameen Division of Yale District?
2. How many settlers whose titles were in dispute at the time of purchase have since received titles to their holdings?
3. What are the names of the settlers who have received titles to their property?
4. Have any surveys been carried out by the Government since the purchase of this property to ascertain if water is available for irrigation purposes?
5. If so, by whom, when, and what is the estimated cost of installing an irrigation system?
6. Has the West Kootenay Light & Power Company been approached by the Government with a view of having that company supply power for irrigation purposes?
7. If so, with what result?
8. What is the total sum involved in purchase of the Cawston lands as at October 31st, 1936, including interest?
9. Of the total amount involved, what portion has been expended on the various investigations?

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* presented corrected answers as follows:—

"1. March 12th, 1934.

"2. Five.

"3. Robt. S. Wainwright, Thos. S. Crouch, Ora L. MacKenzie, C. E. MacKenzie, and Mabelle J. Newton.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. \$97,103.07.

"9. None."

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

1. Did the District of Okanagan Falls, Similkameen, apply to the Department for a loan from the Conservation Fund during the present year?
2. If so, what amount, and for what purpose?
3. Did the same district apply for a loan for the year 1937?
4. If so, what amount, and for what purpose?
5. Has the Department promised or granted a loan to this district?
6. If so, for what amount, upon what terms, and at what rate of interest?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

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

1. How many parcels of land have been (a) sold and (b) leased in the University Endowment Lands since January 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?
2. What was (a) the total sale price and (b) the total lease price of such parcels?

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

"1 and 2. Information given in Votes and Proceedings, Nos. 10 and 11, November 9th, 1936."

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

1. Has the Department of Mines conducted investigations, or had such investigations instituted by the research department of the University of British Columbia, into the utilization of Vancouver Island coal-tar products for the treatment of road-surfacing upon the roads and highways of Vancouver Island?
2. Has the Department of Mines conducted investigations of a similar character into the utilization of the coal-tar products of the coal-mines of the Interior of British Columbia for treatment of road-surfacing upon the roads and highways of the Interior of British Columbia?
3. When were such investigations made or instituted?
4. What have been the results of such investigations?
5. How much money has been expended during the years 1933, 1934, 1935, and 1936 to October 31st upon such investigations?

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

"1. No. The Department of Public Works has been investigating this matter.

"2. Same as No. 1.

"3. We understand the Department of Public Works has carried out investigations for a number of years.

"4. No information.

"5. No information."

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

1. Are others than residents of the Province of British Columbia being employed in the construction of the new Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?
2. If yes, in what capacity?

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

"1 and 2. Not to the knowledge of this Department.

"(NOTE.—All employees are secured through the Employment Service of Canada.)"

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

1. Has any amount been advanced from the Conservation Fund to water-improvement districts during the present year?
2. If so, how much in each case, and at what rate of interest?
3. What amounts, if any, have been repaid, both in principal and interest, during the year 1936?
4. What are the total amounts due and unpaid from all water-improvement districts as at October 31st, 1936, both in principal and interest?

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

- "1. No moneys have been advanced from the Conservation Fund during 1936.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3 and 4. See tabulation herewith."

Answer to Questions 3 and 4.

District.	REPAYMENTS DURING 1936.		AMOUNTS DUE AND UNPAID.	
	Principal.	Interest.	Principal.	Interest to October 31st, 1936.
Black Mountain		\$11,170.71	\$51,991.40	\$1,301.19
Cawston			457.72	28.33
East Creston	\$2,071.70	7,369.34	9,240.00	89.64
Heffley	205.00	671.36	481.23	16.38
Kaleden			4,602.02	288.74
Marble Canyon	897.78	313.24		
Penticton	396.58	2,079.27		
Robson	165.42	680.14		
Scotty Creek			1,452.00	47.56
South-east Kelowna		11,139.12	3,380.88	110.74
Summerland			2,053.45	127.72
Vernon		3,428.40	28,742.82	530.34
Vinsulla		500.00	1,199.59	39.31
Westbank	252.98	1,401.77	1,867.74	25.28
Winfield and Okanagan Centre	189.62	773.10		
Wynndel	378.00	1,497.00	2,012.30	7.19

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has the Department any information to the effect that haulagemen and rope-riders at the Blakeburn Collieries have been working double-shift whilst qualified men are idle?
2. If yes, has that condition been remedied?
3. If no, will the Department have any investigation made and remedy such conditions if found to exist?

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

- "1. Check of pay-roll shows some overtime during past few years.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Has one John Cameron, late of Vancouver Police, been employed in the construction of the new Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. If so, how long, and at what salary?
4. If so, what are his duties?
5. If so, what training and qualifications has he for the position?
6. Is John Cameron a member of the Professional Society of Engineers of British Columbia?

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

- "1 to 6. John Cameron, late Chief of Vancouver Police, has not been employed at any time in the construction of the new bridge."

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

1. Had any of the lands within the area now known as Tweedsmuir Park been alienated from the Province previous to the area being created a reserve?

2. If yes, how long had such lands been so alienated; and what arrangements, if any, have been entered into with the owners of such lands?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. From September, 1918, to February, 1929. No arrangements with such owners made. Reserve related to vacant Crown lands only."

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

1. What sum of money is invested in sinking funds for the Agricultural Credit Commission?

2. In what securities are these funds invested, specifying amounts in each case?

3. What is the amount of loans outstanding as at November 1st, 1936?

4. What is the amount of principal overdue at November 1st, 1936?

5. What is the amount of interest as at November 1st, 1936?

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

"1. \$681,925.35.

"2. Canadian North Western Railway, \$32,513.98; Canadian Northern Railway, \$12,166.66; Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, \$1,703.33; Alberta Great Waterways Railway, \$46,000; Canadian Northern Ontario Railway, \$486.66; Lethbridge Irrigation District, \$2,000; Province of Alberta, \$3,000; Province of Saskatchewan, \$1,000; Province of British Columbia, \$150,896.63; West Nicomen Dyking District, \$4,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway, \$75,158.09; Agricultural Credit Commission, \$353,000; total, \$681,925.35.

"3. \$262,954.42.

"4. \$161,846.70.

"5. \$173,423.02."

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 5.30 p.m.

Friday, November 13th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,849,147.58 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1938.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1938.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

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 10.38 p.m.