

Tuesday, 18th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

The petition presented by Mr. *Hanes* from Alex. C. W. Gage, J. D. Robertson, and Orlando V. Witt, of South Vancouver, *re* appointment of war veterans as Civil Servants, was ruled out of order as directing and interfering with the Civil Service and Government policy.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* 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 'Foul Brood Bees Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 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. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Foul Brood Bees 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. *Barrow* 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 'Land Settlement and Development 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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development 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. *Barrow* 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 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" 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. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" 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.

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

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 17th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported complete with amendments. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. To whom was Timber Sale X611 made?
2. How far is the land covered by said sale situated from the City of Prince Rupert?
3. What period of time does the same include?

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

- "1. J. R. Morgan, Limited, after public tender.
- "2. Approximately 130 miles.
- "3. Two years, May 22nd, 1917, to May 21st, 1919."

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

1. To whom was Timber Sale X902 made?
2. Has the same lapsed?
3. If not, when will it lapse?
4. Was the same made after advertisement?
5. If not, why not?
6. Who applied on behalf of the applicants?
7. How far is the land covered by same situated from Prince Rupert?

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

- "1. Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, Limited.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.

- "4. No.
- "5. Advertisement not required.
- "6. Company applied in its own name.
- "7. About six miles."

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

1. What progress has been made in the carrying-out of agreement dated March 16th, 1918, between the Provincial Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for the exchange of water-front property at Prince Rupert?
2. Has the consent of the Dominion Government or the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada been obtained for the filling-in of Cameron Cove?
3. Did the Minister of Lands obtain the approval of the City Council to the filling-in of Cameron Cove before agreeing with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to do so?
4. Has the City Council of Prince Rupert given approval of the filling-in of Cameron Cove?
5. Has the City Council of Prince Rupert or any or all of the members of the said Council made objections to the filling-in of Cameron Cove?
6. If so, why has the Minister of Lands entered into an agreement with the railway company contrary to the wishes of the City Council?
7. Has the Minister of Lands obtained approval of the riparian owners for the filling-in of Cameron Cove?
8. Have these riparian owners made any objections to the filling-in of Cameron Cove?
9. Have any arrangements been made with the riparian owners to compensate them for the loss of access to the water-front?

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

- "1. Tentative agreement made.
- "2. Not to knowledge of Department.
- "3. No.
- "4. Do not know.
- "5. No.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Unaware of any riparian owners.
- "8. Answered by No. 7.
- "9. Answered by No. 7."

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

1. How many returned soldiers are at present employed in the Service: (a) In permanent positions; (b) in temporary positions?
2. How many Civil Servants who have been absent on military leave have been reinstated in the Service in their old positions or in positions equally good?
3. Have all Civil Servants, who have been overseas on military service, who have applied for their old positions been reinstated in the Service in their old positions or in positions equally good?
4. How many men have been appointed since July 1st, 1918?
5. How many of these appointments have been filled by returned soldiers?
6. When returned soldiers have not been appointed, what were the reasons for not selecting returned men?

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

- "1. (a) One hundred and fifty; (b) twenty-one.
- "2. Thirty-one.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. One hundred and forty-two.
- "5. One hundred and sixteen.
- "6. In a few cases returned soldiers with technical training required for the position were not available. Most of the other cases consist of giving permanent appointments to men who were filling the positions under temporary appointment."

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

1. Has one J. S. Emerson applied for a lease of foreshore or land covered by water in Laurier Cove, on Tack's Inlet, in the vicinity of Prince Rupert?
2. How far is Mr. Emerson's mill situated from the land involved in the application in question?
3. Is the land covered by said application under reserve?
4. Has any public notice been given of the application or the lifting of the reserve?
5. Does Mr. Emerson own any timber contiguous to the proposed booming-ground?
6. Has an Order in Council been passed authorizing the proposed lease?
7. If so, what is the statutory authority for same?
8. Did said Emerson ever stake the land in question for the purpose aforesaid?
9. Is the applicant any relation to Mr. Emerson of the law firm of Farris & Emerson?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. About four miles.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. No.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Section 5 of chapter 26, 'Forest Act Amendment Act, 1913.'
- "8. No.
- "9. No information."

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

1. What amounts are now to the credit of the Insurance Fund as a result of the fees received in connection with the registration of indefeasible titles?
2. Have any claims been made against this fund?
3. If so, how many, and the particulars of same?
4. Have any claims been paid; if so, the amount and particulars?
5. Have any claims been refused?
6. If so, the amount and particulars?

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

- "1. Up to December 31st, 1918, the sum of \$73,318.54.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Three; by Lawrence Barry, Daniel Rowe, and L. D. Chetham, respectively. A few other tentative claims were made, but they never got past the informal stage of correspondence and have apparently been abandoned.
- "4. Yes, two: (a) Lawrence Barry, \$522.08 on July 10th, 1915; (b) Daniel Rowe, \$258 on September 19th, 1917, and \$50 on February 4th, 1918.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. One claim, that of L. D. Chetham, was refused during the period that Mr. Bowser held office as Attorney-General."

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Attorney-General since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

- "1. One Maxwell auto-truck for Oakalla Prison Farm; eight Ford Model T touring cars for Police Department.
- "2. \$7,449.71."

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

1. Was Colin Cameron, late Chief Constable of Ashcroft, given a monthly retiring allowance?
2. If so, when was same given to him, and what is the amount?

3. Were J. T. Black, late Chief Constable of Nelson, and J. Simpson, late Chief Constable of Greenwood, given a retiring allowance?

4. If not, why was said Cameron given an allowance and not the other two Chief Constables?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. June 1st, 1918; \$50 per month.

“3. Yes.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to provide for Better Housing” was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, clause 12 was struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

“12. (1.) Every conditional purchase, lease, or agreement for sale made to a soldier within the meaning of the ‘Soldiers’ Land Act’ by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or by a Municipal Council in pursuance of this Act, or of any scheme of better housing agreed upon thereunder, shall contain the condition that the lessee or purchaser shall not sell, mortgage, subdivide, or otherwise deal with the property without the consent in writing of the Minister of Lands, or the consent by resolution of the Municipal Council, as the case may be.

“(2.) All lands, premises, and hereditaments comprised in any such lease or agreement for sale and all buildings thereon shall be free from forced seizure or sale by any process for or on account of any debt or liability incurred either before or after the date of the lease or agreement for sale, save and except all taxes, rates, and assessments that may be levied against the same and all money due or accruing due to the vendor.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th March, 1919.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Inkster*.

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 'Minimum Wage 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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. How much revenue was received from the Middlesboro Collieries, Limited, by way of taxation on: (1) Coal; (2) coke; (3) real property; (4) wild land; (5) coal land, Class A; (6) coal land, Class B?

2. Are any other taxes paid into the Provincial Treasury by the above company; if so, what are they, and the amount?

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

"1. Coal-tax, November, 1914, to December, 1917, \$16,887.10; coke-tax, *nil*; real-property tax, *nil*; wild-land tax, *nil*; coal-land tax, Class A, \$1,995.75; coal-land tax, Class B, *nil*.

"2. No."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Yorston*, the debate was adjourned until 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 for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19th, 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. 67) intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases," 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 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19th, 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. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Did the Provincial Government build a boat at Alert Bay in 1917?
2. Who designed said boat?
3. What were the dimensions of said boat?
4. Was it built by day-labour or contract?
5. How much did said boat cost as to labour?
6. How much for material?
7. What was total cost of said boat?

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

- "1. Not so far as this Department is aware.
"2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 1."

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 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.35 a.m.

Thursday, 20th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That leave be granted the Municipal Committee to hold sittings during the session of the House.

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

By Dr. *Sutherland*—Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodman's Lien for Wages Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Mr. *Mobley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Manson*,—

That the Select Committee appointed by this House on the 10th day of February last to inquire into the allegations of petitions of the Dolly Varden Mines Company and of the Taylor Engineering Company be instructed to report their findings and recommendations to the House at the earliest possible date.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned to the next session.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was recommitted.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in all Industries."

Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment,—

To strike out the word "now," and insert in lieu thereof the words "this day six months hence."

Question proposed—"Shall the word proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>McGeer.</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>	<i>Pauline.</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>McGeer.</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, 20th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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 certain supplementary amendments to the Estimates, intituled "Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1920," and to the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1919, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1919.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Amendments to "Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st March, 1920.

Page J 13, Vote 34, line 7: Amend by striking out the figures "100.00," and substituting therefor the figures "1,200.00."

Page J 20, Vote 51, line 5: Amend by striking out the figures "1,320.00," and substituting therefor the figures "1,800.00."

Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Page J 72: Insert under subheading "Department of Provincial Secretary," between lines 2 and 3, the following:—

"No. of
Vote.

"159. Incidentals and emergencies (in addition to amount voted and Special Warrants
Nos. 28, 37, and 48) 25,000.00."

Page J 72: Insert immediately before the subheading "Capital Expenditure" the following:—

"DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

"No. of
Vote.

"192. Maintenance of Government House and grounds (additional to amount voted) 800.00
"195. Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges (additional to amount voted and Special
Warrant No. 46) 20,000.00
20,800.00."

And to amend all statements of totals and sums carried or brought forward in said Estimates so far as such amendment is necessary in consequence of the above-mentioned amendments.

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

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 amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act,'" 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. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development 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 provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities," 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. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities," 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.

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

1. Was one J. D. Moore appointed as a clerk in the office of the Government Agent at South Fort George?
2. If so, on what date was such appointment made?
3. Do the regulations of the Department for which he works permit him to perform remunerative service for persons or companies other than the Government?
4. If not, is the Government aware that he has, since his appointment, acted and still acts as agent for the Inland Express Company and for J. Collins, freight operator at South Fort George?
5. Was the said J. D. Moore formerly a member of the executive or secretary of the District Liberal Association of Fort George?
6. Was his appointment approved by the Civil Service Commissioner?
7. Why was a returned soldier not given this appointment?
8. Was one R. C. Randall dismissed from the position of clerk in the Government office at South Fort George?
9. Was Randall dismissed in order to make room for the appointment of said J. D. Moore?
10. If not, what was the reason for his dismissal?
11. How long had Randall been in the Service and what was his age at time of dismissal?
12. Is the Department aware that Randall was a veteran of the Boer War and offered his services during the last war?
13. Is the Department aware that said Randall performed valuable services in recruiting for the late war?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. June 24th, 1918.
- “3. Employed by Finance Department.
- “4. No information.
- “5. No information.
- “6. Appointment made prior to appointment of the Civil Service Commissioner.
- “7 to 10. No information in this Department.
- “11. Twelve years; forty-five years.
- “12. No information.
- “13. No information.”

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

1. Was any application received by the Department from one Jack Boydell, through the Agent-General, for a position as pilot or otherwise in charge of the aeroplane in the contemplated aerial service to be established under the Department of Lands?
2. If so, at whose suggestion, and on what date was the same received?
3. If so, what disposition was made of the said application?

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

- “1. Mr. Boydell applied direct.
- “2. Application received February 15th, 1919.
- “3. Acknowledged February 17th, 1919. Applicant advised that question of aerial service under advisement, and that a number of Forest Branch officials returning from active service have had aviation experience, and naturally they will receive first consideration.”

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

1. Was a payment of \$220 or thereabouts made to Mark Christensen, of Boundary Falls, about October 1st, 1918?
2. If so, in respect of what was said payment made?

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

- “1. No.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Did the Government reconstruct certain public roads upon which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had built their line between Swansea, Moyie, Ryan, Yahk, and Kingsgate?
2. What was the cost of reconstruction?
3. Did the Canadian Pacific Railway Company repay the Government; if so, how much?

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

- “1. No record.
- “2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has the Labour Department opened an office in Vancouver?
2. If so, when was same opened?
3. Who are the officials in said office and the salaries paid them?
4. Were these officials in the Service prior to their appointments?
5. If so, why was some Civil Servant not put in charge of this office?
6. What prior experience in labour matters did these officials have?

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

- “1. No. Three Employment Offices have been opened under the ‘Employment Offices Co-ordination Act,’ and in accordance with an agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Labour.

"2. As to the Employment Offices: An office for men was opened about July 15th, 1918; a second office for men and an office for women were opened about February 15th, 1919.

"3. As to the Employment Offices: W. S. Dickson, \$110 per month; R. H. Young, \$100 per month; Hamilton Crisford, \$100 per month; James Mitchell, \$100 per month; Charles J. Johnson, \$100 per month; Annie L. Davidson, \$100 per month.

"4. No.

"5. With one exception, men appointed are returned soldiers.

"6. W. S. Dickson has had many years' experience as an employer of labour in Victoria and Vancouver; R. H. Young is an electrician and a former member of the union of that craft; Hamilton Crisford has had experience in English employment bureaus; James Mitchell has had many years' experience as superintendent of construction and as foreman in logging camps; Charles J. Johnson is a boiler-maker and a member of the union of that craft and has also had two years in University; Miss Davidson was employed for two years in Municipal Employment Bureau at Vancouver."

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

1. What is the charge for a Provincial automobile licence: (a) New; (b) renewal?
2. Do motor-trucks operate on the same Provincial licence as automobiles? If not, what is the basis and charge?
3. What is the charge for a Provincial motor-cycle licence: (a) New; (b) renewal?
4. Does a Provincial automobile licence permit a trailer being attached without additional charge?
5. What is the revenue received and the total number of automobile licences issued for the years 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919 (to date), respectively?
6. What is total number of automobile licences at each of the following places during 1918 and 1919 (to date), respectively: Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, Fort George, Kamloops, Nicola (or Merritt), Ashcroft, Clinton, Vernon, Revelstoke, Golden, Princeton, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Nelson, Rossland, Trail, Cranbrook, Fernie, and Kaslo?
7. What is the number of vehicles for which Provincial licences have been issued for the year 1918 under the following headings, respectively: (a) Motor-bicycles; (b) motor-cycles; (c) electric pleasure vehicles; (d) electric service vehicles under 1 ton capacity; (e) all steam, gasoline, and hydrocarbon operated vehicles (except motor-trucks of 1 ton rated carrying capacity and over) up to and including 23 horse-power, in excess of 23 horse-power and inclusive of 26 horse-power, in excess of 26 horse-power and inclusive of 30 horse-power, in excess of 30 horse-power and inclusive of 36 horse-power, in excess of 36 horse-power and inclusive of 40 horse-power, in excess of 40 horse-power; (f) load-carrying capacities of the following limits, respectively: One ton and not over 1½ tons, over 1½ tons and not over 2 tons, over 2 tons and not over 2½ tons, over 2½ tons and not over 3 tons, over 3 tons and not over 3½ tons, over 3½ tons and not over 4 tons, over 4 tons and not over 4½ tons, over 4½ tons and not over 5 tons?

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

"1. (a.) \$10 registration fee and \$10 licence fee; when registration takes place later than the month of March in any year the licence fee is computed at the rate of \$1 per month. (b.) \$10.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a.) \$5 registration fee and \$5 licence fee; when registration takes place later than the month of March in any year the licence fee is computed at the rate of 50 cents per month. (b.) \$5.

"4. Act silent.

"5. 1916, 8,576; 1917, 11,639; 1918, 15,380; 1919, 6,162. Revenue, 1st April to 31st March: 1915-16, \$94,892.30; 1916-17, \$134,361.51; 1917-18, \$193,256.50; 1918-19, \$202,262.50. This amount is the total received up to date by the Treasury Department. There are a few February returns, including Vancouver, which have not been received.

"6. Vancouver, including New Westminster: 1918, 8,083; 1919, 11,484. Victoria: 1918, 2,927; 1919, 4,411. Prince Rupert: 1918, 70; 1919, 79. Fort George: 1918, 71; 1919, 90. Kamloops: 1918, 406; 1919, 432. Ashcroft, including Nicola and Merritt: 1918, 198; 1919, 210. Clinton: 1918, 83; 1919, 98. Vernon: 1918, 791; 1919, 849. Golden, including Revelstoke:

1918, 77; 1919, 78. Greenwood, including Princeton and Grand Forks: 1918, 404; 1919, 389. Nelson, including Rossland and Trail: 1918, 214; 1919, 226. Fernie, including Cranbrook and Kaslo: 1918, 408; 1919, 414.

"7. (a.) Motor-bicycles, 48. (b.) Motor-cycles, 831. To answer this question fully would involve the search of over 15,000-odd applications and would take at least two months."

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,412,050.62 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1920.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1920.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office 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 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, 20th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Bell presented a report from the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 20th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters begs leave to report as follows:—

That Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Municipalities" has been considered and your Committee does not deem it advisable to recommend the same for enactment at this Session, but would recommend that the same as amended be reprinted and distributed for consideration at the next Session of the Legislature.

In lieu of Bill No. 6 your Committee submits the Bill accompanying this report, which deals mainly with assessments, collection of taxes, and tax sales, for the favourable consideration of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BELL, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Dr. K. C. MacDonald presented a report from the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 20th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

That your Committee met on three successive occasions and dealt with a series of resolutions, presented by Mr. Whitney-Griffiths and Mr. Rolston on behalf of the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia. Your Committee's action in the matter will appear from the abstract of the minutes in the schedule hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

K. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES.

March 13th, 1919.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a series of resolutions from the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province.

RE ARMY SUPPLIES.

"Whereas, with the demobilization of the Army, the Government will have left on their hands millions of dollars' worth of tents, tarpaulins, etc., all useful to the farmers of this Province:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That steps be taken to have the Federal Government dispose of some of these materials by public auction at various centres within this Province."

The Minister advised that he had already taken this matter up with the Ottawa authorities, with a view to having Army supplies of agricultural value put up for sale in the Province for the benefit of the farming communities.

It was *Resolved*, That the Minister be asked to pursue the matter further, with respect not only to tents and tarpaulins, but with respect to materials and equipment which would be of value from an agricultural standpoint.

RE ROAD-WORK.

"That it is the opinion of this Convention that all new road-work entailing the expenditure of small amounts (say, up to \$500) should be done by tender, as it would eliminate a great deal of the waste of funds in moving camps, etc."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee commend to the Minister of Public Works the contract system upon road-construction.

RE REVERTED LANDS.

"Whereas it appears that great difficulty is experienced by prospective settlers in obtaining information with reference to land available for pre-emption, it is the opinion of this Board that the Department of Lands should furnish quarterly a list of land reverting to the Crown; these lists to be forwarded to the Secretary of each Farmers' Institute to be used for information of prospective settlers; and we request the Department of Lands to arrange to carry this into effect."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee approve of the principle of the resolution in cases where inquiry is made by Farmers' Institutes, and that the Lands Department be advised accordingly.

RE T.B. CATTLE.

"Whereas the benefits from freeing dairy herds from reactors to the tuberculin test are conferred on the whole public; and whereas a compulsory Act is now in force; and whereas the present system of paying partial indemnity to the owners of the animals slaughtered, while acknowledging public duty to share the loss, is so inadequate that many individuals are brought to the verge of bankruptcy, and investments in dairy stock are made a hazardous risk and an undesirable banking security; and whereas these conditions are limiting the dairy stock industry to the point where relief must be furnished or much higher prices than at present be charged for dairy products."

Mr. W. T. McDonald, Live Stock Commissioner, attended the Committee for the purpose of discussing this matter.

It was *Resolved*, That the Government be urged to establish a system of dairy-cattle insurance.

It was *Resolved*, That the Minister of Agriculture be advised that in the opinion of the Committee the importers of dairy stock should be prohibited from importing from other than accredited herds, and that in the opinion of the Committee no compensation should be paid importers for cattle reacting under the tuberculin test within six months after importation.

RE FREIGHT RATES.

"Whereas the freight and passenger rates on the lakes and river systems of the Canadian Pacific Railway are in some places excessive:

"Be it *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Board it would be to the advantage of the general public to have the lakes and river systems of the Canadian Pacific Railway brought under the control of the Railway Commission."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee approve the resolution in respect to freight rates, and that the matter be brought to the attention of the Legislature with a view to having appropriate representations made to the Federal authorities.

RE BACTERIAL CULTURE.

"That the Advisory Board be asked to request the Department of Agriculture to keep on hand, or have the University of British Columbia keep on hand, a supply of all legume cultures for the benefit of British Columbia farmers."

RE MIXED FEEDS, MARKINGS, AND CONTAINERS.

"That the Government be urged to supervise the quality of mill-feeds, in the interests of stock-feeders, more closely."

It was *Resolved*, That the two above resolutions be commended to the attention of the Minister of Agriculture for action.

RE FIELD-CROP COMPETITIONS.

"That the Government be asked to reduce the minimum number of entries required for crop competitions at the request of the institute directors, where small institutes cannot obtain the present minimum of ten entries."

RE SHORT-COURSE LECTURES.

"That the Government be asked to continue the short-course lectures."

It was *Resolved*, That the two above resolutions be commended to the Minister of Agriculture for action.

RE AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

"That this meeting endorses the work in agricultural instruction now being done in the schools, and asks the Government to extend it as much as possible."

It was *Resolved*, That this resolution be referred to the Minister of Education with the Committee's endorsement, and request that the system of instruction be extended and improved.

RE ENEMY ALIENS.

"That it is in the best interest of the country that the enemy aliens at present interned be expelled from Canada, and that those enemy aliens who left the country to escape internment be refused readmittance."

The Chairman pointed out that the Legislature had already taken this matter up and had requested action by the Ottawa authorities.

March 14th, 1919.

The Committee proceeded to the further consideration of the resolutions submitted by the Advisory Board.

RE STANDARD FOR EXHIBITION FRUIT.

"Resolved, That the Government be asked to establish a 'standard of perfection' for fruit and vegetables to be exhibited at fairs and exhibitions, so that exhibitors will not be subject to the individual ideas of the judge, and, on the other hand, he will be able more readily to do his work."

Mr. White, of the Agricultural Department, was present to advise with the Committee.

It was *Resolved*, That the Department be asked to consult with the committee of the British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association and the conclusions communicated to the Advisory Board.

RE THE FUMIGATION OF IMPORTED FRUIT-TREES.

"Whereas in East Kootenay, owing to location and altitude, the climate is more rigorous and trying than in other parts of British Columbia :

"And whereas for this reason only the very hardiest varieties of fruit and ornamental trees and those produced in a like severe climate can succeed in East Kootenay :

"And whereas failure to appreciate these facts has caused the loss of many thousands of dollars' worth of nursery stock and labour expended on the same in this district (because of planting stock from nurseries near the Coast, which stock is unfitted for these sections, both by reason of being produced in a milder climate and also because very largely the varieties propagated there are themselves unsuited to a colder climate) :

"And whereas it has been proven that good varieties of both fruit and ornamentals are growing satisfactorily and being propagated for sale in such districts as Alberta, Manitoba, Dakota, and Minnesota, which, if available to planters here, would permit of every farmer producing fruit for his own use and beautifying his premises with plantings that would thrive :

"And whereas the present regulations require that all imported nursery stock be sent to Vancouver, there to be unpacked and fumigated, after which it is forwarded to the consignees :

"And whereas, after this process and the consequent loss of moisture entailed thereby, very little of the stock is able to survive planting, and the purchase of the sort of stuff that is adapted to these districts is therefore discouraged and a hardship is worked on the prospective planter in East Kootenay, which greatly retards the development of real homes in this district, for while East Kootenay is not likely to become a commercial-fruit district, there is no doubt in the minds of experienced men that by planting the proved suitable sorts every farm can have its own apples, plums, and bush-fruits, thus making the country the more worth living in :

"Therefore be it Resolved, That we request consideration by the Department of Agriculture of the special conditions in East Kootenay in this respect, and some allowance made in the restrictions placed on importation, by which the enforced trip to the Coast and its consequent hardship on shipments be avoided, either by a temporary Fumigating Station for a very short period each spring at some place near the destination of these shipments.

"And further Resolved, That we believe that some such action as this is necessary to this district, as the present regulations almost prohibit success along these lines, as was well proven by the results of the last two severe winters on plantings from British Columbia nurseries throughout East Kootenay."

It was *Resolved*, That the resolution be commended to the Minister of Agriculture for consideration of his Department and appropriate action.

RE EXPRESS RATES.

"Whereas we have learned with consternation and alarm the proposal of the express companies in Canada to so greatly increase their rates and cancel all commodity tariffs, so that the rates on fruit will in some cases be more than double :

"And whereas a very large business has been built up in shipping fruit by express which will receive a severe blow by an unreasonable raise of rates :

"And whereas the forwarding of vast quantities of the same commodity throughout a special season should be more cheaply handled than occasional parcels :

"And whereas it should be in the interest of the express companies, as well as the people generally, to encourage the production of fruit and its transportation by the express companies of British Columbia:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That we protest against the proposed raising of rates as unwarrantably great, and we ask the British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association to appoint a committee to gather data and present it to the Railway Commission, and seek to get a modification of the proposed express tariff. And further Resolved, That the committee get in touch with the consumers on the Prairie."

It was *Resolved*, That the resolution be approved, and that the Minister be asked to co-operate with the Fruit-growers' Association and the Advisory Board in an endeavour to obtain more favourable express rates.

RE DOUKHOBORS.

"Whereas a large number of settlers are coming into the Province with the intention of settling under the community system:

"And whereas these people are not English-speaking, and it disorganizes our school system:

"And whereas most of these people are not prepared to undertake the full duties of citizenship, and wherever such settlements are started our own people are crowded out owing to the difficulty of obtaining schools:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Board earnestly protests against any more such people being allowed to settle under the community system, and requests action by the Government to this end.

"Be it further Resolved, That further immigration of aliens who cannot assimilate with our people be discouraged by the Government of Canada."

The Chairman pointed out that action had already been taken in the Legislature in this connection, and a resolution of the House had been forwarded to Ottawa, urging that immigration of those not prepared to accept full responsibility of citizenship should be prohibited.

RE WELL-BORING.

"That this Board urge upon the Department the absolute necessity of undertaking well-boring operations wherever seriously shown to be required. And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Deputy Minister of Lands."

It was *Resolved*, That the resolution be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Lands with the Committee's endorsement.

RE "BRAND INSPECTION ACT."

"Whereas the 'Brand Inspection Act' is not enforced satisfactorily to the ranchers in this district; and whereas the Brand Inspector does not personally see cattle shipped, but in many instances gets his information from others as to brands and number of cattle shipped, we ask the Advisory Board to impress upon the Government the necessity of having the Brand Inspector present at point of shipment when stock is shipped, to ascertain the brands on such stock, numbers shipped, and by whom sold."

It was *Resolved*, That the resolution be commended to the Minister for his attention.

RE "AGRICULTURAL ACT" CONSOLIDATION.

"Whereas considerable confusion has arisen in connection with organizing co-operative associations owing to the fact that some districts have incorporated under the different sections of the 'Agricultural Associations Act':

"And whereas the 'Agricultural Associations Act' is not 'co-operative' in so far as no provision is made for the distribution of profits amongst consumers; and, further, in so far as this Act excludes trading in general supplies; and, further, in so far as it makes no specific provision for voluntary liquidation; and, further, as associations incorporated under this Act cannot affiliate nor amalgamate with associations organized under the 'Co-operative Associations Act'; and, further, the Act as a whole is indefinite and misleading; and, further, unsuitable for the purposes for which it was drawn—namely, to provide simple means for farming communities to organize co-operatively:

"And whereas the 'Co-operative Associations Act' provides all that is necessary for the formation of such Farmers' Co-operative Associations:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board all farmers desiring to organize co-operatively be advised by the Department to incorporate under the 'Co-operative Associations Act' and not under the 'Agricultural Associations Act.'"

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee urge upon the Minister of Agriculture the revision and consolidation of all Statutes affecting agricultural pursuits, with a view to eliminating overlapping at present existing, and making the legislation more readily accessible.

RE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION BILL.

"Whereas farmers in the North-west Provinces of Canada and in most of the United States have had the advantage of loans at cheap rates of interest for some years past from local banks under Government guarantee through local agricultural credit associations:

"Therefore we respectfully request the Provincial Government to pass an Agricultural Credit Association Bill at this Session of the Legislature similar to Acts in force in the North-west Provinces and some of the United States of America."

It was *Resolved*, That this resolution be referred to the Minister of Agriculture for his consideration.

RE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

"Be it Resolved, That this Board express their appreciation of the value to the farmers of the *Agricultural Journal*, and strongly recommend that the present policy of the paper be continued, and its scope of service be still further extended."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee approve of this resolution, and suggest to the Minister of Agriculture that the *Journal* should not hesitate to accept Government advertising.

It was further *Resolved*, That the Committee express its great appreciation of the work being done by Mr. Ferris, the Acting-Editor of the *Journal*.

March 15th, 1919.

The Committee continued consideration of the resolutions of the Advisory Board.

RE REMUNERATION OF ADVISORY BOARD.

"Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it would be to the advantage of its members, and also to the Department, if they were allowed \$5 a day to cover living expenses while attending and while travelling to and from meetings, and while doing any other work in connection with other duties as members of this Advisory Board. And we request that same be granted to take effect with reference to this and subsequent meetings. That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Minister and those Members of the Legislature for their attendance at the meeting of this Board, and for their excellent advice and assurance of support."

It was *Resolved*, That this resolution be approved and referred to the Minister of Agriculture for action.

RE SPECIAL RATES.

"Whereas the activities of the Board in organizing agriculture in the district are in the general interest of the Province:

"And whereas the development of agriculture will increase traffic on the railways:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Department be requested to try and obtain from the railway companies some concession in the reduction of fares of members travelling on business of the Board."

It was *Resolved*, That this resolution be approved and the Minister of Agriculture be asked to take the question of special rates for members of the Board up with the transportation companies.

RE SEED BONUS.

"That the Provincial Government take advantage of the Dominion Government's offer of a seed bonus of \$2,500, and supply a similar amount to encourage the seed industry in British Columbia."

The Minister of Agriculture pointed out that the Estimates already contained an item to cover the assistance suggested, and that the Department was encouraging in every way the development of a seed-bonus industry in this Province.

RE TAXATION, EXTRA-MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

"Whereas there is attached to city school districts throughout the Province for purposes of support a large tract of farm and other land adjacent to many incorporated cities, and the Councils of such cities are empowered to make assessments and levy taxes against these properties for school purposes:

"And whereas, owing to the inflated values of past years, and to the presence of speculators and real-estate men on these Council Boards and their influence with those entrusted with these assessments, they were inflated to the level of residential property:

"And whereas in the opinion of this Conference the only inducement towards getting these lands into production that is likely to produce results, or towards retaining on the land those already farming their holdings in these districts, is to base these assessments on the actual agricultural possibilities of the land in question where any attempt is being made towards actual farming on the same:

"And whereas in this district, and presumably in others, there is a wide difference between the city and Provincial assessments on such properties:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That it is advisable to enact legislation to provide that in extra-municipal school districts, where an owner or tenant is actually a *bona-fide* farmer in any sense of the term, and in good faith using his property for farm purposes or preparing it for such, the assessment by the city for school purposes shall not exceed the assessment placed on the same property by the Provincial Assessor."

It was pointed out by the Chairman that this resolution was covered by section 5, chapter 74, 1918.

RE ORIENTALS.

"Whereas it has come to the attention of this Board that each year sees an increasing number of Orientals obtaining land by freehold and lease for agricultural purposes, to the detriment of our own countrymen:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be requested to investigate this matter with the least possible delay, with the object of finding a means whereby these aforesaid Orientals will be debarred from entering into competition with the white farmers, at the earliest possible date."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee suggest that a resolution be presented in the House, praying the Ottawa authorities to cable Premier Borden to urge upon the Peace Conference the prohibition of emigration into Canada from countries populated with races that will not readily assimilate with the Caucasian race.

RE CHINESE INDENTURED LABOUR.

"Whereas a condition exists in this Province whereby Chinese are brought into this country by Chinese 'bosses,' who pay their head-tax and hold them in terms of virtual slavery for a period of years, so enabling the Chinese owners and lessees of land to compete unfairly with the white men:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be asked to investigate this matter and bring in legislation to remedy this condition at the earliest possible date."

RE ORIENTALS.

"Resolved, That the Government be requested to make an effort to ascertain the total amount of money sent out of British Columbia to the Orient annually through the banks and post-offices, also the acreage owned or leased by Orientals within the Province of British Columbia."

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee suggest to the Minister of Finance the advisability of ascertaining the amount of money remitted from this Province annually to the Orient by Orientals.

It was further *Resolved*, That the Committee suggest to the Minister of Lands the advisability of ascertaining the acreage of lands owned or leased by Orientals within the Province.

RE STUMPING-POWDER.

This matter was discussed by the Committee, and the Minister advised the Committee that he had thoroughly investigated the situation in this connection, and found that raw materials used in the manufacture of stumping-powder are in the control of two corporations to such an extent as to render Government competition difficult for the present.

It was *Resolved*, That the Minister be asked to consider the matter further, and with it the whole problem of land-clearing.

And it was further *Resolved*, That the Committee suggest to the Minister the advisability of establishing in the *Agricultural Journal* a Department of Land-clearing.

RE TELEPHONES.

"Resolved, That this institute, realizing the great value of telephonic means of communication, urges the Government to give every possible encouragement to the linking-up of outside sections with the towns and cities of the Province."

(District B.) "Whereas the Dominion Government now has in operation a trunk telephone-line traversing the Northern Interior of British Columbia between the town of Hazelton and Burns Lake:

"And whereas there are many settlements which have instituted local systems by private enterprise, notably by the Northern Telephone Company, and operated the same at a loss, but at the same time said local systems have been of great public use and convenience:

"And whereas it has been found practically impossible, owing to existing financial conditions, Government competition, and the nature of the country, for the said private enterprises to secure the necessary capital to extend their undertakings into settlements now outside of telephonic communication, and to continue to operate their present system without heavier losses:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to take over and absorb all such local telephone systems, together with their plant, at a fair valuation, taking into consideration the benefit such systems have been to communities prior to the time that the Government decided to enter the field of competition; and also to further extend their telephone-lines into the more remote rural settlements which are now lacking all telephonic conveniences, thereby building up one strong telephone system under one efficient control and management.

"And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to continue to completion their telephone-line from Houston to Francois Lake, twenty-eight miles of which has already been built, so as to join up and connect with Burns Lake, the settlements of Westaria, Ootsa Lake, and Francois Lake.

"And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government institute and maintain a telephone exchange at Hazelton, connecting with the line passing to the village of Kispiox, the line passing to the settlement of Skeena Crossing, and the line connecting with the Silver Standard Mine, granting unto private individuals, merchants, and farmers the facilities and privileges of telephonic instruments in their residences and places of business at a reasonable monthly rental."

(District D.) "Mr. Redman stated the assurance given some time ago from the Dominion telephone officials for the extension of the line to Knutsford and Long Lake Districts had not yet been realized. He therefore moved, 'That as a matter of extending the line to these districts is of urgent necessity, the Secretary take the matter up with the Telephone Superintendent with a view to having such a service established.'"

It was *Resolved*, That the Minister of Agriculture be requested to urge upon the Federal authorities an early extension of the Dominion Government telephone system, which at present is operated in conjunction with the Dominion Government telegraph-line, with a view to improving rural conditions, and materially assisting agricultural development, not only in a business and social way, but as a means of bringing rural settlers in closer touch with medical assistance.

K. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

ALEX. M. MANSON, *Secretary.*

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was adopted. To be read a third time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon the Premier, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,144 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Inspection and Fumigation of Imported Fruit, Nursery Stock, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of Fruit Pests, Diseases, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomology and Plant Pathology, to 31st March, 1920.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Prairie Markets Commissioner, to 31st March, 1920.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Coast Markets Commissioner, to 31st March, 1920.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Statistics, to 31st March, 1920.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular cattle, compensation, supplies, temporary assistance, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobile accessories, to 31st March, 1920.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural fairs, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1920.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Bee-keepers' Association, to 31st March, 1920.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Dairymen's Association, to 31st March, 1920.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Entomological Society, to 31st March, 1920.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1920.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Goat-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1920.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Poultry Association, to 31st March, 1920.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Stock-breeders' Association, 31st March, 1920.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Wool-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1920.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Seed-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1920.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Board of Horticulture, to 31st March, 1920.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Board of Exhibits, to 31st March, 1920.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Compensation *re* foul-brood in bees, to 31st March, 1920.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of noxious weeds, to 31st March, 1920.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grant to British Columbia students, to 31st March, 1920.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1920.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,710 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1920.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Joint-stock Companies and Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1920.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Prohibition Act," to 31st March, 1920.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1920.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,186 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1920.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,698 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Nelson, to 31st March, 1920.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,267 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1920.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,574 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1920.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,652 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1920.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,799 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Victoria, to 31st March, 1920.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,345 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Chilliwack, to 31st March, 1920.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Ladysmith, to 31st March, 1920.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,291 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Nelson, to 31st March, 1920.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,904 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1920.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,725 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1920.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,571 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1920.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,565 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1920.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,988 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1920.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$278,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1920.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,952 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Nelson Gaol, to 31st March, 1920.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1920.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,918 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Industrial Schools, Boys' School, to 31st March, 1920.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Industrial Schools, Girls' School, to 31st March, 1920.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Infants Act" and Refuge Homes, to 31st March, 1920.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 a.m.