

**Monday, March 8th, 1954.**

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1952–53 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1955;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1954;

Schedule A. Sums granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1953, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 6th, 1954.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

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

What is the total amount of cash expended up to December 31st, 1953, on the following appropriations voted for the fiscal year 1953–54: Vote 316 (a), Vote 316 (b), Vote 316 (c), Vote 316 (d), Vote 317, Vote 318, Vote 319, Vote 320, Vote 321, Vote 322, Vote 323, Vote 324 (a), Vote 324 (b), Vote 324 (c), Vote 324 (d), and Vote 324 (e)?

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

"See Report of the Comptroller-General, 1953–54, pursuant to the provisions of the 'Audit Act,' chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948."

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

1. Has any money been borrowed by school districts under the "Public Schools Construction Act, 1953"?
2. If yes, what was the total amount so borrowed?
3. Is any part of this considered as a debt of the Province and, if so, how much?

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

- " 1. Yes.  
 " 2. \$18,459,900.  
 " 3. The amount being fully guaranteed as to interest and principal, the borrowing will be deemed as a contingent liability."

*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 4.35 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 9th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre *J. A. Roberts*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913, Amending Act, 1920.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Universal General Insurance Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Tomlinson*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of North Vancouver Grand Boulevard Restriction Act, 1949.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 'Teachers' Pensions Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* 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 'Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 to amend the 'Highway Development Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Development Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 9th, 1954.*

*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. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be authorized to inquire into the operations of selected institutions supported wholly or in part by Government funds and of matters pertaining to health, social welfare, and education, and to report to this House such findings and recommendations in respect thereof as the said Committee may deem advisable.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the Year 1953.

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

1. Have there been any resignations from the staffs of (a) the Provincial Library or (b) the Provincial Archives since October 1st, 1953, to date?
2. If so, what members of each respective staff resigned?
3. Were any such members of the staffs replaced?

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

"1. (a) and (b) Yes.

"2. Provincial Library, Mrs. Florence M. Higgs and Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, and Provincial Archives, Mrs. Audrey Mellander.

"3. Yes."

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

Relative to Vote 60 of the 1952-53 budget, what progress, if any, has been taken in the matter of drug addiction, its treatment and prevention?

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

"Relative to Vote 60 of the 1952-53 budget, Dr. G. H. Stevenson is heading up a research programme *re* narcotics at Oakalla Prison Farm, under the auspices of the Department of Health, University of British Columbia, and the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, the project being financed by a Federal health grant; part of the equipment used in this project has been supplied by this Department through Vote 60."

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

1. Were any paying passengers carried by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the months of July, 1953, to February, 1954?
2. If so, what was the average number carried (a) north-bound and (b) south-bound?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) North-bound, 1,775 per month, and (b) south-bound, 1,824 per month."

*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 5.15 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 9th, 1954.**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 'Credit Unions Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 6th, 1954.*

*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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 6th, 1954.*

*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. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Official Guardian Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Magistrates Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wills 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.

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

*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 10.43 p.m.

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**Wednesday, March 10th, 1954.**

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. Dobson*.

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

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

1. Have any Workmen’s Compensation Board claimants been referred for treatment by Board doctors to (a) chiropractors and (b) naturopaths?
2. If yes, how many referrals to (a) and (b)?



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

What was the amount of accounts payable incurred and approved for payment during the month of January, 1954, which were chargeable to the following appropriations voted for the fiscal year 1953–54: Vote 316 (a), Vote 316 (b), Vote 316 (c), Vote 316 (d), Vote 317, Vote 318, Vote 319, Vote 320, Vote 321, Vote 322, Vote 323, Vote 324 (a), Vote 324 (b), Vote 324 (c), Vote 324 (d), and Vote 324 (e)?

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

“ This information is not currently available.”

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

1. How many and how described toll-ferries are operated in the Province?
2. Are any operated on a contractual basis with private firms or individuals and, if so, which?
3. Of Government-operated ferries, how many and which are (a) operated at a profit and (b) operated at a loss?
4. In the last year for which figures are available, what was the profit or loss in each case?
5. Does the Province operate any free ferries and, if so, (a) where and (b) on what principle were these connections established as free?
6. What is the total investment in Government-owned ferries now in operation or under construction?

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

“ 1. Fourteen toll-ferries, namely: Government owned—1, Agassiz, power ferry; 2, Ladner, power ferry; 3, Kootenay Lake, power ferry; 4, Kelowna, power ferry; and 5, North Bend, aerial ferry. Privately owned (subsidized)—6, Denman Island, power ferry; 7, Quathiaski Cove, power ferry; 8, Hornby Island, power ferry; 9, Gabriola Island, power ferry; 10, Saltspring Island, power ferry; 11, Arrowhead, power ferry; 12, Brentwood, power ferry; and 13, Shuswap Lake, power ferry. Privately owned (not subsidized)—14, Bowen Island, power ferry.

“ 2. Yes; namely: Denman Island, Quathiaski Cove, Hornby Island, Gabriola Island, Saltspring Island, Arrowhead, Brentwood, Shuswap Lake, and Bowen Island.

“ 3 and 4. Figures quoted are for the 1952–53 fiscal year and do not include capital investment or depreciation: (a) At a profit, one, namely: Kootenay Lake, toll-ferry, profit, \$29,464.09. (b) At a loss, thirty-seven, namely: Toll-ferries—1, Agassiz, loss, \$12,508.10; 2, Ladner (five months Government operation only during 1952–53 fiscal year), loss, \$11,919.11; 3, Kelowna, loss, \$39,073.69; and 4, North Bend, loss, \$22,713.93; free ferries—5, Upper Nass, loss, \$1,355.70; 6, Gravelle, loss, \$5,098.28; 7, Macalister, loss, \$10,301.52; 8, Soda Creek, loss, \$4,778.50; 9, Herring Island, loss, \$681.86; 10, Barnston Island, loss, \$25,313.44; 11, Hansard, loss, \$4,518.52; 12, Isle Pierre, loss, \$3,497.30; 13, Black Pool, loss, \$3,105.61; 14, McLure, loss, \$2,757.21; 15, Monte Creek, loss, \$2,659.15; 16, Mount Olie, loss, \$3,681.39; 17, Arrow Park, loss, \$17,201.37; 18, Needles, loss, \$16,045.96; 19, Big Bar, loss, \$2,821.82; 20, High Bar, loss, \$3,490.44; 21, Pavilion, loss, \$5,592.74; 22, Creston, loss, \$15,162.67; 23, Harrop, loss, \$15,122.51; 24, Nelson, loss, \$42,714.66; 25, Nick's Island, loss, \$7,789.99; 26, Francois Lake, loss, \$40,161.56; 27, Clayhurst, loss, \$18,482.95; 28, Hudson Hope, loss, \$1,907.70; 29, Twelve Mile, loss, \$16,180.55; 30, Twenty-four Mile, loss, \$35,180.55; 31, Castlegar, loss, \$44,239.15; 32, Sorrento, loss, \$31,572.65; 33, Kitwanga, loss, \$6,431.41; 34, Cedarvale, loss, \$7,895.65; 35, Usk, loss, \$6,695.93; 36, Copper City, loss, \$5,068.65; and 37, Lytton, loss, \$4,609.58.

“ 5. (a) Yes; as shown under Nos. 3 and 4; and (b) no knowledge; decided previous to my tenure of office.

“ 6. \$2,874,330.”

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

1. Have bids been accepted for the supply of seeds for 1954 in the case of Colony Farm, Essondale, and Tranquille?
2. If so, what was the amount involved in each case?
3. Were tenders called for this business?
4. Was a certain brand of seeds named in the specifications and, if so, why?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied that the Purchasing Commission reported as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Essondale, \$314.28; Tranquille, \$102.28.
- “ 3. No; under the particular circumstances, they did not feel that any purpose would be served by such procedure.
- “ 4. Yes; the Superintendent of Farms specifically requested that the seeds listed in his requisition be supplied and, in view of the lack of any positive test of quality available to the Commission, it was decided by the Commission that such a firm recommendation should be accepted.”

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

1. Have any compensation cases been taken to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor since his appointment?
2. If so, how many?
3. In how many cases was he successful in obtaining an increased award?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Approximately 200.
- “ 3. Impossible to determine at this time.”

*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 5.35 p.m.

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**Wednesday, March 10th, 1954.**

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

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

1. Has H. Carl Goldenberg been employed by the Government in connection with preparation of the brief on Federal-Provincial investment policy?
2. If so, when was Mr. Goldenberg appointed, what are the terms of his employment, what sums have been paid him to date for this work, and is he still employed?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Mr. Goldenberg was appointed by Order in Council No. 755, approved March 31st, 1953, as special counsel at the rate of \$200 per day, and expenses, while actually engaged in the preparation or presentation of the brief. He has been paid \$11,685.10. He is not currently engaged in this work.”

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

1. Is one E. M. Gunderson presently employed by the Government or any Government agency?
2. If so, what remuneration does Mr. Gunderson receive in each position?
3. Does provision for expenses attach to any of these positions?

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

“ 1. Mr. Gunderson is a member of the board of directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and a member of the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority.

“ 2. One hundred dollars per month as director of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, which is the fee paid all directors not in receipt of Government salary or allowance; no fee is paid by the Authority.

“ 3. Travelling expenses are allowed in both cases.”

*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 9.53 p.m.

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**Thursday, March 11th, 1954.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Canon *S. J. Wickens*.

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. *Webster* (on behalf of Mr. *Turner*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour and management organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear further representations on matters contained therein and report its findings to this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</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>			

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

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

Mr. *Segur* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. From the latest figures available, how many persons in receipt of small pensions from Canadian railways were receiving (a) cost-of-living bonus and old-age security pension and (b) old-age assistance with or without bonus?

2. How many of these are (a) Canadian Pacific Railway pensioners and (b) Canadian National Railways pensioners?

3. How many Canadian National Railways pensioners have become ineligible for either pension or bonus by reason of the increase in Canadian National Railways pensions since July, 1952?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No figures available, as information of this nature is not segregated.

“ 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

**Thursday, March 11th, 1954.**

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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 the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

*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 10.25 p.m.

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**Friday, March 12th, 1954.**

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Lewis McLellan*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* made the following statement:—

On Friday last the Government received the report of Mr. Justice Clyne in regard to the Whatshan Dam matter.

This report was immediately filed in the House and thereafter studied by the Government and the Power Commission.

I wish now to advise the House that the Government is about to receive the resignations of the Commissioners and, upon receiving them, it is the Government's intention to accept these resignations.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Kaslo" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1953.

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

1. During the period April 1st, 1953, to date, has the Labour Relations Board been summoned to appear in Court or have any of its decisions been subject to review by the Courts or have any writs of mandamus or certiorari been issued to the Labour Relations Board?

2. If so, (a) how many times has the Labour Relations Board appeared in Court, (b) how many writs of mandamus have been issued to the Labour Relations Board, (c) how many writs of certiorari have been issued to the Labour Relations Board, and (d) how many other types of Court action have the Labour Relations Board been subjected to, if any?

3. What was the reason for each individual action and the cost thereof to the public funds?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Eight, (b) none, (c) three, and (d) writs of prohibition, three, and injunctions, two.

“ 3. In February, 1952, the Labour Relations Board issued a polyparty certification for the employees of thirty-one hotels in Vancouver, including the Alcazar Hotel Company Limited. On April 1st, 1953, the Board issued a certificate of bargaining authority to the Alcazar Hotel Employees' Mutual Benefit Association for a unit of employees in the Alcazar Hotel. Local No. 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union, A.F.L., sought, by way of an application for a writ of certiorari, to quash the certification issued April 1st. The Court denied the application.

“ In March, 1952, the Labour Relations Board issued a certificate of bargaining authority covering certain employees of Canada Safeway Limited, including comptometer operators and power-machine operators. The employer maintained that these employees were employed in a confidential capacity. Had the Board agreed, it would have had the effect of excluding these categories from the certification. Action was taken by way of certiorari proceedings, and the British Columbia Supreme Court allowed the decision of the Labour Relations Board to stand. The case was appealed to the Court of Appeal and the ruling and certification made by the Board was quashed. In June, 1953, the Supreme Court of Canada allowed the appeal and restored the judgment of the British Columbia Trial Court.

“ In June, 1953, Local No. 260, the B.C. Hotel Employees' Union, C.C.L., had applied to the Labour Relations Board to be certified for units of employees employed by three Vancouver hotels. Local No. 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' and Bartenders' International Union, A.F.L., had been certified in February, 1952, for a unit of employees in thirty-one Vancouver hotels. The decision upon the three applications was held, pending the outcome of the Alcazar Hotel case. When that decision was made, the Board ordered a reinvestigation of the three applications and a representative ballot of employees of the three hotels concerned. A writ of prohibition against the Board was sought on behalf of the three hotels affected. This was dismissed in February, 1954. Appeal was taken to the Court of Appeal by Local No. 28 and is presently before the Court.

“ In August, 1953, the Supreme Court dismissed a motion of the United Steelworkers of America, No. 3546, C.I.O., to prohibit the Labour Relations Board from certifying the International Association of Machinists, Local No. 692, and the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths and Helpers, Local No. 359, for a unit of employees of Vancouver Iron Works Limited, Vancouver. An appeal by the steelworkers from the Court's decision was later withdrawn.

"In September, 1953, the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local No. 580, C.I.O., sought, and was granted, an injunction restraining the Board from taking a vote upon an offer of settlement by the employer to the employees of Slade and Stewart Limited during a strike. The union named the Board, its individual members, and the Chief Conciliation Officer as defendants. An application for the same order, relating to individual members of the Board and the Chief Conciliation Officer, was not granted and, subsequently, the action against individual Board members and the Chief Conciliation Officer is being discontinued by agreement.

"In November, 1953, the Labour Relations Board established a Conciliation Board in the matter of a dispute between Hume and Rumble Limited and Peterson Electrical Construction Company Limited and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 213, A.F.L. The employer obtained an injunction restraining the Board from acting. This was subsequently dissolved.

"At present there is a motion before the Court by Martin and Robertson Limited for a writ of certiorari to quash an order of the Labour Relations Board certifying the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local No. 580, C.I.O., as bargaining authority for employees of Martin and Robertson Limited, 239 Railway Street, Vancouver.

"Also, presently before the Court is an application for a writ of prohibition to prohibit the Board from certifying, pursuant to three applications, the United Packing-house Workers of America, Locals 333 and 334, C.I.O., as bargaining authorities for units of employees in the employ of Penticton Co-operative Growers, Pyramid Co-operative Association, and the Osoyoos Co-operative Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association.

"No record is kept in the Department of Labour of the cost of such actions."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.

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**Monday, March 15th, 1954.**

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Frank Johnson*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Webster* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That all available data relating to the Government's announced decision to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish to North Vancouver be referred for study to the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*,—

That Resolution No. 5, standing on the Order Paper, be amended as follows:—

By deleting the words "all" and "available," being the second and third words respectively in the aforementioned Resolution, and by deleting all words after "Vancouver" and substituting therefore the following:—

"Having been subject to inquiry, pronouncement, and determined policy of the Government in recent years, as follows:—

"(a) In a statement of Government policy delivered by the then Hon. Byron I. Johnson, Premier of British Columbia, on February 17th, 1950, in which he advised the House, *inter alia*:—

"As the honourable members are aware, the railway company owns 57 acres of land on the North Shore, with a frontage on Vancouver Harbour of nearly 3,000 feet, which has been held as a terminal-site since the inception of the railroad.

"The honourable members will recall that about a year ago Mr. J. Kennedy was made general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway with instructions from the board of directors to take full charge of the operation of that railway, with a view to getting it on to a paying basis. Mr. Kennedy has had a full year of operation, and his report to me, as Premier of the Province, is to the effect that the only way that the railroad can be placed on a paying basis is to construct the section between Squamish and North Vancouver, making it possible for a rail service from the North Shore to Quesnel and, when the extension is completed, a complete rail service to Prince George.

"This will do away with the costly barge service between Vancouver and Squamish with all the attendant delays, which are very costly from an operating point of view, and at the same time increase the earnings of the railroad by increased passenger revenue and freight between Vancouver and Squamish.

"I may say, Madam Speaker, that I was of the opinion that the extension of the line from Prince George to Dawson Creek should have priority over the construction of the section from Squamish to Vancouver.

"However, in the light of the recommendations of our general manager that the railroad can be placed on a paying basis by filling in the gap between Squamish and the North Shore, the dual surveys between Squamish and Vancouver will be continued.

"When the reports have been made available, the Government proposes to give serious consideration to Mr. Kennedy's recommendation with a view to determining the policy to be followed.

"There is one thing that we must keep in mind, and that is the deficits of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway are paid by the taxpayers of the Province. I realize the many difficult problems which lie in the way of extending the line through West Vancouver. However, Madam Speaker, it is a recognized fact that the railroad eventually must have a terminal on Vancouver Harbour."

"(b) As the then Premier of the Province, Mr. Johnson advised the House on Friday, March 9th, 1951, in part as follows:—



“ I would like to state that, subject to certain conditions, it is the Government's intention to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish into North Vancouver.

“ The Government has made this decision in view of the fact that the present barge service is unable to cope with traffic and that an ever-increasing load on the line demands a further development to replace the present barge service and enlarge the service.

“ To put in a proper ferry service to take care of the unprecedented expansion in traffic and the continued expansion which is inevitable would involve the expenditure of a large sum of money.

“ If this were done, we would still not have a completely satisfactory solution to the problem since there is anywhere from nine to twelve hours' delay in transit in delivering carloads to Vancouver by barge.

“ In view of these circumstances and in view of the fact that we have been advised that the line can be extended from Squamish to North Vancouver at an approximate cost of some \$8,500,000 to \$10,000,000, the Government has decided, subject to the availability of steel and subject to the ability to raise the necessary funds at reasonable rates of interest, and receiving satisfactory bids on this work, to proceed with the extension of this line.

“(c) The Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways, having met and having heard evidence from Mr. J. M. Stewart, chief engineer of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and Mr. J. A. Kennedy, then general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, in connection with the extension of the line, resolved, with respect to the southern extension, as follows:—

“ This Committee recommends to the Legislature for its approval the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Prince George to the British Columbia Peace River District and from Squamish to Vancouver at the earliest possible date,' which report was read, received, and adopted by this Legislature on Thursday, March 20th, 1952, with the result that the Legislature recommended to the Government of that day the northern and southern extensions of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway now proposed as the policy of this Government.

“ Therefore, this Legislature does hereby express its approval of the Government's stated intention of implementing the previous recommendation of this House that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway be completed in accordance with the Resolution of March 20th, 1952.”

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Laing*, adjourned to 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 5.59 p.m.

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**Monday, March 15th, 1954.**

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act respecting Natural, Manufactured, and Mixed Gas,” standing on the Order Paper in his name, was withdrawn.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* 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 'Land Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1954.*

*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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* 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 Petroleum and Natural Gas," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1954.*

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

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

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* 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 Natural, Manufactured, and Mixed Gas," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1954.*

*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. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Natural, Manufactured, and Mixed 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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Webster* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That all available data relating to the Government's announced decision to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish to North Vancouver be referred for study to the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

And the adjourned debate on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* on the 15th instant, as follows:—

That Resolution No. 5, standing on the Order Paper, be amended as follows:—

By deleting the words "all" and "available," being the second and third words respectively in the aforementioned Resolution, and by deleting all words after "Vancouver" and substituting therefore the following:—

"Having been subject to inquiry, pronouncement, and determined policy of the Government in recent years, as follows:—

"(a) In a statement of Government policy delivered by the then Hon. *Byron I. Johnson*, Premier of British Columbia, on February 17th, 1950, in which he advised the House, *inter alia*:—

"As the honourable members are aware, the railway company owns 57 acres of land on the North Shore, with a frontage on Vancouver Harbour of nearly 3,000 feet, which has been held as a terminal-site since the inception of the railroad.

"The honourable members will recall that about a year ago Mr. *J. Kennedy* was made general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway with instructions from the board of directors to take full charge of the operation of that railway, with a view to getting it on to a paying basis. Mr. *Kennedy* has had a full year of operation, and his

report to me, as Premier of the Province, is to the effect that the only way that the railroad can be placed on a paying basis is to construct the section between Squamish and North Vancouver, making it possible for a rail service from the North Shore to Quesnel and, when the extension is completed, a complete rail service to Prince George.

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“(c) The Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways, having met and having heard evidence from Mr. J. M. Stewart, chief engineer of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and Mr. J. A. Kennedy, then general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, in connection with the extension of the line, resolved, with respect to the southern extension, as follows:—

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the northern and southern extensions of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway now proposed as the policy of this Government.

“Therefore, this Legislature does hereby express its approval of the Government’s stated intention of implementing the previous recommendation of this House that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway be completed in accordance with the Resolution of March 20th, 1952.”

The debate continued.

On a point of order raised by Mr. *Gregory*, a debate arose. Mr. Speaker ruled that the omission from the statement of recommendation contained in clause (c) of the amendment, of the first of the two recommendations therein, reading as follows:—

“(1) This Committee recommends that before the construction of the proposed highway to Squamish is proceeded with that a further effort be made to secure permission from the Vancouver Water Board to construct a highway through the Vancouver Watershed at Squamish and that a further study of the surveys be made to find out whether it is possible to construct both highway and the railway along the water-front from West Vancouver to Squamish.”

was not so misleading as to constitute a misstatement of fact and in this respect the amendment was in order.

On appeal, the chair was sustained.

On a further point of order taken by Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was an expanded negative and was out of order (*May*, 15th ed., page 402).

On appeal, the chair was not sustained.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Winch* moved “That the question be now put.”

Motion agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Giovando</i>

The debate on the motion as amended continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH.

Mr. *Turner* moved "That the question be now put."

Motion agreed to.

The motion as amended agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>		

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Haggen</i>
<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Segur</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Giovando</i>

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

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 16th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders your Committee is required to report to the House on or before the 16th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee finds that it will be impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be modified, and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to the 26th instant.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1 a.m.

## Tuesday, March 16th, 1954.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Harry Pike*.

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

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

1. Did the Department of Public Works do any surveying of the highway between Edgewater and Golden during 1953?
2. If so, what was the cost?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$24,550.35."

*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 5.59 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 17th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre *Douglas Kendall*.

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 to borrow the Sum of Thirty million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 17th, 1954.*

*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. 21) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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.

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

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

REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 17th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913,'" 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.

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

REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 17th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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



That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Universal General 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.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, it was *Ordered*,—

That Standing Order 66 be suspended in order that the motion recited hereunder may be moved and considered by the House:

That this House recommends to the Government that it consider the advisability of establishing, within the Department of Labour, a Women's Bureau, whose duties generally would be to formulate standards and policies which would promote the welfare of women in British Columbia, improve their working conditions, advance their opportunities for profitable employment, provide leadership in matters affecting the social and economic status of women, and which would have the authority to investigate all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry, to establish fact-finding and research facilities, to furnish unbiased and reliable information concerning women workers, their training, earnings, conditions, opportunities, long-term trends, effect of technological changes, etc.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government that it consider the advisability of establishing, within the Department of Labour, a Women's Bureau, whose duties generally would be to formulate standards and policies which would promote the welfare of women in British Columbia, improve their working conditions, advance their opportunities for profitable employment, provide leadership in matters affecting the social and economic status of women, and which would have the authority to investigate all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry, to establish fact-finding and research facilities, to furnish unbiased and reliable information concerning women workers, their training, earnings, conditions, opportunities, long-term trends, effect of technological changes, etc.

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

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1st to December 31st, 1953.

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

How much of the funds allotted for Highway No. 16 for the year 1953-54 remained unspent as at December 31st, 1953?

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

"Capital funds, \$66,802.39."

Mr. *Webster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. What was the cash balance of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Fund as at (a) January 31st, 1952, (b) January 31st, 1953, and (c) January 31st, 1954?

2. How many registrants paid premiums during the periods (a) July 1st to December 31st, 1952, and (b) July 1st to December 31st, 1953?

3. What was the average monthly number of registrants paying premiums for the six months (a) July 1st to December 31st, 1952, and (b) July 1st to December 31st, 1953?

4. How many registrants were paying by (a) payroll deduction in December, 1952, (b) other than payroll deduction in December, 1952, (c) payroll deduction in December, 1953, and (d) other than payroll deduction in December, 1953?

5. What was the cash balance on hand to the credit of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on August 1st, 1952?

6. What was the amount of the subsidy to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service credit but not transferred on August 1st, 1952?

7. What was the cash balance on hand to the credit of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on (a) August 1st, 1953, (b) February 15th, 1953, and (c) February 15th, 1954?

8. What was the liability of the prepaid premiums on (a) February 15th, 1953, and (b) February 15th, 1954?

9. What was the total of the general premium receipts from April 1st, 1953, to December 31st, 1953?

10. What were the total social-assistance premiums from April 1st, 1953, to December 31st, 1953?

11. What were the total (a) municipal and (b) Provincial *per diem* credits for the period April 1st, 1953, to December 31st, 1953?

12. What were the total administrative cash disbursements for the period April 1st, 1953, to December 31st, 1953?

13. What was the total payment to hospitals for the period April 1st, 1953, to December 31st, 1953?

14. What was the total number of staff of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service as at (a) February 1st, 1952, (b) February 1st, 1953, and (c) February 1st, 1954?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) \$5,722,535.82, (b) \$8,327,508, and (c) \$7,833,539.63.

“ 2. (a) 378,503 and (b) 418,423.

“ 3. (a) and (b) Answered by No. 2 above.

“ 4. (a) 189,183, (b) 189,320, (c) 227,675, and (d) 190,748.

“ 5. \$4,352,641.41.

“ 6. \$4,686,990.

“ 7. (a) \$5,766,767.53, (b) \$8,586,601.16, and (c) \$7,323,795.93.

“ 8. (a) \$5,039,572.20 and (b) \$5,038,876.77.

“ 9. \$10,452,602.68 (net).

“ 10. *Nil*; social-assistance premiums have not been paid since March, 1952; commencing April, 1952, the cost of hospitalization of social-assistance cases has been paid; the total for the period in question is \$1,953,646.45 (paid by the Department of Health and Welfare).

“ 11. (a) \$757,316.74 and (b) \$929,315.80.

“ 12. \$1,160,097.23.

“ 13. \$14,737,660.55.

“ 14. (a) 649, (b) 598, and (c) 486.”

Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. With respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its operations during the last year for which figures are available, and state what year, (a) how many cars of cattle were shipped by the railway, (b) what were their ultimate destinations, and (c) what shipping claims on the cattle?

2. How many cars of lumber were shipped from Vancouver and what were their ultimate destinations?

3. How many cars of lumber were shipped via Squamish with ultimate destinations other than Vancouver?

4. How much per hundred of the through rate on lumber does the Canadian Pacific Railway pay the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on cars to Chicago?

5. How much per hundred of the through rate on lumber does the Canadian National Railways pay the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on cars to Chicago?

6. What is the average time difference between cars of lumber shipped off the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Chicago via Prince George by the Canadian National Railways or by the Canadian Pacific Railway via Vancouver?

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) 1953, 429 cars; (b) Vancouver District, except a few cars to Seattle; and (c) 1953, \$92.48.

“ 2. *Nil*.

“ 3. 1953, 6,370 cars.

“ 4. Confidential information which cannot be released.

“ 5. Confidential information which cannot be released.

“ 6. Records of comparative delivery times are not maintained.”

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

1. Has any contract or contracts been given by any Government department to the firm of Atlas Construction Company, of Kamloops?

2. If so, give location and description of work let and amount of money involved?

3. If so, were tenders called on this work and, if not, why not?

4. If so, when did construction begin, what is the present progress, and what sums of money have been paid this firm to date?

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

“ 1. Yes; on rental and supervision basis (for the Department of Mines).

“ 2. (a) Aitken Lake Road north of Vanderhoof from Germansen Bridge to the Osilinka River and (b) \$144,214.56.

“ 3. (a) No and (b) no survey available to determine quantities of materials to be moved.

“ 4. (a) Approximately March 25th, 1953, (b) complete, and (c) \$128,999.69.”

*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, March 18th, 1954.**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Smith*.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* 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 'Public Works Fair Wages and Conditions of Employment Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 18th, 1954.*

*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. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Works Fair Wages and Conditions of Employment 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. *P. A. Gaglardi* 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 an amendment to Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 18th, 1954.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 23: Amend by striking out section 23 of the Bill and substituting the following:—

"23. Section 60 is further amended by relettering clauses (*j*) and (*k*) of subsection (2) as clauses (*n*) and (*o*) respectively and inserting the following clauses:—

"(*j*) Prescribing for the qualification, examination, testing, and issue of certificates for welding operators:

- “(k) Prescribing for the qualification, examination, and issue of certificates for steam-fitters:
- “ (l) Prescribing for the qualification, examination, and issue of certificates for refrigeration operating engineers:
- “ (m) Exempting any specified boiler, pressure-vessel, or plant, or any specified class or type of boiler, pressure-vessel, or plant from any of the provisions of this Act.’ ”

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 proposed amendment to Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act,’ ” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge the said Bill.

Resolution reported.  
Report adopted.

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 to amend the ‘Social Services Tax Act,’ ” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 17th, 1954.*

*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. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Social Services Tax 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.

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

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Have any variations been found to occur in the *per diem* rates charged under British Columbia hospital insurance?
2. If so, what rates per patient per day are charged by various hospitals operating in British Columbia?
3. Are any hospitals in British Columbia debarred from payments of accounts by British Columbia hospital insurance?
4. If so, which are they and where are they located?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. *Per diem* rates in effect March 15th, 1954: Matsqui, Sumas, and Abbotsford General Hospital, Abbotsford, \$10.40; St. George's Hospital, Alert Bay, \$10.20; Red Cross Outpost, Alexis Creek, \$8.50; Armstrong and Spallumcheen Hospital, Armstrong, \$8.75; Lady Minto Hospital, Ashcroft, \$10.40; Red Cross Outpost, Bamfield, \$8.50; R. W. Large Memorial Hospital, Bella Bella, \$8.95; Bella Coola General Hospital, Bella Coola, \$10.50; Red Cross Outpost, Blue River, \$8.50; Bralorne Mines Hospital, Bralorne, \$11; Tunnel Hospital, Britannia Beach, \$11; Burnaby General Hospital, Burnaby, \$12.50; Burns Lake Hospital, Burns Lake, \$9.90; Lourdes Hospital, Campbell River, \$9.50; Nootka Mission General Hospital, Ceepeecee, \$10.10; Chemainus General Hospital, Chemainus, \$10.95; Chilliwack General Hospital, Chilliwack, \$12.95; Queen Alexandra Solarium, Cobble Hill, \$10.50; St. Joseph's General Hospital, Comox, \$10.35; St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, \$11; Creston Valley Hospital, Creston, \$10; Cumberland General Hospital, Cumberland, \$8.55; St. Joseph's General Hospital, Dawson Creek, \$10.50; King's Daughters' Hospital, Duncan, \$10.95; Red Cross Outpost, Edgewood, \$8.50; Enderby and District Memorial Hospital, Enderby, \$7.65; Fernie Memorial Hospital, Fernie, \$11.90; R.C.A.F. Station Hospital, Fort Nelson, \$11, maximum; Providence Hospital, Fort St. John, \$10; Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, \$11.10; St. Mary's Hospital, Garden Bay, \$11; Golden General Hospital, Golden, \$11; Grand Forks Hospital, Grand Forks, \$10; Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Hanceville, \$4; Wrinch Memorial Hospital, Hazelton, \$10.05; Red Cross Outpost, Hudson Hope, \$8.50; Lady Elizabeth Memorial Hospital, Invermere, \$10.85; Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, \$12.75; Victorian Hospital, Kaslo, \$11; Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna, \$11; Kemano Hospital, Kemano, \$11; Kitimat Hospital, Kitimat, \$11; Kimberley and District General Hospital, Kimberley, \$11.75; Red Cross Outpost, Kyuquot, \$8.50; Ladysmith General Hospital, Ladysmith, \$11.50; Red Cross Outpost, Lillooet, \$8.50; Red Cross Outpost, Lone Butte, \$8.50; St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lytton, \$9.25; Nicola Valley General Hospital, Merritt, \$9.60; Michel Hospital, Michel, \$11; Mission Memorial Hospital, Mission, \$11.30; Langley Memorial Hospital, Murrayville, \$13.20; Red Cross Outpost, McBride, \$11; Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp, \$11; Nanaimo Hospital, Nanaimo, \$11.45; Nanaimo Indian Hospital, Nanaimo, \$8; Kootenay Lake General Hospital, Nelson, \$11.60; Slocan Community Hospital, New Denver, \$11; Hollywood Sanitarium, New Westminster, \$8.10; Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, \$14.50; St. Mary's Hospital, New Westminster, \$12.70; North Vancouver General Hospital, North Vancouver, \$14.05; Ocean Falls General Hospital, Ocean Falls, \$12.15; St. Martin's Hospital, Oliver, \$11.05; Penticton Hospital, Penticton, \$11.90; West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, \$11.35; Port Alice Private Hospital, Port Alice, \$11; Pouce Coupe Community Hospital, Pouce Coupe, \$10.50; Powell River General Hospital, Powell River, \$11.25; Prince George and District Hospital, Prince George, \$12.65; Miller Bay Indian Hospital, Prince Rupert, \$8; Prince Rupert General Hospital, Prince Rupert, \$11.40; Princeton General Hospital, Princeton, \$9.65; Skidegate Inlet

General Hospital, Queen Charlotte City, \$9.50; Quesnel General Hospital, Quesnel, \$9.25; Queen Victoria Hospital, Revelstoke, \$10.35; Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Rossland, \$11.75; Salmon Arm General Hospital, Salmon Arm, \$9.85; Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Sardis, \$8; Rest Haven Hospital and Sanitarium, Sidney, \$11.35; Bulkley Valley District Hospital, Smithers, \$8.25; Squamish General Hospital, Squamish, \$11; Summerland General Hospital, Summerland, \$9.60; Terrace and District Hospital, Terrace, \$11; Tofino General Hospital, Tofino, \$11; Trail-Tadanac Hospital, Trail, \$12.95; Chatham House Private Hospital, Vancouver, \$9.75; Children's Hospital, Vancouver, \$11; Grace Hospital, Vancouver, \$13.35; Medical-Dental Hospital Unit, Vancouver, \$11; Mount St. Joseph's Hospital, Vancouver, \$12.25; Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, \$11.35; St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, \$13.50; St. Vincent's Hospital, Vancouver, \$12.60; University Health Services Hospital, Vancouver, \$13; Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, \$16.25; St. John Hospital, Vanderhoof, \$7; Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, \$11.35; Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, \$14.75; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, \$13.40; Veterans' Hospital, Victoria, \$11.35; Gold Quartz Hospital, Wells, \$11; and War Memorial Hospital, Williams Lake, \$8.60.

"3. None that provide acute general hospital care for which the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service is authorized to make payment.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Under the Trans-Canada Highway agreement, how many miles have now been brought up to standard?

2. What sum and covering what mileage was expended Provincially under this agreement in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1953?

3. What sum and covering what mileage is under way in the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1954?

4. At March 31st, 1954, approximately what mileage of the Trans-Canada Highway will remain to be brought up to standard?

5. Does the Government intend to push this work to completion before date of expiry of the agreement?

The Hon. P. A. Gaillardie replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Reconstructed to standard and paved, 77.16 miles, and (b) reconstructed to standard ready for paving, 27.3 miles.

"2. \$6,181,252.05 (gross), 17.52 miles completed (approximately 50 per cent recoverable), and 20.97 under construction.

"3. \$11,026,957.42 (gross) and 52.98 miles under way.

"4. 580.59 miles, which includes 86.15 miles that only require shoulder widening to be classed as standard.

"5. It will be necessary to apply for an extension of time beyond expiry date set by agreement."

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

For the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1953, what was the total from all sources of collections paid the Treasury at all collection offices located at (a) Vancouver, (b) Victoria, (c) Prince Rupert, (d) New Westminster, (e) Kelowna, (f) Nelson, and (g) Prince George?

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

“The revenue collections during the year ended on March 31st, 1953, were as follows: (a) Vancouver, \$13,521,553.34; (b) Victoria, \$77,165,864.74; (c) Prince Rupert, \$356,474.03; (d) New Westminster, \$2,577,920.82; (e) Kelowna, \$440,629.62 (this amount includes ferry tolls); (f) Nelson, \$1,325,623.53 (this amount includes ferry tolls); and (g) Prince George, \$528,020.33. The aforesaid collections do not reflect regional revenue.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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### Thursday, March 18th, 1954.

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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.

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

That the motion be amended by adding the following words:—

“And this House regrets that the budget, by its size, indicates no attempt has been made toward economy; that the budget fails to provide any relief for the difficult financial position of the municipal administrations; that the severity of the proposed sales tax increase is such as to affect business and hence employment; and that the budget debate has brought forth ministerial pronouncements attacking organized labour leaders at a time when conciliation between management and labour is a prerequisite to our economic stability.”

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion to amend out of order as the requisite notice had not been given (*see Journals*, 1918, page 148; *Journals*, 1938, page 25; *May*, 15th ed., pages 378 and 398).

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.57 p.m.