

Tuesday, April 6th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Frank Johnson*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 29th, 1954.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances to Disabled Persons," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5th, 1954.

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. 45) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances to Disabled Persons," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 5th, 1954.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 5th, 1954.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Societies Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fisheries Act.’”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,894 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier’s Office to 31st March, 1955.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1955.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$91,426 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March, 1955.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$278,442 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,541 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General’s Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1955.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Mechanical Tabulation Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$604,082 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Consumption and Amusements Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$268,284 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,952 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Income Taxation, to 31st March, 1955.

120 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, “Assessment Equalization Act,” to 31st March, 1955.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,580 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Housing Commissioner, to 31st March, 1955.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$202,672 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1955.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1955.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1955.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1955.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$279,526 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,335,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1955.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, etc., to 31st March, 1955.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1955.

130 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$550,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Interest on Civil Service Superannuation and Retirement Funds, to 31st March, 1955.

131 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1955.

132 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,965,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Highway Development Act" (Payment of Revenue under "Gasoline Tax Act" to Highway Development Fund), to 31st March, 1955.

133 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,340,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Hospital Construction Act, 1950" (Payment of Revenue under "Amusements Tax Act" to Hospital Construction Fund), to 31st March, 1955.

134 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,580,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipalities Aid Act" (One-third Net Proceeds of Motor-vehicle and Chauffeurs' Licence Fees for Distribution to Municipalities), to 31st March, 1955.

135 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,650,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Social Services Tax Act" (Portion of Estimated Revenue from Net Proceeds of Social Services Tax payable to Municipalities), to 31st March, 1955.

136 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Supreme Court Act" (Payment of Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits), to 31st March, 1955.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies (Salaries to be chargeable to Respective Services in 1954-55 Public Accounts), to 31st March, 1955.

289 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act," to 31st March, 1955.

290 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$243,814 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Motor Carrier Act," to 31st March, 1955.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,077,919 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, to 31st March, 1955.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$387,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forest Development Roads, to 31st March, 1955.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$475,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Mining-roads, to 31st March, 1955.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,611,635 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1955.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$448,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Okanagan Flood-control, to 31st March, 1955.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,700,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, to 31st March, 1955.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$230,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Development and Construction of Housing Projects, to 31st March, 1955.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Purchase of School Books under Text-book Loan Plan, to 31st March, 1955.

328. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,235,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Assistance to Improvement Districts under "Water Act," to 31st March, 1955.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$210,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, to 31st March, 1954.

30 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Grasshopper-control Act," to 31st March, 1954.

31A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Horned Cattle Purchases Act," to 31st March, 1954.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, (c) New Westminster, to 31st March, 1954.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Doukhobor Guards, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prince George Men's Gaol, to 31st March, 1954.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Kamloops Gaol, to 31st March, 1954.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates, to 31st March, 1954.

76 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Supreme Court Act," to 31st March, 1954.

77A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Police and Prisons Regulations Act," to 31st March, 1954.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspector of Schools, to 31st March, 1954.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1954.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1954.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1954.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$557,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Grants, to 31st March, 1954.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1954.

131 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipalities Aid Act," to 31st March, 1954.

135 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Highway Development Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Compensation Payable *re* Erroneous Sale of Tax Property, to 31st March, 1954.

138B (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Official Guardian Deposits, to 31st March, 1954.

138C (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138D (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Water Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138E (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Flood Relief Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138F (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipal Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138G (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Logging Tax Act," to 31st March, 1954.

138H (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Taxation Act," to 31st March, 1954.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1954.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, *Per Diem* Grants under Sec. 4 of "Hospital Act," to 31st March, 1954.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1954.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Professional Training (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Public Health Research (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, General Public Health (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

155A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Medical Rehabilitation (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

155B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Rehabilitation Co-ordinator (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

155C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Laboratory and Radiological Services (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

155D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Child and Maternal Health (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1954.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, In-patient Care and Stationary Clinics, to 31st March, 1954.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Social Allowances (including Grants), to 31st March, 1954.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Hospitalization of Social Assistance Cases, to 31st March, 1954.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Child Welfare Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$149,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Maintenance of Dependent Children and Grants to Homes, to 31st March, 1954.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Boys, (a) Port Coquitlam, to 31st March, 1954.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Girls, to 31st March, 1954.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, "Old-age Assistance Act," 1951, and "Blind Persons' Allowances Act," 1951, (a) Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1954.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Hydraulic Surveys, to 31st March, 1954.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, "Soldiers' Land Act," Southern Okanagan Lands Project, to 31st March, 1954.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, "University Endowment Lands Administration Act," to 31st March, 1954.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,178 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Rentals, to 31st March, 1954.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Protection, to 31st March, 1954.

231 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Reserve Account, to 31st March, 1954.

234 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,323 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Grazing—Range Improvement, to 31st March, 1954.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to Assist Bona Fide Prospectors, to 31st March, 1954.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Homes for Elderly Citizens and Children's Homes, to 31st March, 1954.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Government Contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1954.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1954.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable and Other Associations, to 31st March, 1954.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms—(a) Colony Farm, to 31st March, 1954.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals, (a) Essondale, to 31st March, 1954.

277. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, (a) Port Coquitlam, to 31st March, 1954.

283 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$629,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1954.

284 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1954.

286 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Retiring Allowance, "Civil Service Act," Sec. 69, to 31st March, 1954.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1954.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1954.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Mechanical Supervision and Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1954.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1954.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1954.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,947 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1954.

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

311. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,406 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1954.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forest Development Roads, to 31st March, 1954.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Grants in Aid of Construction and Equipment of Hospitals, to 31st March, 1954.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$405,929.98 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1953, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Resolutions considered forthwith and adopted.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, and 31st days of March and the 1st, 5th, and 6th days of April be received and read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$405,929.98 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1953.
4,953,214.00 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1954.
204,309,347.00 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1955.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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 for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1954.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Moore*, Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Areas not included in a Municipal Area" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Natural, Manufactured, and Mixed Gas" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Kaslo" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Works Fair Wages and Conditions of Employment Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to adjust the Indebtedness of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Slaughtering of Animals and the Inspection, Storage, Handling, and Preparation of Meat and Meat Products" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Kinnaird" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Moore</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Richter</i>	

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Laing</i>
<i>Brown</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Bate
Bonner
Newton

Haggen
Giovando
Uphill

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.05 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1954.

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. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Calder*,—

Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

And whereas any discrimination is repugnant to democratic principles and British justice:

And whereas subsection (13) of section 92 of the "British North America Act" places civil rights as an exclusive power of Provincial Legislatures:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of introducing "An Act to protect Certain Civil Rights" to be known as the "British Columbia Bill of Rights":

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government, in its deliberations on the advisability of introducing said Act, should consider, amongst others, the inclusion of right to freedom of religion, right to free expression, right to free association, right to freedom from arbitrary imprisonment, right to employment, right to engage in occupations, right to own and occupy property, right of access to public places, right to membership in professional and trade associations, and right to education.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-municipal conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and jurisdictions.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas by Order in Council the Government authorized the decontrol of milk above the producer level on October 1st, 1953:

And whereas the dairy-farmers have expressed dissatisfaction with the adverse economic developments which have recurred since that time in the milk industry:

And whereas it is important that our dairy industry be maintained on a sound economic basis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House consider the advisability of recommending to the Milk Board its earnest consideration of the need for an immediate return to a policy of controlling the sale of milk from the producer to the consumer.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas many of our people are protesting the service being provided by private telephone companies:

And whereas almost all of our present telephone services do not come within the jurisdiction of the British Columbia Public Utilities Commission:

And whereas the Federal Board of Transport Commissioners can only control the setting of rates and charges and has no say in the quality of telephone service provided:

And whereas this situation leaves the people and the Government of British Columbia with little say in the actions of the private companies which now control the public utility:

And whereas a good telephone system in this Province is a most important part of our daily living and a necessary part of our present working and trading practices:

And whereas it is in the best interest of all the people of British Columbia and of the Province as a whole that the best possible telephone service be made available in this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House consider the advisability of recommending to the Government that a British Columbia Telephone Commission be set up in order to assure adequate telephone service to all the people of the Province.

A debate arose.

The motion was ruled out of order as being in contravention of Standing Orders 66 and 67.

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

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

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

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

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Segur* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Whereas during proceedings of the Legislature statements on public policy with factual data are made but not officially recorded:

And whereas it is in the interest of the public and all Legislative members that the proceedings should be so recorded as to enable full and accurate reference thereto:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Order called for "Private Bills."

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'"

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Universal General Insurance Company."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of North Vancouver Grand Boulevard Restriction Act, 1949.'"

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Union College of British Columbia Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances to Disabled Persons."

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the Lands Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1953.

The Annual Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1953.

Mrs. *Arsens* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has a certification, or have certifications, been issued within recent months covering employees of the Aluminum Company of Canada at Kitimat?

2. If so, how many?

3. If so, under what sections of the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" was this certification, or were these certifications, issued?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. One.

"3. Subsection (3) of section 10."

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

1. Was a man, Magwood, appointed to any position in the Department of Lands and Forests since prorogation of the last Session of this House?

2. If so, (a) what is his full name, (b) to what position was he appointed, and (c) at what salary?

3. Was the position advertised under the "Civil Service Act"?

4. Under what vote or estimate is the salary paid for the position, if any?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) George Henry Magwood, B.Sc., B.Paed., (b) liaison officer, and (c) \$480 monthly.

"3. No; advertising not required by the Act (temporary position).

"4. Vote 197."

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

1. Further to the answer of the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests on February 24th, and dealing with forest management licences, what has been the new capital investment and how many additional employees were hired by each of the fourteen firms granted forest management licences as a direct result of the granting of the licence?

2. Of the ten applications approved, but contingent upon a satisfactory management working plan, (a) how many of the applicants have now submitted their working plans and (b) what is the estimated new capital investment, if the licence is granted, and how many estimated new jobs will be created?

3. When is a decision expected in the cases of the three awards that have been appealed?

4. Of the twenty-four applications advertised and awaiting consideration, (a) in each case, what is the estimated new capital investment which would result from the granting of the application and (b) in each case, what is the estimated number of new jobs to be created in construction and permanent operational employees?

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

“ 1. No information in Forest Service records.

“ 2. (a) Two—Pondosa Pine Lumber Company Limited and Oliver Sawmills Limited, and (b) no information available.

“ 3. No date has been set as yet for hearings before the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

“ 4. (a) and (b) No information available.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7th, 1954.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Small Debts Courts Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Credit Unions Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Land Act ’ ” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, and read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Laing</i>
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Gagliardi</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Haggen</i>

And passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Kinnaird" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1954.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Haggen*:—

1. What forest management licences, if any, have been granted between January 1st, 1953, and the present date?
2. (*a*) To whom were they granted, (*b*) on what dates, (*c*) what acreage is covered by each licence, (*d*) where is each located, and (*e*) if transferred, from whom?
3. Are any applications for forest management licences (*a*) pending or (*b*) under consideration but not yet approved by the Department?
4. If yes, (*a*) what is the date of each application, (*b*) who is the applicant, (*c*) what acreage is involved in each application, (*d*) what is the location of same, and (*e*) if transferred, from whom?
5. Have any applications for forest management licences been rejected between January 1st, 1953, and the present date?
6. If so, who were the applicants and why was any such application rejected?

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.23 p.m.

Thursday, April 8th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Routley*.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act providing for the Incorporation of the City of Langley."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the District Municipality of Surrey."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Town Planning Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act respecting Anatomy.”

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act respecting Rent-control.”

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*—Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade-unions Act.’”

Order called for “Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory* that Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act’” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

During the debate, Mr. *Gregory* tabled a letter from the secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, Victoria, B.C., to George Gregory, Esq., dated April 6th, 1954, enclosing a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Victoria, dated at Victoria, B.C., on April 6th, 1954, and a letter from the Victoria Bar Association to George F. Gregory, Esq., dated April 5th, 1954, enclosing a resolution from the Victoria Bar Association, dated April 3rd, 1954.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Giovanodo</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Haggen *Parker*

Order called for “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Courts Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances to Disabled Persons" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes," a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Laing*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Respecting Oakalla Prison, what is the present number of inmates?
2. What was the monthly average of inmates in the years 1950 to 1953, inclusive?
3. What was the total number of all classes of employees at this institution as at January 1st in the years 1950 to 1954, inclusive?
4. What has been the total cost of maintenance of this institution in each of the fiscal years ended in 1950 to 1953?
5. What new capital investment was made at this institution in each of the fiscal years 1950 to 1953?
6. What capital investment was made in the current year attributable to incarceration of the Sons of Freedom?
7. Have certain guards and other employees of Oakalla Prison been notified of their retirement at age 60 instead of 65?
8. If so, why has the policy been changed, have deductions for pension rights been stopped in these cases, and will the personnel be retired at age 60 at the same rate of pension as if they were 65 years of age?
9. If so, what action has been taken to legalize the change in policy?

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

“ 1. As at March 29th, 1954, 1,026.

“ 2. 1950, 792.45; 1951, 846.05; 1952, 838.25; and 1953, 852.48.

“ 3. Employees as at January 1st, 1950, 127; January 1st, 1951, 132; January 1st, 1952, 161; January 1st, 1953, 240; and January 1st, 1954, 335.

“ 4. Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1950, \$647,065.15; March 31st, 1951, \$698,097.57; March 31st, 1952, \$951,466.71; and March 31st, 1953, \$1,311,513.75.

“ 5. Capital investment, 1950–51, \$155,198.74; 1951–52, \$100,205.98; 1952–53, \$135,129.88; and total, \$390,534.60.

“ 6. None.

“ 7. Yes.

“ 8. By petition of the employees; no; approximately.

“ 9. Order in Council No. 1519, dated June 19th, 1953.”

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

1. Since August 1st, 1953, how many new retail liquor stores have been established and give locations?

2. What is the rental paid in each case or, if Government owned, what is the investment in each case?

3. What is the monthly payroll in each case?

4. What were the sales in each case for November, 1953; December, 1953; and January, 1954?

5. Were any part-time employees employed by the Liquor Control Board for the Christmas trade, 1953, and, if so, how many?

6. Were these employees engaged by the local Vendor or were the names supplied from Victoria?

7. In each case where names were supplied from Victoria, state who supplied these names to the Commissioner.

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

“ 1. Eleven, plus one transfer of location.

“ 2. Castlegar, \$125; Chemainus, \$80; Clinton, \$70; Ganges, \$75; Maillardville, \$150; Nakusp, \$95; Natal, \$90; Osoyoos, \$75; Port Moody, \$75; South Burnaby, \$350; West Summerland, \$70; and Whalley, \$155.

“ 3. February, 1954: Castlegar, \$300.01; Chemainus, \$283.31; Clinton, \$279.64; Ganges, \$324.49; Maillardville, \$675.44; Nakusp, \$266; Natal, \$289.40; Osoyoos, \$289.13; Port Moody, \$353.40; South Burnaby, \$1,294.43; West Summerland, \$284.96; and Whalley, \$770.90.

“ 4. Castlegar, November, \$14,190.55; December, \$34,074.60; and January, \$10,821.10. Chemainus, December, \$20,436.20; and January, \$9,136.20. Clinton, December, \$9,500.95; and January, \$3,936.50. Ganges, December, \$12,143.05; and January, \$5,619.45. Maillardville, December, \$54,703; and January, \$22,244.15. Nakusp, December, \$13,449.50; and January, \$4,963.60. Natal, November, \$14,326.22; December, \$32,895; and January, \$10,915.88. Osoyoos, November, \$6,691.30; December, \$15,260.10; and January, \$3,751.94. Port Moody, December, \$25,625.40; and January, \$9,299.50. West Summerland, November, \$6,041.85; December, \$14,984.10; and January, \$4,207.20. Whalley, November, \$5,515; December, \$80,601.30; and January, \$18,757.40.

“ 5. Yes; 377.

“ 6. All employees of the Liquor Control Board are engaged by the Board pursuant to the ‘Government Liquor Act, 1953,’ subject to interview either by the local Vendor or the personnel officer of the Board, persons being called for interview either on basis of previous employment with or applications before the Board.

“ 7. Answered by No. 6.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, April 8th, 1954.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Universal General Insurance Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of North Vancouver Grand Boulevard Restriction Act, 1949,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes."

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.11 p.m.

Friday, April 9th, 1954.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. A. Roberts*.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Securities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*—Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pari-mutuel Betting Tax Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*—Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Operations of Corporations distributing Gas within the Province.”

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 8th, 1954.

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. 77) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act’” was withdrawn.

Order called for “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Rent-control."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Anatomy."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'"

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the District Municipality of Surrey."

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act providing for the Incorporation of the City of Langley."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes."

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.05 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Friday, April 9th, 1954.

FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes."

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

Chant
Shelford
Shantz
Reid
Price
Arsens, Mrs.

Sommers
Bennett
Bonner
Black
Williston

Tomlinson
Richter
Newton
Moxham
Matthew

Bruch
Chetwynd
Kiernan
Martin
Wicks

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

Gregory
Brown
Segur
Eddie

Squire
Calder
Gargrave
Howard

Strachan
Harding
Nimsick
Moore

Winch
Webster
Turner

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Laing
Corbett
Gaglardi
Bate
Tisdalle

Parker
Haggen
Giovando
Uphill
Gibbs

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *Richter* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 9th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held three meetings and heard Mr. Willard Ireland, Chairman of Public Documents Committee, and recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the "Public Documents Disposal Act," approval was given to the destruction of various public documents, as listed in the submission of the Public Documents Committee tabled in the House on April 2nd, 1954, and referred to the Select Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Public Accounts and Printing for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK RICHTER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Richter* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 9th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held three meetings and the following votes were reviewed: Vote No. 3, Vote No. 4, Vote No. 26, Vote No. 66, Vote No. 102, Vote No. 121, Vote No. 164, Vote No. 175, Vote No. 211, Vote No. 223, Vote No. 227, Vote No. 253, and Vote No. 273.

The accounts and vouchers covering same were found to be in good order, which showed the Ministers were doing a good and careful job in their Departments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK RICHTER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Williston* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 9th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries begs leave to report as follows:—

Investigation of the sale of timber on Mount Bruce Park has indicated the following:—

- (1) Lack of proper business acumen was coupled with a certain lack of responsibility for proper business procedures by a well-intentioned, community-spirited, unpaid Park Board which appears to have been guided by unsound advice. This Board's position concerning the administration of Mount Bruce was never properly established. Even if the Mount Maxwell Park Board was properly constituted for Mount Bruce Park, the sale of all the timber within the boundaries of the park could not be legally authorized.
- (2) Lack of decisive action and proper care on the part of Forest Service officials, particularly the head of the Parks Division, who should have been aware of the actions being taken by the Mount Maxwell Park Board concerning the disposal of the timber on Mount Bruce. Newspaper advertising was carried out and personal visits were made by the Board with the head of the Parks Division and other Forest Service and Government officials. The involved tri-party situation resulting from the timber sale should not have been allowed to develop.
- (3) Failure on the part of the original purchasers, Armand Quesnel and William T. Guyer, operating as the Q.L.K. Logging Company, and their adviser, Mr. Gavin Mouat, to heed the repeated warnings of the Forest Service that the agreement of sale covering the timber was not in order and should be terminated. Such failure resulted in an unfortunate tentative agreement of sale of the timber to Mohan Singh and allowed the latter to become financially involved without adequate warning of difficulties being encountered. This tentative agreement was never finalized in all details and could have been cancelled with little financial loss to the parties concerned when irregularities first became apparent.
- (4) In considering the form of settlement as proposed in the agreement of June 15th, 1951, and having in mind what has transpired since that time, we do not feel that this agreement would be fair to the parties concerned nor could it possibly be carried out under the financial provisions stated. This agreement, therefore, should not be ratified and the proposed Bill

should not be presented. It was felt a more equitable form of settlement should be recommended.

Therefore be it recommended that:—

- (1) The Order in Council setting up Mount Bruce Park be rescinded immediately. In future the suitability of an area for park purposes should be more thoroughly investigated before gazetting takes place.
- (2) Any claim by the Q.L.K. Logging Company for the timber on Mount Bruce shall be considered settled through the payment of \$25,000 already made to the company by Mohan Singh. Of this sum, \$5,000 is now held in trust with the Forest Service, and this shall be returned to the Q.L.K. Logging Company. Mohan Singh shall have no claim on any equipment which is owned by the Q.L.K. Logging Company, the sale of which was provided for in an agreement entered into between the Q.L.K. Logging Company and Mohan Singh.
- (3) To partially compensate Mohan Singh for losses incurred, he should be offered the standing and felled timber on Mount Bruce Park by the Government at the following stumpage rates, inclusive of royalty: Douglas fir, \$6.50 M B.M.; cedar, \$2.15 M B.M.; hemlock, \$2.05 M B.M.
- (4) If he accepts the terms stated, Mohan Singh shall establish proper financial responsibility to the satisfaction of the Minister of Lands and Forests, and shall log the area according to the "Forest Act" regulations and usual timber-sale terms established by that Department, which includes the deposit of 10 per cent of the value of the timber. A time-limit for the removal of timber shall be established.
- (5) If Mohan Singh fails to accept this offer within thirty days of being advised thereof by the Department of Lands and Forests, he shall have no further rights in this matter, and the timber may be offered for sale by the Forest Service in the normal manner under the provisions of the "Forest Act."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RAY WILLISTON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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 6.37 p.m.

Monday, April 12th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pari-mutuel Betting Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Operations of Corporations distributing Gas within the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Rent-control" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Anatomy" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the District Municipality of Surrey" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act providing for the Incorporation of the City of Langley" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," Chapter 348, R.S.B.C. 1948, for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1954.

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 5.37 p.m.

Monday, April 12th, 1954.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13th, 1954.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *A. J. McDonald*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Anatomy" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pari-mutuel Betting Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Operations of Corporations distributing Gas within the Province."

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of Timber on Mount Bruce Park," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 13th, 1954.

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. 82) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of Timber on Mount Bruce Park," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, the Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, and *Ordered* to be considered as reported at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Redistribution, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 13th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on Redistribution begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has met on several occasions to consider the problem of redistribution as laid before us. Since last Session, Mr. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, has been of invaluable assistance to the Committee in that Mr. Hurley, following the instructions of the Committee, obtained maps, papers, documents, etc., which were of great value to the Committee in establishing a basis on which to work. Mr. Hurley further has been successful in obtaining certain opinions from members of the Legislative Assembly, Registrars of Voters, and Returning Officers. This information likewise was studied by your Committee.

In view of the short time remaining at the disposal of your Committee during this Session, the Committee felt it was impossible to complete the work in hand at the present Session, but it wishes to report progress.

The Committee resolved itself into three sub-committees, each dealing with certain sections of the Province, and, after which study, these sub-committees came together with preliminary reports. These reports have been studied by your Committee and the opinion was expressed unanimously that the Committee recommend to the Legislature that it continue again at the next Session, at which time the Committee feels reasonably sure that, with the progress made during the many meetings at this Session, that a complete report could be brought in within three weeks' deliberations at the next Session of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. BLACK, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Annual Report for the Year 1953 covering the Activities of the Provincial Library, Provincial Archives, and Central Microfilm Bureau.

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

1. Are any California wines regularly offered for sale in Government Liquor Stores?
2. If so, what brands are offered for sale and what is the price of each?
3. If not, (a) have California wines been offered to the Liquor Commission for resale in Government Liquor Stores, (b) has any request been made to the Liquor Commission to carry California wines for sale in Government Liquor Stores, and (c) whose decision is it that California wines should not be offered for sale in Government Liquor Stores?

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

- " 1. No.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1.
- " 3. (a) and (b) Yes, and (c) the question of offering California wines is currently being studied by the Liquor Control Board."

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

How many of each of the following types of liquor licences have been applied for, pursuant to the "Government Liquor Act, 1953," in respect of the City of Victoria: (a) Dining lounge, (b) hotel, (c) club, (d) restaurant, (e) public house, and (f) resort?

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

"The release of this information is considered to be not in the public interest because of *inter alia* the forthcoming plebiscite in the City of Victoria."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13th, 1954.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Mr. *Tomlinson* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 12th, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Several meetings of this Committee were duly held.

The executive officers of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeared before the Committee and requested amendments to the "Municipal Act," "Village Municipalities Act," "Municipal Elections Act," "Sheep Protection Act," "Town Planning Act," "Insurance Act," and "Trust Companies Act."

For the information of the Committee, the executive officers of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presented copies of their submissions to the Executive Council of British Columbia, made on February 5th, 1954.

The solicitor for the City of New Westminster requested special powers in the matter of providing parking facilities.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, as member for Rossland-Trail, presented a request on behalf of the Village of Warfield for powers of expropriation to acquire real property for all municipal purposes.

The solicitor for the Elk Creek Waterworks Company Limited, supported by a solicitor representing the City of Chilliwack and the Township of Chilliwack, urged remedial legislation to relieve water companies of onerous taxation.

Representatives of life insurance agents, with their solicitor, submitted reasons why the request of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for changes in the "Insurance Act" affecting life insurance agents should not be granted.

A solicitor of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited reminded the Committee of the decision reached by the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters of the previous year on the question of a change in utility taxation arising out of the incorporation of the District Municipality of Central Saanich.

The Department of Municipal Affairs submitted amendments to the "Municipal Act," "Village Municipalities Act," "Municipal Elections Act," and "Town Planning Act."

Arising out of the order of the Legislative Assembly, made on Friday, April 2nd, 1954, the Committee heard representations from each of the member municipalities of the Greater Victoria Water District respecting Bill No. 36. While the Committee is of the opinion there is some merit in the contention of the District Municipality of Saanich for increased representation for the three district municipalities on the Administration Board of the water district, a review of Bill No. 36 in the light of section 11 of the "Greater Victoria Water District Act" reveals that the objective cannot be accomplished by Bill No. 36 unless further amendments are made to section 11. It, therefore, is recommended that Bill No. 36 be not proceeded with.

This Committee has the following recommendations to make on some of the matters contained in the submission of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to the Executive Council:—

- (1) Taxation of Power Transmission-lines: That this be given study by the Department of Municipal Affairs in its various aspects.
- (2) Taxation of Provincial Lands: That the principle of the taxation of Provincial lands in municipalities be approved.
- (3) Federal Aid: That steps be taken to have the Federal Government make again operative the "Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938."

A number of amendments to various Acts were approved which are being submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE TOMLINSON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.37 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14th, 1954.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Dean *P. R. Beattie*.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by *Mr. Gregory*,—

Whereas it appears that no survey has been completed of the proposed road from Squamish to Vancouver via the route through the Capilano Valley:

And whereas no accurate estimate of the cost of building a road via this route can be made until a survey is completed:

And whereas engineering difficulties on this route appear to raise the possibility that this route may cost greatly in excess of the estimates which the Government has announced:

And whereas the Government has not yet obtained permission of the Greater Vancouver Water Board to build any road through its watershed area and it may prove essential eventually to build the connection between Vancouver and Squamish via the route along Howe Sound:

And whereas if it were ultimately necessary to construct this essential road link along Howe Sound after the proposed construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway along the same general route, the cost of construction of the road would be greatly increased and construction of the road might interfere with the efficient operation of the railway:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Government to investigate the question of whether, in the interests of economy and efficiency and the saving of public funds, surveys of both routes should be completed and the attitude of the Greater Vancouver Water Board be definitely established before actual construction of the said railway grade and the laying of tracks is begun.

On a point of order being raised, *Mr. Speaker* ruled the motion not in order as involving the appropriation of a part of the public revenue not recommended by a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor in contravention of Standing Order 67.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion that Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" be read a third time now, *Mr. Laing* moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Gregory*,—

That Bill No. 28 be not now read a third time, but be read this day six months.

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

Gregory
Gibson
Segur
Eddie
Squire

Calder
Gargrave
Howard
Giovando
Gibbs

Laing
Uphill
Strachan
Harding
Nimsick

Moore
Winch
Webster
Turner

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Williston</i>		

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Howard*,—

That the Order for third reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" be discharged and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for reconsideration of sections 52, 54, and 55.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Williston</i>		

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of Timber on Mount Bruce Park" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Operations of Corporations distributing Gas within the Province" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion that Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Areas not included in a Municipal Area" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion that Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

1. Are any persons receiving permanent partial disability pensions or permanent total disability pensions under the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

2. If so, how many persons are receiving (a) permanent partial disability pensions and (b) permanent total disability pensions?

3. Of those receiving permanent partial disability pensions, how many are (a) receiving \$15 per week or less, (b) receiving between \$15.01 and \$25 per week, (c) receiving between \$25.01 and \$35 per week, (d) receiving between \$35.01 and \$45 per week, (e) receiving between \$45.01 and \$55 per week, and (f) receiving over \$55.01 per week?

4. Of those receiving permanent total disability pensions, how many are (a) receiving \$15 per week or less, (b) receiving between \$15.01 and \$25 per week, (c) receiving between \$25.01 and \$35 per week, (d) receiving between \$35.01 and \$45 per week, (e) receiving between \$45.01 and \$55 per week, and (f) receiving over \$55.01 per week?

5. Of those receiving permanent partial disability pensions, how many were awarded (a) prior to March 18th, 1943; (b) between March 18th, 1943, and April 1st, 1952; and (c) subsequent to April 1st, 1952?

6. Of those receiving permanent total disability pensions, how many were awarded (a) prior to March 18th, 1943, (b) between March 18th, 1943, and April 1st, 1952, and (c) subsequent to April 1st, 1952?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 8,264 and (b) 361.

"3. (a) 7,801, (b) 427, (c) 34, (d) 2, (e) none, and (f) none.

"4. (a) 64, (b) 150, (c) 138, (d) 3, (e) 6, and (f) none.

"5. (a) 1,918, (b) 5,819, and (c) 527.

"6. (a) 153, (b) 177, and (c) 31."

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

1. Was any money spent, as a result of the meetings, during the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament, of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries?

2. If yes, how much was spent (a) for a verbatim report, (b) for witnesses' expenses, and (c) on other items?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$4,693.95, (b) \$410.45, and (c) \$45.77."

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

1. Further to the reply of the Minister of Public Works of March 17th and dealing with the contract let to Atlas Construction Company, of Kamloops, if no tenders were called, how many firms were advised that the job was available?

2. Did the Atlas Construction Company approach the Department or departments concerned, or did the departments ask Atlas Construction Company to undertake the job?

3. Specifically, what were the names of the individuals in the Department of Lands and Forests and the Department of Public Works who discussed this contract with any official of Atlas Construction Company prior to the work being started?

4. What machinery was rented from the company and what was the basis of rental?

5. What was the name of the chief supervisor employed by the Government, is he a Civil Servant, and, if not, what were his qualifications?

6. What is the length of the road constructed, what width, and what yardage moved in its construction?

7. Was there any rock work, and, if so, how much?

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

“ 1. One.

“ 2. Atlas Construction Company approached the Department of Mines which recommended to the Department of Public Works that the Atlas Construction Company be given the work; the Atlas Construction Company then approached the Department of Public Works, resulting in the contract being negotiated.

“ 3. (a) No knowledge; and (b) the Minister of Public Works, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, the Chief Engineer, and the Assistant Chief Engineer.

“ 4. 105-c.f.m. portable air-compressor with two jack-hammers, 150-foot air-hose, 200-foot drill-steel (gasoline and drill bits not included); rental rate, \$250 per month. Skid pile-driver with winch, hammer, follower, blocks, equipment, and repairs (gasoline and manila rope not included); rental rate, \$500 per month. F.W.D. Willys 1-ton truck with winch, repairs, tires, and lubricants (gasoline not included); rental rate, \$325 per month. Work boat with 16-horsepower outboard, including repairs (gasoline not included); rental rate, \$75 per month. T.D.-9 with blade, winch, operator, repairs, and lubricants (gasoline not included); rental rate, \$7.50 per operated hour. Five-yard dump-trucks with operator, repairs, and lubricants (gasoline not included); rental rate, \$5 per operated hour. D-1 Case tractor with $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard loader, operator, repairs, and lubricants (gasoline not included); rental rate, \$5.50 per operated hour. One 1,500-watt light plant; rental rate, \$54.25 per month. One 350-watt light plant; rental rate, \$24.50 per month. Two gas-powered chain saws, 30-inch bar, and replacement chains, extra at cost (gasoline supplied by Department); rental rate, \$70 per month. One electric chain saw, replacement chains at cost; rental rate, \$11.76 per month. One 2-inch water-pump with hose; rental rate, \$26.95 per month. One $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch electric drill with bits; rental rate, \$11.55 per month. Two dual-tired flat-deck trailers; rental rate, \$56 per month.

“ 5. (a) Mr. J. Strang, under direction of F. Park, District Superintendent, Provincial Department of Public Works, Vanderhoof, B.C. (b) Former Civil Servant. (c) Extract from Annual Report, 1950, Minister of Mines: ‘ James Strang, Chief Inspector of Mines and Chairman of the Board of Examiners for Coal-mine Officials, retired at Victoria on January 31st, 1950. He was educated at public and private schools, graduating from Heriot Watt Technical College, Edinburgh. He had a first-class coal-miner’s certificate from Great Britain and was assistant manager of the Preston Grange Colliery at Midlothian. He came to Canada in 1910 and was employed as surveyor, overman, and manager of the Extension mines at Nanaimo, holding the latter position for eight years. He joined the staff of the British Columbia Department of Mines on December

15th, 1926, as Inspector of Mines and Secretary of the Board of Examiners for Coal-mine Officials. He took over the position of Chief Inspector on April 30th, 1947, and also became Chairman of the Board of Examiners. He was a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and served as a member of the Ryan Safety Trophy Committee for British Columbia. He took a keen interest in his work and was outstanding in his ability to appreciate the miners' and operators' problems and to work with them. The same attitude was maintained toward his staff and associates in the Department of Mines. He took a great interest in mine-rescue and first-aid work and, during his tenure as Chief Inspector, was responsible for promoting mine-rescue training in metal mines to the extent that, before he retired, nearly every metalliferous mining area had a nucleus of men trained in mine rescue.

"6. (a) Constructed for a distance of 30 miles beyond Osilinka River, plus partial construction for a distance of 15 miles. (b) Width of road varied from 18 to 24 feet and included construction of eight bridges varying in length from 18 to 76 feet for a total length of 262 feet. In addition, over the Osilinka River a large bridge consisting of two 70-foot spans with a total length of 233 feet was 90 per cent completed. Eighty-six culverts were constructed, varying in size from 2 to 12 feet. Excavation quantities are unknown. Approximately 17,500 yards of gravel surfacing was placed on the road.

"7. Yes; quantities unknown; cost, \$4,500 per mile."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 11.34 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14th, 1954.

TWO FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Courts Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Official Guardian Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949."
- (No. 15) An Act respecting Natural, Manufactured, and Mixed Gas.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 18) An Act respecting the City of Kaslo.

- (No. 19) An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- (No. 21) An Act to borrow the Sum of Thirty million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Public Works Fair Wages and Conditions of Employment Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Union College of British Columbia Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 27) An Act relating to the Victoria College Foundation.
- (No. 28) An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize, and providing for Mediation, Conciliation, and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes.
- (No. 30) An Act to adjust the Indebtedness of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.
- (No. 31) An Act respecting the Slaughtering of Animals and the Inspection, Storage, Handling, and Preparation of Meat and Meat Products.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Department of Mines Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 39) An Act respecting the Village of Kinnaird.
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Societies Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to provide for Allowances to Disabled Persons.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Fisheries Act."
- (No. 48) An Act respecting Rent-control.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Charter."
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913."
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate the Universal General Insurance Company.
- (No. 54) An Act to amend the "City of North Vancouver Grand Boulevard Restriction Act, 1949."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
- (No. 63) An Act respecting Anatomy.
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Water Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."
- (No. 69) An Act respecting the District Municipality of Surrey.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act."
- (No. 72) An Act providing for the Incorporation of the City of Langley.
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Securities Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Pari-mutuel Betting Tax Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Assessment Equalization Act, 1953."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to facilitate the Operations of Corporations distributing Gas within the Province.

(No. 81) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."

(No. 82) An Act to authorize the Sale of Timber on Mount Bruce Park.

The Lieutenant-Governor was pleased, in Her 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 Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by the Lieutenant-Governor's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your legislative deliberations at the conclusion of the Second Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament, I do so with every assurance that the measures which you have enacted will confer benefit upon our people and further promote the developments which you have so wisely planned for the economic advancement of the Province.

I desire to express my appreciation of the careful manner with which you have attended to the business of this House.

Certain improvements in the Hospital Insurance Service and amendments to the "Workmen's Compensation Act," I am sure, will be most beneficial to my people.

The granting of an increase in the amount of the Provincial bonus paid to old-age pensioners and blind pensioners, also the increase to persons receiving social assistance, improvement in our labour laws, tax exemptions on children's clothes, children's boots and shoes, and other tax reductions, will greatly improve the welfare of our people.

It is gratifying to note that legislation has been passed concerning petroleum and natural gas, pursuant to my Government's policy to encourage exploration and, at the same time, ensure that the people of British Columbia derive benefit from this new development.

The enactment of legislation to permit the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish to North Vancouver and from Prince George to the Peace River country should encourage the further development of the Province.

The splendid financial position of the Province will commend itself to all.

I thank you for the supplies that you have granted for the Public Service, which will enable the continuation of my Government's programme throughout the fiscal year.

In closing this Session, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker.*

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