

**Tuesday, February 24th, 1953.**

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Robert Willis*.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 17th, 1953.*

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

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

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 23rd, 1953.*

*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 respecting the Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 24th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *Bury* was withdrawn:—

Whereas there is an industrial dispute of serious concern not only to this Province but to the entire economy of Canada, in that it affects the shipment of grain:

And whereas the cause of the dispute is a request for 12½ cents by the employees and a refusal of any wage increase on the part of the employers:

And whereas the Board of Conciliation, established under the Federal Labour Code, has submitted findings to both parties and the employers have refused to accept any portion of the majority consideration of the Board:

And whereas there are only 300 employees involved:

And whereas shipment of grain is at a standstill in Vancouver and New Westminster ports:

And whereas this year's grain-crop from the Prairies is the largest on record:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urgently request this Government to petition the Federal Government to take every available step to settle the strike of the grain-workers in the Ports of Vancouver and New Westminster.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Straith*:—

What capital construction and reconstruction was done in connection with the Mental Health Services and at what cost for the fiscal years (a) 1948-49, (b) 1949-50, (c) 1950-51, (d) 1951-52, (e) April 1st, 1952, to August 1st, 1952, and (f) August 1st, 1952, to the present time?

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

1. Has the Provincial Government any agreement with a non-resident doctor to visit Atlin periodically?
2. If so, under what terms and how often?
3. Has the Provincial Government any agreement with the Red Cross to establish a medical clinic in Atlin?
4. If so, on what basis and when will it be established?
5. Are there Provincial health nurses at (a) Atlin, (b) McDame Creek, (c) Lower Post, (d) Telegraph Creek, (e) Tulsequah, (f) Stewart, (g) Alice Arm, (h) Torbrit Silver Mines, (i) Premier Mines, (j) Nass River Villages of Kincolith, (k) Greenville, (l) Canyon City, or (m) Aiyansh?
6. If none such have been established at any of such places, are any contemplated and at what places?
7. What are or will be the salaries therefor at each place?
8. Are there doctors in the places named above and, if so, what, if any, are the retaining fees of each?
9. What arrangements, if any, have been made with the Indian Department relative to a contribution to the salaries of health nurses or doctors in the places named above for services rendered to the Indians and for the cost of drugs?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.

“ 3. A proposal has been made by the Government to the Red Cross, but as yet the Red Cross has not completed an agreement.

“ 4. Basis of Provincial Government providing buildings with maintenance; Red Cross to provide nurse and operational cost; all possible steps have been taken by the Provincial Government; the Red Cross has indicated it will establish an outpost unit as soon as its finances will permit.

“ 5. Resident nurse at Atlin at \$8 per day worked; Province receives \$40 per month from the Department of Indian Affairs; drugs supplied by Provincial Government; there are no Provincial health nurses at other points listed.

“ 6. No.

“ 7. Answered by No. 6.

“ 8. Dr. T. Meyers, resident physician at Telegraph Creek, receives \$330 per month; the Province supplies fuel, water, drugs, and janitor service. Dr. W. B. Hick, resident physician at Stewart, receives \$75 per month.

“ 9. The Indian Affairs Branch, Department of National Health and Welfare, reimburses the Province at the rate of \$180 per month for Telegraph Creek only.”

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

1. How many acres of forest land require planting in the Douglas-fir belt of Vancouver Island?

2. If the acreage is an estimate, (a) who made it, (b) how was it accomplished, (c) what was the purpose, (d) in what year was the estimate made, and (e) does it recognize that seed years occur at irregular intervals and that the last good seed year was 1945?

3. If the figures are based on a systematic statistical survey, (a) has an official report or have maps been published, (b) what percentage of the total cut-over acreage was sampled in the survey, (c) under what standard are lands considered to be unsatis-

factorily reforested and hence require planting, and (d) is allowance made for the fact that five to eight years must elapse before natural regeneration can be expected to become established following slash-burning?

4. In the Nanaimo and the Islands riding, (a) what acreage of forest land requires planting and (b) what percentage of the total cut-over forest land requires planting?

5. What is the average current Forest Service cost of planting per acre itemized as (a) administrative overhead, (b) road and camp construction, (c) camp operating cost, (d) snag-falling, (e) planting stock, including all nursery expenses, (f) labour, transportation, and material used in planting, and (g) other expenses?

6. Is planting the cheapest means of artificial reforestation and have other methods been tried?

7. What is the percentage of survival in plantations by years since the Government reforestation programme commenced?

8. What is the annual capacity of trees suitable for planting of the three nurseries on the Coast operated by the Department of Lands and Forests?

9. How many trees were actually produced and planted during each of the past three years?

10. Has the Department of Lands and Forests done planting on privately owned land and, if so, (a) for whom, (b) under what circumstances, (c) what was the cost per acre, (d) what amount is to be repaid, and (e) what are the terms of repayment?

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

“ 1. 245,890 acres.

“ 2. (a) Forest Surveys and Reforestation Divisions of Forest Service; (b) standard forest inventory and subsequent analysis; (c) to plan future reforestation programme; (d) 1952; and (e) yes.

“ 3. (a) Reports and maps for part of the region have been published, remainder in process of compilation; (b) 1.25 per cent for general inventory purposes and 5 per cent for reforestation surveys; (c) lands requiring planting are those having less than 500 trees per acre five or more years after logging or burning, or both; and (d) yes.

“ 4. (a) 22,000 acres not satisfactorily restocked and (b) probably one-third to one-half will require planting.

“ 5. Average cost per acre of planting: (a) Overhead, \$4; (b) road and camp construction, \$6.90; (c) camp operation (planting), \$19.76; (d) snag-falling, \$8.50; (e) planting stock, \$4.78; (f) labour, etc. (included under (c) above); (g) *nil*; and total, \$43.94.

“ 6. In terms of survival and number of trees established, planting is the most reliable method of artificial regeneration currently in use in the Pacific Northwest. Other methods such as seed-spotting, broadcast seeding by hand or aircraft, have been tried on an experimental and even more extensive basis over the past twenty years, but results still are not reliable and, in most instances, have been complete failures.

“ 7. Examination of plantations three years after planting show a weighted average survival of 75 per cent, with a low of 60 per cent for 1951 plantings and a high of 90 per cent for 1941 planting.

“ 8. 10,000,000 trees.

“ 9. 1950, 6,900,000 trees; 1951, 7,700,000 trees; and 1952, 6,000,000 trees.

“ 10. (a) Western Forest Industries Ltd., Cowichan Lake; (b) under contract; (c) approximately \$45 per acre, exact cost unknown until job completed; (d) all except cost of planting stock; and (e) 10 per cent of total expenditure due as soon as each season's planting completed, the balance payable in nine equal annual instalments.”

*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 5.20 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 24th, 1953.**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. Do the members of the stevedore union in Victoria, Chemainus, and Alberni pay hospital insurance premiums and arrears, if any, by payroll deduction?
2. Do stevedores in Vancouver and New Westminster pay hospital insurance premiums and arrears, if any, by payroll deduction?
3. If the answer is no in No. 2, do they cover themselves and families by voluntary contribution?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. No.

" 3. No; persons who do not pay premiums by payroll deduction are required, under the 'Hospital Insurance Act,' to pay premiums for themselves and their families direct to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service in semi-annual instalments."

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What will the reduction of staff of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service be when the reorganization conceived and formulated by the last Government is completed and what financial saving will be involved?

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

"It is estimated that the staff of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service will be reduced from the present figure of 568 to 443 during the coming fiscal year as a result of the present reorganization programme. This will represent an annual saving of \$254,162."

*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 10.55 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 25th, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. M. Dobson*.

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. *Snowsell*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*—Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Jamieson*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Civil Service Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. What percentage of the transportation of school-children to schools is paid by the Government?
2. What provision for the approval and supervision of bus routes is made by the Government?
3. Is there any specific policy defined regarding the maximum or minimum walking distance and, if so, what?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

- “1. Sixty per cent.
- “2. Bus routes with maps prepared by School Boards and approved by the Inspector of Schools are submitted for final approval to the Department of Education.
- “3. Varies from 2 to 3 miles, according to local climatic and geographic conditions.”

Mr. *Giovando* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What was the highest salary paid to any (a) school principal and (b) school inspector during each of the following years: 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

“(a) 1946, \$4,200; 1947, \$5,050; 1948, \$5,200; 1949, \$5,800; 1950, \$6,485; 1951, \$6,850; and 1952, \$7,000. (b) 1946, \$4,919; 1947, \$5,232; 1948, \$5,232; 1949, \$5,736; 1950, \$5,832; 1951, \$5,916; and 1952, \$6,912.”

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

1. How many (a) children and (b) adults have been enrolled in Pro-Rec classes in the Province since the inception of the scheme?
2. How many (a) children and (b) adults have been enrolled in Pro-Rec classes in Greater Vancouver since the inception of the scheme?
3. How many (a) children and (b) adults have been enrolled in Pro-Rec classes in Greater Victoria since the inception of the scheme?
4. What was the total enrolment in the Province in 1951 and in 1952?
5. How many centres have taken advantage of Pro-Rec facilities since its inception and what are those centres?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

" 1. (a) 73,503 children and (b) 232,868 adults. (NOTE.—Children were not enrolled prior to the 1942–43 season; the above does not include a community centre enrolment of 87,726, which is not broken down into children and adults.)

" 2. No records are available showing the breakdown of enrolment prior to 1944–45, because of the fire which destroyed the headquarters. The Public Schools Report records enrolment figures for the Province only. The Greater Vancouver enrolment from 1944–45 up to and including the current season is 31,529 children and 51,642 adults.

" 3. (a) 4,917, from 1944–45 up to and including the current season (no records available prior to 1944–45), and (b) 7,851, from 1944–45 up to and including the current season (no records available prior to 1944–45).

" 4. (a) 17,695 and (b) 17,000.

" 5. One hundred and eighty-eight as follows: Abbotsford, Agassiz, Armstrong, Alberni, Aldergrove, Albion, Allenby, Alert Bay, Allison Harbour, Aberdeen, Bradner, Bralorne, Britannia, Brookwood, Burnaby, Barnston Island, Brentwood, Bridgewood, Beaver Creek, Borstal Home, Campbell River, Campbell River Heights, Chilliwack, East Chilliwack, Rosedale, Atchelitz, Fairfield Island, Coghlan, Chase, Chemainus, Cordova Bay, Cranbrook, Cloverdale, County Line, Cranberry Lake, Crescent Beach, Cumberland, Chapman Camp, Cedar, Courtenay, Copper Mountain, Clinton, Clearbrook, Duncan, Dawson Creek, Deep Cove, Esquimalt, Enderby, Endako, Edgewater, Fleetwood, Fernie, Fort Langley, Fort George South, Fraser Lake, Fernridge, Francois Lake, Franklin River, Fulford Harbour, Falkland, Glenmore, Grindrod, Great Central Lake, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Gordon Head, Haney, Hammond, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Hjorth Road, Happy Valley, Huntingdon, Hedley, Hazelton, Houston, Hatzic Prairie, Invermere, Ioco, Jubilee, James Bay, Kamloops, Kalamalka Lake, Kennedy, Kaleden, Kelowna, East Kelowna, Kimberley, Laidlaw, Ladner, Lumby, Lochiel, Ladysmith, Langley, West Langley, Lake Cowichan, Lasqueti Island, Mission, Malahat, Matsqui, Mount Lehman, Murrayville, Mount View, Milner, Nanaimo, Naramata, North Bend, Nelson, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Oaklands, Oyama, Oliver, Osoyoos, Ocean Park, Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Landing, Okanagan Centre, Okanagan Falls, Ocean Park, Otter, Oakalla, Pitt Meadows, Pine Grove, Penticton, Port Alberni, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Kells, Peachland, Powell River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Princeton, Port McNeill, Peardonville, Queen Charlotte City, Quesnel, Richmond, Roberts Creek, Rossland, Rutland, Ruskin, Revelstoke, Royston, Saltair, Saanich, Lake Hill, Marigold, North Saanich, Sea Island, Sechelt, Sumas, Salmon Arm, Sidney, Sooke, Smithers, Sunbury, South Westminster, Sullivan, Summerland, Sayward, Squamish, Sointula, Sardis, Tynehead, Trail, Tucker Bay, Townline, Tadanac, Tranquille, Union Bay, Vancouver, Vanderhoof, Vernon, Victoria, Wells, Westbank, Webster's Corners, West Summerland, West Townline, West Vancouver, White Rock, Willoughby, Whonnock, Winfield, Windermere, and Woodfibre."

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

1. How many School Board members are there in British Columbia?
2. What was the total cost of travelling and other expenses paid to members of School Boards during the past school-year?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Four hundred and forty-four.
- “ 2. The total amount shown in 1952 budgets is \$85,327; this includes travelling expenses to meetings, conventions, and for consultations with officials of the Department.”

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

1. How many pre-primary classes operate in British Columbia?
2. What is the total cost of operating these classes?
3. How many teachers are engaged by School Boards in British Columbia to instruct in these pre-primary classes?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Twenty-seven.
- “ 2. One hundred and eight thousand dollars (estimated); costs are not broken down by grades.
- “ 3. Twenty-three.”

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

1. What is the total cost of operating Grades IX, X, XI, and XII?
2. What is the usual length of the secondary-school day?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Costs of education are not broken down for the various grades, but it is estimated that the average cost of secondary-school education is approximately \$250 per year per student. In the school-year 1951–52 there were 35,705 students in Grades IX, X, XI, and XII. At an average cost of \$250, the total cost would be \$8,926,250.

“ 2. Not less than five and one-quarter hours and not more than six and three-quarter hours of instruction, exclusive of co-curricula activities.”

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

1. How many full-time Civil Servants were on the payroll in regard to recreation and physical education?
2. How many part-time or temporary instructors were employed?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Seventeen.
- “ 2. One hundred and twenty-eight.”

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

1. What was the total cost of school-building construction in British Columbia in each of the following calendar years: 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952?
2. What was the cost to the Provincial Government in each of the above calendar years?
3. What was the total cost of architectural, engineering, and supervisory fees for each of the above years?
4. How many actual classrooms were constructed during each of the above calendar years?



5. What was the actual cost of classroom construction, apart from special rooms, such as auditoria, gymnasias, teachers' rooms, cafeterias, etc., during each of the above calendar years?

6. Is a Department of Education official responsible for the approving of school sites, plans, and specifications and, if so, who is he?

7. Has the Department of Education a school-building code or manual for the guidance of architects and School Boards?

8. What assistance is given by the Department of Education in connection with planning, inspecting, supervising, and final approval of the work on new schools?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

" 1. 1949, \$12,766,362.68; 1950, \$14,499,586.90; 1951, \$16,386,894.22; and 1952, \$12,201,304.70.

" 2. 1949, \$6,383,181.34; 1950, \$7,249,793.45; 1951, \$8,193,447.11; and 1952, \$6,100,652.35.

" 3. The following costs are estimated: 1949, \$500,000; 1950, \$560,000; 1951, \$620,000; and 1952, \$490,000.

" 4. 1949, 399; 1950, 657; 1951, 538; and 1952, 419.

" 5. Classrooms (including home economics laboratories and industrial arts shops) occupy approximately 50 per cent of total school-building area. The following figures are a very close approximation of the cost of teaching space: 1949, \$6,400,000; 1950, \$7,300,000; 1951, \$8,200,000; and 1952, \$6,100,000.

" 6. The location of school-sites are determined by the School Board, in consultation with the local Inspector of Schools, and, if considered necessary, by the district Medical Health Officer and a member of the Departmental School Plans Committee; all plans and specifications for all school buildings are reviewed and approved by the Department of Education School Plans Committee.

" 7. Yes; present manual gives standards for space allotment and other dimensions required. A new manual is now in the course of preparation. Before any building programme is commenced, representatives of the Department visit the school districts to appraise the actual requirements. School Board representatives and their architect consult with the Departmental Plans Committee as often as necessary during the preliminary and detailed planning.

" 8. Except in the larger cities—Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster—larger school buildings are inspected by a representative of the School Plans Committee, so far as available staff will allow. Where time and available staff will permit, a final inspection of the building is made by the Department."

*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 5.49 p.m.

**Thursday, February 26th, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *G. Crewe*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Straith* made the following statement:—

On behalf of the Liberal group, I wish to say that we deplore and denounce the statement made by the member for Salmon Arm on the subject of education in British Columbia. The third member for Victoria (Capt. *D. J. Proudfoot*) condemned that statement last evening in very definite terms, and, because of my former association with education in the Province, the Liberal group has asked me to speak on the subject to-morrow afternoon so that our condemnation of the views expressed in the House on Monday last may be known to the House and to the public.

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

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be authorized to call before it administrative officials of Provincial gaols, mental hospitals, and other institutions of a welfare or educational nature, maintained wholly or in part by Provincial Government funds, with a view to securing information relative to their facilities, conditions, operations, and requirements, and to report its findings to the House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Kenney*, seconded by Mrs. *Hodges*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas there is a serious shortage of dentists in the Province of British Columbia, particularly in the rural areas:

And whereas applicants for licences under the "Dentistry Act" have found the appeal provisions of the said Act to be expensive and productive of serious delays:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Government that consideration be given to an alternative appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in cases where an applicant feels aggrieved by any decision of the Council or Executive Committee or the Board of Examiners under the "Dentistry Act."

Mr. *Bury* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

That the briefs from the organized labour and management groups be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

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

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

That a Return be filed with this Legislature of the report and recommendations made by the Committee of Deputy Ministers relative to school taxation and submitted to the Government in April, 1952.

A debate arose, and, on the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting, a division was called for.

The debate was adjourned on the following division:—

## YEAS—23.

## Messieurs

<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Sowden</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gunderson</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>King</i>	

## NAYS—19.

## Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bury</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Hills</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Snowsell</i>	<i>Miller</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Report of Stevenson & Kellogg Limited on Survey of the Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, dated September, 1951.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Report of Stevenson & Kellogg Limited on Survey of Lands Service, Department of Lands and Forests, dated January, 1951.

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

That the report of the Stevenson-Kellogg investigation into the Department of Lands and Forests be filed with this House.

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

1. Does Pacific Standard time apply to the entire Province of British Columbia?
2. If so, (a) on what date did it commence and (b) by what authority?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) February 27th, 1899, and (b) ‘Definition of Time Act, 1898,’ as amended in 1899 (chapter 74). See now section 45 of the ‘Interpretation Act,’ R.S.B.C. 1948.”

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

1. What is the number of patients on each ward in (a) West, (b) Centre, and (c) East Lawn Buildings respectively at Essondale?
2. How many, if any, applications for admission of juveniles to The Woodlands School are on the waiting-list?
3. What credit (a) is or (b) will be allowed to a two-year trained graduate mental nurse toward an R.N. degree?

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

“ 1. (a) West Lawn Building: A1, 64; A2, 131; A3, 139; A4, 143; C2, 156; C3, 131; C4, 125; B1, 53; B5, 7; total, 949. (b) Centre Lawn Building: E2, 53; E3, 74; E4, 33; E5, 25; D1, 98; D2, 62; D3, 58; D4, 39; total, 442. (c) East

Lawn Building: H1, 172; H2, 190; H3, 170; H4, 122; H5, 170; F2, 180; F3, 168; F4, 156; J3, 71; J4, 37; total, 1,436.

"2. See reply to Question No. 17.

"3. (a) Four months and (b) not known."

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

*Re Mental Health Services Report, 1951–52*, what action (a) has been taken or (b) is planned for early implementation to give effect to specific recommendations or furnishing stated requirements relative to:—

1. Active short-term treatment area, paralleling active wards of the general hospital (page 15)?

2. Special institutions for care and treatment of degenerative diseases occurring in later life?

3. Out-patients' department (page 16, paragraph 2)?

4. Legislation to provide for direct admission to (a) The Woodlands School and (b) Home for the Aged (future policy, page 23)?

5. (a) Adequate facilities to house Child Guidance Clinic, (b) a day-hospital for active treatment and teaching facilities, (c) Children's Observation Home, (d) further expansion of facilities for the aged, and (e) further expansion of The Woodlands School (future policy, pages 24 and 25)?

6. Appointment of a rehabilitation staff member (page 55)?

7. New vocational building and auditorium (The Woodlands School, page 63)?

8. More office space and lecture-room accommodation (page 64)?

9. (a) Additional accommodation for 300 patient-pupils and (b) early accommodation for additional beds (last paragraph, page 64)?

10. Increased social-service staff in The Woodlands School (pages 76–78)?

11. Dental care inadequate (page 81)?

12. (a) The establishment of an observation and treatment centre for pre-adolescent children and (b) the provision of adult out-patient psychiatric service with accompanying day-ward care (Child Guidance Clinic, Report, page 92)?

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

"1. This is the Clinic of Psychological Medicine.

"2. These are the Homes for the Aged at Port Coquitlam, Vernon, and Terrace.

"4. (a) The 'Schools for Mental Defectives Act' will be submitted to the Legislature at this sitting; (b) it is intended to incorporate an admitting centre in the new unit to be constructed at Port Coquitlam; thereafter legislation will be submitted.

"6. Rehabilitation of female patients is undertaken by the Social Welfare Branch in connection with The Vista; there is a male rehabilitation officer on the staff of the Provincial Mental Health Services.

"10. The social-service staff in The Woodlands School has been increased; a further increase is anticipated.

"11. The former part-time dentist at Colquitz has been replaced by another dentist who is devoting double the time to the dental care of patients; further dental equipment is being provided.

"3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 12. Construction will commence on the following units as soon as plans are complete: Child Guidance Building; 300-bed unit, The Woodlands School (it is proposed to incorporate in this unit further office space and lecture-room accommodation); new auditorium, The Woodlands School; 300-bed unit and admitting centre, Home for the Aged, Port Coquitlam; 200-bed nurses' home, Essondale; day-hospital and out-patient clinic; and children's observation and treatment centre. Space will shortly be available at The Woodlands School for an extension of vocational training."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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### Thursday, February 26th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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. *Bury*—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Bury*—Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to promote Fair Employment Practices in British Columbia.”

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

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

That copies of all reports, correspondence, and telegrams in the hands of the Department of Health and Welfare in regard to criticism and dismissal of Dr. A. W. B. Weston, as Director of the Upper Island Health Unit, be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

*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 10.03 p.m.

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### Friday, February 27th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *F. Pike*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement:—

*Honourable Members.*—When a member is speaking and directs a question to a Minister or member, I take it to be a rhetorical question; if an answer is expected, it is improper and, if answered, the giving of an answer is improper, unless, of course, the member asking the question is prepared to sit down and thus terminate his speech.

By the same token, the member answering is speaking to the motion if he has not already spoken. If he has already spoken, he may not answer.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker.*

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 26th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order No. 97 of the Standing Orders your Committee is required to report to the House on or before March 2nd on the Private Bills referred to it:

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

Your Committee recommends that Order No. 97 of the Standing Orders be modified and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to March 18th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.13 p.m.

**Monday, March 2nd, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Kendell.*

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

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

1. Has your Department received any reports for the periods January 1st to July 31st, 1952, and August 1st to December 31st, 1952, for the following hospitals: The Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; the Jubilee Hospital, Vernon; the St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria; the Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna; the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops; the Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley; and, if so, with respect to each severally for the periods stated was there an increase in non-insured cases and, if so, by what percentage?

2. During 1952, in the hospitals mentioned, (a) how many hospital-days were occupied by non-insured patients and what were the total bills so incurred; (b) what percentage of these hospital bills were collected; (c) what are the costs to the hospital of the collection of these debts; (d) what amount of the *per diem* rate was written off as bad debts; (e) were there deficits in any of these hospitals in their 1952 budgets and, if so, how much; (f) how are these deficits, if any, to be made up?

3. (a) Between August 9th and December 31st, 1952, what was the total amount charged under the dollar-a-day co-insurance, and (b) what percentage of this co-insurance was collected?

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

"1. Yes; monthly reports, all data subject to (a) year-end adjustments, (b) audit, and (c) inspection by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service. Percentage of non-insured patients admitted (a) January 1st to July 31st, 1952, and (b) August 1st to December 31st, 1952: Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, (a) 6.5 per cent and (b) 7.41 per cent; Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, (a) 10.32 per cent and (b) 13.37 per cent; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, (a) 5 per cent and (b) 4.54 per cent; Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna, (a) 4.92 per cent and (b) 6.66 per cent; Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, (a) 8.18 per cent and (b) 13.66 per cent; and Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley, (a) 1.41 per cent and (b) 1.82 per cent.

"2. (a) (Calculated from hospitals' monthly statistical reports) Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, 8,484 hospital-days, \$104,604; Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, 3,296 hospital-days, \$34,548; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, 5,622 hospital-days, \$70,406; Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna, 3,083 hospital-days, \$31,194; Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, 6,273 hospital-days, \$72,079; and Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley, 346 hospital-days, \$3,727. (b) No separate record applicable to accounts incurred in 1952 was maintained of collections from non-insured (British Columbia resident) in-patients; collections by hospitals in 1952 include not only current accounts (either in part or in full) but also collections from accounts of previous years. (c) No separate record maintained of collection costs applicable to 1952 in-patient ward accounts; most of collection procedures are handled by staff of the hospitals as a part of their normal duties; hospitals will continue to collect 1952 in-patient accounts during 1953 as well as other accounts, such as room differentials, out-patient charges, and the dollar-a-day charge. (d) Monthly reports, which are subject to (i) year-end adjustments, (ii) audit, and (iii) acceptance after inspection by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, indicate the following for rebates, courtesy, free, and provision for bad debts; the amounts include allowances for out-patient accounts, semi-private- and private-room differential charges, agency and other rebates, co-insurance, and the dollar-a-day charges, as well as in-patient accounts, and will include accounts incurred prior to 1952: Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, 77 cents per adult patient-day; Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, 68 cents per adult patient-day; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, 91 cents per adult patient-day; Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna, to November 30th, 1952, 74 cents per adult patient-day (December report not yet received); Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, 98

cents per adult patient-day; and Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley, 65 cents per adult patient-day. (e) Based upon monthly reports and subject to (i) year-end adjustments, (ii) audit, and (iii) inspection by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service: Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, operating deficit, \$10,092, and non-operating surplus, \$49,397; Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, operating surplus, \$4,737, and non-operating surplus, \$3,624; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, operating deficit, \$36,235, and non-operating surplus, \$22,951; Kelowna General Hospital, as reported to November 30th, 1952 (December financial report not yet received), operating deficit, \$17,149, and non-operating surplus, \$5,207; Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, operating deficit, \$9,634, and non-operating surplus, \$8,074; and Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley, operating deficit, \$12,901, and non-operating surplus, \$1,429. (f) In some instances the preliminary financial reports received from these hospitals indicate that the reported deficit is not related to expenditure in excess of the approved budget, but is due to deficiencies in other revenue or the provision for uncollectable accounts exceeding the budget allowance; in such cases, if the figures are accepted after inspection by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, the deficiency, or the acceptable portion of the deficiency caused by these variations, will be accepted by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service; a deficit due to expenditure in excess of the approved budget is considered to be the responsibility of the hospital.

"3. (a) No separate record maintained for the dollar-a-day charge from August 9th, 1952; total co-insurance and dollar-a-day charges from August 1st to December 31st, 1952, \$528,486; this figure includes the co-insurance charges under the previous schedule from August 1st to August 9th. (b) Total collections by the hospitals during the period August 1st to December 31st, 1952, were reported as \$556,357.50 or 105.72 per cent of the charges shown in (a); this includes collection of co-insurance charges that were outstanding as at July 31st, 1952."

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

1. With respect to collection of premium payments for hospital insurance other than by payroll deductions, what were the total collections for (a) November, 1950, December, 1950, and January, 1951 (severally); (b) November, 1951, December, 1951, and January, 1952 (severally); (c) November, 1952, December, 1952, and January, 1953 (severally); (d) February, 1952, March, 1952, April, 1952, May, 1952, and June, 1952 (severally)?

2. With respect to collection of premium payments for hospital insurance by payroll deductions, what was the average monthly collections for (a) January 1st, 1951, to June 30th, 1951; (b) January 1st, 1952, to June 30th, 1952; and (c) estimated, January 1st, 1953, to June 30th, 1953?

3. What was the percentage of registrants paying by payroll deductions for the first six-month period of 1951, 1952, and estimate for 1953?

4. Of the 1,736 delinquents that have joined the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service since the new regulations, how many were by payroll-deduction plan?

5. Of the \$58,428 arrears collected since the new regulations, how much was by way of payroll deduction?

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

"1. (a) November, 1950, \$759,010.56; December, 1950, \$1,585,450.02; and January, 1951, \$1,183,921.89. (b) November, 1951, \$421,986.50; December, 1951, \$1,249,881.74; and January, 1952, \$1,334,098.44. (c) November, 1952, \$196,903.44; December, 1952, \$1,465,645.50; and January, 1953, \$1,427,301.91. (d) February, 1952, \$451,880.41; March, 1952, \$467,129.02; April, 1952, \$710,100.16\*; May,



1952, \$415,988.37; and June, 1952, \$1,323,074.11. (\*April, 1952, total includes \$326,465.50 from Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa. N.B.—Premiums for social-assistance cases for the months of November, December, and January, 1950, 1951, and 1952, have not been included as they are paid by the Government of British Columbia; they are not included in any premium figures in the answers to these questions.)

“ 2. (a) \$552,397.72, (b) \$655,599.85, and (c) \$620,000.

“ 3. 35.4 per cent; 37.9 per cent; and 38.5 per cent.

“ 4. None; payroll deduction is compulsory for all persons employed by employers who are registered pursuant to section 10, subsection (5), of the ‘Hospital Insurance Act,’ and, therefore, the number of persons on payroll deduction was not affected by the suspension of premium arrears.

“ 5. None; see No. 4.”

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

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

2. What was the balance on hand to the credit of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on February 15th, 1953?

3. How much of said balances (a) represent contributions from Consolidated Revenue and (b) represent prepaid premiums by premium holders?

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

“ 1. The cash balance on hand to the credit of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on August 1st, 1952, amounted to \$4,352,641.41.

“ 2. The cash balance on hand to the credit of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service on February 15th, 1953, amounted to \$8,586,601.16.

“ 3. (a) As at August 1st, 1952, the subsidy voted for the 1952–53 fiscal year, amounting to \$4,686,990, had not been credited to the Hospital Insurance Fund; as at February 15th, 1953, the subsidy voted for the 1952–53 fiscal year, amounting to \$4,686,990, had been credited to the Hospital Insurance Fund. (b) The liability for prepaid premiums on August 1st, 1952, amounted to \$5,123,794.65; the liability for prepaid premiums on February 15th, 1953, amounted to \$5,039,572.30.”

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

1. How many mental patients' estates are being administered by (a) the Inspector of Municipalities as representative of the Attorney-General, (b) the Public Administrator, or (c) a committee other than the foregoing?

2. How many requests for information relative to patients' estates were received during the past year by the Attorney-General or Inspector of Municipalities (a) from patients or (b) on behalf of patients or their relatives?

3. During the past year how many patients were personally informed by the Inspector of Municipalities of the status of their estates?

4. Before disposal of the real-estate assets of a deceased patient, are the nearest relatives informed of the terms of the proposed disposal?

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

“ 1. (a) Approximately 6,200, (b) none, and (c) approximately 130 in respect of inmates in Provincial Mental Hospital, Home for the Aged, and Crease Clinic.

“ 2. (a) and (b) No record.

“ 3. None.

“ 4. No information, as the jurisdiction of the Attorney-General ceases on death of patient.”

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

1. Has a Game Conservation Fund been established by the Department of Finance?
2. If so, (a) when was it established and (b) how much is in the Fund?

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* replied as follows:—

“1. No; a Game Conservation Fund to consist of 75 per cent of ‘Game Act’ revenue, less expenditures of the Game Branch, was created by the ‘Game Act Amendment Act, 1951,’ chapter 30, Statutes of 1951, and brought into operation by Order in Council No. 246, approved February 1st, 1952; expenditures of the Game Branch have so far exceeded 75 per cent of the revenue under the ‘Game Act’ so that no money has been available to put into the Fund.

“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 5.36 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

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

1. In the Douglas-fir area of the Vancouver Forest District, what acreage did the Forest Service require to be slash-burned in the fall of 1952?
2. What acreage was actually burned?
3. What acreage was burned by escapes from slash fires (a) in old-growth timber, (b) in immature timber, (c) in lands previously logged and burned and partly restocked, and (d) in scrub or otherwise non-productive land?
4. Have penalties been assessed on acreage required to burn when failure to burn was due to delay because of the severe drought condition which existed?

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

“ 1. 23,493 acres to be spot-burned; 32,100 acres to be broadcast-burned; total, 55,593 acres.

“ 2. 42,920 acres.

“ 3. (a) 2,003 acres; (b) 1,912 acres; (c) 2,626 acres; (d) 4,203 acres; total, 10,744 acres.

“ 4. No.”

*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 5.22 p.m.

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## Tuesday, March 3rd, 1953.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

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## Wednesday, March 4th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. S. P. Snowden*.

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

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

1. Has the Government studied the problems of cleaning and controlling the outlet of Shawnigan Lake so as to prevent flooding in the spring and to control water-level in the summer and fall months?

2. Has any work been done on the said outlet, or stream therefrom, by the Department and, if so, at what cost?

3. Has the Department of Public Works any report of work done by private citizens thereon and, if so, (a) what was the cost reported, (b) how much, if any, has been paid, (c) how much remains still unpaid, and (d) if any such is still unpaid, will these be paid by the Government and, if so, when, or, if not, why not?

4. If some cleaning has been done thereon, will the Department put in control cuts or dam, (a) if so, when, and (b) if not, why not?

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

“ 1. No; the control of the level of lakes does not come within the purview of the Department of Public Works.

“ 2. Logs have been removed from time to time to protect the bridge at the lake outlet at small cost.

“ 3. No record.

“ 4. (a) and (b) Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Does the Provincial Government bear the cost of maintenance work on that portion of the Alaska Highway within British Columbia?

2. If yes, what sum has been expended on maintenance road work since the road was officially opened?

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

“ 1 and 2. No.”

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

1. Is the (a) Castlegar ferry and (b) Nelson ferry operated by the British Columbia Government?

2. If yes, what was the cost of operation in each case for the year ended December 31st, 1952?

3. During that time (a) how many passenger-cars were transported on each ferry, (b) how many other vehicles, and (c) how many passengers?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Nelson ferry, \$42,499.61, and Castlegar ferry, \$44,161.10.

“ 3. Nelson ferry: (a) 313,460, (b) 95,125, and (c) 642,298. Castlegar ferry: (a) 347,102, (b) 166,326, and (c) 841,269.”

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

1. Does the Department intend improving what is generally known as the Blackford Road, near Sicamous, during the coming fiscal year?

2. If so, what is the nature of the work to be done?

3. What is the estimated cost of this work?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Gravelling.
- “ 3. Approximately \$1,000.”

*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 5.19 p.m.

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### Thursday, March 5th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Allan*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the notice for the introduction of a Bill intituled “An Act providing for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Kitimat ” was withdrawn.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act providing for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Kitimat,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 28th, 1953.*

*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. 66) intituled “An Act providing for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Kitimat,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Mental Defectives," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 3rd, 1953.*

*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. 72) intituled "An Act relating to Mental Defectives," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 3rd, 1953.*

*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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 3rd, 1953.*

*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. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Superannuation 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. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sexual Sterilization Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act.’”

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 3rd, 1953.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Families' Compensation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be authorized to call before it administrative officials of Provincial gaols, mental hospitals, and other institutions of a welfare or educational nature, maintained wholly or in part by Provincial Government funds, with a view to securing information relative to their facilities, conditions, operations, and requirements, and to report its findings to the House.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

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

That the briefs from the organized labour and management groups be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi*,—

To delete all the words following the word "That" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "the briefs of the British Columbia Federation of Labour, the Industrial Association of British Columbia, the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and the Joint Legislative Committee of the Standard Railway Organizations for the years 1952 and 1953 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour."

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.



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

1. Has organized labour been requested to submit names of representatives to act on the Board of Industrial Relations?
2. If so, when, what names, and who was selected?

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

“ 1. Since this Government has taken office, there has not been an employee vacancy on the Board of Industrial Relations.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What plans, if any, are (a) in hand or (b) projected for early implementation to provide adequate accommodation on modern treatment lines for women gaol inmates?
2. If a new women's gaol is projected, will it be away from Oakalla?

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

“ 1. (a) None and (b) new women's gaol proposed for construction in the near future, as soon as circumstances permit.

“ 2. Yes.”

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

1. What was the total number of man-hours worked in British Columbia in each of the years 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952?
2. How many man-hours were lost through unemployment?
3. How many man-hours were lost through illness and accident?
4. How many man-hours were lost through forest fires and forest closures?
5. How many man-hours were lost in strikes?

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

“ 1. Records are not kept of the total number of man-hours worked in British Columbia; from the Annual Reports of the Department of Labour, an estimated total of man-days worked can be computed.

“ 2. Records are not kept of man-hours lost through unemployment; the Unemployment Insurance Commission would have a record of the number of persons who registered with them for unemployment insurance benefits; this would not be a total of all man-hours lost through unemployment.

“ 3. Records are not kept of man-hours lost through illness and accident; the Workmen's Compensation Board would have a record of the persons who were covered under the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'; this would not cover illness or accidents which were not compensable.

“ 4. Records are not kept of man-hours lost through forest fires and forest closures.

“ 5. Records are not kept of man-hours lost in strikes; the Annual Reports of the Labour Relations Board (British Columbia) show time lost in working-days in any year.”

*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 5.38 p.m.

**Friday, March 6th, 1953.**

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Milley*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

This House authorizes the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee, and to report its findings to the House.

*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 5.59 p.m.

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**Monday, March 9th, 1953.**

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. B. Carr*.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act.’”

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act.’”

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Audit Act.’”

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Construction Act, 1950.’”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Has the Government made any agreement with Frobisher Limited relative to a survey of potential resources and water power?

2. If so, has the Government given any commitment to the said company regarding rights or franchises following any discoveries?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what are the commitments?

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

“1 and 2. No.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.53 p.m.

## Monday, March 9th, 1953.

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 being put, the House divided.

Motion decided in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Sowden</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Gunderson</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

NAYS—21.

		Messieurs	
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Bury</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Hills</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Snowsell</i>	<i>Miller</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>			

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,948,396.41 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1954.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.  
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 10.20 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10th, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. A. Roberts.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision:—

*Honourable Members*,—At the last sitting of the House, I reserved the right to give a decision on something which arises from time to time—quotations from both sides of the House which lead to a certain amount of acrimony because of the fact that the words used are either misconstrued or misunderstood.

The honourable member for Skeena requested a withdrawal on the part of the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests because of an alleged accusation of falsehood. This latter expression was not used. I have seen the transcript of the Hon. the Minister's speech and I quote therefrom: "If this news report is correct, Mr. Speaker, and I have reason to believe that it is, then I must most emphatically state that the honourable member from Skeena has stated an absolute untruth. Upon this Government's taking office on August 1st, 1952, I took a keen personal interest in the forest protection problem, the Forest Service was instructed to use every means at its disposal to combat fire; I say again that the honourable member's statement is false."

It will be noted that the accusation of uttering an untruth is based conditionally on the correctitude, or otherwise, of the newspaper report; that is, if the newspaper report was incorrect, then the possibility was that the honourable member's statement, whatever it may have been, may have been quite correct.

Standing Order No. 40, section 2, states that no member shall use offensive words against any member of this House.

The use of the word "untruth" is not necessarily offensive. An untruth may derive from lack of proper information or a wrong interpretation. Again, to say that a statement is false is not necessarily offensive. That which is false is merely an alteration of something that exists. It may be a distortion. Those things, in my opinion, are permissible.

In giving this to the members, I merely ask them to be tolerant to each other and not to assume that merely because they object to something another member says that that saying is necessarily a violation of courtesy.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 10th, 1953.

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.)

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,646 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1954.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,373,367 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,124 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Mechanical Supervision and Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$583,447 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1954.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,514 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1954.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,756,739 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance) (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1954.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1954.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,900,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, to 31st March, 1954.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1954.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1954.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Signals, Traffic-control, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research and Testing Services, to 31st March, 1954.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1954.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1954.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1954.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,587 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1954.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Equipment Fund, to 31st March, 1954.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,313,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, to 31st March, 1954.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,550,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1954.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Okanagan Flood-control, to 31st March, 1954.

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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 10.54 p.m.

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### Wednesday, March 11th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Brown*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,280 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1954.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,967 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,136 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$144,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,852 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,238 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomology Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Apiary Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,790 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,011 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,926 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,582 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,954 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1954.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,040 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1954.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,845 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,119 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension, to 31st March, 1954.

The Committee reported the Resolutions and the filing by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture of the following papers:—

The report of the British Columbia Milk Board held at Vancouver, B.C., in 1951.

Excerpt from Vancouver Daily Province, January 24th, 1952, under the caption, "Controls on Milk come to end February 1st."

Copy of statutory declaration of Basil Gardom, declared October 2nd, 1952.

Copy of statutory declaration of Victor Howard Palitti, declared October 14th, 1952.

Copy of telegram from J. W. deB. Farris to Honourable Harry Bowman, Minister of Agriculture, dated January 24th, 1952.

Copy of telegram from J. W. deB. Farris to Honourable Byron I. Johnson, Premier of British Columbia, dated January 24th, 1952.

Copy of telegram from Anna E. Sprott to Honourable Gordon Wismer, Attorney-General, dated February 29th, 1952.

Letter from Anna E. Sprott to Honourable W. K. Kiernan, Minister of Agriculture, dated March 10th, 1953.

Copy of telegram from J. W. deB. Farris to Honourable Gordon S. Wismer, Q.C., Attorney-General, dated January 24th, 1952.

Copy of telegram from Shannon Dairies Ltd. to Attorney-General Gordon S. Wismer, dated January 25th, 1952.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*, it was *Ordered* that the documents reported be filed in the House.

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

Whereas many millions of dollars are invested in co-operatives and many thousands of people are members, dependent largely upon co-operatives for their welfare:

And whereas co-operatives exemplify the finest application of the principles of democracy to the economic field and thus an alternative to the growth of private monopolies:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House urge the Government to consider the advisability of setting up a Department of Co-operatives under a Minister of Co-operatives to advise and help existing co-operatives and credit unions and to encourage further expansion of the co-operative and credit union movement.

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



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

That a Return be filed with this Legislature of the report and recommendations made by the Committee of Deputy Ministers relative to school taxation and submitted to the Government in April, 1952.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on division of the House.

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

1. What activities were carried on by the Educational and School Service Branch?
2. Who is the director of this division?
3. Was the director employed in any duties in addition to those embraced in the division of Educational Reference and School Service?
4. If so, what other work was done by the director and what percentage of total time did this work occupy?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Planning, editing, and publishing ‘ British Columbia Schools,’ the official publication of the Department, selecting and evaluating professional books and magazines, recommending books for school libraries, and carrying out research on assigned problems.

“ 2. Mrs. Muriel McKay Scace.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. Secretary of the Central Curriculum Committee, securing texts and reference books for subject committees, proof-reading and preparing, for the printer, curriculum and administrative bulletins prepared by committees, and co-ordinating some of the subject revisions; the division of time devoted to these duties varies with the number of revisions undertaken by subject committees.”

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent on school repairs in 1952 in each of the following towns: (a) Stewart, (b) Atlin, (c) Lower Post, (d) Premier Mines, (e) Tulsequah, and (f) Telegraph Creek?
2. Has the Government made any agreement with the Cassiar Asbestos Company for the construction of a school in the McDame Creek area?
3. What arrangements, if any, have been made by this Government relative to education of children in the Alice Arm-Torbrit Silver Mine district?

The Hon. *T. J. Rolston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. School Boards budgeted for (a) Stewart (District No. 51), \$900; (b) Atlin, \$200 (an amount of \$2,500 was set up for major repairs to this school, but the Board has not confirmed that the work was actually done); (c) Lower Post, \$2,550; (d) Premier Mines (District No. 51), \$300; (e) Tulsequah, \$100; and (f) Telegraph Creek, \$34,450 (55 per cent of this amount is recoverable from the Dominion Government).

“ 2. A rural school district has been established under section 12 (a) of the ‘ Public Schools Act ’; when the construction of a school is required, the Department will participate with the School Board on the usual basis.

“ 3. A school for the education of children in the Alice Arm-Torbrit Silver Mine area of School District No. 51 was opened in October, 1952.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.