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Monday, November 2nd, 1925.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Sixteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JAMES ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Administrator of the Government of the Province, dated the 9th day of September, 1925.

His Honour WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature:

I welcome you to the Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Business conditions throughout the Province have improved since you last met. This improvement is reflected in increased building activities and in the expansion of industries.

My Government has, since last Session, continued its efforts to secure a removal of discrimination against British Columbia in the matter of railway transportation rates, and you will be pleased to learn that a considerable measure of success has attended these endeavours. My Government intends that there shall be no relaxation of effort to secure substantial justice for the Province.

Owing to a partial crop failure in Alberta and Saskatchewan in the season of 1924, the exports of grain from British Columbia ports were considerably less than in the preceding year. The improved crops of the present year indicate a very large increase in the amount of exportable grain for the present shipping season, and with the application of Crow's Nest Pass agreement rates, it is confidently hoped that this expected increase will be of such considerable volume as to create material stimulation in the business life of the Province.

The construction of the University buildings has been completed and possession has been transferred to the Chancellor and the Board of Governors. The buildings are now occupied by the students and the teaching staff. Improvement of University grant lands has been continued; a subdivision has been plotted and a number of lots sold. It is the intention of my Government to continue the development of University grant lands for residential and business purposes.

In the construction of University buildings and in the improvement of University grant lands, there have been expenditures in excess of the amount authorized by the "University Loan Act." A Bill to provide the additional moneys required will be placed before you for your consideration.

Returns received in respect to the mineral production of the Province indicate that the output for the present year will constitute a new high record.

The value of agricultural production continues to increase.

The value of fisheries production is being maintained, and it is expected that the 1924 yield will be equalled in 1925.

The lumbering business of the Province is now on a more satisfactory basis than heretofore. Exports to Great Britain have largely increased as a result (it is believed) of the educational effects of the Wembley Exhibition.

Owing in part to the very dry season, forest fires have been more numerous and more destructive than usual. The cost of fire-fighting has exceeded the moneys available and you will be asked to make additional provision therefor.

A Bill relating to debentures of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and for providing a Sinking Fund therefor, will be submitted for your approval.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to insurance is in course of preparation, and it is expected that this will be ready for submission during the Session.

Legislation having reference to the Sumas Dyking District will be placed before you for approval.

The increasing number of inmates in our Mental Hospitals is a matter of serious concern, and will require careful consideration.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the extension of the highway system. Reconstruction of the Cariboo Road through the Fraser River Canyon is proceeding rapidly and, before another Session is due, connection with the road system of the Interior will be had, and a closer connection between the Coast and the inland cities will be established for all time.

The industrial pay-roll continues to show a substantial advance over former years.

The "Hours of Work Act," under the Board of Adjustment, appears to be operating successfully.

The Report of the Survey of the Educational System of the Province has been printed and will be placed before you immediately.

There will be placed before you:—

The Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1924-25.

The Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board.

The Reports of the several Departments of the Government.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the next fiscal year will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

Gentlemen, I now leave you in full confidence that the work entrusted to you will be faithfully performed, and I pray that the blessing of God shall rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of a Member to represent the Electoral District of Grand Forks-Greenwood was read as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, October 28th, 1925.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly:

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of *John McKie*, the late Member for the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 7th day of April, 1925, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said District:

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 22nd day of May, 1925, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the

electors of the said District have chosen *Dougald McPherson* to represent the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ J. L. WHITE,
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

Dougald McPherson, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Minister of Finance, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election for the election of a Member to represent the constituency of Grand Forks-Greenwood be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than one Party is in Fault ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-morrow, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes :—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The following papers were presented :—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended June 30th, 1925.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Summary of Mining Operations from January 1st to August 31st, 1925.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1924, to March 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Game Conservation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Pensions Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1925.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended October 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 10th, 1925.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1925.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Survey of the School System, by J. H. Putnam and G. M. Weir.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

Return pursuant to section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of alienations of Indian Reserves pursuant to section 92 of the "Land Act."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a report on the University of British Columbia. To lie on the table.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Bryan* (North Vancouver) moved, seconded by Mr. *Leary* (Kaslo-Slocan),—

That the following humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of thirteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *Perry*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Bryan*, *Munn*, *Kergin*, *Odlum*, *McRae*, *Harrison*, *Creery*, *Browne*, *Cochrane*, *Davie*, and *M. Manson*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of fifteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *Paterson*, *Rothwell*, *Perry*, *Bryan*, *Mrs. Smith*, Messrs. *Wrinch*, *McPherson*, *Burde*, *Colley*, *Walkem*, *Neelands*, *Cochrane*, *Peck*, *Hayward*, and *Hinchliffe*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of fifteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *I. A. Mackenzie, Kergin, McPherson, Munn, Woodward, Colley, Leary, McRae, Stoddart, Burde, Pooley, Jones, W. A. McKenzie, Lyons, and Twigg*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Stoan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of four Members, as follows: Messrs. *Bryan, Rothwell, Neelands, and Hinchliffe*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Stoan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of twelve Members, as follows: Messrs. *Kergin, Munn, Wrinch, Leary, McPherson, McRae, Harrison, Uphill, Schofield, Wallinger, Lister, and Bruhn*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of fourteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *Paterson, Rothwell, Wrinch, Woodward, Odlum, McPherson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Harrison, Stoddart, Catherwood, Coventry, Lister, Jones, and Bruhn*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn, Perry, Bryan, Woodward, Odlum, Browne, Uphill, Lyons, and Bruhn*.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 3rd, 1925.

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. 2) intituled "An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Walkem* presented a petition from the Corporation of Point Grey, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of a replotting and subdivision scheme, and for other powers.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* presented a petition from Joseph Peter Keane, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to set aside an order of Court, and for other powers.

Mr. *Harrison* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria and of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain expropriation proceedings, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Catherwood* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Port Moody, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of borrowing the sum of \$100,000, and for other purposes.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, the petition from the Corporation of Point Grey for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of a replotting and subdivision scheme, and for other powers, was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*—

Report on the question of Joint Control of Water-supply to the Cities and Municipalities on Burrard Inlet.

To lie upon the table.

By the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1924.

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—

Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended September 30th, 1925.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended September 30th, 1925.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

November 4th, 1925.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province" was read a second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were received:—

From Joseph Peter Keane, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to set aside an order of Court, and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria and of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain expropriation proceedings, and for other purposes.

From the Corporation of the City of Port Moody, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of borrowing the sum of \$100,000, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 5th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 5th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 5th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Stoan* presented the Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10th, 1925.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* presented a petition from J. A. Shanks, J. P. Weston, W. S. Fuller, and others, protesting against the principle of proposed legislation empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to acquire the undertaking of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company.

Mr. *Coventry* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of Saanich, praying that an Act passed on the 21st day of February, 1873, being "An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of Victoria," and the amendments thereto, be amended, and that the proposed enabling legislation for the purpose of purchasing the Esquimalt Waterworks be refused, and for other legislation and the formation of a Water Board.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, it was Resolved,—

That there be added to the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session a Committee on Forestry, which said Committee shall have like and similar powers to the other Select Standing Committees.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, it was Resolved,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry shall consist of eleven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn, McKae, Leary, Perry, Kergin, Odium, M. Manson, Bruhn, Davie, Burde, and Walkem.*

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 10th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 10th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Short Form of Mortgages Act.'"

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

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 6th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition.

No. 3—The Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Waterworks Company.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 6th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in reference to the undermentioned petition, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee recommends that the same be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

No. 2—Joseph Peter Keane.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were received.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Mr. *Pooley* presented a petition from the Reeve and Council of the Township of Esquimalt, praying for the preservation of the obligations defined by the Acts relating to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, and for other objects.

Mr. *Bryan* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain by-law, and for other powers.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 11th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition. No. 1—An Act relating to the Corporation of the Municipality of Point Grey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 11th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit for presenting petitions be extended to November 17th, and that for receiving petitions to November 20th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Reports No. 1 and No. 2 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Harrison*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Waterworks Company providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Waterworks Company" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to do Justice to Joseph Peter Keane, of Bridesville, Province of British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Coventry*, the petition from the Corporation of the District of Saanich, praying that an Act passed on the 21st day of February, 1873, being "An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of Victoria," and the amendments thereto, be amended, and that the proposed enabling legislation for the purpose of purchasing the Esquimalt Waterworks be refused, and for other legislation and the formation of a Water Board, was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

That the following words be added:—

"We regret, however, that a fraudulent, alien, terrorist organization known as the Ku Klux Klan is attempting to organize in British Columbia; and that the purpose of this body is to perpetuate and promote religious hatred amongst our citizens and to substitute lynch law for duly constituted authority; and that the past record of this society is one of murder, violent assault, and unspeakable crime.

"Wherefore we would urge your Government to take all necessary steps to restrain this seditious movement and bar its membership from all elected or official positions under the Crown."

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That all the accounts in connection with the construction of the British Columbia University buildings and the improvement of University lands be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with power to call for persons, papers, and documents, and to take evidence under oath.

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

1. What was the date on which the Southern Okanagan Land Project was purchased?
2. What was the acreage purchased and the price paid for same?
3. What has been the total sum of money expended on this project up to November 1st, 1925, including purchase of lands, together with interest on moneys invested?
4. What has been the acreage of lands sold to November 1st, 1925?
5. What has been the value of the lands sold during 1925?
6. What amount of cash was received on sales of land sold during 1925?
7. What are the total sales to November 1st, 1925, of lands sold in this project?
8. What amount of cash has been received from lands sold to November 1st, 1925?
9. What is the total amount of arrears of payment on lands sold to November 1st, 1925?
10. What sum of money was involved in the reduction of prices of land to settlers given by the Minister during 1925?

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

"1. December 21st, 1918.

"2. 22,000 acres; \$350,000.

"3. \$3,188,084.12. Interest has not been computed.

"4. 1,706.02.

"5. \$45,721.25.

"6. \$6,645.34.

"7. \$361,165.83.

"8. \$109,327.93.

"9. No arrears of purchase price except in case of acre lots; this amounts to \$4,922.70.

"10. \$81,023.64."

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

1. How many licences to sell beer have been granted in respect of premises situated in the Electoral District of Esquimalt?

2. To whom have the said licences been granted, specifying in each case the premises in respect of which the licence was granted?

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

"1. Nine.

"2. Mill Bay Inn, Mill Bay, H. G. A. Smith; Nicholson's, Port Renfrew, G. Nicholson; Esquimalt Hotel, Esquimalt, T. J. Brunsdon; Coach & Horses Hotel, Esquimalt, J. M. Morgan, transferred to R. J. A. McGuinness; Half-way House, Esquimalt, G. H. Patton, transferred to W. N. Winsby; Colwood Hotel, Colwood, May G. Miller; Wilton Place, Cobble Hill, H. Macklin; Strathcona Lodge, Shawnigan Lake, M. A. Wylde; Paradise Inn, Sooke Harbour, J. W. Wallis."

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

1. What is the acreage reserved for the University of British Columbia at Point Grey?
2. What is the acreage involved in the subdivision recently placed on the market and the number of lots and size?
3. How many lots have been sold? (a) The value of lots sold; (b) the amount of cash received on sale?
4. What has been the total amount of money spent on clearing, levelling, and putting the lots in shape for sale?
5. What has been the amount of money spent on: (a) Sidewalks; (b) streets; (c) water-mains; (d) electric light and otherwise developing the subdivision?

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

"1. None (277 acres Crown-granted and 271 acres leased to the University of British Columbia).

"2. 114 acres in the subdivision, which comprises 243 lots, of which 109 were offered for sale. Average size of residential lots approximately 80 by 175 feet.

"3. Eighteen lots sold; sixteen lots leased. (a.) Value of lots sold, \$33,350; value of leased lots, \$23,445. (b.) \$10,568.75 on lots sold; \$2,362.05 on lots leased.

"4. \$117,237.69.

"5. (a) \$7,790; (b) \$85,111.25; (c) \$46,858.67, which includes supply-main; (d) \$133,965.37, which includes sewers."

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

1. When did the Government commence to serve irrigation-water to settlers on the Southern Okanagan Project?
2. What has been the rate per acre charged each year since commencement?
3. What was the total assessment of irrigation taxes levied each year and the amount of arrears each year?
4. What is the total amount of irrigation rates due the Government, including all arrears?
5. What further sum of money will be required to complete the irrigation system over the balance of the project?
6. What sum of money was expended in operating the irrigation system during season 1925?
7. Does the present irrigation rate charged cover cost of operation, maintenance, repairs, renewals, and sinking fund requirements?
8. If not, how does the Government propose to meet these requirements?

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

"1. 1921; but no levy was made for that season.

"2. \$6 per acre per annum.

"3. Irrigation rates levied: 1922, \$8,025; 1923, \$9,166; 1924, \$9,294; 1925, \$8,835.

"4. Arrears as at June 30th, 1925, were: 1922, \$1,516; 1923, \$3,286; 1924, \$5,152; 1925, \$130. Seventy-five per cent. of 1925 levy is not due until November 15th, 1925; 1925 arrears will therefore be substantially decreased, if not completely paid up. The credit derived from the adjustment of the purchase price of the land was applied to the reduction of the arrears of irrigation rates.

"5. Estimated at approximately \$475,000.

"6. Operation charges, 1925, \$6,122, not including proportion of office staff salaries.

"7. Rate was levied on basis thought to be sufficient to cover all charges when project completed.

"8. Answered by No. 7."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 12th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain by-law, and for other powers, was received.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Town Planning," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 10th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Town Planning," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time and referred to the Committee on Municipal Matters.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.
Statement of unclaimed money deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Deposits Act, 1905."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Browne* on the 11th instant.

Mr. *Davie* rose to a point of order respecting the debate upon the amendment.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 4th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Reports No. 3 and No. 4 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

The petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the following papers:—

Return pursuant to section 10, chapter 165, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924," "Iron-ore Supply Act."

Return pursuant to subsection (2) of section 128, chapter 171, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924," "Coal-mines Regulation Act."

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

1. Who are the present members of the Treasury Board?
2. Who were the members of the Treasury Board on October 1st, 1925?
3. Have any changes been made from time to time or at any time in the personnel of the Treasury Board during the period between October 1st, 1925, and the present day; and, if so, give particulars?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. The Hon. the Premier, the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Hon. the Minister of Lands, and the Hon. the Minister of Finance.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No change made since September 29th, 1924. The Hon. the Minister of Lands was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. John Hart."

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

1. Was a sum granted during the present year to the Corporation of Greenwood to be applied towards hospital extensions?
2. If yes, what was the amount of such grant?
3. On what date was grant made?

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

"1. No.

"2. An amount of \$1,000 was granted to the Greenwood and District Hospital Association.

"3. September 10th, 1925."

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

1. What sum of money has been expended: (a) By the Department of Public Works; (b) by the Department of Mines, during the year 1925 on the road leading from Beaverdell to the mines on Wallace Mountain, in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Riding?
2. During which months of the present year was such moneys expended?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Department of Public Works, \$293.75; (b) Department of Mines, \$749.49.

"2. April, May, June, and July."

Mr. *Hayward* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Was one A. H. Shotbolt employed in the Department?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. Were his services dispensed with?
4. If so, on what date?
5. What were the reasons for dispensing with his services?
6. How long had he been in the public service of the Province?
7. Was he dismissed personally or by letter?
8. If so, was his resignation asked for, and what was the length of notice contained therein?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. General assistant.

"3. Yes.

"4. April 4th, 1925.

"5. For the good of the service.

"6. From February 4th, 1908, as temporary employee, and from April 26th, 1911, as permanent member of the Civil Service.

"7. By letter.

"8. Yes; retirement to take effect same date as notice."

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

1. Was a new retaining-wall and sidewalk constructed around a portion of the Court-house grounds at Nelson during the year 1925?
2. If yes, were tenders called for this work? If so, who tendered, what was the amount of each tender, and which firm received the contract?
3. What materials were used in construction?
4. How many yards of concrete were used in this work?
5. What was the cost of removing the old retaining-walls?
6. Has the work been completed? If so, what has been the total cost?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes. Kenneth Campbell, unit rates, approximate total, \$4,461.80; McCharles & McDougall, unit rates, approximate total, \$5,467.40. McCharles & McDougall.

"3. Concrete; hammer-dressed granite asblar; rubble fill; agricultural tile, etc.

"4. 46 cubic yards concrete footings; 1,112.5 superficial feet concrete sidewalk.

"5. Taking up and replacing marble coping and taking down concrete wall and clearing up, \$870.

"6. Yes; \$5,591.47."

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

1. Was one Freeman, of Cobble Hill, in the employ of the Forest Branch at any time during the present year?
2. Was he on a regular salary?
3. If so, what amount?
4. What districts was he supposed to cover?
5. Was he supposed to be in charge of the fire in Sooke District?
6. If so, when was he there, what was the length of time put in by him at this fire, and what was the extent of the damage done by the fire?
7. What was the cost thereof to the Province?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No. Employed as labourer on hourly basis.

"3. \$4.73.

"4. None.

"5. No. Employed driving truck to Sooke watershed fire.

"6. August 2nd and 3rd; nineteen hours; \$4,630.

"7. \$5,971.66."

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

1. Who were the contractors who obtained the contract for heating for the University buildings?
2. What was the amount of the contract?
3. Who were the sub-contractors who did the work?
4. What was the amount of their sub-contract?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Science Building, Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$118,386.42; Library, Semi-permanent Buildings, Power-house, and Forest Laboratory Building, E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Ltd., included in general contracts; steam-heating distribution, Barr & Anderson, Ltd., and E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Ltd., \$157,490.

"3 and 4. Library, Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$42,554; Semi-permanent Buildings, Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$50,980, and Murray Bros., Ltd., \$6,850; Power-house, Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$154,950; Forest Laboratory Building, Murray Bros., Ltd., \$2,200."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Friday, November 13th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from Ernest Temple, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of directing the Engineer and the Corporation of the City of Victoria to proceed with the determination of all questions between the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, and the said Corporation.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Browne* on 11th instant.

On the motion of Dr. *Rothwell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 13th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of the petition, Bill, and notice were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

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

No. 6—City of North Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 13th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 5—City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (1) The names of the members of the Export Advisory Committee representing the manufacturers at the present time and the names of those who have been members since November 1st, 1924, but who are now no longer members thereof; (2) the same information as regards the loggers' representatives; (3) for the period from November 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1925, inclusive, the names of those persons or corporations to whom leave was granted by said Committee to export logs, and in each case the amount exported, the port of destination, the classification of logs, and the dates; (4) the names of those persons or corporations to whom permission to export was refused by said Committee during the period from November 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1925, inclusive, giving dates of such refusals in each case.

Pursuant to such Resolution, the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return.

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Premier and any and all parties pertaining to any negotiations for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the year 1925.

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

Mr. *Twigg* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the present Government of British Columbia or any member thereof and the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any member thereof since December 31st, 1916, up to the present date, relative to the return to the Province of British Columbia of what is commonly known as the Peace River Land Block.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Premier or other representative of the Government and the Registrars and Returning Officers under the "Provincial Elections Act" pertaining to the operation of the Act or any suggested alterations thereto.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since January 1st, 1925?
2. From whom borrowed and under what authority in each case?
3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?
4. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?
5. Were any commissions paid on these loans? If so, to whom, and the amounts paid in each case?
6. When are these loans payable?
7. Have the amounts borrowed been fully expended? If not, how much is still available on each?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. \$1,000,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., *et al.*, Syndicate; purpose, conversion of Treasury bills issued prior to January 1st, 1925, B.C. University; net proceeds, \$992,800; rate of interest, 4½ per cent.; cost of loan, 4.75 per cent.; maturity, February 2nd, 1928; authority, 'B.C. University Loan Act, 1920.'

"\$540,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., *et al.*, Syndicate; purpose, conversion of Treasury bills issued prior to January 1st, 1925, highways and highway bridges; net proceeds, \$536,112; rate of interest, 4½ per cent.; cost of loan, 4.75 per cent.; maturity, February 2nd, 1928; authority, 'B.C. Loan Act, 1923.'

"\$2,460,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., *et al.*, Syndicate; purpose, refunding debenture issue, Series LL—P.G.E. Railway—under authority of 'Loan Act, 1916,' maturing January 6th, 1925; net proceeds, \$2,442,288; rate of interest, 4½ per cent.; cost of loan, 4.75 per cent.; maturing February 2nd, 1928; authority, 'Revenue Act,' R.S.B.C. 1924.

"\$1,000,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited, A. E. Ames & Co., and Wood, Gundy & Co., Syndicate; purpose, conversion of \$350,000 Treasury bills issued prior to January 1st, 1925, \$650,000 new money, highways and highway bridges; net proceeds, \$940,000; rate of interest, 4½ per cent.; cost of loan, 4.97 per cent.; maturity, July 2nd, 1950; authority, 'B.C. Loan Act, 1924.'

"\$2,890,000 borrowed by way of Treasury bills from the Canadian Bank of Commerce; rate of interest, 5 per cent.; cost of loan, 5 per cent.; maturity, December 2nd, 1925.

Authority.	Purpose.	Amount.
'B.C. University Loan Act, 1920'.....	B.C. University	\$ 480,000
'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1920'.....	P.G.E. construction	20,000
'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)'.....	B.C. University	500,000
'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)'.....	General purposes	250,000
'Loan Act, 1923'.....	Buildings	125,000
'Loan Act, 1923'.....	Highways and bridges	90,000
'Loan Act, 1923'.....	Land Settlement Board	65,000
'Loan Act, 1923'.....	'Soldiers' Land Act'	25,000
'Loan Act, 1924'.....	Land Settlement Board	175,000
'Loan Act, 1924'.....	Highways and bridges	1,160,000

"The Province sold on behalf of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the stock of the said Railway Company held by the Province as collateral.

"\$5,925,195 4½-per-cent. stock (valued in 1918 at \$68 per \$100) sold to Syndicate composed of The Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited, A. E. Ames & Co., and Wood, Gundy & Co., at \$92.50, maturing July 15th, 1942, and yielding 5.14 per cent., \$5,480,805.38; proceeds used to retire direct obligations of the Province issued under authority of 'P.G.E. Note Payment Act, 1920'; maturity, \$2,000,000, June 1st, 1925; \$2,038,000, June 30th, 1925.

"5. No commissions paid.

"7. Amounts borrowed as expenditure incurred."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What was the number of pupils enrolled in public schools in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the number of pupils enrolled in public schools in British Columbia in 1925?
3. What was the number of schools in operation in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the number of schools in operation in British Columbia in 1925?
5. What was the enrolment in the Normal School for 1925?
6. What was the enrolment for the University of British Columbia in 1925?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- " 1. 64,570.
 " 2. 97,954.
 " 3. 808.
 " 4. 1,061.
 " 5. 631.
 " 6. 1,451."

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

1. On what date did the gasolene-tax become effective?
2. What revenue has the Government received from this tax for each month since that date? On what price per gallon was the tax based?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- " 1. January 1st, 1924.
 " 2. 1924—

January	
February	\$ 24,950 97
March	28,133 29
April	35,923 20
May	39,328 40
June	33,621 89
July	47,241 78
August	55,319 45
September	53,880 91
October	47,986 02
November	47,351 20
December	38,400 19
1925—	
January	35,483 47
February	33,390 41
March	32,633 42
April	39,249 61
May	46,751 04
June	53,515 68
July	56,550 73
August	64,422 37
September	64,167 75
October	58,189 26
Total	\$936,491 04
Less refunds under section 10 of the Act	38,851 94
Net total	\$897,639 10

"The tax rate is a straight 3 cents per gallon irrespective of price."

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

1. Whether any legislation will be brought down this Session in view of the report entitled "The Survey of the School System"?

2. Whether, in view of the recommendation in chapter XII., section X., subsection 1, it is still the intention of the Government to build a Normal School at Nelson, as was promised at the by-election of 1924 there?

3. Whether it is intended to apply to school finance the recommendation in chapter XVII., section XXI., especially with regard to subsections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16?

4. Whether the suggested new sources of revenue in chapter XVII., section X., are to be utilized; and, if so, whether it is intended to use the increased amount in further increasing the amount spent on education as suggested in section XIII. of same chapter or in reducing the load now carried by the cities and municipalities?

5. Whether it is the intention of the Government to interfere in the scale of salaries paid by the different cities and municipalities as suggested in chapter XVII., section III., page 275?

6. Whether it is intended to institute junior high schools as suggested in chapter 1, section 12?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Under consideration."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on November 1st, 1925?

2. What was the amount of sinking funds on November 1st, 1925?

3. What amount is now owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for money borrowed on Treasury bills, giving particulars of the same?

4. When will these Treasury bills fall due?

5. Has any money been borrowed by the Government from any other bank or from any other source on Treasury bills? If so, specify the amount and from whom.

6. What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts passed by the Legislature, giving particulars?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. Gross debt, including Treasury bills	\$76,888,249 00
Less Sinking Funds	\$16,525,079 82
Less revenue-producing debt exclusive of railways..	17,136,948 00
	33,662,027 82
Net debt, November 1st, 1925	\$43,226,221 18

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Treasury Bills outstanding—

General purposes	\$ 600,000 00
Pacific Great Eastern Railway (in process of refunding)—	
Refunding	\$4,000,00 00
Current purposes	20,000 00
	4,020,000 00
Roads and bridges	1,268,888 00
B.C. University, including advance from general purposes	1,037,200 00
Buildings	600,000 00
Land settlement	340,000 00
Soldiers' land	75,000 00
Conservation	10,000 00
Industries	125,000 00
	\$ 8,076,088 00

"4. December 2nd. Usual practice is to borrow for three months' periods and renew when necessary for further period if expedient.

"5. No.

"6. Résumé of borrowing-powers—

General purposes—

' Loan Act, 1916 '	\$ 220 00	
' Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session) '	450,000 00	
		\$ 450,220 00

Industries 875 000 00

B.C. University 12,800 00

Pacific Great Eastern construction—

' Loan Act, 1920 '	\$ 165 65	
' Loan Act, 1921 '	601,768 80	
		601,934 45

Buildings and furnishings—

' Loan Act, 1922 '	\$ 51,288 00	
' Loan Act, 1923 '	247,437 65	
		298,725 65

'Soldiers' Land Act'—

' Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session) '	\$ 10,270 00	
' Loan Act, 1923 '	10,000 00	
		20,270 00

Land settlement—' Loan Act, 1924 ' 125,000 00

Highways and bridges—

' Loan Act, 1923 '	\$ 30,000 00	
' Loan Act, 1924 '	1,100,000 00	
		1,130,000 00

Conservation—

' Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session) '	\$ 110,000 00	
' Loan Act, 1922 '	45,000 00	
		155,000 00

B.C.E. Railway—' Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session) ' 93,000 00

Total borrowing-powers as at November 1st, 1925 \$ 3,761,950 10 "

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

1. Is one Thomas Menzies in the employ of the Department of the Provincial Secretary?
2. If yes, when did he receive such appointment?
3. What salary is he in receipt of and what travelling expenses are allowed him?
4. What are his duties?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 1st, 1925.
- "3. \$2,100 per annum and actual travelling expenses.
- "4. To carry out the duties of his office as Superintendent of Neglected Children."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, November 16th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Twigg* moved the adjournment of the House upon a question of urgency, and nine Members rose in their places to support the motion.

A debate arose, and with the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn. Notice of motion relating to the matter mentioned to be given in the usual way.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Davie* on the 12th instant, with reference to the amendment moved by Mr. *Browne* on the 11th instant to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, as follows:—

“On the 11th instant, on the House resuming the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, the Honourable Member for Burnaby moved an amendment, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Vancouver, as follows:—

“That the following words be added: “We regret, however, that a fraudulent, alien, terrorist organization known as the Ku Klux Klan is attempting to organize in British Columbia; and that the purpose of this body is to perpetuate and promote religious hatred amongst our citizens and to substitute lynch law for duly constituted authority; and that the past record of this society is one of murder, violent assault, and unspeakable crime. Therefore we would urge your Government to take all necessary steps to restrain this seditious movement and bar its membership from all elected or official positions under the Crown.”’

“On the House resuming the adjourned debate on the 12th instant, the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Newcastle arose to a point of order that the debate should be restricted to the amendment, whereupon I reserved my decision.

“I find that it is unnecessary for me to deal with the point raised by the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Newcastle, for the reason that I am of opinion that the amendment is out of order on the ground of irrelevancy.

“It is imperative that every amendment must be relevant to the question on which the amendment is proposed. There is no congruity between the proposed amendment and the main motion, the amendment being a new proposition upon an entirely different subject. It is therefore out of order, and I so rule. (See *May*, 13th Edition, page 285, and decision of Mr. Speaker Pooley, *Speakers' Decisions*, page 5.)”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

The petition from Ernest Temple, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of directing the Engineer and the Corporation of the City of Victoria to proceed with the determination of all questions between the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, and the said Corporation, was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Twigg* on November 13th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the present Government of British Columbia or any member thereof and the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any member thereof since December 31st, 1916, up to the present date, relative to the return to the Province of British Columbia of what is commonly known as the Peace River Land Block.

Resolution carried.

Pursuant to such Resolution, the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* presented a Return.

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for the Return of all correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Attorney-General's Department and one William Morrison, of the City of Vancouver, in connection with a complaint made by him claiming maladministration by the Harbour Commissioners of Vancouver, or certain individuals connected therewith, and giving information of certain offences being committed contrary to the provisions of the "Grain Act" of Canada and the "Railway Act" of Canada.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Short Form of Mortgages Act.'"

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

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

What amounts have been expended by the Government in connection with forestry protection in Salmon Arm Electoral District during the years 1924 and 1925?

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

"Forest-protection expenditure records are kept for forest districts, which do not correspond to electoral districts. Salmon Arm Electoral District covers parts of three ranger districts within the Kamloops Forest District, and it is impossible to segregate the amounts spent within the electoral district."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of tree-fruits in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of tree-fruits in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of tree-fruits in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of tree-fruits in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production from 1916 to 1924?

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

- "1. 70,156,204 lb.
- "2. 126,770,000 lb.
- "3. \$1,806,489.
- "4. \$4,303,416.
- "5. 80.6 per cent."

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

1. Has the Federal Mining Company ceased operations in Hudson Bay Mountain?
2. If so, when?
3. What was the reason for this withdrawal?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. About August, 1924.

"3. No reason given Department. (Duthie Mines, Limited, resumed operations, Hudson Bay Mountain, June, 1925, and has been making shipments of ore since August 1st.)"

Mr. *Bruhn* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Have any loans been made under the Land Settlement Board to farmers resident in Salmon Arm constituency during the years 1924 and 1925?
2. What is the total aggregate amount of such loans (if any)?
3. What interest is charged on such loans?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately \$11,400. Definite information not readily available as records are not kept according to electoral districts.

"3. 7½ per centum per annum."

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

1. Does the Federal Government control all minerals and oil in the Peace River Block?
2. Does the Government of the Province of British Columbia collect any royalties on any minerals produced within the Peace River Block?

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

"1. No. Provincial Government controls the precious metals and the Federal Government the base metals and oil.

"2. No."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of small fruits in British Columbia for 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of small fruits in British Columbia for 1924?
3. What was the value production of small fruits in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of small fruits in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 3,793,680 lb.

"2. 11,866,000 lb.

"3. \$370,173.

"4. \$1,115,822.

"5. 212.7 per cent."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of poultry in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of poultry in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of poultry in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of poultry in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 3,356,400 lb.

"2. 8,174,033 lb.

"3. \$738,408.

"4. \$1,880,027.

"5. 143.5 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of pork in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of pork in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of pork in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of pork in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of pork from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 702,000 lb.
- "2. 1,289,051 lb.
- "3. \$108,000.
- "4. \$105,702.
- "5. 83.6 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of creamery butter in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of creamery butter in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of creamery butter in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of creamery butter in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of creamery butter from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 1,243,292 lb.
- "2. 3,670,670 lb.
- "3. \$497,316.
- "4. \$1,374,095.
- "5. 195.2 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of milk in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of milk in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of milk in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of milk in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of milk from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 9,113,500 gallons.
- "2. 13,900,000 gallons fresh milk, 213,392 cases evaporated milk, and 424,487 gallons ice-cream.
- "3. \$2,551,780.
- "4. Fresh milk, \$5,421,000; evaporated milk, \$959,251; ice-cream, \$661,212; other products, \$881,600.
- "5. Milk (as fresh), 59.1 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of fodders in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of fodders in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of fodders in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of fodders in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of fodders from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 372,798 tons.
- "2. 582,935 tons.
- "3. \$5,741,979.
- "4. \$10,671,692.
- "5. 56.3 per cent."

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

1. Who occupies the position of Civil Service Commissioner at the present time?
2. On what date was he appointed?
3. What salary does he receive, and how and when is it paid? Has the amount of such salary been altered since appointment? If so, give particulars.
4. Does he pay income tax on such salary?
5. Give years (if any) for which he has not paid income tax and amounts now due for each year on that account? And if not paid, why not?

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

"1. W. H. MacInnes.

"2. In November, 1918.

"3. \$4,120 per annum, less superannuation deduction, paid monthly. Salary altered from \$4,000 to \$4,120 on April 1st, 1920. No change since that date.

"4 and 5. No information in the Department of the Provincial Secretary."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of marketed beef in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of marketed beef in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of marketed beef in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of marketed beef in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of marketed beef from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 11,700,000 lb.

"2. 24,870,112 lb.

"3. \$1,263,600.

"4. \$1,119,155.

"5. 112.5 per cent."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of eggs in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of eggs in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of eggs in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of eggs in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of eggs from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 4,531,140 dozen.

"2. 7,351,672 dozen.

"3. \$1,585,899.

"4. \$2,352,535.

"5. 62.2 per cent."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of cheese in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of cheese in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of cheese in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of cheese in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of cheese from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 18,000 lb.

"2. 317,839 lb.

"3. \$3,960.

"4. \$79,789.

"5. 1,665.7 per cent."

Mr. *Davie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Have any loans been made under the Land Settlement Board to residents in the Cowichan-Newcastle Electoral District during the years 1923, 1924, and 1925?
2. What is the aggregate amount (if any) of such loans?
3. Have any applications for loans from such residents been refused during the said periods; and, if so, how many, and the reason therefor?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately \$4,800. Definite information not readily available as records are not kept according to electoral districts.

"3. Yes. Information as to number not readily available. In many instances the application discloses information which places it outside the scope of the policy of the Board. In all such cases the appraisal fee is returned to the prospective borrower and the application is filed with the general correspondence and does not appear in the records of the Board."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of dairy butter in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of dairy butter in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of dairy butter in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of dairy butter in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of dairy butter from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 568,000 lb.

"2. 1,570,400 lb.

"3. \$198,800.

"4. \$393,602.

"5. 176.4 per cent."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of potatoes in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of potatoes in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of potatoes in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of potatoes in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of potatoes from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 72,709 tons.

"2. 99,084 tons.

"3. \$1,844,612.

"4. \$3,368,856.

"5. 36.2 per cent."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of swine in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of swine in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of swine in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of swine in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of swine from 1916 to 1924?

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

"1. 39,055 head.

"2. 47,619 head.

"3. \$497,951.

"4. \$952,380.

"5. 21.9 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of roots in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of roots in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of roots in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of roots in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of roots from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 48,333 tons.
- "2. 64,126 tons.
- "3. \$595,505.
- "4. \$1,167,093.
- "5. 32.6 per cent."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the quantity production of mutton in British Columbia in 1916?
2. What was the quantity production of mutton in British Columbia in 1924?
3. What was the value production of mutton in British Columbia in 1916?
4. What was the value production of mutton in British Columbia in 1924?
5. What was the percentage of increase in quantity production of mutton from 1916 to 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 204,000 lb.
- "2. 794,622 lb.
- "3. \$34,272.
- "4. \$85,819.
- "5. 289.5 per cent."

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

1. What quantities of timber have been exported from the Province pursuant to permission under the "Forest Act" during, respectively, the years 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925?
2. Does the Government collect any extra fees upon timber so exported; and, if so, what amounts have been collected for the aforesaid periods?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. 1914, 31,101 M.B.M.; 1915, 87,286 M.B.M.; 1916, 44,700 M.B.M.; 1917, 42,619 M.B.M.; 1918, 7,240 M.B.M.; 1919, 8,558 M.B.M.; 1920, 9,530 M.B.M.; 1921, 28,104 M.B.M.; 1922, 49,820 M.B.M.; 1923, 46,643 M.B.M.; 1924, 50,500 M.B.M.; 1925 (9 months), 36,663 M.B.M.

"2. Yes; but as the timber-tax collected is inclusive of royalty the departmental records do not show the difference. The royalties and timber-tax on this class of material are as follows, per M.B.M.:—

"Royalty on Crown grants, 1906-1914: No. 1 Grade, 50 cents; No. 2 Grade, 50 cents; No. 3 Grade, 50 cents.

"Crown lands or lands Crown-granted subsequent to March 1st, 1914—

Royalty, 1920-24: No. 1 Grade, \$1.22; No. 2 Grade, \$1.22; No. 3 Grade, 87 cents.

Royalty, 1925-29, Vancouver District: No. 1 Grade, \$1.35; No. 2 Grade, \$1.35; No. 3 Grade, 75 cents.

Royalty, 1925-29, Prince Rupert District: No. 1 Grade, \$1.10; No. 2 Grade, \$1.10; No. 3 Grade, 75 cents.

"Timber-tax (inclusive of royalty): No. 1 Grade, \$2; No. 2 Grade, \$1.50; No. 3 Grade, \$1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hayward* presented the following petitions:—

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, praying that the petition of Ernest Temple on behalf of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill be disallowed.

From H. H. Shandley, J. W. Spencer, S. J. Drake, and others, that the petition of Ernest Temple on behalf of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill be disallowed.

From J. W. Spencer, C. P. Baylis, L. Farquhar, and others, in support of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between Victoria City and the Esquimalt Waterworks Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Reports No. 5 and No. 6 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 17th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of the petition, Bill, and notice were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

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

No. 7—Ernest Temple, Liquidator of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Peck* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Davie*,—

That the humble Address proposed to be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding thereto the following words: "But, in view of the fact that the area of Greater Vancouver contains more than one-half of the population of British Columbia, this Legislature, in the interests of good government, regrets that Your Honour's Government has not seen fit to grant Cabinet representation, with portfolios, to the aforesaid area."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Colley</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

*Hayward**McRae*

Resolution agreed to.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on November 13th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Premier and any and all parties pertaining to any negotiations for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the year 1925.

With the leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on November 16th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for the Return of all correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Attorney-General's Department and one William Morrison, of the City of Vancouver, in connection with a complaint made by him claiming maladministration by the Harbour Commissioners of Vancouver, or certain individuals connected therewith, and giving information of certain offences being committed contrary to the provisions of the "Grain Act" of Canada and the "Railway Act" of Canada.

The Resolution was carried.

Pursuant to such Resolution, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Short Form of Mortgages Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Was one Arthur Manson employed in the Department?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. Were his services dispensed with?
4. If so, on what date?
5. What were the reasons for dispensing with his services?
6. How long had he been in the public service of the Province?
7. Was he dismissed personally or by letter?
8. If so, was his resignation asked for, and what was the length of notice contained therein?
9. Who was employed in his place?
10. Did the appointee have proper engineer's papers qualifying him to operate the plant in the boiler-room?
11. Had the person left in charge after Arthur Manson's dismissal papers qualifying him to operate the furnace?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Chief Engineer of boiler-room.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. April 3rd, 1925.
- "5. Good of service.
- "6. Twenty-seven years.
- "7. By letter.
- "8. Resignation to take effect on receipt of letter.
- "9. I. E. Marks.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. C. Costello, temporary in charge to May 12th; only one boiler used, May 27th to June 8th; boiler shut down, June 8th to September 18th."

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

1. Was one Frank Foster appointed to represent the labour men on the eight-hour-day board?
2. Did this appointment meet with the approval of the Trades and Labour Council of Vancouver?
3. Did the said Frank Foster visit the towns and cities along the Grand Trunk Railway in the Province of British Columbia recently?
4. If so, when, and what places did he visit?
5. What duties took him there at this particular time, and what was the amount of his expenses in connection therewith?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Not at the outset; but it now appears to be satisfied that a good appointment was made.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Between October 14th and November 2nd visited Shere, Dewey, Giscome, Prince George, Smithers, Prince Rupert, and Otway.
- "5. On inspection in connection with the enforcement of 'Hours of Work Act' and 'Minimum Wage Act.' Expenses, \$191.80."

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

1. What is the total amount of money expended on equipment and furnishings for the University buildings?
2. What was the amount of commitments under this heading?
3. What is the amount of each contract, and who were the contractors in each case?
4. Who is responsible for the over-commitments (if any) under this heading?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. Paid to date, \$45,100.29.
- "2. \$202,262.78.
- "3. See details in special report submitted to House.
- "4. No over-commitments."

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

1. What quantity of bottle wrappers and labels have been ordered by the Liquor Control Board during the last three years?
2. Where were these wrappers and labels purchased?
3. By whom were they manufactured?

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

- "1. Labels, 1,838,680. Bottle-wrappers: Corrugated shells, 195,000; straw wrappers, 86,400.
- "2. 295,900 labels from B.C. Printing & Lithographing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; 75,000 labels from McBeath-Spedding, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; 120,000 labels from Quality Press, Victoria, B.C.; 1,347,780 labels from King's Printer, Victoria, B.C.; 120,000 corrugated shells from Illinois Pacific Glass Co., San Francisco, California. (From November, 1922, to November, 1923, not

purchasable in Canada.) 75,000 corrugated shells from Columbia Paper Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; 70,560 straw envelopes from Franks Bros., Vancouver, B.C.; 15,840 straw envelopes from B.C. Distillery Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.

"3. Presumably by those receiving the orders, with the exception of the straw envelopes which were purchased from B.C. Distillery Co., Ltd., on short notice for reconditioning stock in Victoria Warehouse after the fire."

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

1. Was one Eccles employed in the Department?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. Were his services dispensed with?
4. If so, on what date?
5. What were the reasons for dispensing with his services?
6. How long had he been in the public service of the Province?
7. Was he dismissed personally or by letter?
8. If so, was his resignation asked for, and what was the length of notice contained therein?
9. Who was employed in his place?
10. Did the appointee have proper engineer's papers qualifying him to operate the plant in the boiler-room?
11. Had the person left in charge after Eccles's dismissal papers qualifying him to operate the furnace?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. First Assistant Engineer in engine-room.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. April 3rd, 1925.
- "5. Good of service.
- "6. Eleven years.
- "7. By letter.
- "8. Resignation to be effective on receipt of letter.
- "9. A. Johnston.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. Yes."

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

1. On what date was the beer licence issued to G. H. Patton in respect of Halfway House, Esquimalt, transferred to W. N. Winsby?
2. On what date was the licence issued to J. M. Morgan in respect to the Coach and Horses Hotel, Esquimalt?

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

- "1. June 13th, 1925.
- "2. April 28th, 1925."

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

1. What is the total amount of money expended in connection with the University of British Columbia up to date, covering (a) buildings; (b) grounds; (c) furnishings?
2. What is the total amount of commitments to date, covering (a) buildings; (b) grounds; (c) furnishings?
3. What is the total of payments to date under the above headings?
4. How much of these payments and how much of these commitments have gone through the Department of Public Works and how much through the Lands Department?
5. What is the total amount of contracts entered into in connection with (a) buildings; (b) grounds; (c) furnishings?
6. What is the total amount of commitments under the heading of "extras." covering (a) buildings; (b) grounds; (c) furnishings?

7. What is the total amount of commitments under the heading of "extras" in connection with (a) Science Building; (b) Semi-permanent Building; (c) Library Building; (d) Power-house; and what official authorized such extras in each case?

8. On what date was it first discovered that the amount of the loan had been over-committed, and what was the amount of the excess commitment at that time?

9. Have any further commitments been made after the date mentioned in the last question? If any, how much?

10. What amount of money has been raised by special warrant (if any) and on what dates have warrants been granted?

11. Who authorized the amount included in the over-commitments, and what official does the Government hold responsible for the present condition of affairs with regard to these over-commitments?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. See special report.

"2. See special report.

"3. See special report.

"4. See special report.

"5. See special report.

"6. See special report.

"7. See special report.

"8. February, 1925, \$289,285.74.

"9. Yes; \$940,197.46.

"10. \$500,000; June 16th, 1925; July 7th, 1925; August 11th, 1925; and September 1st, 1925.

"11. Under consideration."

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

1. What was the quantity production of silver in British Columbia in 1914?

2. What was the quantity production of silver in British Columbia in 1924?

3. What was the quantity production of copper in British Columbia in 1914?

4. What was the quantity production of copper in British Columbia in 1924?

5. What was the quantity production of zinc in British Columbia in 1914?

6. What was the quantity production of zinc in British Columbia in 1924?

7. What was the quantity production of coal in British Columbia in 1914?

8. What was the quantity production of coal in British Columbia in 1924?

9. What was the quantity production of gold in British Columbia in 1914?

10. What was the quantity production of gold in British Columbia in 1924?

11. What was the quantity production of lead in British Columbia in 1914?

12. What was the quantity production of lead in British Columbia in 1924?

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

"1. 3,602,180 oz.

"2. 8,341,768 oz.

"3. 45,009,699 lb.

"4. 64,845,393 lb.

"5. 7,866,467 lb.

"6. 79,130,970 lb.

"7. 1,810,967 tons.

"8. 1,939,526 tons.

"9. 247,170 oz.

"10. 268,753 oz.

"11. 50,625,048 lb.

"12. 170,884,481 lb."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.