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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1949

Tuesday, February 8th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Twenty-first Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 3rd day of December, 1948.

His Honour CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

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

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* then announced the appointment by the Government of Mr. *Edwin Keary DeBeck* as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, subject to the ratification by the Legislature.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* then announced the resignation of the member for Kamloops Electoral District as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, owing to ill-health.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, Premier, member for New Westminster Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, first member for Vancouver East Electoral District, that *John Hart*, Esquire, LL.D., first member for Victoria City Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair, and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *John Hart*, Esquire, duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Fifth Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the Legislature last convened, the people of this Province have been grieved deeply to hear of the illness of His Majesty the King, and I am gratified to learn that my Government, on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia, have suitably expressed concern for his welfare and made manifest their hope that his recovery will not be too long delayed.

British Columbia, in common with other Provinces throughout the Dominion, has rejoiced greatly over the birth of a son to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. My Government have extended to the happy couple the people's expression of warm felicitations and imparted every good wish for the future.

Since you last met, the Province has lost a faithful public servant through the death of Mr. James L. Webster, member for Rossland-Trail. Mr. Webster's kindly disposition and unselfish service to others endeared him to the hearts of all.

It is with pleasure that I welcome to the Legislature two new members—namely, Mr. Robert Denis Browne-Clayton, of South Okanagan, and Mr. James O'Donnell Quinn, of Rossland-Trail. I trust they will enjoy serving the public in their capacities as members of Parliament, and I feel sure that much benefit will be derived from the counsel they have to offer.

During the year just past, British Columbia was stricken by severe flood conditions which required emergency measures. At a special meeting of Parliament, my Government was empowered to carry out certain proposals for the alleviation of conditions

created by the floods. During the course of this Session you will be advised of the progress made in this regard.

You will be informed of the action that has been taken and of measures proposed for bringing about greater flood-control.

There also will be outlined my Government's policy for irrigation throughout the Province.

My Government will disclose the progress made to bring about the establishment of important industries, particularly as they relate to the processing of paper-pulp, other wood products, and the manufacture of aluminium.

The proposals of my Government for the improvement and development of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will be placed before you.

Provision will be asked for further expansion of forest-protection work. Appropriations will be placed before you to ensure further development of Mount Seymour Park, which is so important as a recreational outlet for the thickly populated area of the Lower Mainland.

Measures will be submitted to relieve and equalize the incidence of taxation for educational purposes within the rural areas of the Province.

Further alleviation of the burden of text-book costs will be proposed.

You will be asked to make adequate financial provision to enable the University of British Columbia to proceed with its programme of expansion.

Supplementing major undertakings already in progress, provision will be asked for an extensive programme of public works, including main highways, bridges, secondary roads, schools, hospitals, public institutions, and office buildings.

There will be placed before you for consideration amendments to the "Highway Act" providing for the implementation of the recommendation in the Goldenberg Report on Provincial-Municipal Relations as it affects financial assistance to cities in connection with the maintenance and construction of trunk roads.

Legislation will be introduced to establish the New Haven institution for young offenders of the law on a basis which will make it more effective as a corrective institution.

Legislation will be placed before you providing for increased borrowing-powers to finance major public works and power-development.

Acting in accordance with the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada, my Government will recommend the rescinding of legislation which presently prohibits the sale of butter substitutes.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted.

Legislation affecting many branches of public service of a character designed to improve existing Acts will be placed before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That the appointment of *Edwin Keary DeBeck*, of Victoria, as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in place of Robert Stanley Stuart Yates, deceased, made by His Honour

the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of His Executive Council on the 5th day of January, 1949, be now ratified pursuant to the provisions of section 44 of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 65 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That the appointment made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of His Executive Council on the 28th day of January, 1949, of *William Berkeley Monteith*, of Victoria, as Law Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ernest Cambourne McIntyre as Law Clerk be now ratified pursuant to the provisions of section 44 of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 65 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948."

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received the declaration of resignation of William Andrew Cecil Bennett, member representing the Electoral District of South Okanagan, on May 17th, 1948.

Ordered, That pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, an entry of the declaration so delivered to Mr. Speaker be made in the Journals of the House.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of South Okanagan was read, as follows:—

" PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
" VICTORIA, January 17th, 1949.

" Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation received on the seventeenth day of May, 1948, of William Andrew Cecil Bennett, a member thereof for the South Okanagan Electoral District:

" And whereas on the fifteenth day of October, 1948, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

" Now I do hereby certify that on the thirtieth day of December, 1948, the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, that the voters of the said district have chosen *Robert Denis Browne-Clayton* to represent the South Okanagan Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

" R. A. PENNINGTON,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

" *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*
" *Victoria, B.C.*"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of South Okanagan be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Robert Denis Browne-Clayton*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* and the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, and took his seat.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Rossland-Trail was read, as follows:—

" PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
" VICTORIA, December 28th, 1948.

" Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the eighth day of August, 1948, of James Lockhart Webster, a member thereof for the Rossland-Trail Electoral District:

" And whereas on the fifteenth day of October, 1948, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

" Now I do hereby certify that on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1948, the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, that the voters of the said district have chosen *James O'Donnell Quinn* to represent the Rossland-Trail Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

" R. A. PENNINGTON,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

" *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*
" *Victoria, B.C.*"

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Rossland-Trail be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *James O'Donnell Quinn*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *H. E. Winch* and Mr. *Gargrave*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

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

That this House express its profound regret at the death of Mr. Robert Stanley Stuart Yates, of Victoria, who, as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, gave such valuable service to the Province:

Further, That this Assembly officially record its sympathy with the bereaved family and its deep sense of appreciation of his outstanding worth:

And further, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to members of his family.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a silent standing vote.

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

That this House express its deep sorrow at the death of Mr. James Lockhart Webster, who served the Province as a member of this Legislature for the past three years:

Further, That this Assembly officially record its deep sense of appreciation of the great service rendered this Province by one whose unselfish characteristics endeared him in the hearts of so many:

And further, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to members of his family.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a silent standing vote.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Gillis*, *Morrow*, *MacDougall*, *Stevenson*, and *H. E. Winch*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier)—

Tenth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Third Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1948.

Ninth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Eighth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," Licence-year 1947-48.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Minister of Education)—

Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Seventy-seventh Annual Report of the Public Schools of British Columbia, 1947-48.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Public Works)—

Return pursuant to "Public Works Act," January 1st, 1948, to December 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Putnam* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Forty-third Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (for the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under authority of Section 64, Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Provincial Secretary)—

Return submitted in accordance with Section 36 (1), Chapter 152, R.S.B.C. 1948, being the "Hospital Act."

Return submitted in accordance with Section 201, Chapter 106, R.S.B.C. 1948, being the "Provincial Elections Act."

Report on Hospital Statistics and Administration of the "Hospital Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Attorney-General)—

Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board, April 1st, 1947, to March 31st, 1948.

Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year 1947 and Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.58 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *McDonell* (first member for Vancouver Centre) moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash* (Saanich),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“ We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts covering the Operations of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 10th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. R. Johns*, Ph.D.

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

Mr. *Gillis* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 8th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 10th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 8th instant 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. *Morrow, Brown, McDonell, Stevenson, Cates, Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *MacDougall, Ash, King, H. E. Winch, Turner, and Harding*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *MacDougall, King, McDonell, Love, Welch, Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Browne-Clayton, Hope, Gargrave, Corsbie, and H. E. Winch*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *King, Hope, Morrow, Stevenson, Ritchie, Ash, Browne-Clayton, Hogg, Beard, Corsbie, Rowland, Harding, and McInnis*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Love, Johnson, Smith, Mowat, Welch, Laird, Gillis, Uphill, Quinn, Guthrie, Corsbie, and Rowland*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch, Cates, Stevenson, Ritchie, Green, Mowat, Beard, Browne-Clayton, Hogg, Gargrave, Brett, and McInnis*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Hope, Cates, Brown, Love, Morrow, Ritchie, Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *Johnson, Ash, Brett, Turner, Gargrave, and Guthrie*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, Johnson, Smith, Stevenson, MacDougall, McDonell, Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Welch, Green, Hogg, Hope, Brown, Uphill, Gargrave, Turner, E. E. Winch, Guthrie, and Quinn*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Mrs. *Hodges, Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *Mowat, Gillis, Green, Beard, Laird, Smith, E. E. Winch, Harding, and McInnis*.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. GILLIS, *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 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

Friday, February 11th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *George Biddle*.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*—

Interim Report of the Fraser Valley Rehabilitation Authority.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Thirty-second Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Four several Returns pursuant to Section 170 of the "Mineral Act."

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 4.47 p.m.

Monday, February 14th, 1949.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. Penfold*.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1948.

Ninth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1948.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1948.

Seventh Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*—

Third Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

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

1. What is the total amount (a) available or (b) received from the Dominion Government during the current fiscal year for health and welfare purposes?

2. How much of the above will be utilized by the respective health and welfare services and for what purposes?

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

"1. (a) The Federal health grants available to British Columbia total \$2,529,153 for health purposes for the current fiscal year and (b) answered above.

"2. Crippled children's grant, \$32,300; professional training grant, \$26,275; hospital construction grant, \$1,018,125.08; venereal disease control grant, \$42,348; mental health grant, \$193,924; tuberculosis control grant, \$209,229.22; health survey grant, \$52,744; public health research grant, \$7,500; general public health grant, \$361,922; and cancer control grant, \$48,533.95."

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

How many members are on the (a) recreational and (b) occupational therapy staff at each Provincial Mental Hospital?

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

"(a) Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, one female and four males (one to be appointed); Provincial Mental Hospital, New Westminster, one full time (male) and one part time (male); Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, one part time (male). (b) Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, thirteen females (including one qualified school-teacher) and fifteen males; Provincial Mental Hospital, New Westminster, nine females (including six qualified school-teachers) and one male; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, four males. (a) and (b) These staff members direct the activities of their departments and are assisted at all times by the attendants and nurses on duty."

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

1. During the past year, how many, if any, Normal School students visited the training-school at the Provincial Mental Hospital at New Westminster for purposes of observation?

2. Is it the present or planned policy of the Department to require such attendance by Normal School students?

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

“1. Visits to mental hospitals are not part of the training programme in Provincial Normal Schools.

“2. No; training in Normal Schools is basic teacher-training and is general in character. Training in special fields, such as occupational therapy, is offered in certain universities. Special courses in remedial reading, arithmetic, and other techniques for handling slow-learning pupils are offered in the Summer School of Education to supplement Normal School training. Normal School students observe at the special classes referred to in the answer of 9 (2).”

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

1. What is the total log-scale in the Fort George Forestry District for the year 1948 and the number of ties produced?

2. What is the total revenue accruing to the Government from forest operations in the Fort George Forestry District for the year 1948 (a) from stumpage and (b) from royalties?

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

“1. The total log-scale in the Fort George Forest District for the year 1948 was 283,550,698 F.B.M. and the number of ties was 173,380.

“2. Revenue accruing to the Government for the year 1948 in the Fort George Forest District: (a) From stumpage, \$648,303.40, and (b) from royalty, \$200,692.22.”

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

1. What is the present policy in regard to teaching and training of retarded or otherwise mentally handicapped pupils who cannot keep up with the grade of their years?

2. Are special facilities generally available for such assistance according to the nature or degree of their handicap?

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

“1. Wherever there are a sufficient number of slow-learning pupils, special classes are organized. Ability grouping for instructional purposes is common practice in large school systems.

“2. In Vancouver, Victoria, and some other large districts special classes are organized for slow-learning pupils.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.