

Tuesday, March 6th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* presented the Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

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

1. Is there any provision for improvement of the Crown ranges of the Interior of the Province in order to extend their use and protect the stock using them?
2. If yes, how is it financed?
3. If yes (to No. 1), how much improvement-work has been done in the past?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. One-third of the grazing fees collected each year is placed in the Range Improvement Fund, under authority of section 14 of the 'Grazing Act.'

"3. Mud-holes fenced, 235; water developments, 106; corrals, 34; holding-grounds, 23; stock bridges, 29; drift-fences, 220; stock trails, 157; bull pastures, 5; breeding pastures, 76; experimental plots, 18; cattle-guards, 24; horse pastures, 6; stock driveways, 1."

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

1. Has any gravelling been carried out in 1944 on the road between Gray Creek and Creston?
2. If yes, what was the total mileage so improved?
3. What amount of money was expended on the work?
4. Has this work been completed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Five miles.

"3. \$7,928 to date.

"4. No."

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

1. Is any major development-work now under way in any of the Provincial parks?
2. Have complete development plans been formulated in advance for any of the above parks?
3. If so, what acreage is covered by the plans?

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

"1. No; owing to lack of material and labour work in the Provincial parks is on a maintenance basis.

"2. Yes.

"3. Approximately 5,000,000 acres."

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

1. How much range-land is there in the Interior of the Province?
2. Is it adequate for the needs of the live-stock industry?
3. Is there need for expansion of the live-stock industry?
4. If yes, can the industry be expanded on the range available?

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

“1. Not known. Up to the start of the war about 2,750,000 acres had been surveyed. There is at least twice that area currently used and an unknown larger area not used. With the return of trained personnel after the war the survey programme will be continued.

“2. There are local shortages of range, especially the open bunch-grass ranges. This is due to overstocking and, in some cases, poor management. The carrying capacity could be increased by better range practices. There is ample summer range.

“3. Yes; British Columbia imports large quantities of meat animals and products from other Provinces. In 1942 we imported 8,623,063 lb. of beef, 3,552,268 lb. of veal, and 965,539 lb. of mutton and lamb.

“4. It is believed so, with careful management. The Forest Service, which administers the Crown ranges under the ‘Grazing Act,’ has plans for comprehensive surveys and estimates of capacity, as well as for proper management of the range when personnel is available.”

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

1. Are wild and useless horses a nuisance on the ranges of the Interior of the Province, and in what way?
2. If yes, is there any provision made for control of these animals?
3. Is control being exercised this year?
4. What control has been exercised in the past?
5. What results are obtained?

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

“1. Yes: (a) They use a great deal of forage that useful animals should get; (b) they are on the range early in the spring and eat the grass before it has time to grow, pulling much of it out by the roots from the soft ground; (c) they trample much range, especially in the spring when it is soft; and (d) they lead gentle horses away.

“2. Yes; section 5 of the ‘Grazing Act’ provides for the closing of ranges to horses for set periods and the destruction or round-up of any animals found on the range during the closed period.

“3. The Cariboo Grazing District is closed from January 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1945. Several permits have been given for destruction of wild horses in this area.

“4. This form of control has been exercised for about twenty years.

“5. Results are good where the work is carried out regularly and conscientiously. Since control started there have been approximately 10,000 horses destroyed or shipped out for use.”

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

1. Has the Nelson-Balfour Highway been improved by widening near Crescent Bay?
2. If yes, what mileage of work was undertaken?
3. What was the cost of such work?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. One mile.

“3. \$4,854.”

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 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Leonard*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *R. C. MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Is the Government's grant of 70 cents *per diem* per patient given to hospitals in order to assist them in their services to indigents?
2. Is it with the Government's consent that hospitals which are receiving the Government grant are now dunning certain people for expenses incurred during the period when they were on relief and received free hospitalization?

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

"1. *Per capita* grants to hospitals are given primarily as general aid but may be regarded partially as offsets to costs incurred by non-paying patients.

"2. Hospitals can not refuse to admit patients because of indigent circumstances without forfeiting their right to Government *per capita* grants. The Government, however, does not control the right of hospitals to collect from patients who are able to pay."

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Has a Provincial Director of Educational and Vocational Guidance been appointed for the schools of the Province?

2. If yes, give his name, qualifications, duties, and his plan of procedure to date.

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Harold P. Johns.

“(a.) Qualifications: B.A. (University of British Columbia), M.A. (University of British Columbia), graduate study in educational and vocational guidance in the University of Washington, six years as boys' counsellor in Victoria High School, organizer and head of Victoria Schools' Guidance and Placement Department, and lecturer at the Department of Education's Summer School of Education, Victoria.

“(b.) Duties: (1) To organize and supervise educational and vocational guidance in the schools of British Columbia; (2) to stimulate the interest of teachers and to encourage the in-service training of teachers; and (3) to assist teachers by making available to them literature of use in guidance classes.

“(c.) Plan of procedure to date:—

“(1.) Visits to schools: Twenty-six junior or senior high schools have been visited since September for the purpose of discussing the problems of each school and assisting in organizing the guidance services; at twenty-three of these schools staff meetings were held.

“(2.) Visits to teachers' conventions: Four teachers' conventions were attended; meetings were held with guidance workers at each of the conventions.

“(3.) Materials issued to schools and inspectors to stimulate and assist guidance workers: (a) Three 'Guidance Bulletins' have been issued, dealing with: (i.) Organization—procedure and suggestions; (ii.) vocational guidance and occupational information; (iii.) child study (gathering and filing information about individual students) and counselling. (b) Lists of inexpensive materials dealing with jobs and training for jobs (issued by professional or trade organizations, Government agencies, and publishing houses specializing in occupational information) have been sent to teachers bi-monthly; up to the present time 446 pamphlets have been listed (maximum price, \$1; the majority 25 cents or less). Two organizations, the Canadian Institute of Engineering and the Pharmaceutical Association of British Columbia, have co-operated by supplying each school with copies of pamphlets on their professions.

“(4.) Preparation of occupational information for vocational guidance classes: (a) Work has been commenced on a proposed 'Occupational Information Series' for British Columbia schools; the co-operation of the Bureau of Economics and Statistics and a number of professional organizations should be noted in this regard; the series, when issued, will be in loose-leaf form, thus enabling new or revised job summaries to be included in the book without necessitating complete republication. (b) Negotiations have been conducted with the British Columbia Products Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade for the making of a series of film-strips and commentaries on jobs in British Columbia industry; at a meeting held in Vancouver on February 15th the bureau members unanimously adopted this proposal.

“(5.) Teacher-training: (a) Two lectures were given to the teacher-training class of the University of British Columbia; (b) a 'Guidance Workshop' has been arranged for the Department of Education's Summer School of Education in July and August of this year.”

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Was a report of the Public Library Commission's survey of library service in Provincial institutions received by the Minister of Education?
2. What action, if any, has been taken to improve the library service of Provincial institutions?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. On the authority of the Hon. the Attorney-General, under the direction of the Public Library Commission and with the co-operation of Vancouver Public Library, library service is being progressively and satisfactorily developed in both the men's gaol and women's gaol at Oakalla Prison. The sum of \$1,830 is provided in the estimates for 1944-45 for this purpose. Funds to the amount respectively of \$250 and \$350 were made available by the Provincial Secretary's Department during the current fiscal year for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Provincial Home at Kamloops and Alco Hospital, Haney. At the request of the Department these books and periodicals were selected and ordered by the Public Library Commission."

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

1. How many acres a year are being reforested by planting?
2. Has this objective been attained during the past four years?
3. Where are these areas located?
4. What are the costs of planting, including the snag falling for fire protection?

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

"1. 10,000 acres.

"2. Yes; for the period 1941 to 1944, inclusive, a total of 40,413 acres have been planted.

"3. The major projects have been as follows: (a) Nanton Lake, near Powell River, 2,635 acres; (b) Campbell River region, 19,696 acres; (c) Deep Bay region, Vancouver Island, 3,839 acres; (d) Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island, 10,452 acres; (e) Alberni region, Vancouver Island, 1,279 acres; (f) Timberlands region, near Ladysmith, 1,558 acres; (g) Nanaimo Lakes region, 590 acres; (h) Green Timbers Plantations, 107 acres; and (i) miscellaneous small areas, 257 acres.

"4. \$12 per acre."

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

1. What data form the basis of decision to implement a forest closure in the Vancouver Forest District?
2. Does the Forest Service operate weather recording and (or) forecasting stations as a guide to such decisions?

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

"1. The Forest Service operates forest fire-hazard measuring devices in the form of moisture content and relative humidity instruments at twenty-eight selected locations throughout the Vancouver Forest District. Daily records from these stations supplemented by those from a certain number of similar instruments operated by the logging industry at various logging camps are averaged by zones to give hazard build-up curves of fuel moisture content per centum and minimum humidity per centum for each zone. Such curves interpreted in the light of detailed daily weather forecasts (supplied by the Meteorological Bureau, Department of Transport) and records of current and immediate past precipitation serve as guidance for a decision *re* forest closure action. Some expansion of this work, leading towards more intensive basic data, is planned for 1945.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Of the 28,218 acres reclaimed by the Sumas Reclamation project, how many acres were classified as suitable for agricultural purposes?

2. What is the total balance due the Government from this project to date?

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

“ 1. 28,065.84 acres.

“ 2. The balance owing to the Government as at December 31st last, according to existing Statutes, was \$852,278.49.”

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

1. How many releases from mortgage have been issued by the Land Settlement Board since the passing of the amendment to the “ Land Settlement and Development Act ” in 1938?

2. How many title deeds have been issued to land purchasers by the Land Settlement Board since the passing of the above amendment?

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

“ 1. 154.

“ 2. 200.”

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

1. Has any provision been made relieving members of the Armed Forces home on leave from the payment of drivers' licence fees and examination fees over the period of leave?

2. If so, when?

3. Give particulars.

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. By Order in Council passed February 27th, 1945, the provisions of which are retroactive in their operation to January 1st, 1945.

“ 3. The licence fee of \$1 for a driver's examination and the licence fee of \$1 for a driver's licence under the ' Motor-vehicle Act ' are remitted in the case of members of the Armed Forces returning to British Columbia for a period not exceeding thirty days.”

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 5.41 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 2nd, 1945.

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. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dawson Creek Loan 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 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. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena" was read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Status of Children of certain Marriages."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraudulent Preferences Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Lands Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Education of Soldiers’ Dependent Children Act.’”

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Old-age Pension Act.’”

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

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

1. Has a Special Committee of Inspectors and others been appointed to consider the matter of improved plans for schools?

2. If yes, (a) of whom did the Committee consist, (b) did the members of the Committee visit and examine any of the modern schools in the State of Washington, and (c) has a report been prepared?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) Dr. H. B. King (Chief Inspector of Schools), Inspectors Dr. Wm. Plenderleith, H. D. Stafford, B. Thorsteinsson, and C. J. Frederickson, and H. Whittaker (Government Architect); (b) the Chairman, the Government Architect, and other members of the Committee have visited the most modern schools in Washington; (c) the Committee began its work by the reading of the most up-to-date books and magazines on the planning of modern school buildings. A meeting was held in January, 1945, to draw up a final report. The drawings are now in the hands of the architect. The report will be ready in April.”

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

1. Have any steps been taken recently by the Department to assist the teachers employed in rural schools of the Province in carrying out the school programme?

2. If the answer is in the affirmative, give some particulars.

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) A ‘Rural School’ magazine is published every two months for the special benefit of rural school teachers. Its aim is to assist the teachers in keeping in touch with the best available educational materials and to help them solve problems that arise from time to time in carrying out the school programme. Two issues have already been sent to the schools and the third is now being printed. The magazine has been warmly welcomed by the rural teachers of the Province and by the inspectors. It has also received most favourable comment in other Provinces of Canada. (b) In two of the larger rural inspectorates ‘Helping’ teachers have been appointed to pay extended visits to schools staffed by inexperienced teachers or teachers without full academic and professional qualifications. These ‘Helping’ teachers assist the teachers in organizing their work and in drawing up suitable time-tables. They also give demonstrations in the class-room of the best teaching procedures.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.41 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Archbishop *M. M. Harding*.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,168,169.48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1946.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,580 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1946.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,915 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1946.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,370 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1946.
12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1946.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1946.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1946.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension, and Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance, to 31st March, 1946.
16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1946.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, grants, etc., to 31st March, 1946.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Exhibition Association, to 31st March, 1946.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1946.
20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1946.
21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1946.
22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1946.
23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Insect Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1946.
24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1946.
25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dominion-Provincial Emergency Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1946.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Society of Industrial Accounts of British Columbia" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee calls the attention of the House, as is required by Standing Order 113, to an amendment defining classes of membership and the recording and registering of members, and an amendment providing for power of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to annul any by-law of the Society, which amendments are deemed to be in the public interest to insert in the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

1. How many forest nurseries are now operated by the Forest Branch and where are they located?
2. What is their current output?
3. Is this their full capacity and, if not, what volume of trees can they produce?
4. What are the costs of growing the trees?

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

"1. Three—one at Green Timbers on the Trans-Canada Highway five miles south of New Westminster, one near Campbell River, and one near Duncan.

"2. 10,000,000 trees per year.

"3. No; the three nurseries have a potential capacity of 20,000,000 trees per year.

"4. Cost of growing the trees varies from one-quarter to one-third of a cent each."

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

1. What precautions are taken by the Department for the protection of watersheds which form a source of domestic and irrigation water-supply?
2. In making timber sales in the Provincial Forest Reserves what requirements are there for perpetuating timber production?
3. Are there any provisions for the utilization of timber values in Provincial parks where such cutting would not be inimical to the purpose for which they were created?
4. What provisions are there for preserving young and advanced second-growth on vacant Crown land?
5. What steps are taken for the preservation of standing timber adjacent to public highways possessing æsthetic value?
6. (a) What is meant by the term selection cutting, (b) what are its advantages, and (c) is it being practised in British Columbia stands?
7. What steps have been taken to establish farm wood-lots?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

“1. Before any sale is made a joint report and recommendations are required of the District Forester and the District Engineer of the Water Rights Branch and due regard is paid to irrigation interests and domestic water users. The Chief Forester may disallow a timber sale where any logging may adversely affect these interests. Not infrequently a selection cutting will safeguard the supply of water and control erosion, stream-flow, and floods, and at the same time maintain the stand in perpetuity. Where contamination may be the chief consideration, the Chief Forester may likewise disallow any timber sale application.

“2. The Chief Forester may require special clauses in timber sale contracts which will encourage natural reproduction by leaving seed trees, provide for the preservation of growing timber to be left uncut, provide for adequate slash disposal and other favourable silvicultural conditions, and restrict the cut to the sustained annual yield capacity of the Provincial forest.

“3. The Crown timber of any Provincial Class A park is reserved from cutting or sale except as such cutting or incidental sale is, in the opinion of the Chief Forester, necessary or advantageous in developing and improving the park or protecting and preserving the major forest values of the park for the enjoyment of the public. No Provincial Class A park timber shall be sold primarily for revenue. The Crown timber in any Provincial Class B park is available for disposal if, in the opinion of the Chief Forester, disposal of such timber would not be detrimental to the recreational value of the area.

“4. The Chief Forester may, at his discretion, disallow any application for a timber sale unless satisfied that practical logging methods can be prescribed which will cause the least possible damage to existing reproduction. By directing logging from our thrifty, fast-growing young stands to our mature to overmature forests where growth is more often than not balanced by loss from natural causes such as insects and fungi, we are taking the first step toward sustained yield production. In logging the overmature stands we are then in a position to put the logged areas into production once more. A thinning or improvement cutting in advanced reproduction, such as the removal of cedar poles, will improve the character and composition of the stand at maturity.

“5. In all cases æsthetic values are given primary consideration and may not be sold without the specific approval of the Chief Forester.

“6. (a) Selection cutting is the removal of mature timber, usually the largest and dominant trees in an uneven-aged stand, either as single scattered trees or small size groups at relatively short periods. (b) Selection logging in uneven-aged stands repeated at proper intervals ensures the continuous establishment of natural reproduction, main-

tains the proper proportion of age classes, provides a sanitation cutting to remove trees subject to disease by insects or fungi, encourages total production of a stand by a thinning cutting thereby reducing excessive competition for light and moisture, and reduces fire-hazard from logging slash. (c) Selection cutting methods are required under timber sale contracts where considered advantageous, particularly in our Engelmann spruce and Western Yellow pine stands and only trees marked by a trained Forest Officer may be cut.

"7. In the East Kootenay sixty-one Christmas-tree allotment areas have been laid out adjacent to established farms and permits issued to individual farmers who operate under sustained annual production. Income from Christmas trees to the farmers is now definitely an important part of their income. Christmas trees are now considered a legitimate forest crop, and these Christmas-tree wood-lot operations mark the beginning of sustained yield management in British Columbia forests. Also, establishment of experimental wood-lots are under advisement and will be given attention as quickly as money and trained personnel will permit."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.43 p.m.

Friday, March 9th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John A. Partridge*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8th, 1945.

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 borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee Borrowings made pursuant to Section 28A of the Schedule to the ‘Village Municipalities Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8th, 1945.

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. 26) intituled “An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee Borrowings made pursuant to Section 28A of the Schedule to the ‘Village Municipalities 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee, stated the subject-matter thereof and his ruling thereon, and that an appeal to the House had been taken from his ruling.

Question proposed—“Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?”

The House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kenney</i>

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Turner</i>			

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1946.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,315 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1946.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,285 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1946.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,226 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1946.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,445 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1946.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1946.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1946.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,375 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1946.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*, the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Order and Private Bills was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*, the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Order and Private Bills was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Timber Licence No. 13300 Reinstatement Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Timber Lease No. 145."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), the following Resolution was agreed to unanimously:—

Whereas it is necessary for *William James Asselstine*, member for Atlin, to be absent from the fourth session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia on important business related to the production of essential war material:

And whereas section 54 of the "Constitution Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, in part states that "If any member of the Legislative Assembly, without the permission of the Legislative Assembly, fails during a whole session to give his attendance in the Legislative Assembly . . . his election shall thereby become void and the seat of such member shall be vacated":

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the said *William James Asselstine* be granted leave of absence from the current session of the Legislature, and that his absence shall in no way impair his position as a duly elected member of this Assembly.

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

1. On what proportionate basis does the Government contribute towards the cost of the medical needs of old-age pensioners, recipients of mothers' allowance, and recipients of social assistance?

2. Are all municipalities co-operating on this basis?

3. If not, which municipalities are not so doing?

4. How many (a) old-age pensioners and (b) other recipients live in the municipalities covered by the previous question?

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

"1. In municipal areas the Government contributes 50 per cent. up to a maximum gross cost of 50 cents per individual per month for general medical service and 50 per cent. of the cost of prescriptions.

"2. No.

"3. Cities of Alberni, Grand Forks, Port Alberni, Port Moody, Prince George, Prince Rupert, and Revelstoke; Municipalities of Delta, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Richmond, and Salmon Arm; Village of Mission. Some of these municipalities provide certain medical services at their own cost, others have been unable to make satisfactory arrangements with local physicians.

"4. (a) 751 and (b) 583 (approximately 5 per cent. of total in each category)."

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

1. What acreage was covered by forest survey in 1944?

2. What total acreage has been covered by survey and reconnaissance to date?

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

"1. Nil; due to lack of technical personnel.

"2. 27,887,000 acres by forest survey and 19,068,100 acres by reconnaissance for forest inventory purposes."

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

How much money was expended on the Waldo-Newgate Road during the year 1942 and up to the end of 1944?

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

"1942-43, \$3,324.17; April 1st, 1943, to December 31st, 1944, \$6,724.32; total, \$10,048.49."

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

1. What fields are covered by the research programme of the Forest Branch?
2. What facilities have been provided for this work?

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

“ 1. Silviculture, which includes studies in seed production, rate of natural reseed-
ing, survival of seed trees, methods of thinning and pruning, studies in growth and
yield, soils studies, applied forest management studies in Coast Douglas fir and spruce
and yellow pine in the Interior, and studies in utilization and forest protection.

“ 2. Facilities include a laboratory at Victoria and experimental stations at Cow-
ichan Lake on Vancouver Island and at Aleza Lake near Prince George.”

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

1. Has there been a preliminary survey made to locate a road east from the centre
of North Pine, B.C., to the Alberta boundary to connect with the proposed Alberta
Provincial road west from the town of Hines Creek, which is at present the northern
railhead of the Northern Alberta Railway north of the Peace River?

2. What funds were expended in the year 1944 on the Fort St. John–Hudson Hope
Road?

3. What funds were expended west of the town of Hudson Hope in aid of the coal
development?

4. What funds were expended on the Beatton River Hill west of Cecil Lake settle-
ment?

5. Has a survey been made for a bridge over Dawson Creek on the Rolla–Pouce
Coupe Highway?

6. Has a location survey been made for a bridge over the Cutbank River at a point
to connect the farming districts of Progress, Willow Valley, and Sunset Prairie with
the main road of the Sunrise Valley section joining the Alaska Highway?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. \$5,826.26.

“ 3. \$7,108.77 during 1944.

“ 4. \$3,313.75 during 1944.

“ 5. Yes.

“ 6. No.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

Monday, March 12th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *K. L. Sandercock*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 9th, 1945.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

37. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,086,247 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1946.

38. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$236,979 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1946.

48. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$13,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1946.

49. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$38,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

50. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

51. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$92,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

52. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$97,255 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1946.

53. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$58,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1946.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$137,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1946.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,162 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1946.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1946.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,834,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1946.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants *re* "Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act," Chapter 7, 1940, to 31st March, 1946.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Supplementary Aid *re* Teachers' Salaries in Rural School Districts, to 31st March, 1946.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Aid in Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children, to 31st March, 1946.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1945.

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. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939,'" 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. *Kenney* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 12th, 1945.

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. 43) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing the Borrowing of the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars and to authorize the Government to clear Land," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1945.

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. 33) intituled "An Act authorizing the Borrowing of the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars and to authorize the Government to clear Land," 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.

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What training, if any, has been given to the teachers of the pre-primary classes established in Vancouver and Victoria?
2. What premises are used for these classes?

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

"1. Victoria: The three teachers hold the Provincial Primary Specialists' Certificates and two of them took further special training in California last summer; present and prospective pre-primary teachers, all of whom have had extensive pre-training in primary work, are receiving in-service training under the direction of the primary supervisor of the Victoria schools; they will also attend the pre-primary course to be given at Victoria Summer School in July next. Vancouver: The two teachers of pre-primary classes have had seven or more years of successful experience as primary grade teachers; they hold First-class Teachers' Certificates; they have also had special training in pre-school child work; one of them has had a year in nursery-kindergarten-primary training at Columbia University and the other has had special courses at Summer School in the same field.

"2. Victoria: Specially furnished and equipped rooms have been set up at three centres—Spring Ridge, Oaklands, and Sir James Douglas Schools; each teacher instructs two groups—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Vancouver: In the Henry Hudson School a primary class-room, specially equipped, has been reserved on the main floor for this work; separate wash-room accommodation is supplied; at the Dawson Annex School a separate building of slightly more than class-room size has been specially fitted up for this work; separate wash-room accommodation is supplied in this building for the little folks; the floors of the class-room are, in each case, covered with clean, waxed linoleum; each centre handles two groups—one in the morning and one in the afternoon."

Mrs. *MacInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Does the Government make financial assistance available to rural schools for the provision of hot noon lunches?
2. If so, on what basis?
3. In how many rural schools is a hot noon lunch served?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Fifty per cent. of cost of equipment and utensils secured for the purpose of providing hot noon lunches.

"3. Latest information is that hot noon lunches are served in 186 rural schools and in an additional 167 rural schools hot drinks of cocoa, soup, or milk are served. In many rural districts all pupils go to their homes for the noon lunch."

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

1. Has a survey ever been made of the proposed road from Manson Creek to Finlay Forks?
2. If so, state mileage and cost (construction to be comparable to the present Manson Creek Road).

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

"1. Yes; a preliminary reconnaissance survey only.

"2. (a) Forty miles from Manson Creek Crossing to the west bank of the Finlay River; (b) preliminary estimate, \$280,000."

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

1. Has any irrigation pipe been purchased for the development of an irrigation system at Okanagan Falls since January 1st, 1943?
2. If yes, (a) how much pipe was purchased, (b) from whom was it purchased, and (c) at what cost?
3. Was any other equipment bought?
4. If yes, give details and the price and seller thereof.

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, March 12th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests, to 31st March, 1946.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1946.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1946.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1946.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1946.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference, to 31st March, 1946.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1946.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1946.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision and Educational Supervision, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,195 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Director of Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1946.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants, to 31st March, 1946.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Libraries, to 31st March, 1946.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1946.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1946.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1946.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$543,372 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1946.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1946.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
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-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. W. McPherson.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 12th, 1945.

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. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Trade and Industry 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, to 31st March, 1946.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1946.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1946.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1946.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1946.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1946.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1946.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders, to 31st March, 1946.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1946.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 12th, 1945.

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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game 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 to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide Social Assistance," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 12th, 1945.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to provide Social Assistance," 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. *Lefeaux*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* (on behalf of Mr. *Turner*)—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* (on behalf of Mr. *Turner*)—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the Qualification of certain Tradesmen."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Courts Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of Port Alberni.”

On the motion of Mr. *Shepherd*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Veterans’ Land Settlement Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to make uniform the Law respecting Warehouse Receipts.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act for the Protection of the Disciplinary Authorities of Professional and Occupational Corporations.”

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
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,
March 9th, 1945.

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 ‘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.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls of the Province of British Columbia.

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

1. Has an estimate been made of the cost of reconstruction of the Fraser River Bridge at Vanderhoof?

2. If yes, what will be the nature of construction and will same be completed this year?

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

“1. No; but matter is under consideration.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has a survey been made on the Okanagan Highway between the ferry wharf, West Side, and the foot of Drought's Hill?
2. If yes, state mileage and estimated cost of reconstruction, including surfacing?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 10.7 miles; estimated cost of whole section not complete; estimated cost of Drought's Hill section, including surfacing, \$97,350."

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

1. What was the total amount of tolls collected on the Fraser Canyon Highway for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1944?
2. State total cost of collecting same.
3. State toll rate per ton charged on merchandise trucked from Vancouver to Interior of Province.
4. Does this rate include weight of truck?
5. If not, state truck toll rate?

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

"1. \$40,130.90.

"2. \$3,520.45.

"3, 4, and 5. (a) Where the combined weight of the motor-vehicle and the load thereon does not exceed 5,000 lb., a toll of \$1; (b) where the weight of the truck without load exceeds 5,000 lb., the toll levied on the truck itself is \$2; (c) where the combined weight of the motor-vehicle and the load as mentioned in (a) above exceeds 5,000 lb. an additional toll on the excess per 100 lb. or major fraction of 100 lb. at the rate of 10 cents; (d) where the weight of the truck without load exceeds 5,000 lb. as mentioned in (b) alone and for which a toll of \$2 is charged for the truck itself, an additional toll for each 100 lb. or major fraction of 100 lb. for any freight whatsoever carried thereon is charged at the rate of 10 cents."

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 5.05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1946.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$572,790 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1946.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'King's Counsel Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wartime Labour Relations Regulations Act.'"

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

1. What new buildings, if any, are being provided at New Westminster Mental Hospital for school and training purposes?

2. What provisions have been made for the staffing of same?

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

"1. One new six-roomed school building providing quarters for a kindergarten, a pre-school class, two class-rooms, domestic science and occupational rooms; in addition, quarters are provided for Provincial recreational and physical education classes.

"2. Two teachers at present, with two more provided for in Estimates, 1945-46; teachers given special training course; in addition, as requisite, helpers are available from amongst other members of the staff.

"N.B.—The Provincial recreational and physical education room is also available for members of the staff."

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

What proportion of the pension is left for the personal use of an old-age pensioner when in a hospital or nursing home?

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

"The Government does not control the right of hospitals or nursing homes to collect from patients who are able to make full or partial payment for services rendered. Our information is that it is customary practice of the majority of hospitals to allow old-age pensioners amounts varying from \$2 to \$5 per month from their pension cheques for comforts or pocket-money. Some hospitals charge a daily rate; for example, we understand the Vancouver General Hospital asks pensioners to pay 60 cents per day. Where it is necessary to give a supplementary social allowance for the care of pensioners in nursing homes in unorganized territory, provision was made by regulation in March, 1944, whereby a comforts allowance may be granted to social allowance recipients up to \$3 per month. Pensioners in nursing homes in municipalities are a municipal responsibility and our information is that in the majority of cases a comforts allowance is granted."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.42 p.m.