

Monday, February 21st, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *N. J. Godkin*.

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

The debate continued.

During the debate, the Hon. *R. E. Sommers* tabled Transcript of Proceedings at Hearing in *re* Appeal against granting a Forest Management Licence to Empire Mills Limited, Squamish, B.C. (Proceedings taken pursuant to the "Forest Act").

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

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

REPORT NO. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act.'"

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

Referring to Question No. 67, which was answered in Votes and Proceedings of February 4th, what salary per month does Emmett Gulley receive from the Provincial Government?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

"\$666.67."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—On Friday, the 4th instant, the third member for Victoria made a statement. This statement was entered in the Votes and Proceedings in abridged form. The member has asked that the full text be entered in the Journals. This is his right and the substitution of the whole text for the abridged report will be entered in the Journals accordingly.

The member further asks that the letter to the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, tabled at the time, be also entered in the Journals. As this was tabled in the House as a Parliamentary document, it may not be entered in the Journals.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Liquidation of The First Narrows Bridge Company Limited," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 21st, 1955.

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. 89) intituled "An Act respecting the Liquidation of The First Narrows Bridge Company Limited," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 15th, 1955.

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. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy 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 after to-day.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1955.

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. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of the Profession of Architecture.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Law.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘City of Greenwood Debt Refunding Act, 1941-42.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 87) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Okanagan Flood-control Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trans-Canada Highways Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Gas Utilities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Noxious Weeds Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ferries Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Controlled Access Highways Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Laing* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*,—

That this House regrets that the Budget statement and the accompanying Estimates are inadequate because:—

They fail to give any evidence of an effort to reduce taxation which *per capita* is the highest in Canada:

No effort has been made to provide a simple, clear, and understandable picture of our fiscal methods, the debt position of the Province, or the effect upon the municipalities of the Budget provisions:

The very serious position of agriculture appears to be further affected by inattention, additionally confirmed by progressive reduction in the moneys allotted to this Department:

Provision for new and heavy taxes on the machinery of industry will add dangerous burdens to production costs at a time of levelling off within the internal economy and when competition from recovering foreign economies is reaching the keenest of proportions:

No provision is made to meet an increasingly serious hospital situation where the problem of rising costs and expanding needs is obscured by the current methods of financing:

There is no indication that the Government intends to use energetically the very favourable financial provisions of the “National Housing Act”:

The future of the municipalities has been prejudiced by severance of the firm cords of guarantee implicit in participation in sales tax and motor-vehicle revenues with a substitution therefore by a system of grants-in-aid which historically have been withdrawn whenever economic conditions deteriorated.

Mr. Speaker disallowed the motion as notice of the said motion, as an amendment to the main motion, had not been given and that the proposed motion was a substantive motion still on the Order Paper.

Mr. *Laing* moved that Standing Orders be suspended to allow his said motion to be moved as an amendment to the main motion.

The motion was negatived.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act.'"

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	

NAYS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bate</i>	<i>Haggen</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Gregory</i>

And the Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Annual Report of the Lands Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

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

1. For the calendar year 1954, what amount of money was paid to this Government for timber removed from forest management licences?

2. For the calendar year 1954, what amount of timber was cut from same forest management licences?

3. For the calendar year 1954, what amount of money was paid to the Government for Government timber cut other than timber from forest management licences?

4. For the calendar year 1954, what was the amount of all allowances deductible from the gross stumpage yield on forest management licences?

5. For the calendar year 1954, what amount of money was paid to this Government for timber taken off public working circles?

6. For the calendar year 1954, what amount of timber (board-feet) was logged off public working circles?

7. For the calendar year 1954, what moneys were spent by the Department of Lands and Forests in building roads in public working circles?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. For timber removed from Crown lands, \$753,853.79; from other tenures, \$138,583.28; total, \$892,437.07.

“ 2. Crown timber, 29,728,314 cubic feet; timber from other tenures, 17,903,097 cubic feet; total, 47,631,411 cubic feet.

“ 3. Revenue for 1954, \$16,963,110.65, less revenue from forest management licences, \$892,437.07, equals \$16,070,673.58.

“ 4. *Nil*.

“ 5. \$3,816,916.61.

“ 6. 600,999,982 feet board-measure.

“ 7. \$414,945.65.”

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

1. Was there received the following telegram on January 13th, 1955:—

Premier W. A. C. Bennett,
Victoria, B.C.

With regard to our continued request that all pending forest management licences be held in abeyance until the findings of the Royal Commission are made known, we sincerely request that you inform us for our annual meeting, Friday morning, January 14th, whether or not you will consider granting us this favour which we believe to be in the best interest of the people of British Columbia.

(Signed) D. M. MACKENZIE,
President, Truck Loggers.

2. If so, what was the reply?

3. If not answered, what was the reason for not answering?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2 and 3. The answer was given in the Government's statement of policy when announcing the appointment of Chief Justice Gordon McGregor Sloan as a Royal Commissioner to re-examine all aspects of forestry in the light of developments during the last ten years.”

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

1. Have any discussions been held between your Department and the Kitimat Pulp & Paper Company Limited relative to a road being built between Kitimat and Terrace as a condition of issuing a forest management licence to the aforesaid company?

2. If so, will the cost of road construction be deductible from stumpage rates and to what degree?

3. To what specifications will the road be built?

4. Will the road be termed a public highway as determined by the "Highway Act" and, if not, why not?

5. What arrangements were made relative to load, height, and width restrictions on the company's vehicles?

6. When is it expected that the aforementioned company will start construction of the road?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. No.

" 3. Public highway standards.

" 4. Yes.

" 5. Public highway regulations.

" 6. The company will be obliged to pay one-half the cost of such mileage as is within the proposed forest management licence; construction will begin at the discretion of the Department of Public Works when surveys have been completed."

Mr. *Bruch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many industrial disputes, beginning each year, were there in 1952, 1953, and 1954?

2. How many industrial disputes during each year were there in 1952, 1953, and 1954?

3. What was the estimated time-loss in working-days in each year?

4. What was the time-loss as a percentage of the estimated total working-time of wage and salary earners in each year?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

" 1. 1952, 35 disputes; 1953, 34 disputes; and 1954, 21 disputes.

" 2. 1952, 36 disputes; 1953, 36 disputes; and 1954, 24 disputes.

" 3. 1952, 1,234,120 working-days; 1953, 260,335 working-days; and 1954, 140,958 working-days.

" 4. 1952, 1.496 per cent; 1953, 0.314 per cent; and 1954, 0.172 per cent."

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 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1955.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* (on behalf of Mr. *Bate*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.20 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *J. A. Eves*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—There are only three ways by which a notice of motion may be removed from the Order Paper:—

- (1) By leave of the House, it may be withdrawn.
- (2) By Order of Mr. Speaker that the motion does not comply with the Rules of the House, it may be *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.
- (3) It may be moved and disposed of.

On the Order Paper there are three notices of motion, numbered respectively 12 and 14, each standing under the name of Mr. *Gibson*, and one, No. 2, under the name of Mr. *Webster*. A Return has been tabled with respect to each of these.

The Return has been received with respect to Mr. *Webster's* motion, but I have withheld the receiving of the others pending consideration of receiving them without some authority. I am going to permit their being received simply because there is some precedent in our House. However, I have this to say: Documents should be received by the House only as follows:—

- (1) By an address from the Crown, as with Message Bills.
- (2) By the Queen's command.
- (3) Under some Act of the Legislature, as Ministerial Returns.
- (4) By Order of Mr. Speaker.
- (5) By Order of the House.

If it does not come under one of these, it should not be received by the House; for instance, we have correspondence or other documents filed with the Clerk during the debate, by the act of the member speaking or some other member. These should not

be received by the House without permission. We follow this practice with respect to petitions for Private Bills, where leave has to be granted; as to Public Bills, other than Message Bills, leave must be granted before their introduction. The same procedure is followed with respect to reports of Committees, except in such cases as, by Standing Orders, it is *Ordered* that they be received. A Minister of the Crown may table any Return concerning his administration provided he precedes this by a motion, and such a motion may be made without notice. This is exemplified by a case cited by Sir Erskine May at page 256, 15th ed. (Com. Jour.) (1882), page 75. In this case the Attorney-General moved the motion without notice, "That there be laid before the House, etc." It was passed on a division and thereupon he tabled a Return of correspondence.

The index to the Commons Journals contains a list of all papers, Returns, reports, etc., tabled and in each instance it gives the authority under which it may be received.

This confirms my opinion that papers and other Returns should not be tabled without adequate authority. The same reasoning applies to statements made by members. No statement should be proffered without leave of the House.

My acceptance of the Returns made in anticipation of Mr. *Gibson's* notices of motion is not to be taken as a precedent and hereafter I must adhere to the procedure outlined above.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

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

That the matter of taxation of greenhouses be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion being put, the House divided.

The motion was decided in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—38.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Corbett</i>		

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>
<i>Laing</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Parker</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Haggen</i>

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented a Return of copies of correspondence in anticipation of the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gibson*:—

That all correspondence, contracts, or agreements relative to and in connection with the building of public roads by the following three companies on Vancouver Island holding forest management licences be filed with this House: Tahsis Company Limited, MacMillan & Bloedel Limited, and British Columbia Forest Products Limited.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented a Return of copies of correspondence in anticipation of the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gibson*:—

That all correspondence dealing with an offer made for the purchase of timber in a proposed forest management licence acreage in the Squamish area during 1954 be filed with this House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *George Crewe*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—Notice of motion on the Order Paper as No. 16, standing under the name of Mr. *Webster*, reads as follows:—

“Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

“And whereas any discrimination is repugnant to democratic principles and British justice:

“And whereas subsection (13) of section 92 of the ‘British North America Act’ places civil rights as an exclusive power of Provincial Legislatures:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of introducing ‘An Act to protect certain Civil Rights,’ to be known as the ‘British Columbia Bill of Rights’:

“And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government, in its deliberations on the advisability of introducing said Act, should consider, amongst others, the inclusion of right to freedom of religion, right to free expression, right to free association, right to freedom from arbitrary imprisonment, right to employment, right

to engage in occupations, right to own and occupy property, right of access to public places, right to membership in professional and trade associations, and right to education.”

This motion dictates Government policy. The gist of it is “that this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of introducing an Act, etc.” There are numerous decisions in our own House on this subject. Mr. Speaker Keen reported in Journals, 1919, pages 45, 47, and 48; Mr. Justice Pauline, Journals, 1923, page 118; Mr. Speaker Perry, Journals, 1935, page 122, and again 1936 (Second Session), pages 81 and 82, from which I quote as follows:—

“This motion if passed would be inoperative until its purport was incorporated into a Statute.

“A Resolution passed by the House cannot supersede a Statute.

“The motion is therefore a mandatory motion dictating Government policy, and in effect is a direction to the Government to bring in a Bill.

“A private member cannot direct the Government to bring in a Bill, which is a privilege and duty devolving upon himself, subject, of course, to the limitations imposed by the Standing Orders of this House.”

And again, Journals, 1937, page 81, from which I quote:—

“The motion also dictates Government policy, notwithstanding the use of such words as ‘in the opinion of this House’ and ‘serious consideration of the Government.’ The Resolution, if passed, would be ineffective unless incorporated in a Statute. The only statutory provision now for mental hospitals is the ‘Mental Hospitals Act’ which only provides for cases of actual insanity. To make the Resolution effective a new Act or an amendment to the present Act would be required. The motion is therefore a direction to the Government to bring in a Bill. A private member may bring in a Bill himself but cannot direct the Government to do so. (See the decision of Mr. Speaker Perry appearing in Journals of the House, under date of November 17th, 1936, page 82, and the authorities therein referred to.)

“For the reasons stated above the motion is out of order.”

I therefore rule the motion to be not in order and direct that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

Notice of motion on the Order Paper as No. 18, standing under the name of Mr. Turner, reads as follows:—

“Whereas the basic principle of insurance is a common fund from which to compensate the victims of certain hazards:

“And whereas insurance is generally accepted by the public as being necessary to prevent financial disaster to the individual or family:

“And whereas Part II of the ‘Motor-vehicle Act’ makes it financially necessary for every owner of a motor-vehicle to carry insurance:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that relief from the present heavy costs of automobile insurance can be effected through a plan for providing such insurance at cost, such insurance to cover personal liability and property damage.”

This motion contemplates one of two things: either the setting-up of an insurance company or system of insurance by private enterprise or corporation or the formation of a Government insurance company. If it is the former, the motion is completely ineffectual as it is not for the Legislature to direct citizens as to what they may or may not do in this respect.

On the other hand, if it is for the Government to set up a Government system of insurance, it would necessitate statutory implementation; or, in other words, it is directing Government policy and for the reasons stated with respect to motion No. 16 it is not in order.

I would so rule and direct that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

Notice of motion on the Order Paper as No. 24, standing under the name of Mr. Laing, reads as follows:—

“ That this House regrets that the Budget statement and the accompanying Estimates are inadequate because:—

“ They fail to give any evidence of an effort to reduce taxation which *per capita* is the highest in Canada:

“ No effort has been made to provide a simple, clear, and understandable picture of our fiscal methods, the debt position of the Province, or the effect upon the municipalities of the Budget provisions:

“ The very serious position of agriculture appears to be further affected by inattention, additionally confirmed by progressive reduction in the moneys allotted to this Department:

“ Provision for new and heavy taxes on the machinery of industry will add dangerous burdens to production costs at a time of levelling off within the internal economy and when competition from recovering foreign economies is reaching the keenest of proportions:

“ No provision is made to meet an increasingly serious hospital situation where the problem of rising costs and expanding needs is obscured by the current methods of financing:

“ There is no indication that the Government intends to use energetically the very favourable financial provisions of the ‘ National Housing Act ’:

“ The future of the municipalities has been prejudiced by severance of the firm cords of guarantee implicit in participation in sales tax and motor-vehicle revenues with a substitution therefor by a system of grants-in-aid which historically have been withdrawn whenever economic conditions deteriorated.”

This motion implies that the Estimates submitted to the House on the 4th instant are inadequate. This strikes at the very fundamental principle that the Crown is not granted more than has been asked for. This principle is part of our irrevocable constitution in that section 54 of the “ British North America Act,” which is repeated in our “ Constitution Act ” and in Standing Orders, was accepted and adopted by ourselves by section 10 of the Terms of Union under which we entered Confederation.

Furthermore, various clauses in this motion have been appointed for discussion under the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

For these reasons, I would hold the motion to be out of order and direct that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

Notices of motion on the Order Paper as Nos. 12 and 14, standing under the name of Mr. Gibson, read respectively as follows:—

“ That all correspondence dealing with an offer made for the purchase of timber in a proposed forest management licence acreage in the Squamish area during 1954 be filed with this House.”

“ That all correspondence, contracts, or agreements relative to and in connection with the building of public roads by the following three companies on Vancouver Island holding forest management licences be filed with this House: Tahsis Company Limited, MacMillan & Bloedel Limited, and British Columbia Forest Products Limited.”

In each case a Return has been tabled in anticipation of the motion, thus rendering the motions ineffectual, hence not in order; and I so hold and direct that they be dropped from the Order Paper.

Notice of motion on the Order Paper as No. 2, standing under the name of Mr. *Webster*, reads as follows:—

“ That the Hon. the Premier file a Return of all communications between the British Columbia Government and the First Narrows Bridge Company Limited pertaining to the transfer of ownership of the First Narrows Bridge.”

This motion calls for a Return of an agreement and correspondence. A Return has been made in anticipation of the motion by the tabling of an agreement. It is therefore not clear that a complete answer has been given to the motion.

Until this is established, the motion is in order.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

On the motion of Mr. *Laing*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules be suspended to permit of a motion without notice that the notices of motion referred to as Nos. 16 and 18 be restored to the Order Paper.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the two notices of motion referred to as Nos. 16 and 18 be restored to the Order Paper.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 10th, 1955.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Home 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 after to-day.

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, Bill (No. 93) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Licence Forfeiture and Cancellation Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, March 3rd.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members.”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade-unions Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Unorganized Territory" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

By leave of the House, Order called for "Private Bills."

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North-west Telephone Company's Act, 1929.'"

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

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

That the Hon. the Premier file a Return of all communications between the British Columbia Government and the First Narrows Bridge Company Limited pertaining to the transfer of ownership of the First Narrows Bridge.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Howard* moved, seconded by Mr. *Winch*,—

That the Standing Orders be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills with a view to their revision.

A debate arose, which was, on the the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That all correspondence between Government departments and the Seattle Light & Power Company respecting the Ross Reservoir be filed with this House.

Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That all correspondence and communications between all departments of Government and James D. W. Blyth, resigned member of the British Columbia Power Commission, be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

With reference to the above motion, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented a Return of letters from J. D. W. Blyth, dated May 5th, 1954; March 31st, 1954; and March 15th, 1954.

Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That the agreement itself and all correspondence and communications pertaining thereto, with whomsoever, dealing with the so-called Kaiser Dam proposal be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That the agreement itself and all correspondence and communications pertaining thereto, with whomsoever, dealing with the so-called Frobisher power development be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That all correspondence and communications between all departments of the Government and any official of the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) and pertaining to power development in British Columbia be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, the Rules were suspended to permit the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* to speak beside the question to explain certain matters.

The debate resumed.

Motion agreed to.

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

That the agreement and all correspondence pertaining thereto between the Government and Pioneer Gold Mines and Bralorne Mines to build a road from Bridge River Valley to Lillooet be filed with this House.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* was withdrawn,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and to report its findings to this House.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Construction of Extensions of the Lines of Railway of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Committee reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

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

What are the terms of the latest borrowing on behalf of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ See 1955 Budget Speech, page 14.”

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

1. Who are the members of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs and when was each appointed?

2. Is any member of the Committee from Vancouver Island and, if so, who?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Ellis H. Morrow, Chairman, appointed August 31st, 1953, and Ernest Brewer, Lawrence Guichon, Edward Bolton, Capt. Charles Cates, and Chief William Scow, members, appointed December 20th, 1950.

“ 2. No.”

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

What amounts have been transferred from the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Fund (including the Stabilization Fund) to Consolidated Revenue since January 1st, 1954?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ See Report of the Comptroller-General for the nine months ended December 31st, 1954, page 7.”

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

How many Canadian dollars did the British Columbia Power Commission receive for the \$10,000,000 4-per-cent bond issue sold in New York for 99.60 United States funds as reported on page 13, Budget Speech, delivered in the Legislature on March 8th, 1954?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ \$9,775,981.25.”

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 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1955.

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.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,349,564 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1956.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1956.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Annual Report of Mental Health Services for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1954.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

Friday, February 25th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. E. E. King*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 10th, 1955.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital 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 after to-day.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Foresters Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,024 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,804 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,018 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,834 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,030 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomology Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,984 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Apiary Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$231,816 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,794 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1956.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,040 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1956.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,824 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$205,544 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension, to 31st March, 1956.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,188 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, to 31st March, 1956.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,330 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, 4-H Clubs, to 31st March, 1956.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1956.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1956.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1956.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1956.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1956.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Federal-Provincial Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1956.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Domestic Water Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

30 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Pound District Act," to 31st March, 1956.

31 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Grasshopper-control Act," to 31st March, 1956.

32 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act," to 31st March, 1956.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Construction of Extensions of the Lines of Railway of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Director of New Haven for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

What action has been taken by the Department of Labour to implement the commitment made by the Minister of Labour to the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union that "the Government will act to give them coverage under the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'?"

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"I have held numerous meetings with representatives of the Fisheries Association of British Columbia and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, collectively and individually; I have also discussed the matter with representatives of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia and the Workmen's Compensation Board; the problem is still under active investigation and consideration."

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

1. Is one J. Hyslop employed by the Department of Public Works?
2. If so, when was he appointed, at what salary, by what means was he appointed, what are his duties, and what are his qualifications?
3. Is the position of this man outside the Civil Service, has his appointment been renewed by Order in Council, and what is his present salary?
4. Does this man report directly to the Minister?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. January 15th, 1953; \$400 per month; appointed by Order in Council; duties, mechanical consultant, research into various methods of controlling, operating, and maintaining road machinery and shops, ability to supervise and do machining, acetylene and electric welding, recommends type of machinery and equipment for various maintenance and construction jobs; qualifications, twenty years' experience, technical and practical ability in operating of commercial establishment.

"3. Yes, yes, and \$400.

"4. Reports to all heads of mechanical department and to the Minister if requested."

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

1. What did the school districts receive in cash per \$100 for each of the bonds listed below:—

Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures (upon the recommendation of the Workmen's Compensation Board, the purchase was approved with respect to the following):—

Per Cent.	Price paid.	
4¼, 1959-73	\$100.00	\$700,000
4¼, 1962-73	101.098	188,000
4¼, 1962-72	101.027	198,000
4¼, 1962-71	100.996	120,000
4¼, 1959-73	103.37	600,000
4¼, 1965-73	108.754	306,000
3¼, 1960-74	97.873	1,000,000
3¼, 1958-74	98.63	1,588,000
3¼, 1960-74	98.49	262,000

Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures, Teachers' Pension Fund:—

Per Cent.	Price paid.	
4¼, 1959-72	\$100.00	\$1,746,000
4¼, 1964-73	100.77	582,000
4¼, 1960-73	102.93	1,304,000
3¼, 1955-74	98.633	750,000
3¼, 1960-74	98.47	1,562,000

Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures, British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund:—

Per Cent.	Price paid.	
4¼, 1970-73	\$100.00	\$100,000
4¼, 1967-73	100.77	74,000
4¼, 1971-73	102.93	62,000
3¼, 1960-74	98.47	113,000
3¼, 1972-74	98.633	80,000

Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures, Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—

Per Cent.	Price paid.	
4¼, 1955-73	\$100.77	\$678,400
4¼, 1955-64	102.93	979,000
4¼, 1961-67	100.00	125,000
4¼, 1964	100.83	25,000
4¼, 1956-74	102.38	1,235,000
4¼, 1961	103.75	1,000
4¼, 1961-63	104.35	3,000
3¼, 1955-74	98.633	2,594,000
3¼, 1960-74	98.47	1,011,000

2. From what firms or individuals were the aforementioned bonds purchased?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:—

" 1. Cannot be answered in present form.

" 2. A. E. Ames & Company Limited, Dominion Securities Corporation Limited, Wood, Gundy & Company Limited, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, The Royal Bank of Canada, Anderson & Company Limited, Collier, Norris & Quinlan Limited, T. L. Graham & Company Limited, Harris & Partners Limited, James Richardson & Sons,

Royal Securities Corporation Limited, Equitable Securities of Canada Limited, Nesbitt, Thompson & Company Limited, Pemberton Securities Limited, The Western City Company Limited, Imperial Bank of Canada, The Dominion Bank, Bank of Toronto, The Bank of Nova Scotia, R. A. Daly Company Limited, Gairdner & Company Limited, Bankers Bond Corporation Limited, Bartlett Cayley & Company Limited, Fry & Company, Mathews & Company, Midland Securities Corporation Limited, W. C. Pitfield & Company Limited, Burns Brothers & Denton Limited, Odlum Brown Investments Limited, Board of School Trustees, School District No. 39 (Vancouver), Mills, Spence & Company Limited, Bank of Montreal, Bell, Gouinlock & Company Limited, and McLeod, Young, Weir & Company Limited."

Mr. *Howard* asked the member for Nelson-Creston the following questions:—

1. Does the honourable member for Nelson-Creston intend to convene the Special Committee to consider the desirability of amending section 14 and Schedule C of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 65 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," and to make recommendations in respect thereof to this Legislature as to the desirability of increasing the number of members to be elected to the Legislature and as to the distribution of the members amongst the electoral districts of the Province, which Committee was appointed by the Legislature on February 1st, 1955?

2. If so, when?

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

"1 and 2. The Committee has been convened and organized and will continue to meet with the intention of presenting a report to the House before prorogation."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, February 28th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Melvin Dobson*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Corbett* made a statement concerning newspaper reports of his speech in the House on the use of liquor by native Indians and, on his motion, it was ordered that his written statement be tabled, and that a letter from the Magistrate mentioned in his said statement be tabled if the Magistrate consented.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

REPORT NO. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 February 28th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas, under Order 97 of the Standing Orders, your Committee was required to report to the House on or before the 21st instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee found it impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

And whereas the House did modify Order 97 and extend the time for a report to the House on Private Bills to March 2nd, 1955:

And whereas your Committee now finds that a further extension of time is necessary:

Your Committee recommends that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be further extended to March 8th, 1955.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, under the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

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

How much was expended on day-labour in the year ended March 31st, 1954, in the Department of Public Works?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"Day-labour expenditures applicable to roads, bridges, and ferries (construction and maintenance), \$19,170,759.66."

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

During 1954, how many days, if any, were the reaction ferries at (a) Kitwanga, (b) Cedarvale, (c) Copper River, and (d) Usk unable to operate?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"(a) Kitwanga, 152 days; (b) Cedarvale, 154 days; (c) Copper River, 161 days; and (d) Usk, 163 days."

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent in 1954 on each of the following roads: (a) Alice Arm-Torbrit Mine Truck Road, (b) Alice Arm Shore Road, (c) Torbrit Mine-Power-plant Road on the Clearwater, (d) Stewart-Hyda Road, (e) Stewart-Premier Mine Road, (f) Stewart-Bear Lake Road, (g) American Creek Trail, (h) Atlin Highway, (i) Atlin-Spruce Creek Road, (j) Atlin-Surprise Lake Road, (k) Watson Lake-Cassiar (McDames Creek) Road, (l) Telegraph Creek-Dease Lake Road, (m) Telegraph Creek-Glenora Road, and (n) Haines Cut-off?
2. How much money, if any, was spent in 1954 on town roads of (a) Atlin, (b) Tulsequah, (c) Lower Post, (d) Telegraph Creek, (e) Stewart, and (f) Alice Arm?
3. How much money, if any, was spent in 1954 on repairs on Stewart Wing Dam?
4. Is it the intention of this Government to commence construction of a road from Stewart to Telegraph Creek?
5. And if so, when?
6. Is it the intention of the Department to repair the Kitsault Suspension Bridge at Alice Arm in 1955?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) \$12,312.09, (b) \$947.48, (c) *nil*, (d) \$8,981.59, (e) \$9,950.51, (f) \$17,528.09, (g) *nil*, (h) \$7,657.46, (i) \$3,853.79, (j) \$6,921.75, (k) \$379,936.91, (l) \$6,033.65, (m) \$8,531.27, and (n) *nil*.

“ 2. (a) \$1,393.34, (b) *nil*, (c) \$2,094.10, (d) \$1,375.86, (e) \$7,050.76, and (f) \$673.60.

“ 3. \$7,476.31.

“ 4. Information not available from this Department.

“ 5. Answered by No. 4.

“ 6. Routine maintenance will be undertaken as it becomes necessary.”

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

1. During 1955, does the Department of Public Works intend to start construction of a road connection between Kitimat and Highway No. 16?
2. If so, (a) what is the estimated cost of building such a road and (b) is the Aluminum Company of Canada to be required to contribute toward the cost of building such a road?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Pending finalization of all interested parties, which is expected soon.

“ 2. (a) Estimates not completed and (b) answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.