

Thursday, February 26th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. de B. Owen*.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Lillooet Water Commissioner's Appointment Act, 1902'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Phosphate-mining Act.'" Bill read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'" Bill read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act.'" Bill read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 26th, 1931.*

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. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children 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. *Hanna* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pearson*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all petitions, letters, communications, and all telegrams passing between the Premier, the Provincial Secretary, or any other Minister of the Provincial Government, and any person or persons, in reference to the Corporation of the City of Alberni and the suggested secession of any part thereof.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 26th, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time-limit for presenting petitions for Private Bills be extended to March 2nd, 1931, to enable the "Corporation of the District of Mission" to present a petition for a Private Bill to guarantee certain debentures of the "Farmers' Cold Storage Company, Limited," without the payment of double fees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Dick* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of Mission, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of authorizing the petitioner to pass a certain by-law, and for other powers.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Flowering Dogwood" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 26th, 1931.

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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics 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. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How many employees were there under the Game Board as at August 20th, 1928?
2. How many employees were there under the Game Board as at January 1st, 1931?

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

"1. Fifty-seven employees of the Game Law Enforcement Branch of the Provincial Police, including four probationers and three stenographers.

"2. Seventy-three employees of the Game Department, including twelve probationers and five stenographers."

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 5.25 p.m.

Friday, February 27th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the District of Mission, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of authorizing the petitioner to pass a certain by-law, and for other powers, was received.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Phosphate-mining Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1931.

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. 30) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Boiler Inspection 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. *Pearson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount outstanding in respect to personal-property tax at December 31st, 1930?

The Hon. Mr. *Jones* replied as follows:—
 "\$61,040.04."

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

How many were in the employ of the Province in the Civil Service: (a) Permanent staff; (b) temporary staff, as at December 31st, 1930?

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* replied as follows:—
 "(a) 1,531; (b) 234."

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

1. How much money has been borrowed under "Loan Act, 1929," chapter 37?
2. How much money has been borrowed under "Loan Act, 1930," chapter 39?
3. Against what accounts were moneys borrowed under "Loan Act, 1929," chapter 37, and "Loan Act, 1930," chapter 39, credited?
4. Is there cash in bank or securities held to cover each amount?
5. How much in each case?

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

"1. \$3,000,000 (as at November 1st, 1930).

"2. \$2,989,600 (as at November 1st, 1930).

"3, 4, and 5. Moneys raised (in accordance with section 6 of said Acts) were paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be appropriated for the public service of the Province."

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

What Loan Acts had unexpended balances at December 31st, 1930, and what was the amount of the unexpended balance in each case?

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

“Borrowing-powers, January 1st, 1931:—

Consolidated Revenue—		
‘Loan Act, 1916’	\$220.00	
‘Loan Act, 1930’	1,056,700.00	
		\$1,056,920.00
Industries—‘Loan Act, 1920’		1,000,000.00
B.C. University—		
‘Loan Act, 1920’	\$10,000.00	
‘Loan Act, 1930’	83,590.00	
		93,590.00
P.G.E. Railway Construction—		
‘Loan Act, 1920’	\$165.65	
‘Loan Act, 1921’	80.80	
‘Loan Act, 1930’	3,624,000.00	
		3,624,246.45
Buildings and Furnishings—		
‘Loan Act, 1922’	\$789.00	
‘Loan Act, 1923’	854.15	
‘Loan Act, 1930’	500,000.00	
		501,643.15
‘Soldiers’ Land Act’—‘Loan Act, 1927’		20,000.00
Land Settlement Board—‘Loan Act, 1925’		8,213.00
Highways and Bridges—		
‘Loan Act, 1929’	\$1,440.00	
‘Loan Act, 1930’	1,927,122.40	
		1,928,562.40
Dewdney Dyking Relief—‘Loan Act, 1929’		125.00
B.C. Electric Railway—‘Loan Act, 1921’		93,000.00
Crown Property Development—‘Loan Act, 1925’		55,000.00
		\$8,381,300.00’

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

What have been the total wages for chauffeur of light truck supplied to Road Foreman, Queen Charlotte City?

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

“No chauffeur has been supplied to Road Foreman at Skidegate.”

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Are any Overseers or Fishery Officers in the employ of the Department, or have any such been employed during 1930?

2. If so, what are the names of such officials?

3. If so, how long has each been employed, and what remuneration has each received?

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

“1. Yes; two temporary Overseers.

“2. Angus J. Martin and Thomas Leslie.

“3. Angus J. Martin, six months, May 25th to November 24th; remuneration received, \$903.87. Thomas Leslie, four months, June 1st to September 30th; remuneration received, \$400.

“Temporary officers are drawn from the Provincial Police Department for the collection of fishery revenue and policing, etc., in other outside districts by arrangements with the Commissioner of B.C. Police.”

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

1. Has a Purchasing Agent been appointed in Revelstoke?
2. If so, is he authorized to make purchases direct or must he first refer to the Purchasing Agent, Victoria?
3. If no such official has been appointed, by whom or by what procedure are purchases made in this district?
4. If yes, what is this official's salary?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. Through P.G. Purchasing Agent at Victoria by requisition.
- "4. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. What sum has been expended for straightening Fulford Harbour-Ganges Road on Salt-spring Island?
2. What sum was appropriated for this work?
3. Has the work been completed; and, if not, what further expenditure will be necessary?
4. What reduction in mileage will result from this work?
5. What amount has been allocated to the Islands Provincial Riding for unemployment relief?

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

- "1. \$3,947.95.
- "2. \$4,000.
- "3. No. Expenditure will depend on the volume of traffic using the road.
- "4. Object of work was elimination of very dangerous curve and improvement of grades, although there is a reduction of over 500 feet.
- "5. \$20,000."

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

1. What additions were made to the Engineering staff of the Department during the year 1930?
2. What are the names and respective salaries of any persons so employed?
3. Is one Fred S. MacPherson employed by the Department? If so, what are his duties and salary?

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

- "1. One.
- "2. Clarke W. Gamble, \$200 per mensem.
- "3. No; but Fred L. MacPherson is employed as Highway Traffic and Utilities Engineer under the direction of the Chief Engineer to supervise operations under Parts III. and V. of the 'Highway Act, 1930.' Salary, \$305 per mensem."

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

1. Was one Maurice Rae, Squamish, discharged from the service of the Department?
2. If so, when, and upon what grounds?
3. How long had said Maurice Rae been in the service of the Department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 3rd, 1930. To allow of giving work to a married man under the unemployment relief scheme.
- "3. Thirteen months."

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

What was the total income-tax outstanding at December 31st, 1930?

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

"\$715,230.54."

Mr. *Pearson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What was the amount in arrears on timber royalties at January 31st, 1931?

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

“\$662,360.34.

“NOTE.—This figure includes \$144,532.88 claim for damage to timber by fumes from smelter at Anyox—in dispute.”

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

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Department on Nicomen Island since August 20th, 1928?

2. For what purposes has this money been expended?

3. What lands have been purchased on Nicomen Island for highway purposes; at what prices, and who were the vendors in each case?

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

“1. \$432,492.90.

“2. Construction, reconstruction, improvement, and protection of highways.

“3. Name, description of property, and total price as follows:—

F. Fennel—Parcel 'A,' S.E. ¼ Sec. 32, Tp. 20	\$1,661.68
W. Pennington—Parcel 'A,' S.E. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	2,500.00
W. Pennington—Parcel 'B,' S.E. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	150.00
J. Walkden—Parcel 'A,' S.W. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	121.25
J. Moscrop—Parcel 'B,' S.W. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	287.50
D. M. Archibald—Parcel 'C,' S.W. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	693.00
H. E. Johnson—Parcel 'D,' S.W. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	300.00
A. E. Watts—N.W. ¼ of N.W. ¼ Sec. 28, Tp. 20	175.00
W. J. Brock—Lot 1, Plan 4003, N.W. ¼ Sec. 28, Tp. 20	200.00
G. and A. Seymour—54.74-ac. part of S. ½ Sec. 34, Tp. 20	1,920.00
L.S.B. (A. Waring)—Sketch 3584, Sec. 34, Tp. 20	335.00
S.S.B. (Murray Bros.)—S.W. ¼ Sec. 35, Tp. 20	3,000.00
W. J. Brock—West part Lot 2, Plan 4209, S.E. ¼ Sec. 32, Tp. 20	200.00
J. Walkden—East part Lot 2, Plan 4209, S.E. ¼ Sec. 32, Tp. 20	200.00
W. H. Miller—W. ½ of E. ½ Sec. 36, Tp. 20	232.50
R. J. Lennox—Part of N.W. ¼ Sec. 35, Tp. 20	1,200.00
A. J. Brown—Part of S.W. ¼ Sec. 2, Tp. 21	450.00
A. Larson—Lots 1 to 4, Plan 2940, S.E. ¼ Sec. 2, Tp. 21	1,300.00
C. Boyd—Part of S. ½ Sec. 1, Tp. 21	1,500.00
S.S.B. (T. E. Thompson)—Parcel 'A,' S. ½ Sec. 1, Tp. 21	200.00
S. M. Gibbs—N.E. ¼ of N.E. ¼ Sec. 36, Tp. 20	200.00
H. C. Ross—Part of N.E. ¼ Sec. 36, Tp. 20	166.25
S.S.B. (Morrison's Farm)—Fr. L.S. 12, Sec. 31, Tp. 23	500.00
Dept. of Indian Affairs—Sumas I.R. No. 10	2,200.00
J. Robson—Part N.E. ¼ Sec. 29, Tp. 20	1,091.50
S.S.B. (E. C. Boyes)—Lots 12, 13, Plan 1723, S.E. ¼ Sec. 28, Tp. 20	2,000.00
E. Jones—Lot 11, Plan 1723, S.E. ¼ Sec. 28, Tp. 20	2,150.00
A. LeFevre—Lot 10, Plan 1723, S.E. ¼ Sec. 28, Tp. 20	323.75
F. Brautigan—East part of S.W. ¼ Sec. 27, Tp. 20	662.10
J. Gourley—S.E. ¼ Sec. 27 and part S.W. ¼ Sec. 26, Tp. 20	2,396.50
A. and A. Gourley—Rem. of S.W. ¼ Sec. 26, Tp. 20	1,038.50
E. E. Miller and Henry G. Miller—Fr. S.E. ¼ Sec. 26, Tp. 20	214.40
Dept. of Indian Affairs—Sumas I.R. No. 4	480.00
W. McDonald—Lot 473, Group 1	600.00
T. Yeomans—Lots 11, 13, Plan 2560, Fr. E. ½ Sec. 30, Tp. 23	1,500.00
T. Pennington—Lot 3, Plan 4209, S.W. ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 20	250.00

\$32,398.93

“NOTE.—Some claims still unsettled.”

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. What were the total amounts received during 1930 by way of licences for: (a) Salmon-canneries; (b) salmon dry-saltries; (c) pilchard-reduction plants; (d) herring dry-saltries; (e) pilchard-canneries; (f) herring-canneries; (g) whale-reduction plants?

2. What are the numbers of plants in each of the above classifications in operation?

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

“1. (a) Salmon-canneries, \$127,500; (b) salmon dry-saltries, \$30,000; (c) pilchard-reduction plants, \$10,000; (d) herring dry-saltries, \$11,500; (e) pilchard-canneries, \$200; (f) herring-canneries, \$100; (g) whale-reduction plants, \$1,000.

“2. Information incomplete.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.43 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

Mr. *Kirk* presented the Third and Fourth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 3rd, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with.

No. 1—Ladner Bridge Co., Ltd.

No. 4—Greater Vancouver Tunnel Co., Ltd.

No. 5—Corporation of the City of Chilliwack.

No. 6—Corporation of the District of Mission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 3rd, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the advertising has not been completed.

No. 3—The First Narrows Bridge Co., Ltd.

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

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. *Kirk*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of the City of Chilliwack.”

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Greater Vancouver Tunnel Company, Limited.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Cornett*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Dick*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to enable the Corporation of the District of Mission to guarantee certain Debentures of the Farmers’ Cold Storage Company, Limited.”

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Noxious Weeds Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Stock-brands Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Boiler Inspection Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wrinch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act.’”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assignment of Book Accounts Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act respecting the Removal of Disqualifications on Account of Sex.”

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act for the Protection of the Flowering Dogwood.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Conditional Sales Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Court of Appeal Act’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the total amount of revenue taken to account for the three months ending March 31st, 1928?
2. What was the total amount charged against expenditure for the same period?
3. What was the total amount of revenue taken to account for the three months ending June 30th, 1928?
4. What was the total amount charged against expenditure for the same period?
5. What was the total amount of revenue taken to account for the three months ending March 31st, 1929?
6. What was the total amount charged against expenditure for the same period?
7. What was the total amount of revenue taken to account for the three months ending June 30th, 1929?
8. What was the total amount charged against expenditure for the same period?
9. What was the total amount of revenue taken to account for the three months ending March 31st, 1930?
10. What was the total amount charged against expenditure for the same period?

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

- " 1. \$5,074,149.97.
- " 2. \$6,343,586.64.
- " 3. \$6,006,864.97.
- " 4. \$4,575,921.09.
- " 5. \$5,562,715.82.
- " 6. \$7,823,341.71.
- " 7. \$6,984,173.08.
- " 8. \$4,658,189.99.
- " 9. \$7,059,935.04.
- " 10. \$8,601,569.19."

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

1. What amounts of money have been borrowed by the Government since January 1st, 1930; from whom; term of loan; rate of interest; and sale price?
2. Were public tenders called in each case? If not, how much was borrowed without public tender?
3. What amount is owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for money borrowed on Treasury bills?

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

" 1 and 2. Financing during period January 1st, 1930, to November 1st, 1930:—

Refunding and repayment issues—

- (a.) On April 2nd, 1930—25-year debentures sold to Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; McLeod, Young & Weir; Gillespie, Hart & Co.; and V. Odium, Brown & Co., at 4½% (93.67 per 100, to yield 4.94%); Series FV \$3,203,000.00
(Public tender.)
- (b.) On May 28th, 1930—1-year Treasury bills sold to Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; and McLeod, Young & Weir at 4% (99.60 per 100, to yield 4.41%); Series TBE 4,000,000.00
(Private tender.) (See explanatory note below.)

(c.) On June 16th, 1930—9-months' Treasury bills sold to A. E. Ames & Co.; Wood, Gundy & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; and The Royal Bank of Canada at 3¾% (99.64 per 100, to yield 4.25%); Series TBF....	\$1,291,000.00
(Private tender.) (See explanatory note below.)	
(d.) On August 20th, 1930—1-year Treasury bills sold to A. E. Ames & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; Wood, Gundy & Co.; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; and The Royal Bank of Canada at 3½% (99.66 per 100, to yield 3.85%); Series TBI	500,000.00
(Private tender.) (See explanatory note below.)	
	\$8,994,000.00
Deduct therefrom: Repayment of Treasury bills sold to The Canadian Bank of Commerce	8,768,197.00
	\$225,803.00
New borrowings—	
(e.) On June 16th, 1930—9-months' Treasury bills sold to A. E. Ames & Co.; Wood, Gundy & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; and The Royal Bank of Canada at 3¾% (99.64 per 100, to yield 4.25%); Series TBG	2,709,000.00
(Private tender.) (See explanatory note below.)	
(f.) On August 20th, 1930—1-year Treasury bills sold to A. E. Ames & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; Wood, Gundy & Co.; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; and The Royal Bank of Canada at 3½% (99.66 per 100, to yield 3.85%); Series TBH	2,000,000.00
(Private tender.) (See explanatory note below.)	
Sale of Treasury bills to the Canadian Bank of Commerce from January 1st, 1930, to November 1st, 1930	7,521,503.00
Deduct—	
Instalment on June 29th in connection with Series Issue EV	\$210,000.00
And annual instalment on B.C. House, London, Mortgage	9,700.00
	219,700.00

"3. November 1st, 1930, \$3,108,000.

"EXPLANATORY NOTE.—Private tenders were necessary because of short duration of emergency market, which required quick action to take advantage of attractive prices offered."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. C. Hayman.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Pattullo on February 16th, as follows:—

That a Return be made to this House of all correspondence between the Prime Minister of British Columbia, or any member of the Government of British Columbia, or any official of any department of the Government of British Columbia, and any member of the British Cabinet.

or departmental officer, relating to the resources of British Columbia and the possibilities of their development, reference to which was made in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on Tuesday, January 28th, 1930.

Motion agreed to.

In pursuance of such Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Return.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bruhn*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the books of accounts and all documents with respect to moneys received from the Dominion Government for unemployment relief, and with respect to the disbursement thereof, whether directly by the Province or through municipalities, and the accounts with respect to moneys appropriated or disbursed from the Treasury of this Province for unemployment relief purposes for the fiscal year 1930-31 up to January 31st, 1931, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Buckham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be laid on the table of the House of the report made to the Hon. the Minister of Mines with regard to the accident in the coal-mine at Coalmont in the year 1930.

In pursuance of such Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie* presented a Return.

Mr. *Pearson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gillis*,—

Whereas the increase in consumption of fuel-oil in Canada has resulted in the decrease of coal used for similar purposes:

And whereas the prosperity of the coal industry in Canada is thereby greatly impaired:

Be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly do humbly petition the Government of Canada to cause to be presented to Parliament, proposal:—

- (1.) To increase the tariff on fuel-oil entering Canada to such amount as will enable the coal industry to successfully compete against fuel-oil:
- (2.) To place upon fuel-oil, which is the residue of crude oil imported into and refined in Canada, a tax of such amount as will enable the coal industry to successfully compete against fuel-oil.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of this Resolution and the preamble thereto be forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State and other proper officials of the Government of Canada.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanna* on February 26th, as follows:—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all petitions, letters, communications, and all telegrams passing between the Premier, the Provincial Secretary, or any other Minister of the Provincial Government, and any person or persons, in reference to the Corporation of the City of Alberni and the suggested secession of any part thereof.

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Boiler Inspection Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Shipment and Sale of Coal" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Flowering Dogwood" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented the Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ending December 31st, 1930.

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

1. What amount has been expended since August 20th, 1928, on the Hope-Princeton Road?
2. What portion of this amount has been expended: (a) In the vicinity of Hope; (b) in the vicinity of Princeton?
3. How many miles have been constructed from: (a) Hope; (b) Princeton?
4. How many men were employed near Hope and Princeton respectively during November, 1930; December, 1930; and January, 1931?
5. Has any part of moneys received from Federal Government as unemployment grant been expended on Hope-Princeton Road?

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

"1. \$87,820.12.

"2. (a) \$27,563.42; (b) \$60,256.70.

"3. (a) Two miles completed, three additional miles cleared; (b) 13½ miles.

"4. Near Hope: November, 33; December, 26; January, 8. Near Princeton: November, 31; December, 58; January, 52.

"5. Yes."

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

1. Did the Minister of Education officially visit Europe during 1930?
2. If so, what points, and for what purpose?
3. What were his total expenses?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. To observe the work of the Overseas Education League, and to learn of the advantages offered by the League to school-teachers and university undergraduates; also to examine the details of certain phases of the educational systems of England and Scotland.

"3. The Government has no knowledge, but only \$580 was charged to the public funds."

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

1. What is the total number of persons in the employ of the Liquor Control Board?
2. What was the total number of persons in the employ of the Liquor Control Board, August 20th, 1928?

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

"1. 329.

"2. 297."

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

What was the total number of employees, permanent and temporary, in the service of the Liquor Control Board on December 23rd, 1930?

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

“331 permanent employees; 133 temporary employees.”

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

1. Has the Interior Construction Company done any work for the Department in Similkameen or South Okanagan Ridings since August 20th, 1928?
2. If so, has all such work been done by tender; and, if so, were tenders opened in public?
3. If not, has any work been done upon any other basis?
4. If so, what amounts have been paid to Interior Construction Company in connection with such work?
5. Has any machinery or equipment been hired from said company; and, if so, for what periods and at what rentals?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes. Competitive prices secured by Purchasing Agent and submitted to Department in the usual manner.

“3. See answer to No. 2.

“4. See answer to No. 2.

“5. Yes. November 1st to 30th, 1929, 4-yard truck, \$2 per hour; August 24th to October 15th, 1929, and May 10th to September 30th, 1930, ¾-yard shovel, \$20 per day, plus 1 per cent. of rental per yard moved.”

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

1. Were any trucks hired for work on Radium Hot Springs-Windermere Road Diversion during season of 1930?
2. If so, from whom; what make and model were said trucks; for how long a period were they hired; what was the rate of hire per day; what was the total amount paid for such hire in each case?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. W. S. Dale. One each 5-ton Kenworthy, White, and Day-Elder; from September 21st to November 30th, two eight-hour shifts per day, \$30 per shift; total amount, \$6,772.50. These were the only suitable trucks available.”

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

What new public works have been undertaken in the Atlin Riding for the year 1930-31, with amount spent in each case?

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

“Alice Arm streets, \$8,395; Atlin-Surprise Road, \$3,087; Bear River Road, \$10,447; Conway Street, \$4,500; Gwinaha-Cranberry, \$4,176; Illeanze Road, \$6,468; Kitsault Road, \$2,727; Stewart-Hyder Road, \$2,377; Telegraph-Dease Lake Road, \$10,195; Alice Arm protection, \$3,069; Bear River protection, \$4,425. New vault to Court-house, Atlin, \$2,107.”

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

1. What was the total assessment of Nanaimo Assessment District in: (a) 1928; (b) 1929; (c) 1930?
2. What was the total assessment of Cowichan Assessment District in: (a) 1928; (b) 1929; (c) 1930?

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

“1. Taxes levied: (a) 1928, \$133,988.76; (b) 1929, \$132,888.04; (c) 1930, \$149,539.93.

“2. Taxes levied: (a) 1928, \$106,163.52; (b) 1929, \$101,856.36; (c) 1930, \$109,262.13.”

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

What was the total assessment of Alberni Assessment District in: (a) 1928; (b) 1929; (c) 1930?

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

“Taxes levied: (a) 1928, \$110,358.28; (b) 1929, \$114,149.24; (c) 1930, \$124,878.22.”

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 5.12 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *O. M. Sanford*.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1932;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1931;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1930, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 5th, 1931.

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. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair.”

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting Chiropractors” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Berry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Boiler Inspection Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act respecting the Shipment and Sale of Coal.”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Loughheed*) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

His Honour the Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 1931.

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. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver," 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 following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

On the motion of Mr. *Dick*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting Drugless Physicians."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting Threshers' Liens."

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 5.05 p.m.

Friday, March 6th, 1931.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, notice of motion standing in his name for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was withdrawn.

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. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Co-operative Associations Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Courts Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Absconding Debtors Act.’”

Pursuant to an Order of the House dated March 4th, the Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented a Return relating to the Corporation of the City of Alberni and the suggested secession of any part thereof.

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

1. Did Mr. Hugh Davidson voluntarily resign, or was he requested to send in his resignation from the Liquor Control Board?

2. Was any bonus paid to said Hugh Davidson on his relinquishing office?

3. If so, how much, and from what fund was money paid?

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

“1. Mr. Hugh Davidson offered to resign on several occasions, and eventually did so.

“2. No.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

Mr. *A. M. Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the appointment of Mr. L. L. Adams, of Squamish, as Justice of the Peace been rescinded; and, if so, when, and for what reasons?

2. What other Justices of the Peace are there in Squamish?

3. Have any cases originating in Squamish or vicinity been tried at other points? If so, what cases, and what additional expense was involved?

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

“1. Yes; November 19th, 1930; in public interest.

“2. Two.

“3. Yes; one case, \$13.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Monday, March 9th, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. W. B. Wood*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Lister presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

That we have now considered all the recommendations as submitted to this Committee by the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes and associates, and have endorsed their resolutions, as follows:—

(1.) Reverted lands to be made available for pre-emption. That pre-emptions which have been abandoned for a period of three years and over be made available for pre-emption free of any charge as far as improvements are concerned.

(2.) Reverted lands. That all reverted lands before being sold be advertised in the district concerned before actual sale.

(3.) Australasian trade agreements *re* butter products. That in view of the reported negotiations now in progress between the Canadian Government and the Government of Australia and New Zealand, the attention of the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce be drawn to the demoralized conditions existing in the dairy, sheep, and allied industries owing to low-priced importations from Australasia, and that the Minister of Trade and Commerce be requested to take immediate steps to protect these industries from any further demoralization; and, further, that the Minister of Agriculture of British Columbia be asked to submit facts and figures in connection with the above.

(4.) Indians not liable for auto accidents. That in view of the fact that under existing legal conditions concerning the status of Indians as minors and wards of the Indian Department, and hence in view of the practical impossibilities of obtaining redress from Indians in case of damage resulting from their operation of motor-cars on our Provincial highways, it is the opinion of your Committee that greater care should be taken by our Provincial Licensing Department in the matter of issuing drivers' licences to Indians.

(5.) *Re* filing of half-sections of land. That the "Land Act" be amended to permit of the pre-emption of 320 acres where it can be shown that 160 acres would not be sufficient to provide a living for the intending settler.

(6.) Oriental question. That the Oriental problem has again been brought to the attention of your Committee, and your Committee feels that the problem is of such grave importance to the Province and to Canada that it should have the earnest consideration of this House through a Select Committee. Your Committee therefore recommends that a Select Committee be forthwith appointed to consider the problem, with authority to take evidence in regard thereto, and report its findings and recommendations thereon to this Session of the House. And be it further Resolved, That the whole Oriental question be referred to the Dominion Government when Economic Conference is sitting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED LISTER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Poolley, it was *Resolved*,—

That on this and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. When did the "Liquor Control Act" come into force?
2. When did the present Commission assume office?
3. When the present Commission assumed office, what was the value of liquor samples on hand?
4. What is the value of samples received by the present Board since assuming office?
5. What has been done with said samples?
6. What revenue, if any, has been received for same?
7. What was done with samples received before the present Board was appointed?
8. What sum, if any, was realized from the disposal of samples received before the present Board assumed office?

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

- " 1. June 15th, 1921.
- " 2. August 19th, 1930.
- " 3. All samples are delivered free of charge and are of no value to the Board commercially.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3.
- " 5. Included in 1,500 Christmas hampers, December, 1930, sales.
- " 6. Approximately \$5,064.
- " 7. No information.
- " 8. *Nil.*"

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 5.40 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. C. Hayman*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of the City of Chilliwack."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Absconding Debtors Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver."

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

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

1. Has one L. C. Gunn, of Prince George, been employed on survey-work by the Department of Railways?
2. If yes, upon what work has he been engaged, and what was his total remuneration for such work?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have Benjamin Parkinson, Edmund Parkinson, Clifford Bowes, Gordon Baird, James Baird, and Marsden Baird, any or all, been employed by the Department in the Kaslo-Slocan District between January 1st, 1930, and December 31st, 1930?
2. If so, how long did each work; what was his rate of pay; and what was the total amount received by each?

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

- "1. Yes, with the exception of Edmund Parkinson.
- "2. Benjamin Parkinson, 253 days at \$5 per day, total \$1,265; Clifford Bowes, 292 days at \$4.50 per day as truck-driver, \$6 per day on tractor, total \$1,353; Gordon Baird, 22 days at \$4 and \$8.50 per day with team, total \$110.50; James Baird, 186 days at \$4, \$4.50, and \$8.50 per day with team, total \$843; Marsden Baird, 100 days at \$4 per day, total \$400."

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

1. Was an appropriation made in 1930 through the District Engineer's office towards a road to be constructed from Squamish to Britannia Beach?
2. If so, what was the amount of such appropriation?
3. Were any moneys so appropriated diverted for use upon the Powell River-Gibsons Landing Road?
4. Was any amount additional to the original appropriation subsequently spent upon the Britannia Beach-Squamish Road?
5. If so, what amount?
6. From what vote were such moneys obtained?
7. What were the recommendations of the Board of Trade, Squamish?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$10,000.
- "3. No.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. \$5,000.
- "6. Unemployment Relief, Special Warrants 6, 7, and 8.
- "7. That a highway be constructed from Squamish to Britannia Mines."

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

1. What was the total cost, respectively, of bridges over Nakusp Creek and McDonald Creek, Columbia River Road, Arrow Lakes District?
2. What amount was spent to make fills and approaches for each of these bridges, and from what vote was this amount obtained?

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

- "1. \$1,800 and \$2,000 respectively.
- "2. Nakusp Creek fill, \$630.34; Vote 164, 1929-30—Bridges. McDonald Creek fill, \$1,198; Vote 169, 1930-31—Bridges."

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

1. Has any portion of the Big Bend Road north from Revelstoke been constructed during 1930?

2. If so, what is the length of road so constructed and the average cost per mile?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 12 miles; \$13,000.”

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

1. How is the Pacific Highway classified under section 39, “Highway Act”?

2. When was the present classification of such highway as above adopted?

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

“1. Arterial.

“2. February 3rd, 1931.”

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

1. Is one H. Avison in the employ of the Department of Public Works at Prince George?

2. If so, what are his duties?

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

“1. No.

“2. See answer to question No. 1.”

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

1. Was any equipment hired or rented by the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year 1925-26 in connection with construction or reconstruction of the Trans-Provincial Highway between Hope and American Creek?

2. If so, what equipment was hired or rented, from whom was it rented, and at what daily rental?

3. What total sum of money (if any) was paid by the Department as rental for such equipment?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. P. and H. shovel; A. B. Palmer Company, Limited; \$20 per day, plus 1 per cent. of daily rental per cubic yard material moved, with minimum rental of \$70 per working-day.

“3. \$16,416.38.”

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

1. Has the Department of Industries had any official dealings with a company known as the Pacific Northwestern Lumber Company, and in what way?

2. Did the Department dispose of any of the assets of this company; and, if yes, to whom?

3. What did the assets disposed of consist of?

4. What were the terms of the sale?

5. Who were the purchasers?

6. Have any of the assets been removed by the purchasers?

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

“1. Yes. This company purchased a sawmill on which the Department held a mortgage. The company failed and the liquidator quit-claimed to the Department.

“2. Yes. Have arranged for sale to the Atlantic Pacific Lumber Company, Limited.

“3. Mill-site, mill, camp buildings, pipe-line, machinery, and equipment subject to two machinery liens.

“4. Purchase price, \$10,000; \$4,000 cash, balance \$1,000 every six months with interest at 6 per cent.; \$1,000 has been paid on purchase.

“5. Atlantic Pacific Lumber Company, Limited.

“6. No removal of assets by purchasers. One lath-machine, one set of live rolls, and one small edger not installed, belonging to National Machinery Company, Limited, and covered by a lien, have been removed.”

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

1. Was A. E. Roddis at any time employed in the Government Agency at Prince George?
2. If yes, was said A. E. Roddis transferred to any other place?
3. If so, was cost of such transfer paid by the Government, and what was the amount?
4. Is housing accommodation provided for said A. E. Roddis; and, if so, is it the policy of the Government to house all employees occupying similar positions?

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

- "1. Yes; twelve years.
- "2. Transferred to Pouce Coupe, July 1st, 1930.
- "3. Yes; \$584.35.
- "4. No."

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 5.40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Mothers' Pensions Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Mothers' Pensions 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. *Kirk* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time-limit for receiving reports on Private Bills be extended to March 18th, 1931. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was read and received.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman*.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Was one D. G. Williams appointed as agent for sale of Government lands in Prince George District?

2. If yes, was such appointment exclusive?

3. If so, what rate of commission was paid said D. G. Williams?

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

"1. Yes; Land Settlement Board lands in Settlement Area No. 5.

"2. No.

"3. 5 per cent."

Mr. *Pearson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Did the Department of Mines make an inquiry into any colliery disaster in 1930?

2. If so, who was employed to conduct such an inquiry, how long was he employed, and what amount (if any) did he receive as remuneration?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Thomas Graham, C.M.E.; employed approximately twenty-one days and received \$863.75 as remuneration and expenses."

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has an area for a forest nursery been established by the Government?
- 2 If so, where?
3. If so, what is the extent of such area: (a) Cleared; (b) planted?
4. If so, what was the total cost of such forest nursery, including clearing, cultivation, draining, fencing, planting, and other costs?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Experimental Nursery, Shelbourne Street, Saanich Municipality; Green Timbers Forestry Station, Pacific Highway, Surrey Municipality.

"3. Experimental Nursery: Total area, 0.5 acre; all cleared and in nursery seed-beds. Green Timbers Station: Total area, 620 acres; 6.1 acres cleared, 62.7 acres planted.

"4. Experimental Nursery, 1927 to present, \$3,556.79; Green Timbers Station, 1929 to present, \$14,867.78."

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

Has the Government entered into any negotiations for the sale of acreage for colonization purposes along or near the line of the Canadian National Railway?

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

"No."

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

1. How many employees were there in the Johnson Street Liquor Store, Victoria: (a) In October, 1919; (b) in October, 1930?

2. How many employees were there in the Humboldt Street Liquor Store, Victoria: (a) In October, 1929; (b) in October, 1930?

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

"1. (a) Nil; (b) twelve permanent, three temporary.

"2. (a) Seven permanent, three temporary; (b) seven permanent, three temporary."

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 5.40 p.m.

Thursday, March 12th, 1931.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the Order being called for "Questions put by Members," Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling:—

"HON. MEMBERS,—My attention has been called to the following questions directed to the Hon. Minister of Lands standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable member for South Vancouver under item No. 1:—

"5. What was the ostensible purpose of such trip or trips?

"6. What permanent benefit, if any, accrued to the Province as a result of his trip, if any?

"9. Did any beneficial result accrue to British Columbia as a result of such trip, if any?"

"In the decision rendered by me on February 23rd, I expressed my doubts as to the regularity of these questions on the grounds then given, and I now rule them out as irregular and order them to be dropped from the Order Paper."

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

1. Has a franchise for a public carrier under the provisions of the "Highway Act" been granted to Vancouver Island Coach Lines or the Vancouver Island Transportation Company?
2. If so, has a fair-wage clause been inserted in such franchise?

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

- "1. No franchise granted. See answer to Mr. Hanna, Votes and Proceedings No. 10, February 24th.
"2. No."

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

1. Who is Road Superintendent at Prince George?
2. Is Road Superintendent at Prince George granted by the Department of Public Works the services of a chauffeur?
3. If yes, does this practice obtain in the case of other Road Superintendents?

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

- "1. There is none.
"2. See answer to No. 1.
"3. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Has a road been constructed since August 20th, 1928, from North Cross-road to Swartz Bay Ferry Wharf, North Saanich District, or is such a road under construction?
2. If yes, what is the total of such construction to date?

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

- "1. Yes.
"2. \$14,863.76."

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

1. How many employees are there in the office of the Public Works Department in Sidney?
2. What are the duties of such employees and their respective rates of pay?

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

- "1. Two.
"2. General Foreman and clerk, \$200 and \$135 per month respectively."

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

1. What is the total mileage of public roads and trails in Esquimalt Electoral District?
2. What amount was spent during 1930 upon such roads and trails?

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

- "1. 490 miles.
"2. Information will be shown in 1930-31 Public Accounts."

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

1. Was a school building constructed at Brookmere during 1930?
2. If so, what was the cost of said building, were tenders called for this work, and who was the successful tenderer?

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

- "1. Yes; erected by the Official Trustee of school district under powers vested in him under provisions of 'Public Schools Act.' According to latest information received from Official Trustee, the cost was \$930.70. Department has no information regarding tenders, as the school was erected by the local authorities and not by the Government.
"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.