

Friday, 21st March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing."

The Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to provide for the Guarantee of a certain Note made by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1918.'"

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

1. Is Mr. F. C. Wade, the Agent-General of British Columbia, also representing the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in London?

2. If so, what remuneration is he receiving for this work, and is it with the consent of the Government?

3. Is the Government aware that there are brass plates for these two Provinces attached to the British Columbia House in London?

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

"1. No information.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, the debate was adjourned until the evening session (to-day).

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 21st, 1919.

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. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.10 p.m.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill providing for inspection of all meat offered for sale in this Province?

2. If not, why not?

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

"1. No.

"2. We are at present collecting data as to the cost of this service and the organization of same to enable us to secure the benefits of such an Act with as little inconvenience as possible to the farmer."

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

1. When did the Land Settlement Board grant a loan of \$10,000 to John Russell Berry on the South-east Quarter of Section 22, Township 26, Group 2, New Westminster District?

2. Is this property situated near Chilliwack?

3. Was said Berry then in occupation of said farm?

4. Is he now living in the United States?

5. If so, when did he leave British Columbia?
6. Who is now occupying said farm?
7. Is the interest on said loan paid up to date?
8. If not, how far is it in arrears?

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

- "1. September 25th, 1917.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. No information.
- "5. No information.
- "6. Thomas A. Lawrence, the present owner of the property.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Answered by No. 7."

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers by Resolutions of the 20th and 24th days of February, 1919, presented and received on the 14th day of March, be adopted. (Report No. 1.)

Mr. *McGeer* moved, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

That the report of the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, presented and received on March 14th inst., be adopted. (Report No. 2.)

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, adjourned until the next session.

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is it a fact that in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario, and Manitoba the Judges administering the probate laws of the Province are paid for their services for so doing out of the estates coming before the Court for grant of probate or administration?
2. Is it a fact that in the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta the County Court or District Court Judges of the said Provinces are appointed the Judges of the Probate or Surrogate Courts of the respective Provinces, and are paid for their services, as such, either by fees taxed against the estate administered or by a stated salary or compensation?
3. Have the County Court Judges of British Columbia, or many of them, suggested the passing of such legislation in this Province as will give the Judge administering the probate laws of the Province the right to have his costs for so doing taxed against the estate administered, as is done in New Brunswick, Ontario, and Manitoba; or that a definite amount be paid to each County Court Judge for such work, as is done in Saskatchewan and Alberta? And have they intimated that, in the event of such legislation not being passed, it will be necessary for the Government to appoint such person or persons as may be found who will administer said laws gratuitously?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to deal with this matter at this Session?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. As to first portion of question, yes; as to latter, no.
- "4. The answer to this question involves a matter of Government policy."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Summoning and paying witnesses, to 31st March, 1920.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Grand and Petit Jurors (including drawing panels, etc.), to 31st March, 1920.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Prosecutions and Interpreters, to 31st March, 1920.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Expenses of inquest, to 31st March, 1920.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Rewards, to 31st March, 1920.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Allowance to Sheriffs (fixed allowance), to 31st March, 1920.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1920.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Motor-traffic regulation (plates, badges, etc.) to 31st March, 1920.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Destruction of wolves, cougars, coyotes, owls, etc., and game protection, including salaries, travelling expenses, and incidentals of office, to 31st March, 1920.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1920.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Special Surveys, to 31st March, 1920.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Stipendiary Magistrates, to 31st March, 1920.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1920.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous Votes, Promotion of uniformity of Provincial legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1920.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,034 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,756 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1920.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1920.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1920.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1920.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,635 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria, to 31st March, 1920.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Education of deaf, dumb, and blind, to 31st March, 1920.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$560,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to cities, to 31st March, 1920.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$320,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to municipalities, to 31st March, 1920.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to rural school districts, to 31st March, 1920.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$345,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Salaries of teachers in assisted schools (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1920.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Salaries of teachers in the E. & N. Railway Belt (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1920.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Grants to libraries, to 31st March, 1920.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Grant in aid of manual training equipment, to 31st March, 1920.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Erection of new buildings and maintenance and repairs of school buildings, to 31st March, 1920.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Examination of teachers and High School Entrance classes, to 31st March, 1920.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Conveying children to central schools, to 31st March, 1920.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1920.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, to 31st March, 1920.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1920.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bureau of Information, to 31st March, 1920.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Anyox Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Ashcroft Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,292 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Atlin Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,130 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Clinton Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,579 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fairview Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,589 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fort George Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,422 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,419 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Grand Forks Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,675 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Greenwood Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Kaslo Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Lillooet Sub-Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,932 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Merritt Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., New Denver Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nicola Agency (transferred to Merritt in 1918), to 31st March, 1920.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., 150-Mile House Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,328 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Princeton Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Queen Charlotte Islands Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,712 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Rossland Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,580 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Smithers Agency (transferred from Hazelton in 1918), to 31st March, 1920.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,345 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Trout Lake Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Vancouver Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,664 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1920.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1920.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Yale Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1920.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1920.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Printing Public Accounts, \$4,500 to 31st March, 1920.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Interest on suitors' funds and Official Guardian deposits, to 31st March, 1920.

146. *Resolved*, that a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Delinquent extra municipal school taxes, to 31st March, 1920.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Operation of the "Amusements Tax Act" (salaries and expenses), to 31st March, 1920.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, not detailed in Estimates, to 31st March, 1920.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Refund to Judicial Trustee McNamee Estate, to 31st March, 1920.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,555 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,792 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,744 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$135,656 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,864 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grazing Commission, to 31st March, 1920.

159A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, British Columbia Soldier Settlement, to 31st March, 1920.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General, Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1920.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$135,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1920.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Forest Protection Fund ("Forest Act"), to 31st March, 1920.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Lumber trade extension, to 31st March, 1920.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Rainfall and climatic statistics, to 31st March, 1920.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, General water surveys, to 31st March, 1920.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Well-drilling, salaries and expenses, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Special studies; duty of water, to 31st March, 1920.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, B.C. Hydrometric Survey, to 31st March, 1920.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Lithograph maps, to 31st March, 1920.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Land surveys, to 31st March, 1920.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1920.

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 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 21st March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,955 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, to 31st March, 1920.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Grazing, range improvements, and general expenses, to 31st March, 1920.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Publicity, to 31st March, 1920.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, General investigations, to 31st March, 1920.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1920.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous Votes, Irrigation convention, to 31st March, 1920.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,895 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,494 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1920.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1920.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 to granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Miscellaneous, Grant to Vancouver Chamber of Mines (conditional), to 31st March, 1920.

194A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Miscellaneous, Grants to mining conventions, to 31st March, 1920.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Miscellaneous, "Mines Development Act," supplementary, to 31st March, 1920.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Miscellaneous, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," supplementary, to 31st March, 1920.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,802 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,774 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1920.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,996 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1920.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1920.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$189,012 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1920.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$251,256 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, Essondale, to 31st March, 1920.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, Colony Farm and Nursery, to 31st March, 1920.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,370 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, Criminal Insane Hospital, Saanich, to 31st March, 1920.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,937 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1920.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1920.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, Special grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1920.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, Grants to Refuge Homes, Aid Societies, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, In aid of destitute poor and sick, to 31st March, 1920.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1920.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, Burial of indigent persons, to 31st March, 1920.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$161,193 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1920.

213A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1920.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1920.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Royal Commissions, to 31st March, 1920.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grants to Civil Servants and employees on military duty, to 31st March, 1920.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$285,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant to University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1920.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1920.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant to City of Phoenix, to 31st March, 1920.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1920.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant to Pacific North-west Tourist Association, to 31st March, 1920.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Grant for patriotic purposes, Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Superannuation, to 31st March, 1920.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Salaries of Civil Servants and employees returning from overseas service (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1920.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Assessment on Class 13, Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1920.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Salaries of members of the Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1920.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Civil Servants' bonuses, to 31st March, 1920.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Miscellaneous, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1920.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 20th, 1919.

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. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon."

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodman's Lien for Wages Act.'"

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Saturday, 22nd March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

1. What were the total expenses of Settlement Area No. 2?
2. What were the items involved in said expense account, and what was the amount of each item?
3. Was one Armishaw, President of the Nechako Liberal Association, engaged as chauffeur for the appraisers of the Land Settlement Board in said Area No. 2?
4. What amount was paid to him for his services?
5. Was one George H. Outram, Secretary of the Nechako Liberal Association, appointed as local agent or representative to sell parcels of land in Settlement Area No. 2 on behalf of the Land Settlement Board?
6. If so, on what terms was he engaged?

7. What amount of money (if any) has been paid to him?
8. Has J. B. Armishaw made any application for land within Settlement Area No. 2?
9. If so, what area or areas?
10. Has any application for land within said Settlement Area No. 2 been made by or on behalf of Olney J. Reid?
11. If so, for what area or areas?
12. Has any application been made by or on behalf of Miss L. Reid for land within Settlement Area No. 2?
13. If so, for what area or areas?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. \$2,365.97.
- "2. Directors' expenses and salaries, \$28.80 and \$1,403.05; Nechako Trading Co., \$130.35; Nechako Feed and Sale Stables, \$14.50; Ingham Bros., \$21; McCorkell Bros., \$56.45; John Smith, \$111.45; Jos. Murray, \$12; J. M. Johnston, \$51.95; J. B. Armishaw, \$107; B.C. Growers, Ltd., \$2.50; D. D. Munro, \$51.55; Vanderhoof *Herald*, \$66.90; Omineca *Herald*, \$86.76; B.C. Gazette, \$24.50; Times Printing and Publishing Co., \$29.05; Dominion Express Co., 35 cents; telegrams, \$2.83; stationery, \$58.35; Victoria Steam Laundry, \$4.20; F. Jeune & Bro., Ltd., \$8.50; Geo. Little Lumber Yards, \$28.30; *The World*, \$15.75; *The Province*, \$23.10; *The Colonist*, \$7.50; *The Interior News*, \$1.38; *Vancouver Sun*, \$9.90; Captain Whittaker, \$8.
- "3. J. B. Armishaw was employed by Directors.
- "4. Twenty-three days; \$107.
- "5. Geo. H. Outram was so employed; have no information as to his being Secretary of the Nechako Liberal Association.
- "6. At the rate of \$8 for self and team while engaged in taking prospective settlers over the area.
- "7. None.
- "8. Yes, but application has not been accepted.
- "9. Answered by No. 8.
- "10. No.
- "11. Answered by No. 10.
- "12. No.
- "13. Answered by No. 12."

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.
231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,924 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.
232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1920.
233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,857 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1920.
234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1920.
235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,433 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Factories Act," to 31st March, 1920.
236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,836 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1920.
237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1920.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,613,879 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1920.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$193,435 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges, to 31st March, 1920.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,965.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office, London, England, to 31st March, 1920.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.20 p.m.

Saturday, 22nd March, 1919.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Report of the Railway Department for the year 1918.

Mr. *McGeer* presented the Third Report from the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed under Resolutions of the 20th and 24th February to consider schemes and suggestions with a view to rehabilitating the returned soldiers begs leave to present its third interim report, as follows:—

Your Committee has had presented to it many proposals with regard to the rehabilitation of returned soldiers by way of settlement on land, and while your Committee realizes the difficulty of dealing definitely with this feature of rehabilitation in view of the stated policy of the Dominion Government that the settling of all soldiers on land would be assumed and carried out exclusively by that Government, yet your Committee is of the opinion that the closest co-operation between the Dominion and Provincial Governments should be developed, particularly in view of the many difficulties which present themselves in the working-out of any general policy of land settlement in this Province. The chief of these difficulties being that the major portion of lands possible of immediate settlement have been alienated from the Crown, and are now held by private individuals or corporations who are not carrying on agricultural work. In view of this fact, your Committee deems it advisable that the Government should consider the advisability of making provision in the "Land Settlement Act" providing for the expropriation of any of such lands with proper compensation, with a view to opening them to prospective settlers, soldiers, or others.

Your Committee further recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of promoting in conjunction with the Dominion Government a policy of filling up as far as possible agricultural communities already established, such as the Okanagan Valley, Fraser River Valley, Thompson River Valley, and other such agricultural districts throughout the Province and on Vancouver Island. In making this general recommendation, your Committee do so notwithstanding the fact that it is the opinion of your Committee that the great opportunity of settlement exists in the Northern Interior of the Province, where there are large areas of land possible of being brought under cultivation without cost of clearing or reclamation either by dyking or irrigation.

Your Committee has considered many areas possible of being made available for settlement, and among those considered were a tract at Sumas Prairie, on the line of the British Columbia Electric Railway connecting the Cities of Vancouver and New Westminster with the City of Chilliwack. This land is considered by your Committee an excellent area of some 30,000 acres, now practically useless owing to the fact that the whole area is subject to flood during the period of high water in the Fraser River. In view of the fact that Engineers have made and are now investigating the feasibility of the reclamation of this area, your Committee urge upon the Government the advisability, should the feasibility of the project be considered sound by the Engineers, of proceeding with the reclamation of that area and opening it to settlers at the earliest possible moment. Other areas considered by your Committee exist at Salmo, Kaleden, Kootenay Flats, at the southern end of the Kootenay Lake, an area near Pritchard, the Coldstream Estate at Vernon, and lands held by Indians as Indian reserves. In regard to certain of these areas your Committee submits as follows:—

(1.) *Kootenay Flats.*—This scheme involves an area of 35,000 acres (approximately) in the vicinity of Creston, B.C., and a similar large acreage in the State of Idaho. If feasible and not overcostly, the reclamation of these lands would be a boon to the Province, as there is no doubt of their great productivity. Reports on this project by three different Engineers were submitted to the Committee by the Department of Lands. These reports appear to be of a preliminary nature, lacking clear-cut proposals, and are at great variance one with the other. Whether there is sufficient hydrographic data available we are not sure; but your Committee regrets that a more complete investigation has not been made, as such lands developed would prove ideal for soldier settlement. We strongly urge that the Government consider immediately the advisability of arranging with the Dominion Government and the Government of the United States the appointment of an International Board of Engineers to finally decide upon the most economical and practical solution of this problem.

(2.) *Coldstream Estate, Vernon.*—A report giving the results of investigation made by the Land Settlement Board was presented. Your Committee considers this property as one of the few areas of any size available for immediate occupancy, and from which a financial return would be possible without delay, as it is a complete going concern. As this proposition is one of a purchase of private property, any person or body considering same would have to satisfy himself on the merits of the property by thorough examination on the ground of the whole scheme.

(3.) *Irrigable Lands near Pritchard, B.C.*—A complete report with plan and estimate of cost in detail, made by the Department of Lands in 1917-18, was presented. The irrigable area involved is 3,700 acres situated on the South Thompson River, adjacent to the Canadian Pacific Railway and twenty-four miles east of Kamloops. For a small co-operative settlement of, say, ninety farmers of 40 acres each, your Committee strongly recommends same to those wishing settlement facilities in the Dry Belt. The Government has completed investigation of this project by its own officers, and data is available on which work could be started immediately.

(4.) *Indian Reserves.*—It has been brought to our attention that there are large areas of choice agricultural lands contiguous to railways held by Indians, but very thinly settled. On the data presented we are firmly of the opinion that such lands would be suitable for soldier settlement, and we would urge that the Legislature, through proper resolution, request the Dominion Government to purchase such lands for soldier settlement purposes, and that the Provincial Government take into consideration the advisability of transferring its reversionary rights to such areas purchased for this purpose.

In the consideration of the above matters, your Committee is of the opinion that there is, speaking in a general way, a lack of information regarding lands available for immediate occupancy on which returned soldiers wishing to farm could make a living without considerable delay necessitated by development operations. In order to overcome this delinquency, it is suggested that a voluntary civil organization be established in connection with the Land Settlement Board in each constituency, assisted by the local Municipal and Government Assessors, Government Agents, municipal clerks, and the local authorities, such an organization to be known as the "Soldier Settlement Welfare League." Such organization to have as its main duty the extending of assistance to soldier settlers in their respective communities, and to inventory all lands suitable and available, or possible of being made available, for soldier settlement, and the

placing of all such information at the disposal of these organizations having the matter of soldier settlement in hand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. G. McGEER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Ordered, That the report be considered at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

240. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$17,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

240A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1920.

241. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$830,790 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1920.

242. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$907,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds, due 15th July, 1919, and 15th July, 1920, to 31st March, 1920.

243. *Resolved,* That sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on mortgage, to 31st March, 1920.

244. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Songhees Reserve, to 31st March, 1920.

245. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Johnson Street Bridge, Victoria, to 31st March, 1920.

246. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$93,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1920.

247. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Boys' Industrial School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1920.

248. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Office Building and Residence combined, Hope, to 31st March, 1920.

249. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Addition to Government Buildings, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1920.

250. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Court-house and Police Building, Ocean Falls, to 31st March, 1920.

251. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Police Station and Quarters, Bridge Crossing, Chilcotin River, to 31st March, 1920.

252. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Police Station and Quarters, Yahk, to 31st March, 1920.

253. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Police Stations and Quarters, at other points if required, to 31st March, 1920.

254. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$37,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1920.

255. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$14,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Colony Farm, Essondale, to 31st March, 1920.

177. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

178. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$8,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1920.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Vancouver Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Victoria Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Prince Rupert Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, New Westminster Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Nanaimo Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Kamloops Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Nelson Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Cranbrook Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Fernie Employment Bureau, to 31st March, 1920.
188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Sub-agencies, For the purpose of establishing sub-agencies at other points in the Province (salaries and expenses), to 31st March, 1920.
37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,112 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1920.
159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Expenses, to 31st March, 1919.
192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, Expenses, to 31st March, 1919.
195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges, Subsidies and Maintenance, to 31st March, 1919.
6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1919.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, Bonus to James Smith, W. A. Oswald, and John Flett, on account of extra services during illness of operator (\$35 each), to 31st March, 1919.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Administration of "Prohibition Act," to 31st March, 1919.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1919.
25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Nelson—Office supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1919.
26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster—Office supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1919.
27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Prince Rupert—Office supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1919.
28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver—Office supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1919.

51A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Sheriff's Office, Vancouver—Salaries and expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial education—Travelling expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver—Allowance to teachers assisting Normal students, to 31st March, 1919.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria—Allowance to teachers assisting Normal students, to 31st March, 1919.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of deaf, dumb, and blind, to 31st March, 1919.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per capita* grant to cities (additional to amount voted), to 31st March, 1919.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination *re* High School Entrance (additional to amount voted), to 31st March, 1919.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Contingencies (additional to amount voted), to 31st March, 1919.

71A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Bonus in view of increased cost of living (additional to Special Warrants, Nos. 36 and 47), to 31st March, 1919.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$575 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kamloops Agency—Expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

118A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bonus in view of the increased cost of living (additional to Special Warrants, Nos. 36 and 47), to 31st March, 1919.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, not detailed in Estimates (additional to amount voted), to 31st March, 1919.

145A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, John Morley—Refund *re* purchase of Lot 2426, Osoyoos, to 31st March, 1919.

145B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$872 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Chas. H. Ruddock—Refund in respect of Timber Licence No. 11931, to 31st March, 1919.

145C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$666.66 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Wm. Young, ex-Comptroller of Water Rights—Equivalent of two months' salary, to 31st March, 1919.

145D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Rat Portage Lumber Company—Compensation in respect of trespass on Timber Licence No. 38765, to 31st March, 1919.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, General Office—Office supplies, to 31st March, 1919.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, New Westminster—Expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Colony Farm and Nursery—Expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1919.

16S. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, In aid of destitute poor and sick, to 31st March, 1919.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1919.

175A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, University of British Columbia—To cover accounts due to the King's Printer, to 31st March, 1919.

185A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Provincial Secretary, Saanich Hospital for Criminal Insane—Salaries and expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,772.83 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure, Girls' Industrial School—Installation of sewerage system, to 31st March, 1919.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented a report from the Select Committee appointed to investigate the dispute between the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, Ltd., as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed on February 10th, 1919, to investigate the dispute between the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, reports as follows:—

The dispute between these two companies comes before the Legislature in the form of a petition by the Dolly Varden Mines Company for an extension of the time given to it under the "Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act" of 1917 in which to complete the construction of the Dolly Varden Mines Railroad, and a cross-petition by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, contractors for the construction of the road, praying that such a renewal of the Dolly Varden Mines Railroad charter be not granted except upon such terms as shall constitute their claim for the unpaid balance of the charge for construction, amounting to approximately \$462,500, as a lien upon the assets of the Dolly Varden Mining Company.

Your Select Committee was composed of the following: David Whiteside, Chairman; Messrs. John Yorston, W. A. McKenzie, F. A. Pauline, and J. S. Cowper, Secretary. Counsel for the Dolly Varden Mines Company were C. H. Hamill, of Chicago, and Mr. L. W. Patmore, of Prince Rupert. Mr. E. C. Mayers, of Vancouver, appeared as counsel for the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited. The Select Committee commenced its hearings on Wednesday morning, February 12th, and held thirteen morning and evening sessions, concluding on Friday, February 21st.

The following witnesses appeared and testified before the Committee: Messrs. A. J. T. Taylor, President of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited; J. S. Connell, B.Sc., C.E., Engineer for the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited; S. H. Maloney, foreman of construction for the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited; Wm. McLean, C.E., a former employee of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited; R. W. McIntyre, C.E., Assistant Engineer to the Government Railway Department; C. J. Seymour, C.E., a former employee of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited; John Anderson, Accountant; J. D. Hubbard, President of the Dolly Varden Mines Company; A. F. Proctor, Chief Engineer of the Railway Department of the Provincial Government; and R. S. McGinnis, Resident Engineer for the Dolly Varden Mines Railroad.

Messrs. J. Gilbert and H. Langley acted as reporters of the proceedings, the evidence filling 568 pages. In addition, there was filed with the Committee a voluminous correspondence between the parties.

Upon the following facts the parties are in substantial agreement: The Dolly Varden Mines Company, incorporated in the State of Delaware, has been developing a group of mineral claims near the Kitsault River, about eighteen miles distant from Alice Arm.

The Mining Company entered into an arrangement with the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, for the construction of a line of railroad to connect the mines with tide-water. In

pursuance of this object the Mining Company obtained from the Legislature in 1917 a public Act authorizing it to construct the road. Section 11 of the Act provides that all work must be completed before December 31st, 1918.

At the outset a light dinkey road was required, following the path of an existing pack-trail, with capacity to haul out daily 30 tons of ore or concentrates. The Mining Company, in its desire to have the road completed and the mine operating before the close of the year 1917, desired that the work should proceed at once without the delay involved in having the usual surveys made and quantities calculated. The Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, accepted the contract on a cost plus 10 per cent. basis. A written agreement that the work would not cost more than \$175,000 was given by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited. This agreement, however, was, according to the evidence of Mr. Taylor, supplemented by a private verbal agreement whereby President Hubbard, of the Mining Company, agreed to see that any excess above this figure up to an extra \$100,000 would be paid.

After the road was commenced, labour difficulties, the increased cost of materials, improved standard of construction required, and unexpected difficulties in engineering resulted in an expenditure during the first season of over \$275,000 without the road being nearly completed. Mr. Hubbard observed the private agreement he had made to the extent of paying the contractor \$70,000 out of the extra cost of \$100,000, and work was stopped on the construction owing to lack of funds. Up to this point there is nothing in the relation of the two companies which calls for adjudication on the part of your Committee.

The present dispute arises out of the operations for the year 1918. Mr. Taylor was very anxious to complete the construction of the road. At the same time the shareholders of the Dolly Varden Mines Company, through Mr. Hubbard, were endeavouring to negotiate a sale of the property to the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company, Limited. Mr. Hubbard represented to Mr. Taylor that the Dolly Varden Company was unable to assume any financial responsibility for further work done upon the road, but assured Mr. Taylor that if he desired to go on at his own risk he would be fully paid in the event of the sale to the Granby Company being made. In the event of the sale to the Granby Company not being made, Mr. Hubbard stated that so long as the work done was done to the satisfaction of the Engineers of the Dolly Varden Company, the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, would have all its just claims paid and be given proper compensation for engineering and contractor's profits out of any subsequent disposition of the mine.

The letter from Mr. Hubbard to Mr. Taylor, dated May 14th, 1918, is as follows:—

“VANCOUVER, B.C., May 14th, 1918.

“GENTLEMEN,—I understand that you have proposed to Mr. Sylvester, of the Granby Company, that the Taylor Engineering Company should resume construction of the Dolly Varden Railroad and carry it on pending the examination of the Dolly Varden properties by the Granby Company; that if the Granby Company should elect to exercise its option and purchase the Dolly Varden properties, the Granby Company would reimburse the Taylor Engineering Company for the outlay and make satisfactory arrangements with you for the completion of the road. I understand that Mr. Sylvester has indicated a willingness to accept your offer.

“We are not concerned with any arrangement you may make with Mr. Sylvester in regard to the matter, provided the Granby does ultimately take the properties over; but in case they should not do so, it is obvious that your relations with the present owners of the property would become important and would require serious consideration.

“You are already fully informed of the limitations and conditions affecting the ownership and the policy of the owners at this time, and this knowledge will enable you to readily understand the position which I am compelled to take.

“The owners cannot and will not assume any liability whatsoever at this time. They will recognize neither a financial nor a moral responsibility to reimburse you, or to compensate you for this work in case the Granby Company does not buy the properties. They cannot and will not permit the properties to become subject to any lien for material, labour, or other charges. If the Taylor Engineering Company undertakes this work it will be necessary to have from them an instrument releasing the present owners from any financial or moral responsibility in the matter, and expressly waiving lien rights and protecting the property against such rights, not only as to the Taylor Engineering Company, but as to sub-contractors and material men.

"As against this, you can rely upon the following facts and assurances: If the Granby Company should not exercise its option to take over the properties, it is obvious that the present owners will either have to reorganize, complete the railway, and operate the properties themselves, or dispose of them to some purchaser other than the Granby Company. In either event, and subject to the limitations stated below, I will personally assure you that any just claims you might have for the work done and materials furnished will be recognized and provided for either in case of reorganization or sale to others. Compensation for such claims would include not only a reimbursement, but proper compensation for engineering and contractor's profits. This assurance, however, presupposes that all work shall be done to the satisfaction of the owners, and will have to be approved by their Engineers, who would be the sole judges as to whether and how far the work would be acceptable.

"You may safely assume that the Dolly Varden properties with the railway constitute an asset of sufficient value to justify the assumption that any just claim you might have could and would be taken care of in the final 'work-out' of the proposition and in any event. A final payment of \$25,000 is due on October 1st next on the Wolf claims, and the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company loaned \$150,000 at 6 per cent., which is due January 1st, 1919, and for which the Goldfield Consolidated Company is entitled to a mortgage. This mortgage has not yet been recorded and its final form is yet to be agreed upon. I cannot personally guarantee it, but I have no doubt the payment on the Wolf claims will be made when due. In spite of the statement, the owners will not and cannot consider any arrangement which might create a lien upon the property, in case of foreclosure of the Goldfield mortgage, and failure to redeem by the present owners, arrangements could and would be made whereby you could redeem from such foreclosure.

"Yours truly,

"J. D. HUBBARD."

Relying upon the undertaking given in the latter paragraph of Mr. Hubbard's letter, the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, resumed construction-work in 1918. All parties were at that time expecting the sale to the Granby Company to be carried out, and the work upon the road was done to conform to the requirements of the Granby Mining Company, which required a road-bed of increased width with easier curves and capable of hauling 400 tons of ore daily. This work was done, as the correspondence shows, under the supervision of Mr. R. B. McGinnis, the Resident Engineer for the Dolly Varden Mines Company.

The work was carried on in 1918 on the credit and capital of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, which by the middle of July of that year was at the end of its resources; when the offer of purchase was finally made by the Granby Company, it was refused by the directors of the Dolly Varden Mines Company owing to dissatisfaction over the proposed conditions of operation. The financial embarrassment of the Taylor Engineering Company was very well known to Mr. Hubbard and his Engineer, Mr. McGinnis. On August 19th, 1918, Mr. McGinnis wired to his chief, notifying him in effect that the Taylor Engineering Company were at that date so far committed financially that they could not stop construction without financial ruin. On October 12th the Granby offer was refused. On October 22nd construction-work ceased and the Taylor Engineering Company assigned for the benefit of its creditors.

Since assignment Mr. Taylor, in his efforts to enable the Dolly Varden Mining Company to obtain the money wherewith to pay off his claim, succeeded in bringing Mr. Hubbard and a representative of the Temiskaming Mining Company, of Cobalt, together. Mr. Taylor endeavoured to effect a sale of the Dolly Varden properties to the Temiskaming Company at a price of \$1,100,000, his services as an agent in the matter being given without charge. Since then, Mr. Hubbard, of the Dolly Varden Company, and Mr. Errington, representing the Temiskaming Company, have arranged for the sale of the property to the Temiskaming Company at a price of \$900,000, which includes a commission of \$50,000 to be divided between Messrs. Hubbard and Errington, this sale being conditional upon the renewal of the charter to the Dolly Varden Mines Railway.

The sum of \$900,000 is insufficient to pay all parties without loss, and your Committee understands that the proposal of the Dolly Varden Mines Company, which claims to have invested \$640,000 in the property, is that the charter for the railroad be extended on condition that they pay in full the wage claims for the construction of the road, amounting to approximately \$150,000, and that the creditors of the Taylor Engineering Company divide with them the losses on the mine and railroad project.

It was urged by counsel for the Dolly Varden Mining Company that the President of his company, in his letter of May 14th, 1918, repudiating all moral and financial liability to the contractors, had no authority to bind the company to any undertaking in the event of a sale to the Granby Company not being carried out. Assuming this to be so, Mr. Hubbard having been allowed to assume the direction of the affairs of the Dolly Varden Mining Company, your Committee considers that it would be unjust to allow the Dolly Varden Mines Company to divest itself of liability for the construction of the railway, especially when the company is engaged in marketing the very labour and material which was placed on their property as a result of the inducements held out by its President in his letter of May 14th, 1918.

The correspondence and evidence showed that the work in 1918 was carried out without excessive cost under the supervision of Mr. R. B. McGinnis as Resident Engineer of the Dolly Varden Company, who reported to the President of his company on September 11th, 1918 (six weeks before work stopped): "The construction-work on the road has been well done throughout, and the only complaint we could make is that they had spent more money on the upper end than we intended to at this time."

Mr. McGinnis also says in the same report to his President: "If Granby takes the property it is all right, and if we keep it we still have a good road, but have a heavier investment than was absolutely needed at the start. We could have changed the road later."

The evidence of the Government Railway Engineers who inspected the line was, however, that the road only met with the minimum requirements, was not extravagantly built, and that had it been less well built they would not have taken the responsibility of issuing the company a certificate to commence railroad operations.

Your Committee, therefore, being satisfied on the evidence that the work was properly performed and that the Taylor Engineering Company resumed operations in 1918 on the promises made in the letter of May 14th by Mr. J. D. Hubbard, President of the Dolly Varden Mines Company, that the Taylor Engineering Company would be paid in full for its just claims, either from a sale to the Granby Company or "sale to others," feels that the Taylor Engineering Company is entitled to be paid in full for its "just claims . . . for work done and materials furnished," to "include not only a reimbursement, but proper compensation for engineering and contractor's profits," to adopt the language used by the President of the Dolly Varden Company in his letter to the Taylor Engineering Company.

Your Select Committee points out that since the Dolly Varden Mines Company entered into the proposals to sell to the Temiskaming Mining Company for a price of \$900,000, an offer of \$1,100,000 for the property had been made by Mr. S. S. Taylor, K.C., on behalf of the creditors of the Taylor Engineering Company. This offer is without the payment of commission to any one, and if carried into effect would enable all the creditors to be paid in full, and leave a sum larger by over \$50,000 for the shareholders of the Dolly Varden Mining Company than under the offer of the Temiskaming Mining Company.

Your Committee therefore recommends as follows:—

(1.) That a renewal of the charter of the Dolly Varden Mines Railway be granted to the Dolly Varden Mines Company upon compliance with the terms and conditions set out in the draft Bill annexed hereto.

(2.) That if the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company cannot agree upon the cost of construction of the Dolly Varden Mines Railway during the year 1918, such cost shall be ascertained by reference to one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to be named by the Minister of Railways, and the cost so ascertained, together with 10 per cent. thereof added for contractor's profit, shall be declared a debt due from the Dolly Varden Mines Company to the Taylor Engineering Company.

(3.) That the sum so ascertained to be due be constituted a lien or charge upon the said railway and upon all the assets of the Dolly Varden Mines Company, situate in the Province of British Columbia, as the same are set forth and described in the draft Bill submitted herewith, subject only to a mortgage for the sum of \$150,000 and interest in favour of Goldfields Consolidated, and to the balance of purchase-money due to Donald W. Cameron in respect of the Wolf Group of Mineral Claims.

(4.) That all wages due in respect of the construction of the Dolly Varden Mines Railway in 1918 be paid by the Dolly Varden Mines Company within fourteen days after the enactment of legislation giving effect to your Committee's report.

(5.) That the balance of the moneys due the Taylor Engineering Company in respect of the construction of the said railway shall be paid within thirty days after the amount of the same has been so ascertained.

(6.) That if the Dolly Varden Mines Company do not wish to assume the burden of the aforesaid payments to the Taylor Engineering Company, they must so notify the Minister of Railways within one week after the adoption of this report by the Legislature, in which event the Taylor Engineering Company shall have the right, upon the terms and conditions herein-after mentioned, to acquire from the Dolly Varden Mines Company the said railway and all the assets enumerated in the Schedule attached to the said draft Bill, and the Dolly Varden Mines Company shall be entitled to receive from the Taylor Engineering Company the amount of its investment in said assets in said Schedule mentioned, such amount to be ascertained, in case of disagreement, in the same manner as the cost of construction of said railway.

(7.) In the event of the Taylor Engineering Company becoming entitled to acquire the said railway and other assets of the Dolly Varden Mines Company hereinbefore mentioned, the Taylor Engineering Company shall pay off and discharge the said mortgage to the Goldfields Consolidated, or otherwise protect the Dolly Varden Mines Company against all claims and demands in respect of the same, and shall also pay off the balance of purchase-money due to said Cameron in respect of the Wolf Group of Mineral Claims mentioned in said Schedule, and shall also within one week after the adoption of this report produce evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Railways of the Taylor Engineering Company's ability to complete the purchase of said assets from the Dolly Varden Mines Company.

(8.) In the event of the Dolly Varden Mines Company deciding not to pay the cost of construction of the said railway, and in the event of the Taylor Engineering Company acquiring and exercising the right to take over the said assets upon payment of the amount of said Dolly Varden Mines Company's investment in the same, the latter company shall be released from all claims and demands of the Taylor Engineering Company in respect of the construction of said railway, and shall be entitled to be paid by the Taylor Engineering Company the amount of its investment so ascertained as aforesaid upon the terms set forth in the draft Bill submitted herewith.

The evidence upon which this report is based is submitted herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Chairman.*

(DRAFT BILL.)

Whereas by an Act (hereinafter called "the principal Act") passed in the year 1917, being chapter 53 of the Statutes passed in the session held in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King George V., the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia empowered the Dolly Varden Mines Company to construct, maintain, and operate a railway from the Wolf Group of Mineral Claims to Alice Arm, and provided for the forfeiture of such privileges in the event of failure of the Dolly Varden Mines Company to complete the construction of such railway before the thirty-first day of December, 1918:

And whereas such railway has been partially constructed, but not completed, and such partially constructed railway is hereinafter referred to as "the railway":

And whereas the cost of construction of the railway has not been paid, and it is expedient to provide for the payment of the cost of construction and for an extension of time for the completion of the railway:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act Amendment Act, 1919."

2. All the real and personal property and rights described in the Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "the premises," are hereby charged in favour of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, with the actual cost of construction, as hereinafter defined, of the railway.

3. Forthwith upon the passing of this Act the Minister of Railways of the Province of British Columbia shall designate by writing under his hand one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to ascertain the actual cost of construction of the railway, who shall proceed with all convenient speed to ascertain in such manner as he may deem proper the actual cost of construction, and shall for that purpose have the same powers as a Judge of the Supreme Court sitting in Court, and shall report the same in writing to the Minister of Railways, and

the Justice so designated shall send a copy of such report to the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, addressed to the registered offices within the Province of those companies respectively; and such report shall contain a direction as to how and by whom the costs of such proceedings shall be paid.

4. Within fourteen days from the date of the coming into force of this Act the Dolly Varden Mines Company shall elect whether it will pay to the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, the amount of the actual cost of construction of the railway, and if the Dolly Varden Mines Company shall within fourteen days from the date of the passing of this Act pay in full so much of the actual cost of construction as shall consist of the wages of labour, and within one month from the date of such report pay in full the balance of the actual cost of construction, then the premises shall be disencumbered from the charge created by section 2 hereof, and all the rights and privileges conferred by the principal Act shall revert in the Dolly Varden Mines Company, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by that Act, and the time for the completion of the railway shall be extended to the thirty-first day of December, 1920.

5. If within the times limited in that behalf the Dolly Varden Mines Company shall not have paid to the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, the full amount of the actual cost of construction, then at the expiration of one month from the date of such report the premises shall forthwith vest in and become the property of the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, either absolutely or for an estate in fee-simple according to the nature thereof, subject to the following charges, which shall rank in the following order of priority, viz.:—

- (a.) A charge in favour of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company for the principal sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and interest thereon at the rate specified in the now existing mortgage made to such company:
- (b.) A charge in favour of Donald W. Cameron for the balance of the purchase price and interest due in respect of the Wolf Group of Mineral Claims to the said Donald W. Cameron under an indenture of the thirtieth day of March, 1916, made between the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the said Donald W. Cameron:
- (c.) A charge in favour of Hall C. Chiene, of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, accountant, for the actual cost of construction of the railway:
- (d.) A charge in favour of the Dolly Varden Mines Company for the amount of the actual expenditure made by the Dolly Varden Mines Company as hereinafter defined.

And the Dolly Varden Mines Company shall forthwith deliver up quiet possession of the premises to the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, and all the rights and privileges conferred by the principal Act shall forthwith vest in the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, subject to the terms and conditions thereof as if the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, had been referred to in that Act as "the Company," and the time for the completion of the railway shall be extended until the thirty-first day of December, 1920.

6. The full amount of the actual cost of construction shall be paid by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, as hereinafter provided, to the said Hall C. Chiene, who shall be the trustee thereof for the parties entitled thereto. So much of the actual cost of construction as consists of the wages of labour shall be paid in cash by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, to the said Hall C. Chiene within fourteen days from the date when the premises shall become vested in the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, and the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, shall within that period satisfy the Minister of Railways of its ability to operate the premises. Upon failure by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, to comply with these conditions, all rights and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, shall cease and determine.

7. With the exception of such wages, all sums charged on the premises by this Act shall be paid out of the net proceeds of the premises, and until payment in full of all charges the net proceeds of the premises shall be devoted exclusively to the payment of such charges; and for the purposes of this Act "net proceeds" shall mean the total amount obtained from the operation of the premises after deducting the actual cost of mining and raising the ore, metal, or material, including all reasonable and proper expenses of management, freight, transportation, and shipping charges; cost of operation of mill or other plant where the ore, metal, or material is treated; any actual amounts paid for sampling and assaying, smelter charges, taxes paid to the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia or any lawful authority in respect of the operations or the premises of their proceeds or profits or otherwise properly payable by the party

operating the premises; the actual cost of explosives, drill-steel, and other tools used in and upon the premises; the cost of repairs and additions to and maintenance and betterment of the machinery, plant, and tools used upon the premises; and such further and other expenses as may be reasonably and properly and in the ordinary course of mining be charged against the proceeds of the premises, together with all costs incurred in the extension, operation, maintenance, repair, and betterment of the railway, together with the cost of development of the mining properties to the extent of one dollar and fifty cents for each ton of ore raised and shipped, sold, or otherwise disposed of from the premises, and together with the cost of raising all moneys necessary for the payment of the wages as aforesaid and for the operation of the premises, and all costs incurred in the protection of the premises.

8. Upon the application by summons or motion of any party entitled to a charge under this Act, the Court or a Judge may inquire whether the net proceeds of the premises are being used or expended otherwise than for the payment of the charges created by this Act, or whether said premises are being operated with due regard to the liquidation of said charges; and if the Court or a Judge shall be satisfied that the net proceeds of the premises or any part thereof have been fraudulently used or expended otherwise than for the payment of such charges, or if the Court or a Judge shall be satisfied that said premises are not being operated with due regard to the rights and interests of the owners of said charges, the Court or a Judge may at the cost of the applicant appoint a competent mining engineer to inquire and report as the Court or a Judge may direct, or may appoint a receiver and manager of the premises, who shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of a receiver and manager appointed in a debenture-holders' action, and shall continue in office until he has paid all such charges in full; and, save as aforesaid, no action or other proceeding shall be brought or taken in respect of the charges created by and specified in this Act.

9. The expression "actual cost of construction," wherever used in this Act, shall mean the full amount of all sums paid and all liabilities incurred by the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, in respect of the construction or equipment of the railway, together with a sum equal to one-tenth part of the total amount of such sums paid and liabilities incurred; and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing definition, shall include the wages of labour; the cost of materials, supplies, stores, equipment, camp equipment; freight; travelling, engineering, legal, and clerical expenses; the wages of superintendence; the cost of insurance and inspection; and the rent of equipment.

10. The expression "actual expenditure made by the Dolly Varden Mines Company" shall mean the full amount of all moneys actually expended by the Dolly Varden Mines Company in respect of the construction of the railway and the development of the premises up to the twenty-second day of October, 1918.

11. Provided always that, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, if the premises shall vest in the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, then after the satisfaction of the charges in favour of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company and of Donald W. Cameron and of Hall C. Chiene for the actual cost of construction, exclusive of the contractor's profit, then the net proceeds shall be devoted in equal moieties to the satisfaction of the contractor's profit and of the charge in favour of the Dolly Varden Mines Company.

SCHEDULE.

The following Crown-granted mineral claims:—

"The Dolly Varden," being District Lot 3194, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"The Dolly Varden No. 1," being District Lot 3192, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dolly Varden No. 2," being District Lot 3193, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dolly Varden No. 4," being District No. 3195, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dolly Varden No. 6," being District Lot 3197, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dolly Varden No. 7," being District Lot 3198, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dougall," being District Lot 3638, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dougall Fraction," being District Lot 3642, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Waterfront," being District Lot 3639, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Dolly Varden No. 5," being District Lot 3196, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia.

Lease of mill-site, being Lot 3640, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia, from the Government of the Province of British Columbia to R. B. McGinnis, dated December tenth, 1915, for one year, and any subsequent lease or renewal.

Lease of mill-site, being Lot 3641, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia, from the Government of the Province of British Columbia to R. B. McGinnis, dated December tenth, 1915, for one year, and any subsequent lease or renewal.

Lease of foreshore lands for wharf-site, being Lot 3635, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia, from the Government of the Province of British Columbia to Richard B. McGinnis, dated October third, 1916, for twenty-one years, and assigned to Dolly Varden Mines Company by indenture dated January 4th, 1917.

Railway right-of-way, railway and other franchises and rights acquired from the Government of the Province of British Columbia under chapter 53 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1917.

Water rights on Trout Creek, a tributary of the Kitsault River, in the Province of British Columbia.

Un-Crown-granted mineral claims owned by Dolly Varden Mines Company.

"Waterfront Fraction" Mineral Claim, being District Lot 3800, Cassiar District, Province of British Columbia.

"Beach" Mineral Claim, being District Lot 3799, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia.

The following Crown-granted mineral claims, on which the Dolly Varden Mines Company holds an option to purchase under indenture dated the thirtieth day of March, 1916, given by one Donald W. Cameron to Dolly Varden Mines Company:—

The "Wolf" Mineral Claim, being District Lot 3795, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Wolf No. 2" Mineral Claim, being District Lot 3794, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Wolf No. 3," being District Lot 3796, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia:

"Wolverine" Mineral Claim, being District Lot 3797, Cassiar District, in the Province of British Columbia.

All the appliances, erections, and constructions of every nature and kind situate upon any of the said properties.

All machinery, plant, equipment, appliances, tools, supplies, and personal property of every nature and kind, situate upon any of the said properties or stored in any place for use, to which the Dolly Varden Mines Company or any one claiming through that Company is entitled.

The railway from Alice Arm to Dolly Varden Mines, including any rolling-stock, with all the right, titles, and interest of Dolly Varden Mines Company in and to the said railway, the right-of-way over which same runs, and any right, title, or interest whatsoever in any lands, buildings, constructions acquired or used in connection therewith.

Any telephone or telegraph line to which the Company is entitled or in which it owns any interest, to the extent of the interest of the said Company therein.

All or any boats, launches, or other craft of any nature or kind whatsoever owned by them.

All wharves, pilings, and other erections made by the Company at its terminals, or in the vicinity thereof, at Alice Arm, or at or in the vicinity of any of the properties or claims above mentioned and described.

All other property, real or personal, of the Dolly Varden Mines Company within the Province of British Columbia.

The report was received.

Ordered, That the report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Partition Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of moneys received and paid by the Official Administrators of the Province, as required by section 46 of the "Administration Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, 24th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Robert Hughes.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to indemnify Sub-purchasers of Crown Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24th, 1919.

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. 82) intituled "An Act to indemnify Sub-purchasers of Crown Lands," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 24th, 1919.

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. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1919.

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

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 24th, 1919.

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. 81) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 24th, 1919.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 24th, 1919.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement between His Majesty in Right of the Dominion and His Majesty in Right of the Province relating to the Banff-Windermere Road, to Crown Grants of Lands to be made to His Majesty in Right of the Dominion for Road Purposes and for a Park Reserve, and to the Administration by the Dominion Government of all Dominion Parks in British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 24th, 1919.

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. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement between His Majesty in Right of the Dominion and His Majesty in Right of the Province relating to the Banff-Windermere Road, to Crown Grants of Lands to be made to His Majesty in Right of the Dominion for Road Purposes and for a Park Reserve, and to the Administration by the Dominion Government of all Dominion Parks in British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Mobley* on 20th March, *re* the report of the Select Committee on the petitions of the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, was discharged.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion to adopt the Second Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, presented on March 14th inst.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, the Third Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, presented and received on 22nd March, was adopted.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, seconded by Mr. *Manson*, the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, presented to the House on March 20th, was adopted.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, seconded by Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the rates of lake and river transportation systems owned and controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia should be under the control of the Railway Commission of Canada.

Be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, seconded by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House the Government should consider the passage of a Bill extending in this Province the principle of dower rights for women in order to secure to them a one-third interest in the realty owned by their husbands, and that the Government should take into its earnest consideration the advisability of introducing a Bill to effect this reform at the next Session of this Legislature.

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

1. Have any complaints been made to the Attorney-General as to the conduct of Mr. Hepburn, Censor of Moving Pictures, towards certain returned soldiers?

2. If so, what is the nature of said complaints?

3. Does the Attorney-General intend to investigate said complaints?

4. If so, when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. In connection with apprentices and preference to returned soldiers, and certain remarks alleged to have been made by the Censor reflecting on the returned soldiers and Great War Veterans' Association.

"3. Yes.

"4. Instructions were given on March 11th for a full inquiry into the allegations made against the Censor. Inquiry being conducted by Captain D. A. MacDonald."

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

1. Has F. A. McDiarmid, barrister, of Victoria, been doing professional work for the Attorney-General's Department since the present Government came into office?

2. If so, what was the nature of said work, and how long was he employed?

3. What was the total amount paid to said McDiarmid for said work, and at what rate was he paid?

4. Is said McDiarmid still employed by the Department?

5. If not, when did he cease work?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Drafting legislation; still employed.

"3. Has been paid \$3,250 and \$45 expenses.

"4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. Answered by No. 3."

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

What was the total amount of money paid by the Government during the year 1918 by way of bounty in each case for destruction of cougars and coyotes?

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

"Cougars, \$2,070; coyotes, \$6,057."

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Employment Agencies Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases."

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Foul Brood Bees Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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, 24th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd March inst. were received and read a first time.

Resolutions read a second time and taken as read.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Employment Agencies Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

What was the total revenue received by the Province, covering all sources, from Vancouver Island during the years 1917 and 1918?

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

"There was collected through the Assessors and Collectors on Vancouver Island \$1,363,080.69 in 1917 and \$1,709,792.53 in 1918. It should be noted that the receipts by the Victoria Assessor and Collector include taxes payable by corporations and canneries for the whole Province, and that the receipts by the Comox Assessor and Collector include the portion of that district on the Mainland."

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

1. Did the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, place the insurance on the Foundation Company's plant and material in Victoria, and did said firm also write the surety bonds on their employees?

2. If so, what was the amount in each case?
3. Was there a term in the lease of the property on the Songhees Reserve between the Government and said company that this insurance should be placed with said firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited?
4. If not a term in said lease, was there any other arrangement made with the Government as to the placing of said insurance by said Foundation Company, Limited?
5. Is the Minister of Finance a shareholder in said firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited?
6. If so, what official position does he occupy in said firm?

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

- "1. No record in Department.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. No.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by reply to question No. 7, March 11th.
- "6. Director."

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

1. What is the total amount of salaries and expenses paid to date on account of the Taxation Commission?
2. Who now compose this Commission, and what are their duties and salaries?
3. How long is it proposed to continue these men in office?
4. If they have retired from office, when did this take place?
5. When will the report of the Tax Commissioner be tabled?

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

- "1. \$7,330.97.
- "2. Answered by reply to question No. 15, March 11th.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. As to W. G. Cameron, March 8th; as to Thomas Kidd, February 28th.
- "5. Answered by reply to question No. 15, March 11th."

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

1. Is H. A. Munn, of Victoria, at present employed by the Government?
2. If so, in what capacity and at what salary?
3. When was he appointed?
4. What previous experience has he had in this work?
5. What is the age of said Munn?
6. Were any other applications called for when this appointment was made?
7. Did the Civil Service Commissioner examine said Munn as to his efficiency, and did he approve or recommend said appointment?
8. What was the necessity for said appointment?
9. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

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

- "1. Yes, temporarily, until return of soldier now overseas.
- "2. Temporarily employed in reconciliation of Official Administrators' accounts with those of the Treasury preparatory to inspection and audit; salary, \$135 per month.
- "3. October 22nd, 1918.
- "4. General business and accountancy training.
- "5. Fifty-eight.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Regulation of Lieutenant-Governor in Council instructing Comptroller-General to audit accounts of Official Administrators.
- "9. None applied."

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to provide for the Guarantee of a certain Note made by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1918'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH.

Mr. *Anderson*, with leave, presented a petition from E. A. Carew-Gibson, of Vancouver, re certain coal licences, as follows:—

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The petition of Edward Arthur Carew-Gibson, of the City of Vancouver, B.C., humbly sheweth:—

1. That in this behalf, besides acting for himself, he is acting for his associates in ownership, Elijah Priest, E. T. Carew-Gibson, C. Carew-Gibson, H. F. Carew-Gibson.

2. That in July and September, 1910, he and his associates located six (6) coal claims under the provisions of "An Act to encourage Coal and Petroleum Mining" in Section 2A in the Nelson District, Vancouver Island, partly covering about 1,222 acres that were then held under licence by other locators—to wit, Joseph Hunter, A. G. King, C. B. Innes, and H. M. Hills—which we contend were *ab initio* invalid, because there were no location stakes at all where their advertisements stated they had placed them, or within 10 chains of these points; and, further, we contend that there never were any stakes at all as the first two mentioned parties asserted they, travelling together, put up for themselves and as agents for four other locators, six stakes in one day, which in the country they had to traverse and run lines in is an absolute physical impossibility for any man, and it would be a gross fraud on the "Coal and Petroleum Act" if coal licences can be got without actual staking.

3. That we protested against the validity of the said four licences and protested against any leases based on them being given to the licence-holders.

4. That in February, 1911, four licences were severally issued to myself and E. T. Carew-Gibson, C. Carew-Gibson, and H. F. Carew-Gibson for about 682 acres that are in dispute and for an additional acreage not in dispute, but the other two applications for licences were held in abeyance.

5. That the Minister of Lands in 1912 sent Mr. F. C. Green, a Provincial land surveyor, to examine on the ground into the conflicting locations and to report, each side being notified to be present, and on behalf of the said four locators there was present the said A. G. King, a Provincial land surveyor, and on our behalf the said Elijah Priest, who is also a Provincial land surveyor, and I were present.

Mr. Green reported that all of our stakes were shown to him, but that Mr. King was unable to point out a single one of the nine location stakes he and Mr. Hunter had claimed to have erected—six on the 30th September and three on the 1st of October, 1907, on said Section 2A; also that he (Mr. Green) had spent a lot of time in thoroughly examining the vicinity of each post as advertised for a distance of 10 chains around it without finding any post, but that the survey posts of Section 2A erected forty-three years previously were found.

6. We continued to press all our claims after Mr. Green's report, and by letter dated 10th December, 1912, were notified by the Department of Lands that our two pending applications for licences covering about 540 acres were rejected, and that it had been arranged to give leases covering the same ground to the assignee of the adverse licence-holders—to wit, the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, whose employees the nine locators were. Thereupon our solicitors, by letter dated 23rd December, 1912, sent a strong and formal protest against this proposed

leasing and also against any other leasing to adverse parties of the lands covered by our four licences which had been duly renewed, though we were not aware then that an Order in Council had been passed on the 24th September, 1912, directing leases covering the 682 acres included in our four licences which had been duly renewed to be issued to others.

On the 10th of January, 1913, the said Priest and I started proceedings in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, appealing against the decision of the Minister of Lands rejecting our two applications for licences, and the Minister was well aware of such proceedings which were pending, when, without any notice to us, he caused said chapter 60 to be introduced in the House on the 27th of February and finally passed on the 28th of February, 1913 (and assented to 1st March, 1913), which not only took away all our rights to the lands in dispute in the Courts, but also to the lands in dispute covered by our four renewed licences.

7. The requirements of section 26 of the "Coal and Petroleum Act" were entirely ignored, though it declares:—

"(26.) No lease shall be granted under the provisions of the 'Coal-mines Act' or of this Act, covering land or lands in dispute and in pending litigation, until such dispute or pending litigation is finally determined. 1907, c. 28, s. 8."

8. The provisions of sections 5, 6, and 7 of the agreement dated 29th October, 1909, which is in the Schedule to the confirming Act, chapter 17 of 1910, were entirely disregarded and no published notice of selection by the Railway Company given, so that no protest could be made by us to it. Section 8 of that agreement expressly requires the Railway Company making a selection of land wherein rights such as ours exist to arrange for the surrender of such rights to the company, which was never done.

9. No leases as recited in said chapter 60 were ever issued to "divers persons" as therein alleged, but leases dated the 19th January, 1913, and executed on or after 18th August, 1914, were issued to said Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, followed on the 31st July, 1916, by Crown grants to the said Railway Company, to whom the Colliery Company had assigned its leases, such leases and Crown grants conveying the whole of said 3,484 acres to the Railway Company.

10. Your petitioner and associates never had from the Minister of Lands prior to the passing of said chapter 60 any final notice or decision stating that our four renewed licences would be disallowed so far as they covered any part of the said 3,484 acres, which they did to the extent of 682 acres, otherwise we would have begun proceedings in the Courts to maintain the rights therein which we claimed.

11. After the second renewal of our said four licences we duly applied for leases for the whole acreage they covered, and these applications with the requisite fees are still in the hands of the Minister of Lands.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will be pleased to enact such legislation or take such other course as will enable him and his associates to appeal to the Courts for a declaration of their rights to the lands they held prior to the passing of said chapter 60 under said four licences and under their application for licences that were refused as aforesaid, so that if the issue is found in their favour they may regain all their abrogated rights in such lands.

And for such other relief as to you may seem meet.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

E. A. CAREW-GIBSON, *Petitioner.*

Dated 24th March, 1919.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.10 a.m.