

Friday, March 28th, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting Fur-farms'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act.'"

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases."

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Provident and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'District of Burnaby Debt Refunding Act, 1946.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to validate certain Expropriation By-laws of the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and the City of Chilliwack."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of Probate Fees."

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of a Motor-vehicle Franchise to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Act.'"

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Morrow*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to adjust Dyking Assessments" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Corsbie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 28th, 1947.

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. 100) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 28th, 1947.

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. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mrs. *Rolston* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 28th, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee held three meetings during the course of the Session.

Dr. Amyot, Provincial Deputy Minister of Health, addressed one meeting on general health conditions in British Columbia.

Major Moilliet addressed the meeting on the subject of juvenile delinquency and a remedial plan for delinquents of higher teen-age boys. Your Committee thought enough of this plan to recommend that the Attorney-General be approached with a view to obtaining Major Moilliet's services on the Borstal Committee.

Dr. Paskin, vice-president of the Naturopaths' Association, gave an illuminating address on his experiences in the cause and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Your Committee has resolved as follows:—

It was Resolved, That this Committee recommend that, in view of the serious social and economic problem involved in the increasing incidence of arthritis and other rheumatoid diseases, the Provincial Government should take steps to increase facilities in existing hospitals for the more advanced methods of treatment for both indoor and outdoor patients, and the development of hot springs and other natural medicinal resources at suitable locations where all sound measures to help arthritis might be applied.

The Committee feels that the Legislature should take advantage of the existence of this Committee and submit to it matters which they could investigate and report upon.

TILLY JEAN ROLSTON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Does your Department contemplate purchasing or chartering any aeroplanes this year?
2. If so, how many, and for what purposes?
3. Has your Department used aeroplanes for transporting fire-fighting equipment and personnel and with what results?
4. What type of equipment has been transported to fire outbreaks?

5. Are there any aeroplanes in British Columbia which your Department could engage at quick notice to fight forest fires, and have you hose and pumping facilities with which they could be equipped?

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

“ 1. Yes; chartering.

“ 2. Charter of four aeroplanes is arranged for forest-protection patrol and transport during the fire season; expect to charter two aeroplanes for air surveys.

“ 3. Yes; with good results.

“ 4. Fire-fighting tools, food-supplies, and fire-fighting equipment up to the size of fire-fighting pumps.

“ 5. Yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Monday, March 31st, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percy Wills*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills and Orders.”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled “ An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes ” a debate arose.

The House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Beard</i>	

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. H. E. *Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler Inspection Act.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dogwood Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver."

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

That on Tuesday, April 1st, and all following days of the Session there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, one from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 31st, 1947.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 31st, 1947.

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. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 31st, 1947.

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. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 29th, 1947.

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. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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 5.34 p.m.

Monday, March 31st, 1947.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$183,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1948.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,597,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1948.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Research and Publicity, to 31st March, 1948.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1948.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1948.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1948.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1948.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1948.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, to 31st March, 1948.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch (Wartime Labour Relations Regulations), to 31st March, 1948.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1948.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of Probate Fees" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Report of the Lands, Surveys, and Water Rights Branches for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1947.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Whereas it has been necessary for Mr. *Louis LeBourdais* to be absent from the Second Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of British Columbia owing to illness:

And whereas section 54 of the "Constitution Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, in part states that "If any member of the Legislative Assembly, without the permission of the Legis-

lative Assembly, fails during a whole session to give his attendance in the Legislative Assembly . . . his election shall thereby become void and the seat of such member shall be vacated”:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the said Mr. *Louis LeBourdais* be granted leave of absence from the current Session of the Legislature, and that his absence shall in no way impair his position as a duly elected member of this Assembly:

And be it further Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay full Sessional allowance to the said Mr. *LeBourdais* as if he had been present during each and every day of the Session.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 31st, 1947.

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. 106) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Electric Power Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 31st, 1947.

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. 107) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What is the trend of prices of agricultural products for 1938, 1942, and 1945 for the following fields: (a) Dairying, (b) poultry, (c) cattle, (d) small fruits, (e) vegetables, (f) sheep, (g) pigs, and (h) feed crops?

2. What trends are indicated for the various agricultural districts of the Province in respect to land prices and land rentals for 1938, 1942, and 1945?

3. What number of "distress sales" of farm land and farm equipment took place in the years 1938, 1942, and 1945?

4. What were the principal reasons for such sales?

5. What number of such "distress sales" were by reason of: (a) Increased rent of tenants; (b) mortgage sales for farm-owners; and (c) sales for farm-equipment debt?

6. To what extent is the owner-operator of farm lands losing possession of the soil to (a) land-owning companies and (b) land-owning farmers?

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

"1. Index numbers of farm prices of all agricultural products for British Columbia (base 1935-39 at 100; source, Dominion Bureau of Statistics): 1938, 100.1; 1942, 140.6; and 1945, 187.4.

"2. Average value per acre of farm lands in British Columbia, including value of buildings (total value of farm divided by total acres): 1938, \$60; 1942, \$62; and 1945, \$67. These values represent the total value of occupied farm land divided by the total acreage, including improved land, and are considerably below the value of cultivated land. As all areas are taken into account, the averages will vary considerably above and below values of land in particular localities within the Province.

"3, 4, 5, and 6. No information."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.13 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Carson* made a statement in connection with certain agreements made between the Government and certain contractors, and concerning the manner in which the subject should be dealt with by the House.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was again committed.

In the Committee of the Whole House, Mr. *H. E. Winch* challenged the decision of the Chairman.

Mr. Speaker put the question "Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"
The House divided.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Beard</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>McDonell</i>			

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

The Committee continued to sit, and Mr. *H. E. Winch* appealed to the House on a point of order which was referred to Mr. Speaker.

On Mr. Speaker's decision that the Chairman of the Committee be sustained, the House divided.

The decision was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Beard</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>McDonell</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>		

The Committee reported progress, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,102,487 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1948.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 1st, 1947.

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. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1947.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of privilege and moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

This House regrets that the University of British Columbia Board of Governors has not seen its way clear to accept the recommendation of this Legislature that

a medical school be established this year, and recommends reconsideration of their decision by the Board of Governors.

On the motion, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

By Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

By Mr. *Welch*—Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Forestry."

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 1st, 1947.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Add the following as section 4:—

"4. Section 23 is amended by adding to subsection (1) the words 'and nothing in this subsection shall make any person ineligible as a member of the Legislative Assembly or disqualify him to sit or vote as such by reason of his accepting any fees for medical services rendered by him and paid for out of Consolidated Revenue.'"

Add the following as section 5:—

"5. The amendment enacted by section 4 shall be retroactive and shall be deemed to have had effect on and after the twenty-fifth day of October, 1945."

Add the following as section 6:—

"6. Section 64 is amended by striking out subsection (1), as enacted by section 4 of chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1946, and substituting the following:—

"(1.) In each session of the Legislative Assembly, including the session that commenced on the eleventh day of February, 1947, there shall be payable to each member of the Legislative Assembly attending at the session a sessional allowance of two thousand dollars and a further sum of one thousand dollars for expenses incidental to the discharge of his duties as a member.'"

Add the following as section 7:—

"7. Section 64 is further amended by striking out the last two lines of subsection (3), and substituting the following: 'allowance of two thousand dollars in payment of the expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties as Leader of the Opposition in addition to the amount fixed by subsection (1).'"

Add the following as section 8:—

“ 8. Section 64 is further amended by adding the following as subsection (6) :—

“(6.) Of the sessional allowance of three thousand dollars paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly who attended the session that commenced on the twenty-first day of February, 1946, it is declared that two thousand dollars was by way of remuneration and one thousand dollars for expenses incidental to the discharge of his duties as a member.’”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

Bill and amendment committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases” was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Provident and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation” was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act’” was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Civil Service Superannuation Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Teachers’ Pensions Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'District of Burnaby Debt Refunding Act, 1946'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to validate certain Expropriation By-laws of the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and the City of Chilliwack" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of a Motor-vehicle Franchise to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler Inspection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dogwood Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to adjust Dyking Assessments" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* adjourned the debate to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1947.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor, having received for assent Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" which passed its third reading on the 25th day of March, 1947, transmits the same to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation that the following be added as sections 4A and 10A:—

"4A. Section 58, as re-enacted by section 6 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921, Amendment Act, 1928,' is amended by striking out 'fifty' in the second line, and substituting 'seventy-five.'

"10A. Section 163 is further amended by inserting therein the following as subsection (141d):—

"(141d.) (1.) (a.) For providing for an annual tax on every person occupying or using real property or any building or structure or any part thereof for the purpose of carrying on within the municipality any business, trade, profession, or other occupation, the tax to be based on the annual rental value of the real property occupied or used for the purpose of such business or businesses, and to be known as a "business tax":

"(b.) For classifying the businesses, trades, professions, or other occupations for the purpose of the tax:

"(c.) For fixing the rates applicable to each class of business, trade, profession, or other occupation:

"(d.) For making such regulations pertaining to assessment, appeal from assessment, collection, and all other matters as may be necessary for the proper administration of the tax:

"(e.) For fixing dates for payment and imposing penalties, not exceeding ten per centum of the amount of the business tax remaining unpaid after the date fixed for payment.

"(2.) Every person subject to the business tax shall have his business tax abated to the extent of any trade-licence fee paid by him to the municipality in respect of the same business.

"(3.) An occupant of property shall not be freed from taxation under this section by reason only of the fact that he is the owner of such property.

"(4.) Every person assessed for business assessment shall be liable for the payment of the tax thereon, and the same shall not constitute a charge upon the real property occupied or used.

"(5.) The liability imposed by this section shall be a debt recoverable by action brought by the Corporation in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

"(6.) Every person liable to the business tax who violates any of the provisions of any by-law made under this section shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for every such violation.

"(7.) The Council may by by-law require and thereupon it shall be the duty of every owner or agent renting or leasing premises to any person to notify the assessor within seven days of the commencement of all occupancies and changes in occupancy.

"(8.) Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section or of any by-law made thereunder shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for every day on which such failure continues."

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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 that the Bill be amended in the terms of the said Message.

The report was adopted.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill as amended was read a third time and passed.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 1st, 1947.

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. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th, and 31st days of March and the 1st day of April be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$392,350.96 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1946.

2,557,565.21 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1947.

58,781,334.52 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1948.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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. 73) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion that Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" be now read a third time, Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

To delete section 72 and renumber the following sections.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Beard</i>	

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

To strike out the word "now," and to substitute the words "six months hence."

The motion was negatived.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to adjust Dyking Assessments" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.48 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act.'"

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act.'"

a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Forestry" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What plans, if any, have been made for work during 1947 on the Colleymount-Clemretta-Noralee-Ootsa Lake Road?
2. What amount of money was spent on this road during 1946?

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

"1. No definite plans as yet.

"2. \$5,223.36."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Old Koksilah Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1946?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

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

“1. Grading, gravelling, and brushing.

“2. Graded entire length of road; brushed and gravelled at various points.

“3. Grading, gravelling, and brushing.

“4. \$769.41.”

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

1. What regulations, if any, govern the placing of school signs on arterial and primary highways?

2. What is the maximum distance from a highway of a school location for which such signs are placed?

3. Have requests been received at any time from the Burnaby Municipal Council, Parent-Teacher Associations, or other source requesting school signs to be placed on Hastings Street East and in relation to St. Helen's Parochial School, Gilmore Avenue School, Rosser Avenue School, and Burnaby North High School?

4. If yes, why were such signs not erected as requested?

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

“1. There are no statutory regulations.

“2. Distances vary, having regard to local conditions such as parking, visibility, etc.

“3. Yes; after investigating it did not appear that the safety of the public would be enhanced by further speed restrictions or additional signs.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

How much money was expended for work and maintenance on roads in the Cranbrook district during 1946?

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

“Approximately \$68,000 to March 31st, 1947.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1947.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

This House regrets that the Government has failed to indicate its intention to implement an effective policy designed for the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The motion was negatived.

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

This House regrets that the Government has failed to indicate its intention to implement an effective policy designed to control and eradicate the unauthorized and detrimental use of drugs.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *McInnis*, seconded by Mr. *Rowland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be tabled of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Canadian National Railways relating to a proposal to use the railway bridge at Hansard for highway purposes.

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, seconded by Mr. *Cates*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas under the law presently existing in British Columbia a husband may, without regard to his wife, sell or otherwise dispose of the family home, registered in his name, in which having regard to the domestic partnership the wife should be considered to have a joint interest:

Therefore be it Resolved by this Legislative Assembly, That the Honourable the Attorney-General should immediately explore ways and means to protect the interests of the wife in the family home with a view to the possibility of appropriate legislation being introduced at the next Session of this House.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Forestry" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Agrologists" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The debate was continued on the motion moved on the 26th day of March by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, and seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That a Select Special Committee of the Legislature be appointed on veterans' and displaced war-workers' affairs: (1) To consider ways and means of assisting British Columbia war veterans and war-workers to re-establish themselves and to promote their general welfare, and, towards the attainment of this objective, to receive representations and recommendations, written or oral, from veterans' and other interested organizations; (2) to consider proposals for new or amending legislation relating to or affecting veterans and displaced workers in the Province; (3) to review the findings of the British Columbia Post-war Council with a view to seeing whether any further implementation of the recommendations at this Session would assist employment and industrial development; (4) to recommend policy in the interests of war veterans and displaced war-workers for the consideration of the Assembly and of the Federal Parliament, said Committee to report to the Legislature during the present Session the results of its deliberations, and to be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses under oath.

And the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Stevenson*, and seconded by Mr. *Bennett*,—

That all the words after "That" in the first line be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor:—

"We commend the Government for the implementing, up to date, of the many recommendations contained in the reports of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, and for the Post-war Bureau which has for its purpose the continued study and implementation of further recommendations contained in those reports."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Corsbie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rowland*,—

Whereas farmers in many sections of British Columbia have expressed the necessity for obtaining agricultural lime at reasonable prices:

And whereas the Province of Nova Scotia, although not a lime producer, has been able to make lime available at lower rates than those appertaining in British Columbia:

And whereas lime is a prime agricultural necessity, not only for its chemical action on the soil, but for its beneficial action in increasing the nutritional value of agricultural produce:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly request the Provincial Government to give early consideration to ways and means of making agricultural lime more easily available to British Columbia farmers at lower prices than those now being charged.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Turner*, was withdrawn:—

That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Government has not recognized: (1) That the increasing automobile accident and fatality rates and the inadequate number of automobiles carrying public-liability and property-damage insurance are cause for considerable alarm; (2) that an increasing number of responsible organizations have expressed themselves in favour of compulsory automobile insurance; (3) and, in view of the foregoing, have not appointed an interdepartmental committee to examine all factors relating to the merits of the present system of automobile insurance, with particular reference to compensation for injury and incapacitation, with instructions to the committee to examine alternative forms of insurance which give compensation to all persons injured through automobile accidents and to make recommendations thereon to the Government.

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

That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Government has not taken action to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions: (1) Whether any moneys have been subscribed to political campaign funds by brewing and distilling interests or their agents or agencies: (2) whether assurance and protection have been promised or given by political parties, their agents or candidates, to liquor interests in consideration of moneys promised or received; (3) the feasibility of supplementing existing legislation so that campaign contributions from those dealing in the production and distribution of liquor commodities would be illegal and that an adequate punishment, including imprisonment, be imposed for any offence thereunder; (4) the advisability of bringing the brewing and distilling industry, in all its productive and distributive operations, under public ownership; (5) present methods of distribution and recommendations as to possible improvements; and (6) the advisability of pursuing a major educational campaign for temperance and the best methods of conducting same.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas the rise in the cost of living has made the lot of our citizens in receipt of old-age pensions extremely difficult:

And whereas the Provincial Government has recognized this fact by granting an additional \$5 monthly bonus:

And whereas it is still necessary to improve conditions for our senior citizens:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that the "Old Age Pensions Act" be amended to provide for the complete removal of the means test, and that the maximum pension be raised to meet increased living costs, and that the age at which persons become eligible for pension be reduced to 65 years for men and 60 years for women.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Government has not taken any action to implement the recommendations of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council as outlined on page 117 of their interim report filed in the Legislature on Thursday, February 4th, 1943, as follows:—

"That wherever conditions exist in company towns restricting the establishment of business, cultural, religious, and other institutions, and the free movement of citizens, such restrictions should be abolished:

"That legislation should be enacted to make such communities fully available to employees of the industry concerned and others, and to permit them to build and own houses, to purchase land to enable the establishment of private, co-operative, and other enterprises—not necessarily owned or controlled by the company or owners of company towns—for purposes of trading and the general conduct of legitimate business, in order that company towns shall be on the same footing as other communities in this Province and fully open to the self-government, enterprise, residence, and enjoyment of our people."

Mr. *R. H. Carson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *King*,—

That all the words after the word "Assembly" in the first line be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "That this Legislative Assembly recommends the Government take further steps to provide an efficient and comprehensive supervision of company towns, and the development of all communities in rural areas."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Brett* moved, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

That this Legislative Assembly express the view that the action of the Parliament of Canada in taxing co-operative associations constitutes a serious limitation upon the activities of people in their effort to achieve economic democracy through co-operation:

Further, that this Legislative Assembly request the Government to protest the restriction imposed by the "Income War Tax Act" upon the disposition by co-operatives of their earnings, and urge: (1) That subsection (9) of section 5 of the "Income War Tax Act," as enacted by 1946 Canada Statutes, chapter 55, section 4, subsection (13), which provides that no co-operative be allowed to distribute tax-free patronage dividends to the extent of reducing its taxable income below a level of 3 per cent. on capital employed, be repealed; (2) that co-operatives be allowed to set aside limited reserves to guard against the impairment of capital and unexpected losses at least to

the extent of the minimum required by Provincial law before taxable income is determined.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

Whereas housing in Canada is still in a very serious condition:

And whereas there is no immediate relief in sight for the large number of citizens whose low incomes preclude them from owning their own homes:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends that the Provincial Government do request that the Federal Government readjust its housing policy to provide for the establishment of Provincial housing authorities which shall seek to co-ordinate the activities of Federal, Provincial, and municipal governments for the purpose of supervising the planning, construction, and management of low-rental housing projects.

Mr. *Ritchie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *W. J. Johnson*,—

To strike out all the words following "serious condition," and to substitute the following:—

"Whereas the Federal Government has assumed full responsibility for Canada's housing problem and exercises complete control over materials entering into the construction of homes:

"And whereas this Legislature views with approval the passing by the Federal Government of an Order in Council providing for depreciation at double the rates normally allowed on approved rental housing projects and the provision, through priorities, for building materials for such rental housing projects, the shortage of which now impedes the construction of homes:

"Therefore be it Resolved, in the light of the critical housing conditions existing, respectfully suggests a policy of closer co-operation between the Federal Government and those industries manufacturing and supplying commodities now in short supply, the lack of which now curtails the building of homes so urgently required."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*,—

That this Legislature recommends that the question of the application of Campbell Construction Company, Ltd.; Fred Mannix & Company, Ltd.; Dawson, Wade & Company, Ltd.; General Construction Company, Ltd.; Emil Anderson Construction Co.; W. C. Arnett & Company, Ltd.; and Campbell-Mannix Companies for an increase of the contract prices, based upon increased costs due to circumstances beyond their control, arising out of Legislative Acts and directives of Governmental authorities, and set out as follows: (1) The amendments to the "Hours of Work Act" and the amendment of the "Annual Holidays Act" during the 1946 Session of the British Columbia Legislature; (2) the directives issued by the Regional War Labour Board for British Columbia that granted wage increases across the board; (3) the recent orders made by the Motor Carrier Branch of the Public Utilities Commission that increased truck-hire rates; (4) the orders made by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board that increased prices of materials; and (5) the general shortage of men, materials, and machines; be referred to a Judge of the Supreme Court or of the Court of Appeal to sit as an arbitrator to determine what is the fair and equitable amount by which such contract prices should be increased.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*,—

That the motion be amended by inserting the words “ if anything ” after the word “ what ” in the next to last line.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The debate was continued on the motion made on the 1st instant by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, and seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That this House regrets that the University of British Columbia Board of Governors has not seen its way clear to accept the recommendation of this Legislature that a medical school be established this year, and recommends reconsideration of their decision by the Board of Governors.

Mrs. *Hodges* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Straith*,—

That the Resolution on Votes and Proceedings moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* be amended by striking out all the words after the word “ recommends ” and substituting therefor the following: “ That the Government be asked to investigate the availability of hospital accommodation throughout the Province for medical school purposes.”

The amendment was negatived.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

The Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Reports of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Years ended June 30th, 1945 and 1946.

The Fiftieth Report of the Provincial Board of Health and the First Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch).

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

What action, if any, has been taken or is being contemplated relative to providing psychological and psychiatric examinations in (a) public schools, (b) Provincial gaols, and (c) to all young persons dealt with in the Juvenile Courts?

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

“ The Government has not yet come to a decision on these matters.”

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 5.24 a.m.

Thursday, April 3rd, 1947.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *R. H. Carson* tabled the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 3rd, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Applications were received from various Departments for permission to destroy letters and documents under the "Public Documents Disposal Act," chapter 233, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Your Committee recommends that any documents submitted for disposal that may be of interest or value to the Provincial Archives be submitted to the Provincial Librarian and Archivist, and that the Provincial Librarian and Archivist be authorized to withdraw and retain any of the said documents which in his opinion are of permanent or historic value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. CARSON, *Chairman.*

FIVE MINUTES PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

R. S. Stuart Yates, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the " Interpretation Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the " Constitution Act."
- (No. 3) An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries.
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the " Fisheries Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the " Annual Holidays Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to validate the Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Langley for the Year 1947.
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the " Forest Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the " Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the " Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the " Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the " Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the " Municipal Cemeteries Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the " Evidence Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the " Fire Marshal Act."
- (No. 16) An Act respecting Agrologists.
- (No. 17) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the " Game Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the " Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the " Administration Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the " Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the " Savings and Loan Associations Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the " Curators Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the " Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the " University Endowment Lands Administration Act."

- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1943."
(No. 27) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1946."
(No. 28) An Act to amend the "Horse-racing Regulation Act."
(No. 29) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
(No. 30) An Act respecting British Columbia Registered Music Teachers' Association.
(No. 31) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Loan Act, 1945."
(No. 32) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
(No. 33) An Act to facilitate the Growing of Certified Seed-potatoes.
(No. 34) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
(No. 35) An Act to amend the "Gasoline Tax Act."
(No. 36) An Act to amend the "Poll Tax Act."
(No. 37) An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
(No. 38) An Act to amend the "Apiaries Act."
(No. 39) An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes.
(No. 40) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
(No. 41) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Aid Act."
(No. 42) An Act to amend the "Chiropractic Act."
(No. 43) An Act to amend the "Provincial Infirmaries Act."
(No. 44) An Act to amend the "Tuberculosis Institutions Act."
(No. 45) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home Act."
(No. 46) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
(No. 47) An Act to amend the "Protection of Children Act."
(No. 48) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
(No. 49) An Act respecting the Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale.
(No. 50) An Act respecting The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company.
(No. 52) An Act to incorporate the C. U. & C. Insurance Company.
(No. 53) An Act to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole.
(No. 54) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
(No. 55) An Act to amend the "Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Act, 1903."
(No. 56) An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, 1889."
(No. 61) An Act to amend the "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act."
(No. 62) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
(No. 63) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."
(No. 64) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."
(No. 65) An Act to amend the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act."
(No. 66) An Act authorizing the Making of Agreements with the Government of Canada respecting Land-development, Public Works, Flood-control, Hospitals, Schools, and other Matters.
(No. 67) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
(No. 69) An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases.
(No. 70) An Act respecting Fur-farms.
(No. 71) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
(No. 72) An Act to amend the "Gasoline Tax Act," being Chapter 45 of the Statutes of 1928.
(No. 74) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."

- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
 (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Laws Declaratory Act."
 (No. 77) An Act to authorize the Flooding of certain Lands in the Skagit River Valley.
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
 (No. 79) An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Provident and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation.
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
 (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act."
 (No. 82) An Act to amend the "District of Burnaby Debt Refunding Act, 1946."
 (No. 83) An Act to validate certain Expropriation By-laws of the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and the City of Chilliwack.
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936."
 (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
 (No. 86) An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations.
 (No. 87) An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province.
 (No. 88) An Act to provide for the Payment of Probate Fees.
 (No. 89) An Act to adjust Dyking Assessments.
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1939."
 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
 (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Co-operative Associations Act."
 (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Government Liquor Act."
 (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Coal Act."
 (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Dogwood Protection Act."
 (No. 96) An Act to provide for the Granting of a Motor-vehicle Franchise to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.
 (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
 (No. 98) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver.
 (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Boiler Inspection Act."
 (No. 100) An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas.
 (No. 101) An Act to amend the "Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act."
 (No. 102) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
 (No. 103) An Act to amend the "Escheats Act."
 (No. 104) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
 (No. 105) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
 (No. 106) An Act to amend the "Electric Power Act."
 (No. 107) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
 (No. 109) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
 (No. 110) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
 (No. 111) An Act respecting the Practice of Forestry.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close

of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

At the close of the Second Session of the Twenty-first Parliament, I relieve you of your legislative duties with every assurance that the measures you have enacted and the provisions you have made will inure to the benefit of the people, and further promote those developments that have been so wisely planned for the economic advancement of the Province. I wish also to express my appreciation of the diligence with which you have attended to the business of this House.

Ratification of the tax agreement with the Dominion Government will stabilize our revenues for the next five years, thereby permitting business to plan for the future, and also expedite a Dominion-Provincial Conference which would deal with social welfare measures and the public investment programme so essential to high-level employment.

Implemation of the Royal Commission's Report on Provincial-Municipal financial relations should be of great benefit to the cities and municipalities by enabling them to administer their affairs on a sound fiscal basis.

Provision of a further \$10,000,000 for the British Columbia Power Commission will assure the carrying-out of power expansion and rural electrification which is so important to the development of the Province.

The further provision of funds to bring our public works programme for roads, bridges, and buildings up to \$50,000,000 should do much to open up the Province and provide new opportunities based on the development of our natural resources.

It is gratifying to note that much has been done to encourage agricultural pursuits through such measures as those implementing the Royal Commission's Report on Irrigation, Dyking, and Drainage; establishing a new land-settlement policy based on scientific studies; widening the scope of land-clearing assistance and other provisions.

Modification of the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act"; further implemation of recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Forestry so as to bring about sustained yield; expansion of the work of the British Columbia Scientific and Industrial Research Council; establishment of a Department of Fisheries; the progress made with respect to surveys in connection with the proposed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and many other steps taken by my Government give evidence that no opportunity is being overlooked in the effort to open up our vast resources, and thereby create a wide range of opportunities for our young men and women who are equipping themselves to play their part in the development of this great Province.

The granting of a further cost-of-living bonus to old-age pensioners, extension of health services, improvement in our labour laws, and provision of protective measures will greatly improve the welfare of the people.

Provision of adequate funds for the establishment of a Medical Faculty at the University of British Columbia should give great encouragement to the Board of Governors to begin immediately with the institution of so important and so urgently needed a Faculty.

Redrafting of the Elections Act has widened the scope of the franchise and made possible a more efficient administration of the voting arrangements.

Revision of our liquor laws will tend to improve the administration of the sale of liquor.

The splendid financial position of the Province will commend itself to all.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your homes.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker.*

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