

Wednesday, 10th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

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

That the fifth item from the bottom of page F 9 of the Comptroller-General's Report for 1919-20 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for investigation.

On the motion of Mr. *Burde*, seconded by Mr. *Duncan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the petition of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company presented at Ottawa, praying for the disallowance of the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act," passed by this House in 1917; and of the statement in reply thereto made by the Provincial Government; and of the arguments of counsel at the special hearing of the petition before members of the Federal Government in May, 1918; and of the reasons given by the Minister of Justice for recommending disallowance; and of the order made by the Privy Council of Canada.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1920.

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 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904,'" 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. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Pauline*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between any Minister or Department official and the Corporation of the City of Victoria or any official thereof, or the Hospital Board of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital or any official thereof, from the year 1911 to the year 1916, both inclusive, with respect to a grant to assist in the construction of a new hospital building, and the postponement of the construction thereof.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Thursday, March 11th.

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

1. Is the Government Liquor Vendor's Store in Vancouver in receipt of American money from time to time in payment of liquor supplied?

2. If so, what amount in American currency has been received in the last four months?
3. Is a strict account kept of all the American currency received?
4. Is this American currency turned into the Government Bank Account and is the Government credited for the advantage in the exchange?
5. If so, what amount has the Government profited during the last four months as a result of American money deposited in the bank?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. October, \$1,238; November, \$1,057; December, \$478; January, \$543.

"3. Yes.

"4. Inquiries were made of Mr. G. T. Rogers, Government Agent at Vancouver, who advised that he was in possession of the sum of \$156.18 for this period, which sum, with amounts for previous months, has been paid into the Provincial Treasury.

"5. \$156.18."

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

1. Is a man named Howe, of Kamloops, acting as head of the Labour Bureau for the Government?
2. If so, when was he appointed and what salary is he in receipt of?
3. Does he operate a florist-shop in Kamloops and also two truck-gardens?
4. Is the Government's Labour Bureau located in a portion of his florist-shop; and, if so, what is the size of the space given the Government?
5. What rent does the Government pay said Howe for their Labour Bureau?
6. What rent does said Howe pay for his florist-shop?
7. Is the said Howe also janitor for the post-office in Kamloops?
8. If so, what salary is he in receipt of for this work from the Federal Government?

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

"1. Yes; he is a returned soldier and ex-Secretary G.W.V.A.

"2. May 1st, 1919; \$110 per month; service given is satisfactory.

"3. Operates florist-shop; no information concerning truck-gardens.

"4. Yes; have no information regarding exact size, but space seems ample to meet needs of the employment business at Kamloops.

"5. \$30 a month.

"6. No information in Department.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Answered by No. 6."

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 9th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies 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.

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

1. What were the duties of the Advisory Board of Women's Institutes?
2. Who were the members of the said Advisory Board during the years 1918 and 1919; what were their addresses and what districts did they represent?
3. What amount was paid to each: (a) For the twelve months prior to October 31st, 1919; (b) for the twelve months prior to October 31st, 1918?
4. For what were these expenditures incurred?

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

"1. To advise the Minister upon all matters of interest to Women's Institutes.
 "2. For 1918: Mrs. A. Blackwood-Wileman, of Duncan, representing Vancouver Island; Mrs. A. L. Trask, of Oyama, representing the Okanagan; Mrs. V. H. Johnstone, of Nelson (to August 4th, 1918); Mrs. J. S. Chalmers, of Thrums (for balance of year), representing the Kootenay District. For 1919: Mrs. A. Blackwood-Wileman, Mrs. A. L. Trask, Mrs. J. S. Chalmers, and Mrs. F. B. Fadden, the last named residing at Huntingdon and representing the Lower Mainland.

"3. (a.) For 1918: Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, \$596.94; Mrs. Trask, \$117.25; Mrs. Johnstone, \$53.95; Mrs. Chalmers, \$24; total, \$792.14. (b.) For 1919: Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, \$1,254.26; Mrs. F. B. Fadden, \$422.65; Mrs. Trask, \$280.70; Mrs. Chalmers, \$580.93; total, \$2,538.54.

"4. For actual expenses incurred in connection with institute-work and a per diem allowance for living expenses when away from home on such work."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Schofield*, adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Who is the present Coast Markets Commissioner at Vancouver, B.C.?
2. What salary is he in receipt of?
3. How many of a staff has he, giving their names and the salaries in each case?
4. Is the inspection of potatoes for export one of the principal works of this office?
5. How many car-loads of potatoes were exported during the period of October 1st, 1919, and March 1st, 1920?
6. How much has this inspection cost the Department?
7. What were the travelling expenses of the Commissioner during the year 1919?
8. What were the travelling expenses of his staff during this same period?

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

- "1. R. C. Abbott.
- "2. \$220 per month.
- "3. H. Gutteridge, Potato Inspector, \$135 per month; Miss F. M. Lawson, Clerk and Stenographer, \$90 per month; temporary help: H. T. Thompson, R. D. Abbott.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. 311 car-loads.
- "6. \$1,791.16.
- "7. \$1,338.36.
- "8. \$672.24."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities" was committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 18.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee is of opinion that the Standing Orders should be suspended so as to admit the petition for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" being presented, and recommends the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 19.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been strictly complied with, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the same your Committee would recommend that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with this Bill without payment of fees.

Petition No. 9—"An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The reports were received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Report of the activities of the British Columbia Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission to January 31st, 1920.

By the Hon. the Premier—Return of a copy of the agreement that has been entered into for the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, and copies of any advertisements in the press calling for tenders for said work (if any), together with copies of unit prices or bulk sum prices to be paid under the contract or agreement above referred to to the successful contractors as well as to the unsuccessful bidders.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—The Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1919.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing, the same was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 11th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Wilkinson.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—The Annual Report of the Minister of Lands of the Province for the Year ending December 31st, 1919.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—The Annual Report of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 11th, 1920.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," 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:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 11th, 1920.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries 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. *Oliver* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11th, 1920.

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. 36) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," 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. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Monday next, March 15th, to consider the Resolution.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. What position did Colonel Lister hold under the Land Settlement Board; state duties to be carried out by him?
2. What salary per month was paid to him?

3. When did he resign and for what reasons?
4. Who or what persons are undertaking duties previously carried on by him?
5. What salaries are being paid the Superintendent of clearing operations and Superintendent of the mill?

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

- "1. Superintendent; general supervising of all work on the area.
- "2. \$200 per month.
- "3. On January 31st, 1920; salary inadequate.
- "4. A. H. Rowberry, Superintendent.
- "5. A. H. Rowberry, Superintendent of clearing operations, \$150; no Superintendent of mill; L. C. Monk, Millwright in charge, \$175 per month."

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

1. What is the total amount to date advanced by the Government to the Land Settlement Board?
2. How much of this has been spent on the Soldiers' Settlement at Courtenay?
3. How much of this has been spent on the Soldiers' Settlement at Creston?
4. What amount has been spent on the Christian Ranch near Kelowna?
5. What amount has been spent on the other land-settlement areas, with particulars in each case?
6. What amount has been spent in connection with the Sumas reclamation scheme?

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

- "1. \$1,475,503.01.
- "2. \$363,806.02.
- "3. \$219,168.80.
- "4. \$55,171.96.
- "5. Fernie Area, \$20,713.97; Telkwa Area, No. 1, \$30,820.70; Vanderhoof Area, No. 2, \$74,334.04; Marten Lake Area, No. 4, \$10,986.97; Prince George Area, No. 5, \$45,613.68; Smithers Area, No. 6, \$4,130.94; Rose Lake Area, No. 7, \$750.20; Alexandria Area, No. 8, \$490.60; 10-Mile Lake Area, No. 9, \$430.76; Francois Lake Area, No. 10, \$1,950.79.
- "6. Sumas Dyke Project, \$30,125.86."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Department of Public Works hold a convention of its District Engineers in 1920?
2. If so, when, where, and what officials were in attendance?
3. What was the total cost of said convention to the Department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 20th to 22nd, inclusive. Parliament Buildings. Public Works Engineer, A. E. Foreman; Assistant Public Works Engineer, G. P. Napier; Office Engineer, F. L. Macpherson; Chief Draughtsman, H. M. Bigwood; Draughtsmen, G. M. Duncan, C. K. Saunders; Provincial Inspector of Buildings and Bridges, T. Kilpatrick; District Engineers, A. E. Hodgins, P. Philip, G. B. Whitehead, W. K. Gwyer, W. Ramsay, J. C. Brady, A. L. Carruthers, and A. Dixon; Assistant District Engineers, W. P. Beaven, H. C. Mann, W. A. Richardson, E. A. Todd, G. C. Mackay, R. M. Taylor, T. Dunlop, and E. G. Baxter; General Road Foreman, P. J. Campbell.
- "3. \$970, approximately; all returns not yet received.

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in certain Industries in the Province of British Columbia," and the amendment thereto moved on the 4th inst. by the Hon. the Attorney-General.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*,—

To strike out the words "six months," and insert in lieu thereof the words "two weeks and three days."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was considered.

Mr. *Bowser* moved in amendment,—

To strike out the numerals "1930," and substitute therefor the numerals "1921."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

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| <i>Pooley,</i> | <i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i> | <i>Burde,</i> | <i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i> |
| <i>Schofield,</i> | <i>Hanes,</i> | <i>Ross,</i> | <i>Hawthornthwaite,</i> |
| <i>Jones,</i> | <i>Giolma,</i> | <i>Bowser,</i> | <i>Willson,</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.,</i> | <i>Duncan,</i> | <i>Rose,</i> | <i>McIntosh.</i> |

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

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| <i>Yorston,</i> | <i>King,</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i> | <i>Walters,</i> |
| <i>Nelson,</i> | <i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i> | <i>MacLean,</i> | <i>McGeer,</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Smith,</i> | <i>Sutherland,</i> | <i>Pattullo,</i> | <i>Stewart,</i> |
| <i>Cowper,</i> | <i>Manson,</i> | <i>Hart,</i> | <i>Pauline,</i> |
| <i>Sloan,</i> | <i>Thompson,</i> | <i>Barrow,</i> | <i>Hall,</i> |
| <i>Farris,</i> | <i>Anderson,</i> | <i>Whiteside,</i> | <i>Fisher,</i> |
| <i>Oliver,</i> | | | |

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. What was the total acreage which reverted to the Crown under the "Soldiers' Land Act, 1916," and amending Acts?

2. Was a list of these reverted Crown lands ever handed over to the Land Settlement Board so they could deal with them in placing settlers on them?

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

"1. Under the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act, 1916,' and amending Acts, approximately 2,207,994 acres.

"2. All records are open to Board."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.7 p.m.

Friday, 12th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. D. Spence.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is the Hon. the Attorney-General permitting a Chinese Labour Bureau to operate on Government Street, in Victoria?
2. Is there a Chinese interpreter attached to said Bureau?
3. If so, who is paying his salary and what is the amount?
4. Is there a Government official named Tenant attached to said Chinese Labour Bureau?
5. Is the Government paying the salary of said Tenant?
6. If so, what amount?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. No.
- "5. On the staff of the General Employment Bureau, corner Langley and Broughton Streets, Victoria, there is an official named Tennant (a returned soldier).
- "6. Captain Tennant receives \$150 per month.

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

1. Is F. R. Murray the present Inspector of Provincial Police?
2. If so, when was he appointed and at what salary?
3. What is the present salary of Mr. Murray?
4. What salary was his predecessor in receipt of when he left office?
5. Is the said Murray a brother-in-law of the Minister of Finance?

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

- "1. Answered in reply to question submitted last Session.
- "2. Answered in reply to question submitted last Session. Inspector Murray entered the Service in the month of August, 1897, and served continuously for thirteen years thereafter, and on December 1st, 1910, resigned his position which he then held as Sergeant of Provincial Police. Appointed at a salary of \$175 per month, being less than the salary of his predecessor.
- "3. \$212.50 per month.
- "4. \$180 per month.
- "5. Answered in reply to question submitted last Session.

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

1. What was the total cost of the Prohibition Commission presided over by Mr. Justice Clement?
2. What sum was paid to Mr. Justice Clement?
3. What amount was paid to Mr. C. W. Craig, counsel for the Government, of said Commission?

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

- "1. \$3,050.38. (Not including the fees and disbursements of Mr. Justice Clement, Commissioner.)

"2. The Commissioner, Mr. Justice Clement, was paid the sum of \$1,000 in full of his services as Commissioner and his disbursements on the inquiry concerning unlawful importation and disposition of liquor into the Province, which sum included his fees and disbursements as Commissioner on the liquor compensation inquiry.

"3. \$1,973.43."

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

1. What was the total cost of the Commission to consider the question of liquor compensation presided over by Mr. Justice Clement?
2. How many days did said Commission sit?
3. What was the amount paid to Mr. Justice Clement?

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

"1. Unable to answer. Accounts filed and not paid, \$181 10. No account yet received from Commissioner Mr. Justice Morrison.

"2. The Commission sat, in all, four days.

"3. The Commissioner, Mr. Justice Clement, was paid the sum of \$1,000 in full of his services as Commissioner and his disbursements on liquor compensation inquiry, which sum included his fees and disbursements as Commissioner on the inquiry concerning unlawful importation and disposition of liquor into the Province."

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

1. Is one R. M. Keirstead at present employed in the Forest Branch?
2. If so, when was he appointed, to what position, and at what salary?
3. Were applications called for this position?
4. Is the said Keirstead a Provincial voter in this Province?
5. Is the said Keirstead a brother or half-brother of the wife of the Attorney-General?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 2nd, 1920; clerk; \$100 per month.

"3. Appointment made by Civil Service Commissioner.

"4. No. Kierstead was in Flying Corps; has a record of over thirty German machines and holds D.S.C.

"5. Yes."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Minister of Lands since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. Thirty-five motor-cars.

"2. \$24,096.39, less \$325 received for one car returned in trade."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Attorney-General since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. One Maxwell truck for Oakalla Prison Farm, one Federal truck for Liquor Warehouse, Vancouver, one Overland car for Police and Game service, and fifteen Ford touring cars for Provincial Police Department.

"2. Approximately \$19,409.20."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Minister of Mines since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

- “1. Motor-cars: One Overland, one Ford touring, and one Ford runabout. No motor-cycles, motor-trucks, nor motor-tractors.
- “2. \$2,151.25.”

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

1. What is the total acreage of land purchased by the Provincial Land Settlement Board for Soldiers' Settlement at Creston?
2. What is the estimated acreage unfit for cultivation purposes?
3. Was any survey and a report of the same made to the Land Settlement Board before clearing operations began; if not, why not?
4. What was the purchase price?
5. What amount of money has been spent on clearing the land up to February 29th?
6. What sum has been paid for machinery and equipment?
7. What has been the total amount paid in connection with the Creston development outside of purchase price up to February 29th?
8. Have purchases been made locally and by tender; if not, why not?

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

- “1. Total, approximately 7,000 acres; 5,000 acres purchased; option on additional 2,000 acres.
- “2. 1,200 acres, 500 of which is estimated as fit for pasture.
- “3. No survey made. Report of Board's representatives considered sufficient to warrant start of operations.
- “4. \$35 per acre for 1,497.8 acres; \$30 per acre for balance.
- “5. Figures available to January 31st, \$41,839.60.
- “6. Figures available to January 31st, \$16,236.
- “7. \$121,154.49; includes land-clearing, equipment, materials in stock, general store and stock, farm and camp buildings, school-house, roads, etc.
- “8. Yes, as far as possible.”

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

1. Has Dr. George Hall been appointed Visiting Physician to the Mental Hospital of Saanich?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Is the said Dr. Hall a brother to H. C. Hall, one of the Members for Victoria City?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$100 per mensem.
- “3. No information.”

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

1. Is Mr. J. Cruickshank at present Chief Constable at Vancouver?
2. If so, when was he appointed and what salary is he receiving?
3. When did the said Cruickshank join the Provincial Service?
4. Was the said Cruickshank formerly a blacksmith in the employ of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company?
5. Why was some other member of the Provincial Police not promoted?

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

- “1. No.
- “2 to 5. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Public Works attend a conference in connection with timber in the East last year?
2. If so, what was the purpose of said conference?

3. Was the said Minister accompanied by one Farris?
4. If so, in what capacity did said Farris act and what remuneration did he receive?
5. Is said Farris a brother of the Hon. the Attorney-General?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return showing the following particulars: (1.) How many permits have been issued under the amendment of 1918 to the "Prohibition Act"? (2.) To whom were these permits issued, and the reason for issuing same in each case, giving the dates of each permit? (3.) By whom were these permits signed? (4.) How much liquor has been supplied under each permit by the Government Liquor Store? (5.) How much liquor has been supplied under each permit by druggists? (6.) What is the total amount to date issued under all permits by both liquor stores and druggists? (7.) How many permits are still in existence? (8.) How many permits have been cancelled, with the reason in each case for cancellation (if any)?

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" was again committed. Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Minister of Finance since November, 1916?

2. What was the total cost of these cars?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of all correspondence passing between any Minister or Department official and the Corporation of the City of Victoria or any official thereof, or the Hospital Board of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital or any official thereof, from the year 1911 to the year 1916, both inclusive, with respect to a grant to assist in the construction of a new hospital building, and the postponement of the construction thereof.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Nelson*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

1. When did Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan join the Provincial Service?
2. What salary is she now in receipt of?
3. What positions does she fill and what are her general duties?
4. What has been the total amount of travelling expenses of Mrs. MacLachlan from the time she joined the Service up to March 1st, 1920?

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

"1. January 1st, 1918.

"2. \$75 per month.

"3. (a) Secretary of Women's Institutes and Secretary of Advisory Board of Women's Institutes; (b) to carry on the general clerical work of the Department in its relation to Women's Institutes and to furnish information and assistance to those desiring data regarding organized women's work along all lines.

"4. 1918, \$188.55; 1919, \$314; 1920, \$18.80 to date."

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

1. Were the bonds of the Complex Ore Reduction Company, of Nelson, which were guaranteed by the Government, sold by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd to Mr. C. F. Todd?
2. Did the said firm obtain a commission on account of said sale?
3. If so, who paid the commission and what was the amount?
4. Was the insurance on the plant of the said Complex Ore Company at Nelson placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd?
5. If so, what was the amount of the said insurance and what premiums have been paid to said company to date on account of said insurance?
6. Were there any tenders called for this insurance?
7. Did the Hon. John Hart pass an Order in Council on the 16th or 17th day of January last for the sum of \$139.08, the proceeds of which went to the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd as a payment on account of the insurance on the Complex Ore Company works?

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

"1. The Government has no authority in connection with the sale of the bonds of the Complex Ore Reduction Company.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. The Government has no authority in connection with the placing of insurance on the Complex Ore Reduction Company.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. The insurance was placed by one of the directors of the Complex Ore Reduction Company.

"7. Yes, and payment was made out of moneys standing to the credit of French's Complex Ore Reduction Company."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 15th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. H. Hobbins.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution, "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Mr. Nelson moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Oliver,—

That in the opinion of this House no blame is attachable to any person employed in the office of the Agent-General in London in connection with a copy of a cablegram alleged to have been forwarded by the Hon. W. J. Bowser to the Agent-General in London, and quoted by the Hon. the Attorney-General in this House on Friday last; and that the *Daily Colonist* should retract the said statement made in their paper of date March 13th, 1920.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Bowser moved, seconded by Mr. Pooley,—

That the statement of the Leader of the Opposition in explanation of the sending of the cablegram dated September 16th, 1916, and referred to by the Hon. the Attorney-General on Friday last as passing between the Leader of the Opposition and the late Hon. Sir Richard McBride be tabled, and become part of the records of this House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. M. A. Macdonald presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its charter Act.

The petition was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

On the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Bowser, adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of the petition of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company presented at Ottawa, praying for the disallowance of the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act," passed by this House in 1917; and of the statement in reply thereto made by the Provincial Government; and of the arguments of counsel at the special hearing of the petition before members of the Federal Government in May, 1918; and of the reasons given by the Minister of Justice for recommending disallowance; and of the order made by the Privy Council of Canada.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Civil Service Commissioner of British Columbia for the period February 1st to December 31st, 1919.

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

1. Was Major A. E. Christie employed to inquire into the regrading of the members of the Civil Service during 1919 or 1920, or for any other purpose in connection with the Civil Service?
2. If employed as aforesaid, for what purpose was he so employed?
3. How long was he employed?
4. What report (if any) did the said Major A. E. Christie make?
5. Was the said report adopted and followed in regrading the Civil Service?
6. If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. To secure information for the Commission on work being done by certain Civil Servants.
- "3. From June 4th to July 22nd, 1919.
- "4. Supplied information, partly written, partly verbal, on the members of the Service whose work he was directed to inspect.
- "5. The information secured by Major Christie was utilized by the Commissioner in his regrading.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Twentieth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 20.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1920.

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 complied with in respect of the under-mentioned petition, but your Committee would recommend that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Petition No. 10—To amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

Your Committee would further recommend that Rule 85 be suspended, and the said Bill allowed to proceed and be considered by the Private Bills Committee without being posted as required in said Rule.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Cowper* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We recommend that the following documents be printed, namely:—

1. The Report of the British Columbia Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission.
2. The Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture.

We recommend that the following be not printed:—

1. The Annual Report of the Corporation of South Vancouver.
2. The Return of permits issued under the "Prohibition Act."
3. Return relative to an agreement for the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. COWPER, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser* on the 15th instant, as follows:—

That the statement of the Leader of the Opposition in explanation of the sending of the cablegram dated September 16th, 1916, and referred to by the Hon. the Attorney-General on Friday last as passing between the Leader of the Opposition and the late Hon. Sir Richard McBride be tabled, and become part of the records of this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "an Order of the House be granted directing that both originals and copies of all cablegrams sent or received by any member of the Government, or by any other

person on their behalf, and in any way referring to the taking or counting of the overseas votes under the provisions of the 'Military Forces Voting Act' be filed with the Clerk of the House forthwith and be made a part of the record of the Votes and Proceedings of this House, and that such Order be directed to each and every person who held office as a Minister of the Crown during the period commencing the 31st day of May, 1916, and ending the 23rd day of November, 1916."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended passed.

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

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

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Minister of Agriculture since November, 1916?

2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. For use of departmental officials: Eight Ford touring cars and one second-hand Overland; value, \$6,640.51. For use of Land Settlement Board: Nine tractors, \$9,500; three trucks, \$2,975.75; three motor-cars, \$2,303.08; total value, \$14,778.83.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Minister of Public Works since November, 1916?

2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. Automobiles: Twenty-nine Fords, one Chevrolet, four McLaughlins, one Overland, and one Saxon. Motor-cycles: Two. Trucks: One Maxwell, five Federal, one Giant with hoist, one Diamond T, one Speedwell, and 1 Ford. Tractors: Six Knox and three Wallis. Two Cadillacs, one Winton Six, and one Haynes were purchased and converted into tractors. Trailers: One.

"2. \$84,416.38, less allowance on old cars \$5,065.58."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Provincial Secretary since November, 1916?

2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. (a) One Cleveland tractor used in breaking new land on the Colony Farm at Essondale Mental Hospital; (b) one Ford truck for conveying supplies to the Colquitz Branch of the Mental Hospital.

"2. \$2,817.20."

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

1. What sales of Government bonds have been made since the present Government took office in 1916?

2. To whom were said sales made, giving details in each case?

3. Were said sales or any of them made through local agents, officers, or companies carrying on business in British Columbia?

4. Did the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd or Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, or any one connected therewith, directly or indirectly act as agents in any of the said sales?

5. If yes, on what occasions and what was the amount of bonds sold through them?

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

"1. Answered in reply to question No. 1, February 13th.

"2. Answered in reply to question No. 1, February 13th.

"3. Yes.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Did the Government consider the recommendation of the Printing Committee of the Legislature, presented on March 26th, 1919, and adopted on March 27th, 1919, with respect to the printing of Proclamations, etc., with the annual Statutes?

2. If it did consider said report, did it act upon said recommendation; and, if not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Still under consideration."

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

1. What was the contract price for erecting the new bridge over the Kicking Horse River at Golden, now under construction, including approaches thereto?

2. What did it cost to dismantle each of the two bridges that formerly crossed the Kicking Horse River at Golden, but were recently removed?

3. Was all work in connection with these three bridges let by contract?

4. From whom were tenders received and what was the amount of each tender?

5. Whose tender was accepted?

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

"1. \$12,094, exclusive of trestle approach.

"2. Included in contract for erecting new bridge.

"3. Yes.

"4. A. G. Creelman & Co., \$14,377; alternative without trestle approach, \$12,094. James Henderson, \$20,183.68; alternative without trestle approach, \$16,785.40.

"5. A. G. Creelman & Co."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, 17th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. Batty*.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Report under section 56 of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" for the year ended December 31st, 1919.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 17th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition 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.

Mr. *Cowper* moved, seconded by Mr. *Willson*,—

That an Order of this Hon. House be granted for a Return of the following correspondence, now on file in the Attorney-General's Department, relative to the purchase of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve and to the ownership of the foreshore and bed of False Creek, contained in letters as follows: Letter dated July 19th, 1916, from L. G. McPhillips, K.C., to Hon. W. J. Bowser; letter in reply thereto dated August 3rd, 1916; letter dated January 20th, 1920, from Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., to Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of Interior, Ottawa, and any reply thereto.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. Do the files of the Department show that the bonds of the French Complex Ore Reduction Company were guaranteed by the Government?
2. Do the files of the Department show that the sale of the said bonds was negotiated by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, and that they were purchased by Mr. C. F. Todd?
3. Do the files of the Department show that a commission was paid to the said firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, for selling the said bonds, and that same was kept out of the proceeds of money standing to the credit of the French Complex Ore Reduction Company?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. The files of the Department show that the French Complex Ore Reduction Company obtained a loan from C. F. Todd through his agents, Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, all negotiations being handled by the French Complex Ore Reduction Company.
- "3. Yes; Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, obtained from the French Complex Ore Reduction Company the usual procuration fee of 1 per cent., which was paid out of funds to the credit of the company."

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

1. Is one Cruikshank at present acting as Chief Constable at Vancouver?
2. If so, when was he appointed and what salary is he receiving?
3. When did the said Cruikshank join the Provincial Service?
4. Was the said Cruikshank formerly a blacksmith in the employ of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company?
5. Why was some other member of the Provincial Police not promoted?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

- "1. Forbes Cruickshank is at present Chief Constable at Vancouver.
- "2. January 13th, 1920; \$140 per month.
- "3. August 1st, 1917, as constable. The said Forbes Cruickshank in the spring of 1888 joined the police force of the City of Dundee, Scotland, and resigned in the summer of 1889 to come to Canada, leaving the force with a first-class record as to character and duty performed; in the spring of 1900 the said Forbes Cruickshank joined the police force of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, under Chief Constable L. MacRae, and served on such force until the fall of 1905, resigning to come to British Columbia, and leaving such service with a good character and first-class record for duty performed.
- "4. No information in the Department.
- "5. Forbes Cruickshank was promoted."

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

1. Was the sum of \$583 advanced to F. C. Wade, Agent-General in London, on account of his salary in August last?
2. Was this amount advanced to the Agent-General in order that he should pay his life-insurance premiums?
3. Is it the practice of the Government to advance moneys to Civil Servants to aid them in carrying their insurance?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

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

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

1. How much money was spent during the year 1919 in and about the vicinity of Phoenix, in the Grand Forks Riding?
2. Who was the foreman in charge of such work and what salary was paid him during that period?

3. Who worked on these road-gangs other than the foreman, giving the amount of wages paid in each case?

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

"1. \$1,333.94.

"2. Foreman in charge of road grading, John McLaren; wages, \$9. Foreman in charge of putting on crushed rock, E. J. Fitzpatrick; wages, \$60.63. Other work done by men under supervision of General Foreman.

"3. D. J. McDonald and teams, \$301; W. Walters, \$29.75; A. Sercu, \$19.25; A. Carruthers, \$96.75; A. McDonald, \$469.50; S. Barrett, \$17.50; M. H. Burns and team, \$15; R. Simpson and team, \$15; W. T. Luscombe, \$54.56; A. Benson, \$48.50; S. J. Baker, \$48.50; T. Sallis, \$48.50; P. Donaldson, \$40.50; and S. Matthews, \$60."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Weart*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt respecting the User of Sewers in Municipalities adjacent thereto and to grant Reciprocal Rights in respect of the same."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia."

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Lands attend a conference in connection with timber in the East last year?

2. If so, what was the purpose of said conference?

3. Was the said Minister accompanied by one Farris?

4. If so, in what capacity did said Farris act and what remuneration did he receive?

5. Is said Farris a brother of the Hon. the Attorney-General?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return showing: (1) Civil Servants who have been superannuated between December 1st, 1916, and January 31st, 1920; (2) Civil Servants who have left the Service between December 1st, 1916, and January 31st, 1920.

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.

Thursday, 18th March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Couper on the 17th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of this Hon. House be granted for a Return of the following correspondence, now on file in the Attorney-General's Department, relative to the purchase of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve and to the ownership of the foreshore and bed of False Creek, contained in letters as follows: Letter dated July 19th, 1916, from L. G. McPhillips, K.C., to Hon. W. J. Bowser; letter in reply thereto dated August 3rd, 1916; letter dated January 20th, 1920, from Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., to Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of Interior, Ottawa, and any reply thereto.

Resolution agreed to.

Mr. Jackson presented the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 21.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'" All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 22.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law." All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The reports were received.

Mr. Giolma moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh,—

Whereas the Provincial Government has introduced, and the Legislature has passed, a Bill to establish and maintain a school or schools for the training and maintenance of subnormal children:

And whereas there is no similar or like institution in the Province of British Columbia for the training and maintenance of blind children:

And whereas, in order to obtain such training, blind children resident in British Columbia have to be sent many days' journey away from their kith and kin:

Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the early consideration by the Government of such legislation so as to enable the establishment of such homes or schools is desirable.

Mr. Speaker Keen, on objection taken, ruled the motion out of order under Rule 118.

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

1. Is a Miss Jessie Forshaw designated for a position in connection with the public-health service and in the Government's employ?
2. Is this lady at present in Seattle (U.S.A.) undergoing instruction with a view to such position?
3. If so, is the Government paying for such tuition?
4. Has Miss Forshaw during the past few months undertaken any mission or duties on behalf of the Provincial Government?
5. If so, on whose recommendation was Miss Forshaw engaged for such duties?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. During September and October, 1919, Miss Forshaw visited a number of the Women's Institutes at the request of the Provincial Board of Health and with the approval of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary in connection with the plan for the establishment of health centres throughout the Province.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Has a tax sale of Crown-granted mineral claims situated in the Alberni Mining Division been held lately?
2. If so, when?
3. How many sales were made, with full particulars as to the amount paid in each case and the description of the properties?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. November 3rd, 1919.
- "3. None.

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

1. Has Mr. F. T. Abey, of Kaslo, been appointed Stipendiary Magistrate and Judge of the Small Debts Court?
2. If so, when was this appointment made and what salary is he receiving?
3. Was the said Abey fined last month for violation of the "Revenue Act"?
4. Was it reported to the Hon. the Attorney-General that the said Abey offered to assault both the counsel prosecuting the case and also the revenue officer?
5. Is it true that said Abey assaulted the Provincial constable at Kaslo in January last?
6. Was the said Abey, at the time of his appointment as Stipendiary Magistrate, President of the Liberal Association at Kaslo?

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

- "1. F. T. Abey was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate and Judge of the Small Debts Court for Kaslo Electoral District on February 15th, 1917, but the area over which he exercised jurisdiction as Small Debts Magistrate was on March 28th, 1918, reduced.
- "2. Answered by No. 1. No salary.
- "3. No information.
- "4. No.
- "5. No information.
- "6. No information."

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

1. Is it proposed to open sub-offices in Manchester (England) and Glasgow (Scotland) in connection with the Agent-General's London office?

2. Will the Government instruct the Agent-General to extend a preference to ex-members of the C.E.F. when appointing staff for said offices?

3. Is the Government aware that a statement has recently appeared in the press, under the Agent-General's name, indicating the opening of such sub-offices?

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

"1. A suggestion was made to the Government by the Agent-General that it would be advisable to open sub-offices in the cities named. The Government has not yet considered the matter.

"2. Matter will have consideration.

"3. No."

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

1. What are the names of the various guarantee or bonding companies accepted by the Government in connection with furnishing bonds for payment of succession duties since January 1st, 1917?

2. Have the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd or Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, acted as agents for any of the said bonding companies since January 1st, 1917?

3. If yes, for what companies?

4. What is the number of policies accepted by the Government from the said company or companies?

5. What is the total value of the said policies?

6. What proportions of the total policies accepted by the Government under the said Act were written by companies represented by Gillespie, Hart & Todd or Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited?

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

"1. Bonds for the payment of succession duty are obtained by executors or trustees of estates from guarantee companies of their own choice, and since January 1st, 1917, bonds have been filed with the Department of Finance given by the following companies: Dominion Gresham Guarantee & Casualty Company, The Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company, Globe Indemnity Company of Canada, Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company of Canada, Guardian Insurance Company of Canada, Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Limited, The London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company of Canada, Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, The Canadian Surety Company.

"2. Yes.

"3. The Canadian Surety Company.

"4. Four, through Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited.

"5. \$13,065.32.

"6. Three forty-seconds."

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

1. What was the Engineer's estimate of cost of the Sumas Lake scheme?

2. What parties tendered on said work and amount of each tender?

3. Were any tenders received from returned soldier contractors?

4. What was amount of said tenders (if any)?

5. If any, why were they thrown out or not considered?

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

"It is not in the public interest to answer these questions at the present time."

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

1. Has any of the insurance carried by the Province on the liquor stock been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited?

2. If so, what amount of insurance has this firm been carrying since the "Prohibition Act" came into force?

3. What amounts have been paid to said firm on account of premiums for carrying said insurance?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. None since December 4th, 1918, on which date policies amounting to \$18,000 were cancelled by Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited.

“3. Net premiums, \$166.40.”

Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act.’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Friday, 19th March, 1920.

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. K. Parker*.

The Hon. the Premier presented a petition from Finlay McLeod and others, praying for a referendum that the sale of light wines and beer be licensed, and for other conditions.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Workmen’s Compensation Act.’”

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Counties Definition Act.’”

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics’ Estates,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved. That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates," 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. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Has one E. B. McMaster been appointed Collector of Provincial Revenue at Vancouver?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Was the said McMaster in the Provincial Service prior to this appointment?
4. If not, why was some one already in the Service not promoted?

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

"1. E. B. McMaster has been appointed Provincial Assessor at Vancouver.

"2. December 1st, 1919; \$200 per month.

"3. No, but he was selected by the Civil Service Commissioner from among a number of applicants, including members of the Provincial Service, as best qualified for the position. In addition to this, Mr. McMaster had three years' military service to his credit; enlisting as a private he won steady promotion and was demobilized with the rank of captain; he fought in France in the 29th Battalion.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. What amount of money was received from the taxation of bee-keepers during the year 1919?
2. How many bee-keepers were upon the list of the Department who did not pay a tax?
3. Is it the intention of the Department to instruct its officials to destroy the property of bee-keepers who have refused to pay a tax?
4. How many colonies of bees were given on the returns made by those paying the tax?
5. How many additional Inspectors were appointed last year, what are their names, salaries paid to each, and expenses incurred by each in the discharge of his duties?
6. Have any of the Inspectors in the Bee Division received training in apiculture at any recognized agricultural college in the Dominion?

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

"1. \$2,146.16.

"2. Total registration for year ending March 31st, 1920, is 1,193; unregistered to date, 672.

"3. No, unless disease exists in the hives.

"4. 6,830 colonies.

"5. Three, W. H. Turnbull, Alex. Keir, and A. W. Finlay. Salaries, \$120 per month and expenses. Employed for seven months. Expenses: W. H. Turnbull, \$709.46; Alex. Keir, \$159.08; A. W. Finlay, \$436.05.

"6. No."

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

1. Is Mr. F. C. Wade, the Agent-General at London, at present in this Province?
2. Is he on leave of absence?
3. If so, for what reason has it been granted him and for what length of time?
4. Is he drawing full salary while on leave?
5. When does he expect to return to his duties?
6. What is the present salary of the said Wade?

7. Is the Government paying transportation and expenses of his trip from London to British Columbia and back?

8. Is there any foundation for the report that the said Wade, while in Canada, is privately negotiating with certain ventures?

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

- "1. I do not know where Mr. Wade is.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Ill health, as per doctor's certificate; two months.
- "4. Presumably so.
- "5. Presumably at expiry of his leave.
- "6. \$8,000 per annum.
- "7. No.
- "8. No information."

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

1. Did the Government issue a Crown grant to Lots 10 and 11 in Block 2, Quesnel, to Telsphore Marion for the sum of \$1?
2. Were said lots on the front street in Quesnel?
3. If so, what was the value of same?
4. Was the said Marion, at the time of receiving the lots or prior thereto, President or an official in the Liberal Association in Quesnel?

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

- "1. Yes; the consideration was \$2, and pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council approved April 3rd, 1919. (See answer to question No. 3.)
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Lots 10 and 11, Block 2, Quesnel, were sold on August 17th, 1863, at £20 each to Alfred Edmonston and J. C. May respectively; payment was received in full by the Government September 30th, 1863, but no application was received for Crown grant from the original purchasers or their successors in title up to the date of Mr. Marion's application in 1919, at which date evidence proving his right to acquire title in these lots was established.
- "4. No information."

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

1. Was an application or proposition made by a number of returned soldiers to the Government regarding the clearing of, and settling them on, Lots 71 and 72, Burnaby?
2. If so, what were the particulars of the proposition?
3. What answer did the Government give to the soldiers?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the clearing of these blocks so that same may be settled by returned men?
5. If so, what are the particulars of the proposed policy?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Expressed desire to have lots opened up for soldier settlement.
- "3. That consideration had already been given to matter, but all information led to conclusion that cost would be so high as to preclude likelihood of success.
- "4. Department still in communication with soldiers, but work will not be undertaken unless a basis can be arrived at which will be satisfactory to soldiers and which will offer a reasonable prospect of success.
- "5. Answered by previous questions."

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

1. Has the Land Settlement Board sold any land to any persons other than British subjects?
2. If so, in what cases, giving particulars?
3. If a man does not live up to the terms of agreement with the Land Settlement Board, will the Board permit him to sell the land obtained from them at a profit?

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

- "1. No, not as far as known.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. No."

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

1. Has the Government given any grant to the Comrades of the Great War, of Vancouver, or the Comrades of the Great War Association, of Vancouver?
2. If so, what amount in each case and the date of it being granted?

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

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

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

1. Was a bid submitted for the insurance of Pacific Great Eastern Railway properties on behalf of the following non-board insurance companies: The Stuyvesant Insurance Company, Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Insurance Company?
2. Are these the same companies as are shown in the report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion of Canada as at December 31st, 1918, to have only net surpluses respectively as follows: Stuyvesant Insurance Company, \$116,646.75; Insurance Company of State of Pennsylvania, \$310,917.86; New Jersey Insurance Company, \$350,966.06?
3. Is J. H. Schofield, M.P.P., agent for the said non-board companies?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No information.
- "3. No information."

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

1. Was one J. G. Cook Collector of Motor Revenue at Vancouver?
2. If so, when was he appointed to that office, and at what salary?
3. Is there a shortage in the accounts of said Cook?
4. What is the amount and the particulars?
5. Where is the said Cook at the present time?
6. Was the said Cook bonded by the Government in connection with his duties?
7. If so, what was the name of the bonding company and the amount of the bond?
8. Has the bonding company paid the Government the amount of this bond?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 1st, 1919, at \$100 per month.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$4,645.39. Collections for game licences and motor licences not accounted for.
- "5. Unaware.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. The Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company; \$4,000.
- "8. The bonding company advises that a cheque has been forwarded to cover the amount of their bond."

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

1. Has the salary of Joseph Bourgue, Deputy Sheriff of the County of Vancouver, been increased?
2. If so, when, and what amount?
3. At what salary was said Bourgue appointed?
4. Why has his salary been increased?

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

- "1. The salary of Joseph Bourque, Deputy Sheriff at Vancouver, has been increased.
 "2 and 3. He was appointed at a salary of \$1,680 per annum; the Civil Service Commissioner granted him a bonus of \$20 per month, bringing his salary up to \$160 per month. On November 15th, 1919, his salary was increased to \$175 per month as of April 1st, 1919.
 "4. Importance of the duties of his office and amount of work passing through his hands."

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a further and supplementary Return to the Return *re* Civil Servants.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Twenty-third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 23.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented the Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year 1919.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Monday, 22nd March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. S. Osborne*.

The petition from Finlay McLeod and others, praying for a referendum that the sale of light wines and beer be licensed, and for other conditions, was received.

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

1. Is *T. T. McKenzie* still acting as Grazing Commissioner?
2. What salary is he in receipt of?
3. Is he an American citizen?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$300 per month.
- "3. A New Zealander. Upon entering Forest Service of United States became citizen of United States. He is now in process of reinstatement as British subject."

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

1. What was the total cost of Professor *J. C. Gwillim's* oil-prospecting trip to Peace River in 1919?
2. How long did the said trip take?
3. What amount was charged by Professor *Gwillim* for his services?

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

- "1. \$1,157.08.
- "2. June 12th, 1919, to September 22nd, 1919.
- "3. \$1,816.67."

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

1. What was the total cost of boring well in 1916 for *George Snell* near *Vanderhoof*?
2. What amount of said total cost was borne by the Government?
3. What was the depth of said well?
4. Was a well bored for *Samuel Cocker* in 1918 or 1919 in the same vicinity?
5. Was water secured in said borings?
6. What was the total number of feet bored to secure water?
7. What was the total cost of same?

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

- "1. \$1,142.06.
- "2. \$916.61.
- "3. 183 feet.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Water was secured, but apparently the supply was not large.
- "6. 592 feet. The total depth of the bore in which water was secured was 280 feet.
- "7. \$1,777.05."

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22nd, 1920.

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. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918,'" 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. Dr. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 22nd, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital 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. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. Are there any women in the employ of the Government or in any departments receiving less than the minimum wages allowed to women?
2. If so, what are their names, the positions they occupy, and the amounts they are receiving?
3. Does the Government not consider the minimum wage applicable to them?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amount was paid to the Farmers' Institutes from April 1st to December 1st, 1919?
2. What amount was paid to the Women's Institutes during the same period?
3. What was the amount of the disbursements of the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes for the same period?
4. What was the amount of the disbursements of the Advisory Board of Women's Institutes for the same period?

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

"1. Membership allowances paid to Farmers' Institutes, \$4,158.75.

"2. Membership allowances paid to Women's Institutes, \$2,103.75.

"3. Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes: Expenses, \$1,688.36; general expenses, \$2,397.71; total expenditures, including membership allowances, \$8,244.82.

"4. Advisory Board of Women's Institutes: Expenses, \$2,687.81; general expenses, \$4,816.53; total expenditures, including membership allowances, \$9,608.09."

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

1. Was one J. A. MacInnes, barrister, of Vancouver, paid \$2,685.81 on account of counsel fees *re* Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. If so, when was this amount paid?
3. What was the particular work that the said MacInnes did for this payment?

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

"1. Yes. Account presented at \$7,372.06; taxed by the Department at \$2,685.81.

"2. June 11th, 1919.

"3. Drafting legislation covering Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, Development Company, and Equipment Company, and transfer of lands, assets, etc. Full particulars can be obtained from account filed with Comptroller-General."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in certain Industries in the Province of British Columbia," and the amendment thereto moved on 4th instant by the Hon. the Attorney-General, and the amendment moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the 11th instant.

On the motion of Mr. *Buckham*, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Ross*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop *McDonald*.

Mr. *Bell* presented a petition from Victoria citizens, objecting to the elimination of jitneys in Victoria.

The Hon. the Minister of Labour presented a Return of all correspondence between Colonel A. Bruce Powley, Inspector of Labour Bureau, in the month of November, 1919, and the Department of Labour dealing with the question of the employment of labour by one Peterson, contractor on the Pacific Highway, and the supplying of said labour by Sell's Employment Agency; also a copy of the correspondence between the Labour Department and the Public Works Department dealing with the above matter.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 22nd, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Gorge Bridge," 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. Dr. *MacLean*, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time 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 5.05 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the City of Prince George" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

Whereas a charge has been made in this House as follows:

That the Hon. the Premier instructed the Walsh-Day Lumber Company to disregard all instructions given in letter by Anderson and Morrissey, and has violated section 14 above referred to (section 14 of Agreement dated February 22nd, 1918, being Schedule to the "Pacific Great Eastern Railway Settlement Act, 1918"), and by this act obstructing or preventing Civil Servants or Government employees in the performance of their conscientious duty, or in protecting what was to become valuable assets to the Province:

And whereas the said words were taken down and no action has since been taken by this House in regard thereto:

And whereas the said "Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act, 1918," is still being violated by the parties to the agreement forming a Schedule thereto, by allowing car-loads of equipment and plant to be removed:

And whereas the Hon. W. J. Bowser, a member of this Legislative Assembly, while Premier or Attorney-General, was a member, or allowed his name to be used as a member, of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, which said firm received upwards of \$250,000 for fees and disbursements from Foley, Welch & Stewart, Government contractors, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart):

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, vice-president and chief counsel of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, received \$500,000 from P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart) and Foley, Welch & Stewart, Government contractors (of which two cheques from P. Welch, Nos. 5583 and 5584, to D'Arcy Tate, dated January 16th, 1915, and for \$50,000 each, forms a part of said \$500,000; also the following cheques from Foley, Welch & Stewart, Nos. 553, 556, and 560, to D'Arcy Tate for \$50,000 each, dated August 1st, 1916; August 30th, 1916; and September 11th, 1916, respectively), out of which he financed the Conservative campaign funds and used same for obtaining political influence, the two cheques dated January 16th, 1915, being proceeds of the sale of debentures guaranteed by this Province and advanced to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and to P. Welch for railway-construction purposes:

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, vice-president and chief counsel of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and R. D. Thomas, secretary-treasurer thereof, withdrew \$15,000 in cash from the said company's account on February 28th, 1916, and have not accounted for said money, or did not have permission from the directors of said company to withdraw same:

And whereas the report of May 1st, 1917, of the above-mentioned Select Committee contains the following sentence: "Your Committee feels that, in view of the absence of material witnesses and the inability of your Committee to act after the expiry of the Legislature, further investigations should be by another form of tribunal":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House take into immediate consideration the advisability of presenting an humble Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into, investigate, and report its findings. The said Royal Commission to have full power and authority to continue sessions from time to time; to take evidence under oath; to call for any or all witnesses, papers, documents, letters, telegrams, records, books of account, ledgers, cash-books, bank-books, deposit slips, bank records, private ledgers, lists of material, equipment, plant, machinery, etc., vouchers, cancelled cheques; to commit for contempt of Court; to admit evidence contained in report of Select Committee, dated May 1st, 1917, to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which said report was received and adopted by this Legislative Assembly. The inquiry and report of findings to cover all the affairs above mentioned, including:—

- (a.) A full inventory of everything the Province was to receive under section 14 of the agreement forming Schedule to the "Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act, 1918":
- (b.) A full inventory of what has been actually taken over by the Province under said Settlement Act or chapter 65 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1919:
- (c.) The actual amounts of money received by the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, or any of them, from the entire undertaking:
- (d.) The disposition of the \$500,000 received by said D'Arcy Tate, and the names of the individuals to whom any portion of said money was paid or given and the amounts each person received, together with the use to which said money was put, whether for personal, private, political, campaign funds, bribery, or other purposes:
- (e.) The disposition of all cheques and cash received by or paid out by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited; the Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited; Patrick Welch, John W. Stewart, Donald McLeod, D'Arcy Tate, Foley, Welch & Stewart, or any other person or firm or company connected with the undertaking, and to whom any portion or all of said cheques or proceeds of said cheques in money was eventually paid by parties receiving same, or the purpose for which said money was used, and the amounts each person received, whether for political, campaign, personal use, bribery, or any other purpose. The following amounts to be part of the inquiry: Amounts drawn from the railway-construction or other funds and charged to John W. Stewart: \$100,000 on 2-21-1914; \$100,000 on 6-1-1914; \$100,000 on 8-6-1914; \$100,000 on 11-25-1914; \$100,000 on 1-16-1915; \$10,000 on 1-28-1915; \$1,000 on 6-4-1915; \$10,000 on 5-31-1916; \$2,000 on 7-14-1916; \$50,000 on

8-31-1916; \$104,450 on 9-13-1916; \$1,000 on 11-21-1916; \$800 on 12-11-1916; \$5,000 on 12-18-1916; \$50,000 on 2-28-1917. Amounts drawn by P. Welch from railway-construction or other funds, some charged to J. W. Stewart, some to Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited, to Bloedell, Stewart & Welch, for which a note was given, some to D'Arcy Tate, etc.: \$100,000 on 2-21-1914; \$100,000 on 6-1-1914; \$100,000 on 8-6-1914; eight cheques for \$50,000 each on 8-22-1914; \$200,000 on 10-10-1914; \$100,000 on 11-25-1914; \$100,000 on 1-16-1915; \$400,000 on 1-25-1915; \$10,000 on 1-28-1915; \$200,000 on 6-28-1915; \$40,000 on 6-28-1915; \$10,000 on 6-21-1916; \$50,000 on 8-31-1916; \$11,600 on 10-10-1916; \$1,000 on 11-21-1916; \$5,000 on 12-18-1916; \$2,500 on 12-21-1916; \$50,000 on 2-28-1917; \$30,000 on 2-16-1917. And amounts drawn from Foley, Welch & Stewart's account to D'Arcy Tate and P. Welch, as follows: \$50,000 to Tate on August 1st, 1916; \$50,000 to Tate on August 30th, 1916; \$50,000 to Tate on September 11th, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on August 3rd, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on August 31st, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on September 13th, 1916; and P. Welch to D'Arcy Tate, \$15,000 on February 28th, 1916; and P. Welch to yourselves, \$20,000 on February 21st, 1916.

The House divided.

The motion was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—7.

Messieurs

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| <i>Bell,</i> | <i>Giolma,</i> | <i>Burde,</i> | <i>McIntosh.</i> |
| <i>Hanes,</i> | <i>Duncan,</i> | <i>Willson,</i> | |

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

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| <i>Pooley,</i> | <i>Bowser,</i> | <i>King.</i> | <i>Barrow,</i> |
| <i>Schofield,</i> | <i>Rosc.</i> | <i>Sutherland,</i> | <i>Whiteside,</i> |
| <i>Jones,</i> | <i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i> | <i>Manson,</i> | <i>Walters,</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.,</i> | <i>Jackson,</i> | <i>Anderson.</i> | <i>McGeer,</i> |
| <i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i> | <i>Mrs. Smith,</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i> | <i>Stewart,</i> |
| <i>Yorston,</i> | <i>Sloan,</i> | <i>Weart,</i> | <i>Pauline,</i> |
| <i>Nelson,</i> | <i>Farris,</i> | <i>MacLean,</i> | <i>Hall.</i> |
| <i>Ross,</i> | <i>Oliver,</i> | <i>Pattullo,</i> | |

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Bowser,—

That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

“That a system of semi-monthly payment of salaries to members of the Civil Service be adopted, and that the following section be added as No. 33A to the ‘Civil Service Act’:—

“33A. The provision of the “Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act, 1917,” shall apply to the payment of salaries under this Act.”

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

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh,—

That this House favours the system known as “Proportional Representation” being adopted in Provincial elections.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as anticipating the discussion on pending legislation. (*See Speakers' Decisions, page 106.*)

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence which took place between the Hon. the Premier and any member or members of the Executive Council with any member or members of the Civil Service relative to the establishment of a newspaper or periodical by the members of the Civil Service.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,—

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles of the following Bills:—

(No. 7) An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements.

(No. 11) An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals.

(No. 35) An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company.

(No. 36) An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Third Day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 24th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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.

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

1. Did Miss Jessie Forshaw visit a number of the Women's Institutes in connection with the Health Department, and also the Agricultural Department, last year?
2. What territory did she cover on said trips?
3. What amount was paid to her for salary during these trips?
4. What amount was paid to her on account of expenses for these trips?

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

"1. Yes; one trip, September 18th to October 18th, 1919.

"2. Visited Nelson, Kaslo, Crawford Bay, Bonnington, Nakusp, Rock Creek, Greenwood, Penticton, Creston, Thrums, Keremeos.

"3. \$100; paid by Provincial Board of Health.

"4. \$249.21; paid by Agricultural Department."

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

1. Was the \$3,500 advanced to the Repatriation and Community Service League of Vancouver, B.C., a loan, or a gift, or a grant?

2. Was this loan or grant based on principle of \$2 per paid-up member, or upon what conditions was said loan or grant made?

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

- "1. Grant.
- "2. No; assistance in organizing."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was the Upper Squamish Bridge removed lately?
2. If so, when and for what reason?
3. What did it cost to remove said bridge?
4. What would it have cost to have repaired it?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. December, 1919; in a very dangerous condition.
- "3. \$900.
- "4. Approximately \$8,000."

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

1. What were the receipts from each ferry operated by the Public Works Department during the last year?
2. What toll is charged for conveying each passenger, automobile, and vehicle?
3. What is the rate per 100 lb. for freight?
4. Is the Department not aware that the Kelowna-Westbank Ferry is the fourth largest ferry as to amount of business traffic in the Province?
5. For what reason does the Department not make the Kelowna-Westbank Ferry, which is part of the Okanagan Highway, a Government free ferry?

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

"1, 2, and 3. Answered as follows:—

Ladner-Woodward Ferry.—Receipts, 1919 (August to December, inclusive), \$5,877.85. Toll per passenger: Single-fare tickets, 10 cents; commutation tickets, 15 for \$1; children under twelve years, 5 cents; children under six years and school children, free. Toll per auto, including driver, 35 cents. Toll per vehicle: Single rigs, including driver, 20 cents; double rigs, including driver, 30 cents. Toll freight per 100 lb., 10 cents. (Receipts collected by Government.)

Shuswap Lake Ferry.—Receipts, 1919, \$1,249.22. Toll per passenger: Per mile, 4 cents; parties of ten or more in same party, per mile, 3 cents; round trip of parties of ten or more from one point to another point (in one party), per mile, 5 cents. Toll for freight varies according to nature of commodity and distance. (Receipts collected by contractor.)

Naramata-Summerland Ferry.—Receipts, 1919 (January to December), \$861.10. Toll per passenger (January to March, inclusive): Return, 25 cents; under thirteen years of age, 15 cents return. Toll per auto (January to March, inclusive), \$2. Toll per vehicle (January to March): Single, \$1.25; single, loaded, \$1.50; double, \$2; double, loaded, \$2.50. Toll freight per 100 lb. (January to March): Non-perishable, 10 cents; perishable, 15 cents. Toll per passenger (April to December, inclusive): Single fare, 10 cents; under thirteen years of age, 5 cents; settlers' tickets, 15 for \$1. Toll per auto (April to December), \$1. Toll per vehicle (April to December): Single, 75 cents; single, loaded, \$1; double, \$1.25; double, loaded, \$1.75. Toll freight per 100 lb., 10 cents. (Receipts collected by contractor.)

Kelowna-Westbank Ferry.—Receipts (January to December, inclusive), \$6,429.15. Toll per passenger (January to March, inclusive): Return, 25 cents; under thirteen years of age, return, 15 cents. Toll per auto (January to March), \$2. Toll per vehicle (January to March, inclusive): Single rigs, \$1.50; single rigs, loaded, \$1.50; double rigs, \$2.25; double rigs, loaded, \$2.50. Toll freight per 100 lb. (January to March), 10 cents. Toll per passenger (April to December, inclusive): Single, 10

cents; under thirteen years of age, single, 5 cents; settlers' tickets, 15 for \$1. Toll per auto (April to December), \$1. Toll per vehicle (April to December): Single rigs, 75 cents; single rigs, loaded, \$1; double rigs, \$1.25; double rigs, loaded, \$1.75. Toll freight per 100 lb. (April to December), 10 cents. (Receipts collected by contractor.)

Arrowhead-Beaton Ferry.—Receipts, 1919: No information. Toll per passenger, \$1. Toll freight per 100 lb., 15 cents. (Receipts collected by contractor.)

Dog Lake Ferry.—Receipts, 1919, \$1,128. Toll per passenger: No information. Toll per vehicle: No information. Toll freight: No information. (Receipts collected by contractor.)

"4. Yes.

"5. Ferry charges were reduced 50 per cent. last year. Government finds it necessary to collect a moderate toll on these ferries."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt respecting the User of Sewers in Municipalities adjacent thereto and to grant Reciprocal Rights in respect of the same" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908'" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Rules suspended and Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.