

Monday, February 1st, 1960

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. J. B. Parsons*.

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave of the House to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, making the following statement:—

It is reliably reported that another link in the coastal transportation system is to be cancelled; namely, the service given by the Packers Steamship Company Limited to the up-coast ports of Quathiaski Cove, Alert Bay, Port Hardy, and Namu. This House deplores the piecemeal crumbling away of the coastal transportation system. The situation is peculiar to British Columbia in that the Federal Government maintains the Eastern coastal services with an annual expenditure of \$41,000,000 while British Columbia coastal services are limping along on an expenditure of \$4,500,000. This House deplores this discrimination and requests the Federal Government to take the necessary action to provide adequate service for British Columbia coastal ports.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter did not come within the scope of Standing Order 35 for the reason that it was not a matter of administrative responsibility of this Government.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* rose on a matter of privilege and invited Mr. Speaker to rule on the propriety of the text of a member's speech to the House being published in the press prior to the speech having been given in the House by the member.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Haggen*.—

That the motion for the Address in Reply be amended by adding the following:—

“That this Legislative Assembly regrets that your advisers have failed to provide adequate leadership required in the development of our economy; made no provision for the promotion of better Government-labour-management relations; failed to provide for the orderly development of our power and other natural resources so that immediate and long-term advantage would accrue to all our people; not adequately met the crises in school financing; failed to take the necessary action to protect our farmers against rising costs and loss of markets.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

Bryan
Gregory
Cox
Squire

Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Uphill
Nimsick
Haggen, Mrs.

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

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| <i>Brothers</i> | <i>Tisdalle</i> | <i>Bonner</i> | <i>Robinson</i> |
| <i>Speare</i> | <i>Bruch</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>Westwood</i> |
| <i>Gibson</i> | <i>Shelford</i> | <i>Carnell</i> | <i>Chant</i> |
| <i>Smith</i> | <i>Reid</i> | <i>Lundell</i> | <i>Peterson</i> |
| <i>Roche</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Campbell</i> | <i>Martin</i> |
| <i>Shirreff</i> | <i>Corbett</i> | <i>Sharp</i> | <i>Gaglardi</i> |
| <i>Newton</i> | <i>Kiernan</i> | <i>Murray</i> | <i>Wicks</i> |
| <i>Richter</i> | <i>Williston</i> | <i>Asselstine</i> | |

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Gibbs**Brown, Mrs.*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “First Narrows Bridge Gift Act, 1960,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1960.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled “First Narrows Bridge Gift Act, 1960,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following question:—

With reference to the memorandum of agreement, dated October 7th, 1957, between the Provincial Government and the representatives of Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren as referred to on page 10 of the Journals of Legislative Assembly, 1958, was a “firm commitment” to develop the Peace River received “on or before December 31st, 1959,” as referred to in clause 7 (b) of the said memorandum of agreement?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council) replied as follows:—

“ Pursuant to the memorandum of agreement, Peace River Power Development Company Limited communicated with the Government as follows:—

“ December 28th, 1959.

“ ‘ The Honourable the Minister of Finance of the Province of British Columbia,
“ ‘ Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ ‘ *Dear Sir*,—Pursuant to a memorandum of agreement (hereinafter referred to as “ the said memorandum ”) made between Birger Strid and Bernard Gore, acting on behalf of Axel Wenner-Gren, of Stockholm, of the first part, and the Government of the Province of British Columbia, of the second part, and dated the 7th day of October, 1957, Peace River Power Development Company Limited, of 404 Royal Bank Building, 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver 2, B.C. (hereinafter referred to as “ this company ”), reports and undertakes as follows:—

“ ‘ 1. By a document in writing dated the 9th day of September, 1958, the said Axel Wenner-Gren transferred to Wenner-Gren British Columbia Development Company Limited all his right, title, and interest under the said memorandum.

“ ‘ 2. This company was incorporated on the 29th day of October, 1958, under the “ Companies Act ” of British Columbia.

“ ‘ 3. By a document in writing dated the 12th day of November, 1958, Wenner-Gren British Columbia Development Company Limited transferred to this company all its right, title, and interest in and under the said memorandum, together with certain technical feasibility surveys in respect of the construction of a major hydro-electric project on the British Columbia portion of the Peace River which had been carried out by British Thomson-Houston Export Company Limited, of 33 Grosvenor Place, London, S.W. 1, England; Sir William Halcrow & Partners, of Alliance House, Caxton Street, London, S.W. 1, England; and British Columbia Engineering Company Limited, of 570 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver 2, B.C.

“ ‘ 4. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the said memorandum, this company appointed B.C. and B.B. Power Consultants Limited, of 570 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver 2, B.C. (hereinafter referred to as “ the engineers ”), as consulting engineers to continue the surveys and to render the engineering services required under the said memorandum.

“ ‘ 5. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of the said memorandum, details of surveys and other data have been delivered from time to time to the Comptroller of Water Rights of the Province of British Columbia.

“ ‘ 6. The engineers have carried out surveys of potential dam-sites and studies of the proposed transmission system, and have prepared designs, plans, and specifications required to enable this company (a) to determine whether the construction of a major hydro-electric project on the Peace River is practicable and (b) to prepare a comprehensive plan providing for the maximum economic development of the Peace River hydro-electric potential, and have submitted to this company their final report.

“ ‘ 7. After consideration of the said report and of all other factors affecting the project, this Company has determined that the construction of a major hydro-electric project on the Peace River is practicable.

“ ‘ 8. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of the said memorandum, this company has prepared and, contemporaneously with the mailing of this letter, is filing with the said Comptroller of Water Rights (a) a comprehensive plan providing for the maximum economic development of the Peace River hydro-electric potential and (b) a copy of the said engineers’ report.

“ 9. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of the said memorandum, this company undertakes for itself, or for a company which it may incorporate for the purpose, that the project for the maximum economic development of the hydro-electric potential of the Peace River and its tributaries will be constructed on the basis of the said plan and the said memorandum.

“ ‘ Yours very truly,

“ ‘ PEACE RIVER POWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
LIMITED.

“ ‘ Per W. C. MAINWARING, *President*.

“ ‘ Per W. MURPHY, *Secretary*.’ ”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2nd, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. G. R. Easter.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. R. G. Williston, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of Brown Bros. Motor Lease Limited, of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.”

Mr. Matthew presented the petition of Charles Spencer Pallot, of Haney; Olive Esther Leaf, of Whonock; and Henry John Barten, of Haney, all in the Province of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to dissolve Maple Ridge Agricultural Association, incorporated August 20th, 1914, and to incorporate Maple Ridge Agricultural Association.”

Mr. Matthew presented the petition of North-west Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the North-west Telephone Company Act, 1929.”

Mr. Matthew presented the petition of The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to dissolve The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company.”

Mr. *Matthew* (on behalf of Mrs. *Brown*) presented the petition of Jack U. Sunnell, Myer Wallach, Robert G. C. Hadaway, and Philip C. Kay, all of the City of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter."

Mr. *Smith* presented the petition of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Tuesday, February 2nd, 1960, and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*,—

That a Special Committee of this House be appointed to examine and inquire into the subject of the use of trading stamps in connection with the marketing of consumer goods in the Province, and to report to the Legislature its observations thereon and its recommendations with regard to the public policy to be adopted with reference to such use, the desirability of legislation within the competence of the Province being enacted with respect thereto, and, if it is recommended that legislation be enacted, the proposed context of the legislation:

That the Committee appointed to name the Select Standing Committees of this House be authorized to nominate this Committee.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3rd, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *C. H. Maclean*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The following petitions were *Ordered* to be received:—

On the motion of Mr. *Sharp*—the petition of Brown Bros. Motor Lease Limited, of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of Charles Spencer Pallot, of Haney; Olive Esther Leaf, of Whonock; and Henry John Barten, of Haney, all in the Province of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to dissolve Maple Ridge Agricultural Association, incorporated August 20th, 1914, and to incorporate Maple Ridge Agricultural Association.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of North-west Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the North-west Telephone Company Act, 1929.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to dissolve The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company.”

On the motion of Mrs. *Brown*—the petition of Jack U. Sunnell, Myer Wallach, Robert G. C. Hadaway, and Phillip C. Kay, all of the City of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.”

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter.”

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*—the petition of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on January 28th, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 3rd, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 28th to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Matthew* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Brothers*, *Gibson*, *Murray*, *Price*, *Sharp*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Eddie*, *Turner*, and *Gregory*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Corbett* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Campbell*, *Gibson*, *Lundell*, *Matthew*, *Smith*, *Speare*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, Messrs. *Harding*, *Nimsick*, *Strachan*, *Bryan*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Asselstine* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Carnell*, *Lundell*, *Newton*, *Reid*, *Richter*, *Robinson*, *Shelford*, *Shirreff*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Messrs. *Cox*, *Nimsick*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Bryan*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Gibson* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Newton*, *Reid*, *Richter*, *Roche*, *Shelford*, *Shirreff*, *Speare*, the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Strachan*, *Gregory*, *Harding*, and *Nimsick*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Bruch* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Gibson*, *Murray*, *Price*, *Richter*, *Roche*, *Sharp*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *Eddie*, *Nimsick*, *Squire*, *Turner*, *Bryan*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Shirreff* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Corbett*, *Murray*, *Newton*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Shelford*, *Speare*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Gargrave*, *Squire*, *Strachan*, and *Gregory*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Murray* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Campbell*, *Corbett*, *Robinson*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *L. Wicks*, Messrs. *Cox*, *Eddie*, *Squire*, *Gregory*, and *Uphill*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Speare* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Campbell*, *Price*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Gargrave*, *Harding*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Bryan*, and *Gibbs*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests) presented the following:—

Letter dated December 28th, 1959, from Peace River Development Company Limited.

Report of the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, on principles for determining and apportioning benefits from co-operative use of storage of waters and electrical interconnection within the Columbia River basin system.

Report to the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, Water Resources of the Columbia River Basin.

Abstract of Report to the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, Water Resources of the Columbia River Basin.

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 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3rd, 1960

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.20 p.m.

Thursday, February 4th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *F. Watson*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks* (on behalf of the Hon. *W. D. Black*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* (on behalf of the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1959.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—On Monday last the Hon. the Attorney-General, on a point of privilege, questioned the propriety of a member giving to the Press the text of a speech he was to make in the House prior to his making it, with the possibility of it being published before he made it. Decision was reserved.

It is one of the tenets of our Commonwealth legislative bodies that everything that is said or done in the House should be available to the public as quickly as possible. Whatever a member may contribute to facilitate and expedite information to the Press for the dissemination of news at the earliest moment is commendable. Secrecy on the understanding that the text of a speech will not be published before the speech is made is imposed at the request of the member who is to make the speech. This is understandable with respect to the "Causes of Summons" or Speech from the Throne which might prematurely disclose Government policy, or the Budget Speech, which might have an influence on our economy.

Let me add, however, that should a newspaper publish in advance a statement which the member fails to make in the House, it could cause trouble for the publisher. A member may make a statement in the House under parliamentary privilege which otherwise might be libellous, but this privilege may not extend to the publisher if the statement is not made in the House, nor does the privilege extend to the member were he to induce or procure the publication outside of a statement by himself in the House.

In the result I can see no objection to a member giving to the Press the text of what he proposes to say in the House as above set forth, and I so rule.

What I have said above does not apply to either a question which the member intends to ask nor a motion which he intends to move nor a Bill which he intends to introduce for the simple reason that the Speaker may rule the notice of question,

motion, or Bill out of order and it would never reach the Order Paper. In other words, it would never reach the House. Mr. Speaker Buckham ruled that "it is a violation of the privileges of this House that copies of proposed questions should be handed to the Press in advance of their approval by me" (1928 British Columbia Journals, page 19).

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Friday, February 5th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* moved, seconded by Mr. *Campbell*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Labour inquire into the effects of automation upon British Columbia's people and economy.

A debate arose.

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

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 5.55 p.m.

Monday, February 8th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Bishop *D. A. G. Rankilor*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Second Report of the Special Committee appointed on January 28th, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 28th, 1960, to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report that, pursuant to Resolution, your Committee has appointed a Special Committee of this House to examine and inquire into the subject of the use of trading stamps and recommends that the personnel of the said Special Committee be as follows:—

Mr. *Campbell* (Convener), Mrs. *Brown*, Messrs. *Lundell*, *Price*, *Reid*, *Robinson*, *Roche*, *Sharp*, the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, Messrs. *Gregory*, *Gibbs*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Nimsick*, and *Squire*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Monday, February 8th, 1960

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Johnstone*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (on behalf of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, the House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees."

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Brown Bros. Motor Lease Limited, of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922," have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Charles Spencer Pallot, of Haney; Olive Esther Leaf, of Whonock; and Henry John Barten, of Haney, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to dissolve Maple Ridge Agricul-

tural Association, incorporated August 20th, 1914, and to incorporate Maple Ridge Agricultural Association " have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of North-west Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the North-west Telephone Company Act, 1929," have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to dissolve The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company " have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Jack U. Sunnell, Myer Wallach, Robert G. C. Hadaway, and Philip C. Kay, all of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922," have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of

the City of Victoria" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Rules were suspended to permit the introduction of Private Bills without notice.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to dissolve The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to dissolve Maple Ridge Agricultural Association, incorporated August 20th, 1914, and to incorporate Maple Ridge Agricultural Association."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the North-west Telephone Company Act, 1929."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew* (on behalf of Mrs. *Brown*)—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."

On the motion of Mr. *Sharp*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter."

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the Fire Marshal Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the Quieting Titles Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the Testator's Family Maintenance Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the Attachment of Debts Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the Execution Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the Survivorship and Presumption of Death Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the Wife’s Protection Act.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the Summary Convictions Act.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the Trustee Act.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10th, 1960

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. Hayes*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Eddie*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend the Trade-unions Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the Trade-unions Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the Labour Relations Act.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. *L. Wicks* on February 5th, as follows:—

That the Select Standing Committee on Labour inquire into the effects of automation upon British Columbia’s people and economy.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (on behalf of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)) presented the Fourteenth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1959, and the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, Licence-year 1958/59.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General) presented the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1958.

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, February 10th, 1960

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.43 p.m.

Thursday, February 11th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. I. Hamill*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.01 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

ONE MINUTE PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

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| <i>Brothers</i> | <i>Matthew</i> | <i>Bonner</i> | <i>Robinson</i> |
| <i>Speare</i> | <i>Bruch</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>Westwood</i> |
| <i>Gibson</i> | <i>Shelford</i> | <i>Carnell</i> | <i>Chant</i> |
| <i>Smith</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Lundell</i> | <i>Peterson</i> |
| <i>Shirreff</i> | <i>Corbett</i> | <i>Campbell</i> | <i>Martin</i> |
| <i>Newton</i> | <i>Brown, Mrs.</i> | <i>Sharp</i> | <i>Gaglardi</i> |
| <i>Richter</i> | <i>Kiernan</i> | <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Wicks</i> |
| <i>Tisdalle</i> | <i>Williston</i> | | |

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

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| <i>Bryan</i> | <i>Squire</i> | <i>Dowding</i> | <i>Harding</i> |
| <i>Gregory</i> | <i>Eddie</i> | <i>Nimsick</i> | <i>Strachan</i> |
| <i>Cox</i> | <i>Gargrave</i> | <i>Haggen, Mrs.</i> | <i>Turner</i> |

PAIRS:

Messieurs

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| <i>Murray</i> | <i>Uphill</i> |
| <i>Reid</i> | <i>Gibbs</i> |

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, seconded by the Hon. E. C. F. Martin, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, seconded by the Hon. E. C. F. Martin, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.14 p.m.

Friday, February 12th, 1960

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Leighton Streight*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1958/59 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1961;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1960;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1959, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 10th, 1960.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

With respect to the Girls' Industrial School, Project 208 (b):—

1. Has construction been completed on this project?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total cost of construction?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what is the total cost to date?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$1,478,042.05.

"3. Not applicable."

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

With respect to kindergartens in the Province:—

1. Were any School Boards refused authority to open kindergartens in 1959?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many proposed kindergartens did this involve?
3. How many kindergartens were in operation in the Province as of December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Records indicate requests for twelve kindergartens, all received in 1958.

“ 3. Forty-nine classes in forty-four schools as at September 30th, 1959.”

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

1. When was the University of British Columbia established?
2. When was the first institution known as Victoria College established?
3. Has the present Victoria College authority to grant degrees and, if so, (a) when was authority granted, (b) what degrees has it authority to grant, and (c) will it grant its own degrees or those of some other institution and, if so, which one?
4. Precisely what connection, if any, is there at the present time between Victoria College and the University of British Columbia and has the connection changed in any way within the last six months?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1890, original Act; 1908, present Act (old Act of 1890 repealed); this Act, with its amendments, determines the present constitution of the University; first students enrolled in 1915.

“ 2. 1902; first students were enrolled in 1903.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. Victoria College is an affiliated college of the University of British Columbia and has been so since 1920.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Monday, February 15th, 1960

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Bell*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

In answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Strachan*:—

What are the scheduled rates paid by the Social Welfare Branch for the full range of dental services for (a) social allowance and old-age pension cases, (b) children under the age of 12 on social allowance, and (c) wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare?

The Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

Reference report of Chairman of the Old-age Assistance Board, page 44, Annual Report of Social Welfare Branch, 1957, regarding overtime worked by staff:—

1. How many hours of overtime were performed in total?
2. Were any or all of the staff paid for the said overtime?
3. If answer to No. 2 is yes, at what rate were they paid?
4. Was any similar overtime worked during the fiscal years 1957/58, 1958/59, and the calendar year 1959, and, if yes, give similar details?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 4,072 hours.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. In accordance with scale approved by the Civil Service Commission.
- “ 4. (a) 1957/58, 376 hours (paid as above), (b) 1958/59, *nil*, and (c) calendar year 1959 (since April 1st), 132 hours (compensatory time off).”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many Boards of Review under the Social Assistance Regulations were established during (a) the fiscal year 1958/59 and (b) the calendar year 1959?
2. In each case, how many decisions were made in favour of the appellant?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. The number of Boards of Review under the Social Assistance Regulations established during (a) the fiscal year 1958/59 were thirty-four and (b) the calendar year 1959 were nineteen.
- “ 2. The number of decisions made in favour of the appellant during (a) the fiscal year 1958/59 were twenty-two and (b) the calendar year 1959 were fourteen.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any individuals given in-service training by the Social Welfare Branch training division during 1959?
2. If so, how many?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Forty-three in initial in-service training classes and thirty-three in return in-service training classes.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to social workers employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1959:—

1. (a) How many were Grade 1 and (b) how many were Grade 2 social workers?

2. How many Grade 1 social workers had practical experience of less than (a) one year, (b) two years, (c) three years, (d) four years, and (e) five years in social work?

3. How many Grade 2 social workers had practical experience of less than (a) one year, (b) two years, (c) three years, (d) four years, and (e) five years in social work?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) 84 and (b) 75.

“ 2. (a) 35, (b) 28, (c) 21, (d) and (e) Social Workers—Grade 1 may be considered for reclassification to Grade 2 on completion of three years' social work experience.

“ 3. (a) 2, (b) 2, (c) 4, (d) 18, and (e) 8.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any bursaries granted by the Social Welfare Branch to social workers to help them obtain professional training during 1959?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many, (b) what was the amount of each bursary, and (c) how many were given to single and how many to married individuals?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Eight; four recipients attended the School of Social Work, January, 1959, to April, 1959, on bursaries granted on September, 1958, and four from September, 1959, to December, 1959, on bursaries granted September, 1959 (these latter are still attending); (b) four at \$1,200 and four at \$600; and (c) four to social workers with dependents and four to social workers without dependents.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the number of social workers employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1959:—

1. What was the total number employed?

2. How many of the total number employed were not university trained?

3. How many were employed in the field exclusive of administrators and supervisors?

4. How many of those in No. 3 were not university trained?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 211 (including casual staff).

“ 2. 129 (including casual staff).

“ 3. 145 (including casual staff).

“ 4. 119 (including casual staff).”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

Reference to the report of Assistant Director of Welfare, page 11, Annual Report of Social Welfare Branch, 1955, indicating that progress “has been accomplished largely by many hours of overtime,” and a similar report from page 13 of the Social Welfare Branch Report, 1954, indicating “overtime work is the rule rather than the exception in all district offices”:—

1. Did similar conditions continue during the years 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, and the calendar year 1959?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, were any or all of the staff reimbursed for the said overtime?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, at what rate were they paid?

4. If only certain members were paid overtime, which employees were not paid at the overtime rate?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Clerical staff is compensated for specially arranged overtime to complete a specific project.

“3. According to Civil Service Regulations, overtime payment is computed on the straight-time hourly rate in the equivalent ratio to the daily or monthly salary.

“4. See No. 2 above.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any cases referred to the Rehabilitation Co-ordinator of the Public Health Branch by the Social Welfare Branch during the calendar year 1959?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many and (b) how many of these cases were successfully rehabilitated during the year?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Total numbers not available as many are referred verbally and no records kept of total number.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

What was the total number of social workers employed in the Child Welfare Division as at December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“Six.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. What was the total number of staff employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1959?

2. What was the total number of staff in Social Welfare Branch field service as at December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. 573.

“2. 264.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were there any supervisors employed in the Social Welfare Branch who lacked university training in the calendar year 1959?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many?
3. Were there any social workers, exclusive of supervisors, employed in the Social Welfare Branch who lacked university training in the calendar year 1959?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, how many?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. One.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. 125 as at December 31st, 1959.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the Boys' Industrial School:—

1. What was the total number of boys held as at December 31st, 1959?
2. What was the total number of staff employed as at December 31st, 1959?
3. What was the total number of social workers employed December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 167.
- “ 2. 71.
- “ 3. 3.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Did any social workers resign during 1959?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations; (b) how many of these resignations were (i) administrative, (ii) supervisory, and (iii) field workers; and (c) of those who resigned, how many were university trained?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. (a) Fifty-eight (for varying reasons, principally domestic), (b) (i) nil, (ii) six, (iii) fifty-two, and (c) eighteen.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.