

## Tuesday, April 20th, 1948.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 20th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid" was again committed, and, on an amendment submitted in the Committee, the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The decision of the Chair was challenged, and an appeal was taken to the House. Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained?"

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

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| <i>Hogg</i>           | <i>Welch</i>        | <i>Gillis</i>         | <i>Beard</i>         |
| <i>Ash</i>            | <i>McDonell</i>     | <i>Kenney</i>         | <i>Hope</i>          |
| <i>MacDougall</i>     | <i>Morrow</i>       | <i>Anscomb</i>        | <i>Straith</i>       |
| <i>Smith</i>          | <i>Green</i>        | <i>Johnson, B. I.</i> | <i>Carson, E. C.</i> |
| <i>Stevenson</i>      | <i>Love</i>         | <i>Wismer</i>         | <i>MacDonald</i>     |
| <i>Brown</i>          | <i>Mowat</i>        | <i>Pearson</i>        | <i>Putnam</i>        |
| <i>Laird</i>          | <i>King</i>         | <i>Ritchie</i>        |                      |
| <i>Johnson, W. J.</i> | <i>Hodges, Mrs.</i> | <i>Cates</i>          |                      |

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

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

Bill reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'" "

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'" "

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kimberley Incorporation Act.'" "

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electrical Energy Inspection Act.'" "

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act.'" "

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

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

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

*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. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return in accordance with section 36 of the "Hospital Act," being chapter 121 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936."

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gargrave*:—

1. What quantities, by brands, of rye whisky did the Liquor Control Board purchase from each Canadian distillery in 1947?
2. What price per bottle was paid for each brand?
3. What quantities of (a) spirits, (b) wines, and (c) beer were purchased by the Liquor Control Board from all sources in 1939 and 1947?

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Government hire special police for those areas affected by Doukhobor disturbances during 1947?
2. If yes, what was the cost of the above to the Province?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$2,196.77, which includes salary and expenses of special constable, expenses of regular constables moved into the area temporarily by reason of the Doukhobor situation, and certain other small sums disbursed."

*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 5.43 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20th, 1948.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid" Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That the motion moved by the Hon. the Minister of Finance "that Bill (No. 68) be read a third time now" be amended by striking out the word "now" and substituting therefor the words "six months hence."

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

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| <i>Hogg</i>           | <i>Welch</i>        | <i>Hart</i>           | <i>Cates</i>         |
| <i>Ash</i>            | <i>McDonnell</i>    | <i>Kenney</i>         | <i>Beard</i>         |
| <i>MacDougall</i>     | <i>Morrow</i>       | <i>Anscomb</i>        | <i>Hope</i>          |
| <i>Smith</i>          | <i>Green</i>        | <i>Johnson, B. I.</i> | <i>Carson, E. C.</i> |
| <i>Stevenson</i>      | <i>Love</i>         | <i>Wismer</i>         | <i>MacDonald</i>     |
| <i>Brown</i>          | <i>Hodges, Mrs.</i> | <i>Ritchie</i>        | <i>Putnam</i>        |
| <i>Johnson, W. J.</i> |                     |                       |                      |

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registered Nurses Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act relating to Clinics of Psychological Medicine" was read third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Coal-mines" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kimberley Incorporation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act.'"

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince George."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 123) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Village Municipalities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 115) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Marriage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 116) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Venereal Diseases Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 119) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Chiropody Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 120) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Optometry Act, 1946.’”

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1948.*

*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. 82) intituled “An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

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## Wednesday, April 21st, 1948.

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. McKay*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, 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. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Hospital Insurance and Financial Aid to Hospitals."

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945.'"

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Suppression Act.'"

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act, 1946.'"

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince George."

Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registered Nurses Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.



On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

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## Wednesday, April 21st, 1948.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

Whereas a large number of the dairy farmers of Vancouver Island and Fraser Valley have made application to the Milk Board for an increase in the price of milk:

And whereas any further increase in the price of milk would almost assuredly result in a decline in consumption:

And whereas the health of the children in the Province would be seriously affected if milk consumption were further reduced:

And whereas many farmers will find it impossible to carry on operations unless they are able to receive greater returns from their fluid-milk sales:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should consider the institution of a scientific independent survey into the costs and methods of distribution of milk for the purpose of making recommendations whereby the interests of the consumers may be protected and a greater return assured to the producers.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas the "Canadian Citizenship Act," 1946, declares: (1) Part 1, section 4, that "A person born before the commencement of this Act is a natural-born Canadian citizen if he was born in Canada"; (2) part 1 and part 2, sections 4 to 10, inclusive, outline Canadian citizenship whether Canadian-born or acquiring citizenship by naturalization:

And whereas ineligibility for inclusion on the voters list denies certain citizens the right to practise in some professions:

And whereas the "Provincial Elections Act" denies voting privileges to certain minorities recognized as citizens by the "Citizenship Act":

And whereas recent orders by officials in the employ of the Province denied employment of certain citizens because of their racial origin:

And whereas said action was based upon a motion passed by the Legislature on April 16th, 1902, to the effect that "In all contracts, leases, and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued, or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese be employed in connection therewith":

And whereas parliamentary law and custom states that no Act of the Legislature can bind a succeeding Legislature:

And whereas newspaper reports indicate that the Government may do by contract that which it cannot do by law as regards discrimination against racial minorities:

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

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that no discrimination should be recognized by the Government, either in law or contract, against any Canadian citizen because of colour, religion, or land of racial origin.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "whereas" in the first line thereof, and to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "the Governor in Council of Canada, pursuant to the authority of the 'War Measures Act of Canada,' by reason of the existence of war, ordered the removal of all persons of Japanese racial origin from the coastal zone (as described in the Order) of British Columbia:

"And whereas the said Order, made during the emergency of the war and for the expressed reason that the same was necessary for the due prosecution of the war and for the protection of Canada is still in effect:

"And whereas as a consequence of said Order a number of persons of Japanese racial origin were obliged to leave the coastal regions of this Province and established themselves in other parts of the Province as permitted by the Dominion Order:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the provisions of contracts with the Government that no Japanese be employed in connection therewith should be altered in so far as that portion of British Columbia in which such Japanese are now permitted by the Dominion Government to reside so as to remove any disabilities against Japanese being employed in such area."

Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

"And be it still further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should consider the introduction of a Provincial Bill of Rights."

Amendment to the amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas there is great difficulty in balancing the trade between Canada and the United States:

And whereas such difficulty is caused to a large extent by the export of raw material from our primary industries and the importation of manufactured articles processed from our raw materials:

And whereas employment in British Columbia is adversely affected by the export of raw materials which could be manufactured in the Province:

And whereas the Federal Government was compelled by the unsatisfactory trade situation between Canada and the United States to impose restrictive trade measures in an attempt to balance trade and maintain the stability of the Canadian dollar in relation to United States currency:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that an embargo be placed on the export of logs from British Columbia to the United States.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

This House is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that action should be taken to abolish capital punishment.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

## Thursday, April 22nd, 1948.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. MacLean*.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*) moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, that the order for the third reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" as passed on the 16th day of April, be rescinded.

Motion agreed to.

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

C. A. BANKS,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" with amendment enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendment to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*April 19th, 1948.*

*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 the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Report adopted.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the said amendment.

Bill reported complete with amendment.

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

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

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

Whereas it is impossible to observe British Columbia local government without becoming aware of a certain tension between municipal authorities and the Provincial Government:

And whereas there is no real distinction between the purpose and function of municipal and central government and therefore there ought not to be any final hostility:

And whereas the two fields of government constitute in fact one governmental system and the existence of tension between them is not natural or in the best interests of the citizens:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-municipal conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and in particular to consider (a) readjustment of financial responsibilities, (b) reaching agreement on percentages of Provincial revenues to be paid municipal governments for their own use, (c) deciding upon a uniform assessment system for school and other taxation purposes, and (d) establishing a permanent board to correlate Provincial-municipal activities and to act as a liaison between the two fields of government:

And be it further Resolved, That the Government give consideration to having at the suggested aforementioned conference the following: (a) Representatives of the Departments of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Secretary, Education, and Attorney-General, (b) representatives from the Legislature's private members, (c) representatives of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, (d) representatives of incorporated cities, (e) representatives of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, and (f) representatives of British Columbia School Trustees' Association.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Whereas many thousands of our citizens in British Columbia live in the coastal areas of this Province:

And whereas these citizens are completely dependent for their transportation and freight on the various coastal steamship companies:

And whereas, during the past year, increases in fares and freight rates have been imposed by the various companies without regard to the general public interest:

And whereas, as a result of the disregard of public interest in the transportation field, the Dominion Government created the Board of Transport Commissioners to regulate fares and freight rates on the railways of the Dominion:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada urging the creation of a board similar to that of the Transport Commission, or an extension of the powers of the present Commission, to regulate fares and freight rates in the coastal waters of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing to examine and consider all matters relating to petroleum products purchases and sales with specific reference to the M. A. Macdonald Report, the 1947 submissions of oil companies requesting an increase in the selling-price of gasoline, and the accounting report of Touche & Co., with power to send for persons and papers with a view to securing information on this matter as it affects the welfare of the Province and financial returns to the oil companies, and to report its findings to the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. MacDougall, adjourned to the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pearson, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act'" was withdrawn, and *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 21st, 1948.*

*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. 124) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 20th, 1948.*

*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. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead," 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.

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

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945,'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 21st, 1948.*

*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. 126) 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.

Mr. *Bennett* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 22nd, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee on Public Accounts and Printing held three meetings and authorized disposal of certain out-dated papers from the several Departments.

It strongly urges that, for the benefit of all members, in future Sessions that Bills and amendments be printed similarly to the system used in Manitoba, which is that on the opposite page to the ones listing the different sections an explanation of their meaning is given and, in the case of amendments, the change they purport to make. This would avoid hours of delving into the previous Act in case of amendments and give a concise meaning of the intent of new Bills.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. C. BENNETT, *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 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.09 p.m.

Monday, April 26th, 1948.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *F. Hoffman*.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Straith* on the 22nd instant:—

*Honourable Members*,—The Hon. Mr. *Straith* raised a point of order on the following motion, proposed by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

“Whereas it is impossible to observe British Columbia local government without becoming aware of a certain tension between municipal authorities and the Provincial Government:

“And whereas there is no real distinction between the purpose and function of municipal and central government and therefore there ought not to be any final hostility:

“And whereas the two fields of government constitute in fact one governmental system and the existence of tension between them is not natural or in the best interests of the citizens:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-municipal conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and in particular to consider (a) readjustment of financial responsibilities, (b) reaching agreement on percentages of Provincial revenues to be paid municipal governments for their own use, (c) deciding upon a uniform assessment system for school and other taxation purposes, and (d) establishing a permanent board to correlate Provincial-municipal activities and to act as a liaison between the two fields of government:

“And be it further Resolved, That the Government give consideration to having at the suggested aforementioned conference the following: (a) Representatives of the Departments of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Secretary, Education, and Attorney-General, (b) representatives from the Legislature's private members, (c) representatives of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, (d) representatives of incorporated cities, (e) representatives of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, and (f) representatives of British Columbia School Trustees' Association.”

From the preamble of the motion, it would appear that its purpose is to improve the relationship as between “municipal authorities and the Provincial Government.”

In order to achieve this objective, this motion provides that the Government take under advisement the calling of a “Provincial-municipal conference” and to “establish a permanent board to correlate Provincial-municipal activities” and to “act as a liaison between the two fields of government.” The purpose of the conference and permanent board would be as set out in clauses (a), (b), and (c) of the motion.

In my opinion, should the proposed conference come to a conclusion by “(a) readjustment of financial responsibilities” and “(b) reaching agreement on percentages of Provincial revenues to be paid municipal governments for their own use,” that a smaller sum than is now paid be paid to the municipalities, the result would defeat the object of the motion—namely, to improve the relationship as between municipalities and the Provincial Government.

On the contrary, a recommendation that an increased amount be paid to the municipalities would be a directive for the expenditure of public money in contravention to Standing Order No. 66.



The establishment of a "permanent board," as set out in clause (d), would, if made effective, be granting to it authority which would be contrary to the intent of Standing Order No. 66, as it would in reality be directing policy in relation to the expenditure of public money.

Clause (c), "deciding upon a uniform assessment system for school and other taxation purposes," has already been provided for in so far as an equalization of assessments for the purpose of the computation of Government grants is concerned.

To suggest that the Government should accept a directive and interfere with assessments "for other taxation purposes" would be an interference with the incidence of taxation and contrary to Government policy.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker Whittaker has ruled against a motion under which the report of a Committee would be either fruitless, if in the negative, or out of order, if in the affirmative. See Journals, volume 3, page 81.

In view of the above, I rule the motion out of order.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Speaker*.

Mr. H. E. Winch challenged the decision.

Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained?"

Decided in the affirmative.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, 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:—

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act.'"

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead."

Bill (No. 124) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945,'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Suppression Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act, 1946,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was discharged, and *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince George" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 130) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 129) intituled "An Act to empower the City of New Westminster to issue Debentures in Canadian Currency to redeem Sterling Debentures."

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Limited," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 26th, 1948.*

*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. 127) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities 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.

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

C. A. BANKS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and Columbia Power Company Limited and their respective Subsidiary Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 26th, 1948.*

*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. 128) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and Columbia Power Company Limited and their respective Subsidiary Companies," 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.

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

That whereas Mr. *Walter Hogg*, member for the electoral riding of Cariboo, and Mr. *Arthur Ash*, member for the electoral riding of Saanich, were declared elected on March 2nd and March 4th, 1948, respectively:

And whereas it was not possible for them to take their seats on the floor of the House until all provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" and other regulations governing the election of candidates had been complied with:

And whereas, during the period of the Legislature prior to their official acceptance as members, the said Mr. *Hogg* and Mr. *Ash* faithfully attended the Sessions in an unofficial capacity in order to acquaint themselves with the business before the House:

And whereas provision is made in section 68 of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 49 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," that the Legislature may, by resolution, in cases where it deems just and reasonable, direct that the full Sessional allowance be paid any member:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the full Sessional allowance be paid to Mr. *Walter Hogg* and Mr. *Arthur Ash* as if they had been in official attendance at all sittings of the Legislature for the year 1948.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

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## Monday, April 26th, 1948.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Hospital Insurance and Financial Aid to Hospitals" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1948.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.48 a.m.

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## Tuesday, April 27th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Biddle*.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Hospital Insurance and Financial Aid to Hospitals" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1947,'" a debate arose.

Mr. *Gargrave* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Rowland*.—

That all words after "be" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "Referred to the Standing Committee on Labour for its consideration, with power to hear representations and to call for persons and papers and to report its findings and recommendations to the House."

Amendment negatived.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.04 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 27th, 1948.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 126) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 124) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 130) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 129) intituled "An Act to empower the City of New Westminster to issue Debentures in Canadian Currency to redeem Sterling Debentures" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939,'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement."

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 127) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Limited" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 128) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and Columbia Power Company Limited and their respective Subsidiary Companies" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jubilee Hospital Amendment Act, 1894,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

By leave of the House, Mr. *Turner* withdrew the notice of introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" standing on the Order Paper in his name.

The notice was *Ordered* to be discharged, and dropped from the Order Paper.

Mr. *Smith* (on behalf of Mrs. *Rolston*) presented an unsigned Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education and moved that it be read and received.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* challenged the report as being unauthorized and not representative of the deliberations of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the challenge of Mr. *H. E. Winch*.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *McDonell*:—

1. What changes in personnel have been made to the temporary staff of the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver stores and warehouses since January 1st, 1947?
2. Specify their names and their addresses.
3. Specify their classifications.
4. Upon what dates were their appointments effective?
5. Since January 1st, 1948, to date, how many employees of the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver liquor stores or warehouses were laid off because of overage?
6. What are their names and addresses?
7. If any of the latter have been re-employed, what are their names and addresses?
8. Upon what date were their reappointments effective?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *McDonell*:—

1. What changes in personnel have been made to the permanent staff of the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver stores and warehouses since January 1st, 1947?
2. Specify their names and their addresses.
3. Specify their classifications.
4. Upon what dates were their appointments effective?
5. Since January 1st, 1948, to date, how many employees of the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver liquor stores or warehouses were laid off because of overage?
6. What are their names and addresses?
7. If any of the latter have been re-employed, what are their names and addresses?
8. Upon what date were their reappointments effective?

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

1. How many people are employed by the British Columbia Power Commission on Vancouver Island?
2. Give their names and their respective salaries.

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

1. What are the required qualifications for the position of Magistrate?
2. By whom are the names of suitable appointees recommended to the appointing authorities?
3. By whom are they appointed?
4. By whom are their salaries paid?
5. What is the compulsory retiring age?

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

“ 1. The ‘Magistrates Act,’ section 2, providing for the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates, refers to ‘fit and proper persons’ as the only qualification; the ‘Municipal Act,’ relating to the appointment of Police Magistrates, does not set out any qualification for this position; both Acts set out the form of oath of office which the Magistrate is required to take before he can act as such.

“ 2. Any person who wishes to do so.

“ 3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

“ 4. In the case of Police Magistrates, their salaries are paid by the municipality; in the case of Stipendiary Magistrates, they are, with a few exceptions, paid no stipend.

“ 5. Police Magistrates, 75 years; Stipendiary Magistrates, no compulsory retiring age.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.07 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1948.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1947,'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 126) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 129) intituled "An Act to empower the City of New Westminster to issue Debentures in Canadian Currency to redeem Sterling Debentures" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 130) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Bill to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 a.m.



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## Wednesday, April 28th, 1948.

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HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. A. Reynolds.

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

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 127) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Limited" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Johnson, the Resolution for the third reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was rescinded because the Bill had been reported erroneously by the Committee as complete without amendment, whereas it should have been reported complete with amendments.

The Bill was *Ordered* to be recommitted forthwith.

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

Bill (No. 128) intituled "An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and Columbia Power Company Limited and their respective Subsidiary Companies" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Whereas there are many matters of public importance presented to the members of the Legislature by Bill, motion, and Resolution during the session on which insufficient time is allowed to give wise and serious consideration thereof:

And whereas during each session a large number of delegations representing responsible organizations seek the time and attention of the Government and the private members during the short sessional period:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends for the consideration of the Government that facilities be provided to allow for the hearing of representations to the Government for changes in legislation for at least thirty days prior to the opening day of each session and that, as a means of lightening the burden now mainly carried by the Executive Cabinet in this respect, the greater use of private members be made for this purpose, and it is recommended to the Government that it name private mem-

bers of the Legislature who shall sit prior to the opening of the session with a representative of each Government Department concerned as a committee or committees to hear and study the proposals so made:

And be it further Resolved, That each Special Committee shall make a report and recommendations to the Government which may refer such reports and recommendations to the appropriate Select Standing Committee of the Legislature.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas Sunday entertainment in British Columbia, sponsored by charitable, educational, or non-profit organizations, and for which admission may be charged or a collection taken, has been discouraged or prevented:

And whereas some public-spirited and service organizations have indicated a desire to present musical concerts or athletic games on Sundays as a means of aiding worthy causes:

And whereas the "Lord's Day Act" provides that "No action or prosecution for a violation of this Act shall be commenced without the leave of the Attorney-General for the Province in which the offence is alleged to have been committed . . .":

And whereas it is in the public interest to assist public-spirited organizations and to advance artistic and cultural understanding and the enjoyment of clean, healthy sports:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give early consideration to exercising its powers under the "Lord's Day Act" so as to permit the presentation of Sunday concerts and athletics by non-commercial groups.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

Whereas on March 1st of this year certain legislation enacted during the last session of this Legislature as Part II of the "Motor-vehicle Act" relating to financial responsibility and relative to the operation of motor-vehicles became effective:

And whereas said legislation is based on the principle of financial responsibility and not compensation:

And whereas complete protection can only be enjoyed by all citizens through legislation planned to give compensation regardless of liability:

And whereas the advantages of a full Government automobile insurance plan are considered to be (a) wider coverage, (b) lower rates, (c) premium moneys stay in the Province, and (d) surpluses can be used to provide increased benefits, lowering of rates, or to assist in granting additional social services:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government early consideration of plans to establish an automobile accident insurance service owned and operated by the Government and based upon the principle of compensation to all who suffer from motor-vehicle accidents, with the exception of those driving vehicles while under the influence of liquor or drugs, or with criminal intent, or in any other way guilty of gross negligence in the operation of a motor-vehicle.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Gargrave,—

Whereas an accumulated housing shortage in British Columbia is steadily growing more acute:

And whereas Dominion Government measures to aid ex-service men and families has not given effective relief:

And whereas the construction industry has failed to provide suitable housing for tenant families:

And whereas Dominion, Provincial, and municipal governments have joint responsibilities in this matter:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends that the Provincial Government shall urge upon the Federal Government the early enactment of measures which will enable the construction of low-rental homes, on a scale and at rentals which will provide for the needs of low-income families now inadequately housed:

And be it further Resolved, That this House strongly urges this Government to request the Federal Government to consult with Provinces and municipalities in the preparation of legislation for a national low-rental housing programme, on a basis that will enable the establishment of local housing authorities:

And be it further Resolved, That, pending action as heretofore proposed, this House recommends the consideration of steps by the Provincial Government to discuss at a Provincial-municipal conference a programme of regional planning with special reference to the following matters as preparatory to provision for low-rental housing projects throughout British Columbia:—

- (a) Assembly and servicing of suitable land:
- (b) Uniformity in amendment of building by-laws to facilitate modern fabrication:
- (c) Measures to lower construction costs:
- (d) Administration of low-rental housing projects:
- (e) Long-term financing and taxation plans.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Brett moved, seconded by Mr. Turner,—

Whereas the circumstances under which lives have been lost or endangered on vessels plying waters off the coast of British Columbia reveal the need for constantly reliable ship-to-shore and ship-to-ship radio communication, protective service, and aircraft and seacraft for prompt and extensive search and rescue:

And whereas commercial fishing operations now extend seaward at distances and under conditions which expose fishermen to greater hazards than formerly:

And whereas all necessary facilities for observations, off-shore communication, and deep-sea patrol are under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that His Honour will cause representations to be made to the Dominion Government that, in the opinion of this Assembly, it is necessary to extend further protection for life and property in the coastal waters of British Columbia by:

- (1) The establishment of a Pacific coast-guard service with personnel, radio communications, life-saving craft and equipment, and aircraft so stationed at points on the coast-line as to extend the utmost protection to lives in peril through marine disasters in coastal waters;
- (2) the enforcement of regulations requiring the installation of radio-telephone and (or) radio-telegraph equipment, with adequate provision for manning and maintenance while at sea, on all passenger vessels under Canadian jurisdiction plying the coastal waters of British Columbia in such manner that distress signals and navigational warnings may with certainty be transmitted and received

immediately and clearly at any time; (3) the necessary measures to improve the transmission and reception of shore radio stations and automatic radio beacons in order that vessels at any point in waters off the British Columbia coast may, with reliability, exchange weather signals, navigation directions, and emergency calls, and that, through designated radio frequencies, common to all, prompt co-ordination of action between all aircraft and seacraft in the vicinity may be secured for rescue-work.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1947,'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jubilee Hospital Amendment Act, 1894,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the unsigned report, challenged by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 27th instant:—

*Honourable Members*,—In the absence of the Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, the Secretary of the Committee submitted an unsigned report.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. *H. E. Winch*, challenged the report.

By instruction of the House, the Speaker was requested to inquire into and report to the House as to the operations of the Committee.

I find that, on March 2nd last, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson*, the Committee was appointed for the purposes as therein set out, namely:—

"The Committee shall be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to it by this House and to report from time to time its observations and opinions thereon."

I am unable to ascertain as to any matter having been referred to this Committee by this House at this Session.

I find (*May*, 14th edition, page 581): "A select Committee possesses no authority except that which it derives by delegation from the House by which it is appointed (termed the Order of Reference) and the deliberations or inquiries of the Committee must be confined within the limits of the Order of Reference."

No matter or thing having been referred to the Committee by this House, it necessarily follows that this House may not receive a report from said Committee.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Speaker*.

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

1. On what date did the Department of Public Works let the first contract on building the road now designated as the John Hart Highway?
2. What amount of money has been spent on said highway according to Government records to date?
3. What amount of money does the Department estimate will still have to be paid to complete said highway in accordance with present plans?
4. Does the Department estimate the work will be completed within the extension of time granted for the completion of this contract?
5. If not, when does the Department estimate the work will be completed?

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

- “1. June 25th, 1945.
- “2. \$5,269,861.72 (*see* question 782).
- “3. Location plans and estimates not completed at this date for whole highway.
- “4. Subject to favourable weather conditions, men, materials, and equipment being available, yes.
- “5. *See* No. 4.”

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

1. What is the total mileage of the John Hart Highway now being constructed under contract?
2. How many miles of highway have been completed to date?
3. What is the cost to date?
4. What is the estimated cost to complete the work?
5. What is the estimated time of completion?

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

- “1. 211 miles.
- “2. 122 miles to February 28th, 1948.
- “3. \$5,269,861.72.
- “4. \$2,521,000 at existing contract unit prices.
- “5. December 31st, 1948.”

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

1. What was the total amount paid to contractors on the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith as a result of a Resolution of this Legislature passed on April 3rd, 1947?
2. To whom were the payments made and in what amount?

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

- “1. \$1,462,153.95.
- “2. Campbell Construction Co., Ltd., \$162,854.08; Fred Mannix & Co., Ltd., \$359,944.81; Campbell-Mannix Companies, \$191,016.02; Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., \$122,646.55; General Construction Co., Ltd., \$16,015.02; Emil Anderson Construction Co., \$326,613.53; and W. C. Arnett Co., Ltd., \$283,063.94.

“NOTE.—Subsequent to the recommendations by the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith in his report, dated April 28th, 1947, further representations were received from contractors engaged in the construction of buildings who submitted they had like grievances and were entitled to the like considerations as those dealt with in the said recommendations. To ensure equity, these expenditures also were referred to the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith who, in his report, dated December 5th, 1947, recommended increased payments

at varying rates. As a result of the recommendation, there has been paid up to and including April, 1948, the sum of \$228,083.78, as follows: General Construction Co., Ltd., \$79,622.96; J. H. McRae Co., Ltd., \$6,804; Leek & Co., Ltd., \$10,237.50; Bennett & White Construction Co., Ltd., \$22,809.09; Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., \$2,122.23; Marwell Construction Co., Ltd., \$92,261.41; and Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$14,226.59."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.40 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.13 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 28th, 1948.

TWENTY MINUTES TO THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Trade Licences Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
- (No. 9) An Act restricting the Use of White Canes except by Blind Persons.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Registered Nurses Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Jubilee Hospital Amendment Act, 1894."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Coal Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1947."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928."
- (No. 23) An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."

- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to repeal the "Codling-moth Control Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to regulate the Working of Coal-mines.
- (No. 38) An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works.
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Soldiers' Land Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases among Animals.
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Apprenticeship Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Moving Pictures Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to impose a Tax on Income derived from Mining Operations.
- (No. 50) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 51) An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insurance Company.
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Hours of Work Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 67) An Act relating to Clinics of Psychological Medicine.
- (No. 68) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid.
- (No. 69) An Act to incorporate the City of Penticton.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Partnership Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Conditional Sales Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
- (No. 82) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement.
- (No. 83) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Persons betting at Race-meetings under the System known as the Pari Mutuel.



- (No. 84) An Act to provide Aid for Municipalities.
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Public Works Act."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1947."
- (No. 88) An Act to provide for the Establishment of Hospital Insurance and Financial Aid to Hospitals.
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Greater Victoria Water District Act."
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act."
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Horse-racing Regulation Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act."
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Electric Power Act."
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Probate Fees Act, 1947."
- (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."
- (No. 98) An Act to amend the "Kimberley Incorporation Act."
- (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."
- (No. 100) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act, 1945."
- (No. 102) An Act to amend the "Electrical Energy Inspection Act."
- (No. 103) An Act to amend the "Escheats Act."
- (No. 104) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 105) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 106) An Act to amend the "Societies Act."
- (No. 107) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 109) An Act to amend the "Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act."
- (No. 110) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.
- (No. 112) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 113) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 114) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 115) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 116) An Act to amend the "Venereal Diseases Suppression Act."
- (No. 117) An Act respecting the City of Prince George.
- (No. 118) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 119) An Act to amend the "Chiropody Act."
- (No. 120) An Act to amend the "Optometry Act, 1946."
- (No. 121) An Act respecting the Interest of a Wife in her Husband's Homestead.
- (No. 122) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 123) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 124) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act."
- (No. 125) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1939."
- (No. 126) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
- (No. 127) An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Limited.
- (No. 128) An Act respecting the Compensation to be paid to West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and Columbia Power Company Limited and their respective Subsidiary Companies.
- (No. 129) An Act to empower the City of New Westminster to issue Debentures in Canadian Currency to redeem Sterling Debentures.
- (No. 130) An Act to amend the "Consumer Credit Act."

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



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

“ In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty’s person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour’s acceptance Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

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

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

*Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing the Third Session of the Twenty-first Parliament, I desire to express my appreciation for the care and sincerity that has characterized your deliberations.

I am indeed gratified that measures have been passed to grant further financial assistance to municipalities and rural areas and to maintain our high standard of social security.

Provision of hospital insurance, I am sure, will be most beneficial to my people, as also will be the increased benefits made possible through amendments to the “Workmen’s Compensation Act.”

Further implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Forestry should enable this important industry to be placed on a sounder basis and thus perpetuate the benefits to be derived from the development of this natural resource.

The amendments to the “Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act” are commendable, since this legislation is designed to improve our labour laws in order to bring about closer employer-employee relations.

It is with gratification that I note my Government’s intention to seek removal of the mountain differential on the railway freight rates applying to this Province.

Continued improvements in British Columbia’s social welfare, finances, education, public works, and other important services should accrue from the special provisions made and the varied legislation that has been passed.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services and believe that your efforts will redound to the benefit of my people.

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

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

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

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

R. H. CARSON, *Speaker.*