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BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1932

Wednesday, February 17th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Seventeenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JOHN WILLIAM FORDHAM JOHNSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of January, 1932,

HIS HONOUR JOHN WILLIAM FORDHAM JOHNSON, 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 Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the last Session of this House, the high post of representative of His Most Excellent Majesty the King has been filled by the appointment of the Right Honourable the Earl of Bessborough. We, the people of British Columbia, join with our fellow-Canadians in extending a warm welcome to His Excellency and his gracious consort, the Countess of Bessborough.

On the 31st July last the Honourable Robert Randolph Bruce terminated his tenure of office as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. The good wishes of the members of this House particularly, and of the people of British Columbia in general, will accompany him in his retirement.

During the year just closed, the death occurred of Mr. John Andrew Buckham, who presided as the Honourable the Speaker over the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly from 1924 to 1928. His departure from this life was and will be a matter of regret, not only to the members of this House, but to a large number of the people of the Province.

It is regretted that the world-wide state of commercial and industrial depression which has been prevailing for some time past is still present, with its accompanying and resultant problem of unemployment. As to the latter, it is comforting to observe the spirit of willing helpfulness shown by those of the public who have given to those who, through misfortune, have not the comforts and necessities of life. In this crisis the workers and wage-earners, always the first to feel the effects of a downward move in business, have shown a commendable spirit of fortitude and courage. This spirit of mutual help among the people of the Dominion was strikingly manifested in the ready and immediate response to the domestic loan launched by the Federal Government for the purpose of meeting the crisis.

Indications would seem to be that the situation is becoming easier. My Government has been acting in conjunction with that of the Dominion in dealing with the problem, which has been, and still is, a serious one. The municipal corporations, which also are faced with pressing needs in unemployment and fiscal questions, have co-operated in dealing with conditions.

The consideration of this question, which was discussed at the Inter-Provincial Conference held in Calgary last year, will be submitted to a Committee of the House during the present Session. The Report of that Committee will doubtless be a valuable guide in dealing with the subject.

Efforts are continuing with a view to the development of markets for British Columbia products, with results of a beneficial nature so far. It is intended to continue these efforts, associated with which is the development of the principle of trade within the Empire.

A party of excursionists from the British Isles is being organized by the Agent-General of this Province in London and will tour the Dominion during the coming months of May, June, and July. This party will be accompanied by an officer from British Columbia House who is well informed on matters connected with this Province. Doubtless this venture will result in bringing before the members of the party as full a knowledge, as the time will permit, of the advantages of British Columbia as a desirable country for investment of capital and for settlement. The itinerary for British Columbia has been arranged with a view to bringing before the notice of the visitors not only the vastness of our Province, but, in a practical and personal way, its great potential wealth and varied beauty, a tour which cannot fail in due course to result beneficially to the country.

Owing to the General Elections in the Mother Land, the Imperial Conference, which was to have reconvened at Ottawa last year, was postponed to the present year. It is anticipated that such postponement will enable the representatives to deal more fully with the many important questions to be brought before them, especially that relating to closer trade relations between the different units of the vast Empire of which Canada is an important member.

It is reassuring to report that, notwithstanding the effect of world economic conditions on the price of metals and the consequent decline in the value of our mineral production, the aggregate quantity output was nearly equal to that of the previous year. This is a tribute to the successful manner in which the mine operators of British Columbia have attacked the problem of reducing mining and metallurgical costs in order to meet changed conditions. It is also satisfactory to find much more interest being manifested in both lode- and placer-gold mining possibilities of the Province.

My Government, appreciating the importance of extending all practical encouragement to the search for and the development of placer-gold mining resources, will submit proposals directed to that end for your consideration.

Impressed by the work of research disclosing signs of vast possible wealth in that direction, legislation will be placed before you dealing with the administration of oil and natural-gas rights.

The lumber industry has also suffered, thereby throwing many hundreds of men out of work. It is, however, gratifying to note that the efforts made by my Government to establish markets for lumber have reacted very favourably.

Of recent years there has developed what we are bound now to recognize as British Columbia's fourth industry. I refer to the growing volume of our travel and tourist business. A brief glance at the records of the past ten years shows that the volume of travel to this Province has grown substantially and has advanced until it has become a fruitful source of revenue. Even in 1931, a year of universal business recession, British Columbia's tourist trade maintained itself remarkably, the decrease being slightly less than that of the peak year of 1930. It is felt that greater efforts might well be directed towards the fostering of this important phase of a business which benefits every section of the Province.

A Commission has been studying and collecting data on the question of Health Insurance, and it is expected that its Report will be submitted during the present Session.

Owing to the present universal condition of business and industry, which has reflected its effect on the public revenue, certain economies have become necessary. Further efforts in this direction may be required, but the utmost care will be observed by my Government to see that such economies as are necessary will be effected with due regard to efficiency in the administration of the public service.

Legislation will be submitted for your consideration dealing with the "Land Act," the "Placer-mining Act," the "Coal and Petroleum Act," and the "Motor-vehicle Act."

Since the return to the Province of the Railway Belt and Peace River Lands there has been a steady flow of settlers to these sections, especially into the Peace River Block. With

the great natural wealth of that area, particularly in agricultural possibilities, a bright future of development is assured. Transportation facilities, which must naturally ensue, will create a period of growth in that Treasure House of the North which will contribute to the wealth and prosperity of the entire Province.

Reports of the various departments of my Government will be laid before you in due course.

The Public Accounts and the Estimates for the year will also be submitted for your consideration.

Despite the severe experiences and trying conditions which have been undergone by our people during the past year, conditions which have been met with fortitude and strength, I feel that I am but voicing the sentiments of every member of this House, and of the people of this Province, when I say that our faith in the future of this great country, with its wonderful, yet undeveloped wealth, its record of the sturdy pioneers who achieved so much in the face of what appeared to be insurmountable difficulties, is now, and cannot help remaining, unshaken.

Entirely confident that the matters which will engage your attention will be dealt with by you faithfully and in the best interests of the people and the Province, I leave you now to your duties, with the prayer that you may have the guidance of Divine Providence in conducting your deliberations and in reaching your decisions.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *Charles de V. Schofield*, 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 Columbia at the recent by-election was read as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

VICTORIA, February 15th, 1932.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of *John Andrew Buckham*, the late member for the Columbia Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 17th day of October, 1931, 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 15th day of January, 1932, 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 *Thomas King* to represent the Columbia Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“P. WALKER,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

Thomas King, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *Pattullo* and Mr. *A. M. Manson*, and took his seat.

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election in the Electoral District of Columbia be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act’” 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. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Jones*, 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.

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

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;
8. On Forestry;
9. On Fisheries;

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; and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Lister*, *Cornett*, *Beatty*, *MacPherson*, and *Wrinch*.

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

That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of John Andrew Buckham, member for the Electoral District of Columbia; and that the Clerk convey to Mrs. Buckham and the family of the late member the condolence and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That this House extends to the honourable member for Trail (Mr. *Schofield*) its hearty congratulations on his taking his seat on this occasion, the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, and being the twenty-fifth consecutive Session attended by the honourable member.

The House couples with these congratulations, good wishes to the honourable member and Mrs. Schofield, its best wishes for continuance of good health and happiness.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1930, to March 31st, 1931.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1931.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commissioner for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended June 30th, 1931.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1930.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1930.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report *re* "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1931.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Return of Timber Licences reinstated by Order in Council under Section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 14 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1926-27, being "Townsite Crown Lands Exchange Act."

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1931.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1931.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1930."

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.43 p.m.

Thursday, February 18th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of increasing its borrowing-powers, and for other authorities and remedies.

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. *Alward* (Fort George) moved, seconded by Mr. *Macintosh* (The Islands),—

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

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and most 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.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 18th, 1932.

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 to amend the 'Private Detectives' Licensing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 18th, 1932.

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 'Fisheries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

Preliminary Report on the Mineral Industry of British Columbia for the Year 1931.

Summary and Review of the Mineral Industry of British Columbia for the Six Months ended June 30th, 1931.

Placer-mining Bulletin No. 1, 1931, "Placer-mining in British Columbia."

Bulletin, "British Columbia, the Mineral Province of Canada, 1931."

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Friday, February 19th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Macintosh* presented a petition from the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of extending its powers.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Bishop of Vancouver Island, a corporation sole, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of changing the name of such Corporation, and for other powers.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of increasing its borrowing-powers, and for other authorities and remedies, 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. *Uphill*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of five members, as follows: Messrs. *Spencer, Alward, Carson, Sutherland, and King*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of nine members, as follows: Messrs. *Berry, Carson, Michell, Heggie, Mackenzie, Uphill, Wrinch, MacPherson, and Gillis*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. *Twigg, Loutet, Cornett, Dick, Beatty, A. M. Manson, Hanna, and Kergin*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of seven members, as follows: Messrs. *Borden, Fitzsimmons, Schofield, Lister, Uphill, Kergin, and Gillis*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. *Hayward, Alward, Rutledge, Kirk, Heggie, Gray, Hanna, and MacPherson*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twelve members, as follows: Messrs. *Loutet, Twigg, Beatty, Rutledge, Spencer, Kingston, MacNaughton, Sutherland, Pearson, A. M. Manson, Pattullo, and Kergin*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry shall consist of seven members, as follows: Messrs. *MacNaughton, Fitzsimmons, M. Manson, Lister, Kergin, Gray, and Hanna*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries shall consist of six members, as follows: Messrs. *Spencer, MacNaughton, Macintosh, M. Manson, Hanna, and Wrinch*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Hon. Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of four members, as follows:
Messrs. *Kirk*, *Schofield*, *Macintosh*, and *King*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Woodmen’s Lien for Wages Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Marshal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Moving Pictures Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vital Statistics Act.’”

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 19th, 1932.

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 facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Private Detectives’ Licensing Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fisheries Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—
That *Harold Despard Twigg*, fourth member for Victoria City Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.34 p.m.

Monday, February 22nd, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of extending its powers.

From the Bishop of Vancouver Island, a corporation sole, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of changing the name of such Corporation, and for other powers.

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.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Jones, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pooley, it was *Resolved*,—
That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Jones, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pooley, it was *Resolved*,—
That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Jones, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1930-31 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pattullo, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pattullo, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. A. M. Manson, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1932.

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 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Neglected Children for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23rd, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Bruhn*)—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Bruhn*)—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act.'"

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 23rd, 1932.

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 to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*) moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*,—

Whereas an acute condition of unemployment, consequent on the commercial and industrial depression, has been, and is to some extent still, prevalent:

And whereas the Federal Government, together with the various Provincial Administrations, have been engaged in co-operation toward meeting the situation:

And whereas it is desirable and expedient that a full inquiry be made as to the said prevailing condition, together with the steps taken to cope with the same so far as the Province of British Columbia is concerned:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Twigg*, *Loulet*, *Berry*, *Lister*, *Kirk*, *Alward*, *Beatty*, *Pattullo*, *A. M. Manson*, *Sutherland*, and *Pearson*, be appointed to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said situation, together with the administration thereof and connected therewith within British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the receipt and disbursement of all moneys received from the Dominion Government, showing how disbursed, that is to say, showing such disbursement as made directly by the Province, or, if in municipal areas, by the municipal authorities on receipt of the moneys from the Province, with all books, documents, and correspondence relating thereto, with respect to unemployment relief, direct and indirect.

That the said Committee inquire into and examine all the phases of the administration of unemployment relief, direct and indirect, including the construction, equipment, cost, and management of unemployment camps, with data as to rates of pay, number of persons afforded relief, direct and indirect, with power to summon witnesses and take their evidence under oath, to require the production of papers, documents, vouchers, correspondence, and books relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry; to report its findings and with power to make recommendations thereon to this House.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Berry* presented the following petitions:—

From the Corporation of Delta, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Delta Water Works Act," and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Chilliwack and the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of administering the premises known as Cultus Lake Park.

Mr. *Dick* presented a petition from the Vancouver Stock Exchange, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907," and for other powers.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shops Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*) on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

Whereas an acute condition of unemployment, consequent on the commercial and industrial depression, has been, and is to some extent still, prevalent:

And whereas the Federal Government, together with the various Provincial Administrations, have been engaged in co-operation toward meeting the situation:

And whereas it is desirable and expedient that a full inquiry be made as to the said prevailing condition, together with the steps taken to cope with the same so far as the Province of British Columbia is concerned:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Twigg, Loutet, Berry, Lister, Kirk, Alward, Beatty, Pattullo, A. M. Manson, Sutherland, and Pearson*, be appointed to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said situation, together with the administration thereof and connected therewith within British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the receipt and disbursement of all moneys received from the Dominion Government, showing how disbursed, that is to say, showing such disbursement as made directly by the Province, or, if in municipal areas, by the municipal authorities on receipt of the moneys from the Province, with all books, documents, and correspondence relating thereto, with respect to unemployment relief, direct and indirect.

That the said Committee inquire into and examine all the phases of the administration of unemployment relief, direct and indirect, including the construction, equipment, cost, and management of unemployment camps, with data as to rates of pay, number of persons afforded relief, direct and indirect, with power to summon witnesses and take their evidence under oath, to require the production of papers, documents, vouchers, correspondence, and books relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry; to report its findings and with power to make recommendations thereon to this House.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie* presented Return pursuant to Section 10, Chapter 165, R.S.B.C. 1924, “Iron-ore Supply Act.”

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 23rd, 1932.

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 'Placer-mining Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Have any amounts been rebated since August 20th, 1928, either on principal or interest on moneys advanced from the Conservation Fund to any water improvement districts?
2. If so, what is the total sum so rebated, and to what water district or districts?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Total sum rebated, \$930,962.79; Black Mountain Irrigation District, Erickson Water-users' Community, Glenmore Irrigation District, Grand Forks Irrigation District, Hefley Irrigation District, Malcolm Horie Irrigation District, Naramata Irrigation District, Peachland Irrigation District, Pentiction Municipality, Robson Irrigation District, Scotty Creek Development District, South-east Kelowna Irrigation District, Vernon Irrigation District, Vinsulla Irrigation District, and Westbank Irrigation District."

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

1. Have any areas of land been placed under reserve since March 10th, 1931?
2. If so, what areas, and for what reason in each case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Cariboo Land District, reserve under 'Coal and Petroleum Act,' Gazette, May 21st, 1931: To discontinue granting of concessions in this district until advisability of framing and adopting new regulations could be considered.

"Legal Subdiv. 4 and Fr. L.S. 5, Sec. 4, Tp. 20, R. 17, W. of 6th M., Gazette, June 18th, 1931: Municipal purposes, City of Kamloops. Continuation of temporary reserve placed by Dominion Government prior to transfer of Railway Belt.

"Foreshore at Chemainus, Gazette, August 20th, 1931: Recreation and enjoyment of the public.

"Area in Yale Division of Yale District, vicinity Copper Creek, Gazette, August 20th, 1931: Temporary reserve to permit examination and report as to suitability for park purposes.

"Area in Cassiar District, vicinity of Taku River, Gazette, September 10th, 1931: Temporary reserve during local mining boom to permit examination and apportionment of limited industrial sites and shipping facilities.

"Area on Davis Lake, Gp. 1, New Westminster District, Gazette, October 8th, 1931: Recreation and enjoyment of the public, District of Mission.

"Hansen Island in Horsefly Lake, Cariboo District, Gazette, December 31st, 1931: Recreation and enjoyment of the public.

"Area in Lillooet and Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Coast District, vicinity of Chilko River, Gazette, January 21st, 1932: Temporary reserve to permit of examination and report on possible water-power development."

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

1. Were any wild horses killed in the Province through Government agency in 1931?
2. If so, how many, and at what cost?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 512; at a cost of \$1,024."

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

1. Has any sum been granted by the Department toward lumber-trade extension with any country or countries other than Australia and Great Britain?
2. If so, what sum, and how has it been expended?

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

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

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

1. Has an appointment of a Superintendent of Irrigation been made since April 1st, 1931?
2. If so, what are the duties of such official; by whom were such duties performed previously; what is the name of present official, and what salary does he receive?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Investigating and reporting on matters connected with irrigation and the Conservation Fund; by the Superintendent of Construction from 1919 to 1926; Francis George de Wolfe, \$325.50 per month."

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

1. Was any amount expended by the Department during 1931 in payment of fire-fighters in Canal Flats area, Columbia Electoral Riding?
2. If yes, when were such services rendered, and when was payment made for same?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Services were rendered in July, August, and September. Payment was made at various times in July, August, September, October, November, and December."

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

What amounts were collected in motor-licence fees: (a) For the year 1930; (b) for the year 1931?

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

"(a) \$2,057,719.63; (b) \$1,996,101.49."

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

1. Was the appointment of one Harry Alan Carlin, of Rolla, as Coroner rescinded?
2. If so, upon what grounds?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. In the public interest."

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

1. Was the appointment of one Alvin Holland, of Fort St. John, as Justice of the Peace rescinded?
2. If so, upon what grounds?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Having ceased to reside in the district."

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

1. Was the appointment of one William Grant, of Hazelton, as Justice of the Peace rescinded?
2. If so, upon what grounds?

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

- "1. Yes; April 16th, 1929.
- "2. In the public interest."

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

1. How many chauffeurs' licences were issued, and what was the total amount received from this source during 1930?
2. How many such licences were issued, and what was the total amount received from this source during 1931?

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

- "1. 6,233; \$30,970.25.
- "2. 6,036; \$28,490."

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

1. What is the total number of employees in the Game Branch?
2. What was the total amount of salaries, Game Branch, for January, 1932?
3. At what points are employees of the Game Branch stationed in addition to members of the Provincial Police?

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

- "1. Sixty-nine.
- "2. \$9,161.10.
- "3. Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Alert Bay, Alberni, Penticton, Greenwood, Cranbrook, Canal Flats, Fernie, Natal, Kamloops, Merritt, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Invermere, Clinton, Lillooet, Vernon, Kelowna, Hanceville, Burns Lake, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Powell River, Abbotsford, Coquitlam, Mission, Chilliwack, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Pouce Coupe, and Fort St. John."

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

1. Has a grant been made to Cranberry Lake School District in connection with a heating and lighting plant?
2. If so, what was the amount of such grant?
3. If so, have any other similar grants been made since April 1st, 1931; to what districts, and for what amounts in each case?

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

"1 and 2. No grant has been made in respect of a heating and lighting plant as such for Cranberry Lake School. A grant of \$3,158 for a school building was made on September 5th, 1930, and a further grant of \$307 was made on January 5th, 1932, towards the cost of wiring for electric light, plumbing, concreting floor and basement, building material for partitions, and labour.

"3. No grants for heating and lighting plants as such have been made since April 1st, 1931."

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

1. What were the total amounts received during 1931 by way of licences for: (a) Salmon-canneries; (b) salmon dry-saltries; (c) pilchard-reduction plants; (d) herring dry-saltries; (e) pilchard-canneries; (f) herring-canneries; (g) whale-reduction plants?
2. What are the numbers of plants in each of the above classifications in operation?

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

"1. (a) Salmon-canneries, \$52,500; (b) salmon dry-saltries, \$8,590; (c) pilchard-reduction plants, \$4,250; (d) herring dry-saltries, \$9,500; (e) pilchard-canneries, \$100; (f) herring-canneries, *nil*; (g) whale-reduction plants, *nil*.

"2. (a) Salmon-canneries, 35; (b) salmon dry-saltries, 35; (c) pilchard-reduction plants, 9; (d) herring dry-saltries, 19; (e) pilchard-canneries, 1; (f) herring-canneries, *nil*; (g) whale-reduction plants, *nil*."

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

1. Has any person been appointed to the position of State Health Insurance Commissioner?
2. If so, who has received such appointment, when was he appointed, and at what salary?

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

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

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

1. Has an inquiry been made into Civil Service affairs by one Lieutenant-Colonel R. Ross Napier; and, if so, has a final report or any report of such inquiry been received by the Department?
2. If so, has such report been made public, or will it be submitted to this House?
3. Was Lieutenant-Colonel Napier in the employ of the Department or in the employ of the Finance Department at any time; and, if so, is he still employed, and at what salary or remuneration?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Made under the 'Departmental Inquiries Act' and not available for publication.
- "3. Lieutenant-Colonel Napier was employed in the past in various capacities by the Provincial Government; he is not now so employed."

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

1. Who is at present Civil Service Commissioner?
2. When was the present incumbent appointed?
3. By whom was this work carried out prior to such appointment?
4. Was the present Civil Service Commissioner in the employ of the Government at the time of his appointment to such office?

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

- "1. Major Roger George Monteith.
- "2. September 1st, 1931.
- "3. Alfred Norman Baker.
- "4. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

Thursday, February 25th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Lister* presented a petition from J. Redford, and other ratepayers and residents of the City of Alberni, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of being constituted a Village Municipality, and for other powers.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of Delta, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Delta Water Works Act," and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Chilliwack and the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of administering the premises known as Cultus Lake Park.

From the Vancouver Stock Exchange, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907," and for other powers.

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

Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, held under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act."

Report of Survey of Resources of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Lands, undertaken jointly by the Government of the Province of British Columbia, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Canadian National Railways, 1929 and 1930.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wrinch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 25th, 1932.

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 'Government Liquor Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Return pursuant to Section 124A, "Taxation Act."

Return pursuant to Section 43 of the "Revenue Act."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.24 p.m.

Friday, February 26th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Kirk* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," and for other powers.

The petition from J. Redford, and other ratepayers and residents of the City of Alberni, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of being constituted a Village Municipality, and for other powers, was received.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petitions:—

No. 1—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

No. 2—The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited.

No. 5—The Corporation of the City of Chilliwack and The Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack.

No. 6—Vancouver Stock Exchange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of Mr. *Macintosh*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Cornett* (in the absence of Mr. *Berry*)—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act entitled 'The Cultus Lake Park Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Dick*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kergin*,—

Whereas a joint survey of resources in Northern British Columbia was made by the Provincial Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway; and

Whereas there was published a statement purporting to have been made by the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as head of a Committee of Investigation appointed by the Dominion Government, to the effect that the construction of a railway outlet to the Pacific Coast from Peace River was entirely premature; and

Whereas the information obtained by the joint survey hereinbefore cited was available to the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Committee of which he was a member; and

Whereas it is in the public interest that this information should also be available to the public at large, in order to enable the public more intelligently to pass judgment; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has repeatedly refused to make public the findings of said survey:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of the House be granted instructing the Government to table a copy of said findings in this House forthwith.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time-limit for presenting petitions for Private Bills be extended until the 10th day of March, 1932.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.42 p.m.