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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Thursday, January 23, 1964

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-seventh Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 31st day of October, 1963, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

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

*Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that he does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Premier, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, that *William Harvey Murray*, Esquire, member for Prince Rupert Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

*E. K. DeBeck*, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *William Harvey Murray* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by the Bishop of Victoria.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read, as follows:—

“ OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., December 11th, 1963.

“ *Mr. E. K. DeBeck,*

“ *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“ *Re General Election, September 30th, 1963*

“ SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 21st day of August, 1963, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

“ The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Elections Act*.

“ I transmit herewith the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of the members who were elected in the respective electoral districts.

“ Yours very truly,

“ L. J. WALLACE,

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“ CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., December 9th, 1963.

“ *L. J. Wallace, Esq.,*

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*

“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“ *General Election, September 30th, 1963*

“ SIR,—The Twenty-sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on August 21st, 1963.

“ Writs calling for a general election were issued on August 22nd, with the day for the nomination of candidates set as September 16th, and polling day, September 30th. The said Writs of Election were returnable on or before October 31st; owing, however, to recounts in Nanaimo and The Islands and Yale constituencies, return day was extended to December 16th, 1963.

“ From the returns received, I hereby certify the election of the following members to represent the respective electoral districts in the Legislative Assembly, as set out hereunder:—

ALBERNI.....	Stanley John Squire.
ATLIN.....	Frank Arthur Calder.
BURNABY.....	{ Gordon Dowding.
	{ Charles W. MacSorley.
CARIBOO.....	William Collins Speare.
CHILLIWACK.....	William Kenneth Kiernan.
COLUMBIA.....	James R. Chabot.
COMOX.....	Daniel R. J. Campbell.

COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE .....	Robert Martin Strachan.
CRANBROOK .....	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
DELTA .....	{ Hunter B. Vogel.
	{ Ernest A. LeCours.
DEWDNEY .....	David Barrett.
ESQUIMALT .....	Herbert J. Bruch.
FERNIE .....	Harry Cartmell McKay.
FORT GEORGE .....	Ray Gillis Williston.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD .....	Lois Mabel Hagen.
KAMLOOPS .....	Philip Arthur Gaglardi.
KASLO-SLOCAN .....	Randolph Harding.
LILLOOET .....	Donald Frederick Robinson.
MACKENZIE .....	Anthony J. Gargrave.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS .....	David Daniel Stupich.
NELSON-CRESTON .....	Wesley Drewett Black.
NEW WESTMINSTER .....	Rae Eddie.
NORTH OKANAGAN .....	George William McLeod.
NORTH PEACE RIVER .....	Jacob Francis Huhn.
NORTH VANCOUVER .....	{ Raymond Joseph Perrault.
	{ James Gordon Gibson.
OAK BAY .....	Alan Brock Macfarlane.
OMINECA .....	Cyril Morley Shelford.
PRINCE RUPERT .....	William Harvey Murray.
REVELSTOKE .....	Arvid Waldemar Lundell.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL .....	Donald Leslie Brothers.
SAANICH .....	John Douglas Tisdalle.
SALMON ARM .....	Willis Franklin Jefcoat.
SIMILKAMEEN .....	Francis Xavier Richter.
SKEENA .....	Dudley George Little.
SOUTH OKANAGAN .....	W. A. C. Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER .....	Stanley Carnell.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD .....	{ Eric Charles Fitzgerald Martin.
	{ Bert Price.
VANCOUVER CENTRE .....	{ Leslie R. Peterson.
	{ Alex. S. Matthew.
VANCOUVER EAST .....	{ Alexander Barrett Macdonald.
	{ Arthur James Turner.
	{ Patrick Lucey McGeer.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY .....	{ Robert William Bonner.
	{ Ralph Raymond Loffmark.
	{ William Neelands Chant.
VICTORIA CITY .....	{ Waldo McTavish Skillings.
	{ J. Donald Smith.
YALE .....	William Leonard Hartley.

“ F. HURLEY,  
“ Chief Electoral Officer.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect (standing on His Honour's right) then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In opening the Twenty-seventh Parliament of British Columbia, I wish first to express my confidence that you will discharge your duties wisely and carefully, to the lasting benefit of all our people.

Again during the past year, our Province welcomed a large number of distinguished visitors and special friends. These included Viscount Amory, who visited British Columbia in May before returning to England upon the completion of his duties as British High Commissioner to Canada, and the Right Honourable Sir Ralph Perring, Lord Mayor of London. Other honoured guests included Senora Eva S. de Lopez Mateos, wife of the President of Mexico; His Excellency Ivan F. Skpedko, Ambassador of the Soviet Union; His Excellency Dimce Belovski, Ambassador of Yugoslavia; and His Excellency Sergio Affonso Correa da Costa, Ambassador of Brazil.

There were times of sorrow, too, during the past year, and we were saddened again only this month at the death of the Honourable Byron Ingemar Johnson, M.B.E., Premier of British Columbia from 1947 to 1952. The memory of this distinguished public servant will live long in the hearts of our people. We note with regret the passing of the former Chief Justice of British Columbia, Alexander Campbell DesBrisay; his services on the Bench and in other official capacities were numerous and faithfully rendered. We join all Canadians, and indeed all the world, in sorrow at the death by assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.

On December 4th last, the Honourable William Kenneth Kiernan, Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources, assumed the additional portfolios of Minister of Recreation and Conservation and Minister of Commercial Transport.

My Government has appointed His Honour Judge Charles William Morrow as a Commissioner to inquire into the price structure of gasoline; the report of the Commission will be laid before you in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Inquiries Act*.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Charles William Tysoe, of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia, has been appointed by my Government as a Commissioner under the provisions of the *Public Inquiries Act* to succeed the former Chief Justice of British Columbia, the Honourable A. C. DesBrisay, in the completing of the inquiry into the operation and administration of the *Workmen's Compensation Act*.

My Government reports that the year just ended was one of record-breaking economic achievement by the people of British Columbia, and I am gratified to learn that policies to further stimulate the growth will be carried out during 1964. Notable among these is the hydro-electric power development programme, under which construction of the giant Peace River project is already well under way, while that on the Columbia River is expected to begin this calendar year.

During the past year, construction and engineering design work being carried out by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority for the Peace River development received continuing review by the Department of Water Resources. Three large tunnels to divert the river around the site of the Portage Mountain Dam were completed, and the course of the river was successfully changed in September. The contract for construction of the dam was awarded, and I am advised by my Government that work is proceeding on schedule. Contracts for construction of a new road from Chetwynd to Hudson Hope and for a bridge over the Peace River at Hudson Hope have also been awarded. These installations will provide access to the dam-site from the Hart Highway for the efficient transport of supplies.

Throughout 1963, my Government also continued its studies relating to the engineering requirements of the Columbia River project in order that the earliest possible start might be made on this great undertaking. It is now my pleasant duty to report that agreement between British Columbia and the Government of Canada on development principles has been followed by cordial and beneficial discussions between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments. As a result, my Government is hopeful that the Columbia River Treaty will be ratified by the Parliament of Canada early this year, and that actual construction will begin during 1964.

I am informed that the forest industries of our Province, which experienced a prosperous year in 1963, are pressing forward with plans to develop additional markets and, at the same time, retain traditional markets. I commend to the close attention of Honourable Members the concerted effort of some elements of the American lumber industry to impose import restrictions on Canadian lumber; this serious potential threat to an important segment of British Columbia's economy is one which my Government will continue to oppose vigorously. The pulp and paper industry in our Province is expanding rapidly, with over \$200,000,000 committed to new production facilities. As I have advised you, efforts to increase markets for our wood products are being maintained, and in this connection my Government last year sent a Housing Mission to the United Kingdom in co-operation with the forest industry. The purpose of this mission was to demonstrate the advantages of frame construction incorporating timber and plywood, and encouraging results

were obtained. In the field of forest-fire prevention, favourable summer weather conditions kept 1963 losses below average, and the provision by my Government of stand-by water bombers and helicopters facilitated prompt suppression action.

My Government reports that mineral production in the Province during 1963 surpassed all previously established records. Exploration is continuing at a very high level, and new discoveries are reported from many regions.

The production of both crude oil and natural gas increased during the past year, and the pipe-line industry maintained a steady growth with the construction of some 75 miles of gathering-lines. One of North America's greatest reservoirs of natural gas has been established in the Fort Nelson area, and I am pleased to learn that a 30-inch pipe-line, extending 220 miles from Fort Nelson to Chetwynd, is now under construction to provide a market outlet for these reserves.

You will be asked to consider a revised Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, and legislation governing the underground storage of hydrocarbons, either as liquids or as gases, will be placed before you.

I am informed that agricultural production continued to increase both in volume and in value during 1963. Farm cash income equalled the record high of 1962 despite a levelling-off in the prices of some commodities.

My Government's participation in the new Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Acts programme has now begun, and with the assistance of agriculture and industry groups, market-development studies have been initiated.

With the upgrading from Branch status of the Department of Water Resources, my Government has intensified its efforts in the fields of water-resource utilization and water-damage problems. During the past year, established communities received engineering assistance in the rehabilitation of irrigation and supply systems, and new communities are being assisted toward economic solutions of their supply problems. Responsibility for the administration of the Southern Okanagan Lands Project was assumed by the Department of Water Resources in 1963, and plans are being prepared for rehabilitation of the project's irrigation service. During the past year, too, a report dealing with the flood-control programme for the Fraser River was submitted by the Fraser River Board.

Honourable Members, I have spoken of achievements and plans in the fields of natural-resource development. I wish now to discuss my Government's programmes for the education, health and welfare of our people, who are, of course, our most valuable resource of all.

In the field of higher education, Dr. Gordon Merritt Shrum has been appointed as Chancellor of Simon Fraser University. A Board of Governors has also been appointed, and a native son of British Columbia, Dr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, has been selected as President. Plans for the construction of new buildings on the University's beautiful Burnaby Mountain site are rapidly being completed.

With the elevation to full degree-granting status of the University of Victoria, His Honour Judge Joseph Badenoch Clearihue was appointed as Chancellor, and I am informed that Dr. Malcolm Gordon Taylor has been appointed as President of the University.

Six new buildings were opened during 1963 at the University of British Columbia, and four more are under construction. At the University of Victoria, two new buildings were completed and a third is under construction.

Pursuant to amendments made to the *Public Schools Act* by the Twenty-sixth Parliament, my Government is proceeding to establish district and regional colleges in Vancouver, the Kootenays, and the Okanagan. An Academic Board to advise on matters of higher education has also been appointed.

The continuing increase in school accommodation during the past year is witness of the enlarging scope of my Government's education programme. In all, 228 schools and school additions were completed, providing 637 classrooms and instructional areas. New facilities for the teaching of technical and vocational courses have come into operation, and the Institute of Technology at Burnaby will open in September. A new dormitory building has been completed at Jericho Hill School, and construction of an additional classroom block is planned.

Adult education continues to expand. Enrolment during 1963 was approximately 70,500, as compared with 46,550 during the previous year.

You will be asked during this Session to increase grants to school districts, to authorize increased expenditures for higher education, and to provide grants for the operation of vocational schools. Measures to increase financial assistance through scholarships and bursaries will also be placed before you.

I am pleased to note that my Government, recognizing the desirability of a rehabilitation approach in welfare services, has provided the means of developing such a programme. A co-ordinated effort of the Departments of Health, Education, and Labour, in co-operation with the National Employment Service, has already obtained excellent results. Through these efforts, many citizens are being restored to useful and independent roles in society.

The new Act pertaining to training-schools for children was proclaimed last July. Its policy regulations will greatly assist my Government's on-going treatment programme for the correction and rehabilitation of troubled juveniles. An interim report on a study of juvenile delinquency in rural British Columbia has already been prepared and circulated, and a similar study is now proceeding in urban areas.

In close co-operation with private social agencies and Federal services, my Government is assisting in the development and operation of special placement facilities for disturbed children. Emphasis is being placed on the adoption programme to alleviate the shortage of adoption homes suitable for the placement of the large number of children requiring this care.

My Government will continue to render financial assistance to senior citizens, to co-operate in the programme of boarding-home care for the aged, and to provide welfare service to Indians. I am happy to learn that the provision of housing and recreation centres for elderly citizens is continuing at an expanded rate, and that my Government will maintain its support of these programmes through grants-in-aid.

During the past year, the public health laboratory services provided by my Government were significantly increased through the establishment of a virus laboratory. Speedier diagnosis and more effective action against many communicable diseases will result from this measure.

My Government is co-operating fully with the Federal Government, and with private citizens and organizations, on the matter of smoking and health. An education programme especially designed for children is being pursued vigorously.

My Government is keenly aware of the potential dangers involved in the indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides; a special committee has been appointed to examine the situation and recommend appropriate preventive measures. The hazards attendant upon the increasing use of radioactive materials in industry, research, and medicine are also under close scrutiny; an efficient inspection programme has been developed to ensure the protection both of workers in those fields and of the general public.

In the field of protection from communicable disease, the adoption of oral vaccine for immunization against poliomyelitis is a positive forward step in support of the existing programme of vaccination by injection.

My Government is expanding its programme for the provision of regional mental health centres throughout the Province. The first of these centres, at Kelowna, is now providing psychiatric services for the Okanagan Valley region, while those at Nanaimo and Trail will be completed and in operation this year. Plans are now being developed for the extension of these services to other parts of the Province.

Mental health service has also been increased through the expansion of the after-care programme for patients who have been discharged from the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale. Increased accommodation has now been provided for the admission of mentally retarded patients to the Tranquille School, and the old Provincial Mental Home at Colquitz will shortly be closed.

As a result of my Government's active study of modernized mental health legislation, you will be asked to consider a new Mental Health Act.

Land has been purchased in Victoria for an acute psychiatric and out-patient facility, and construction plans are proceeding.

The continuing success of the hospital insurance programme is amply demonstrated by the record of daily payments to hospitals, which now total \$165,000, as compared to \$50,000 in 1949. My Government estimates that payments to hospitals during the current fiscal year will total more than \$63,000,000.

The accelerated programme of hospital construction continues, with the completion in 1963 of 13 major hospital projects involving 551 beds, at a cost of over \$9,000,000. Still under construction are projects involving over 600 beds at a further cost of \$11,500,000.

With the counsel and guidance of the medical profession, my Government has proceeded with the development of the Rehabilitation and Activation Care Plan. It is estimated that this programme provided for 92,400 patient-days of care during 1963, an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year.

I am heartened to note that 1963 was a peaceful year in the field of industrial relations, and that further real progress was made toward the achievement of better understanding between management and labour. A Labour-Management Conference on Industrial Relations brought together more than 600 representatives of labour, management, and government from many parts of North America; the resultant exchange of view-points and experience will, I am confident, be of lasting value. The Board of Industrial Relations continued its programme of revising minimum wage orders, and travelled to various parts of the Province to hear representations from trade-unions, employers, church groups, and women's organizations. Virtually all orders of the Board have been revised in recent months in order to establish sound and comprehensive protection for working men and women.

You will be asked to consider legislation which will prohibit discrimination in employment against the older worker.

The construction of buildings owned by the Provincial Government continued at a record pace during 1963, with 28 major structures completed at a cost of more than \$15,000,000. Other buildings are nearing completion in various parts of the Province, and further construction is being planned.

My Government is co-operating with the Government of Canada in the administration of the Municipal Development and Loan Fund. You will be asked to consider amendments to the *Municipal Act* and to the *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act*.

The year just ended was a busy one for highway construction, and included completion of the new Salmo-Creston section of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway. This new 40-mile section climbs to more than 5,800 feet, the highest



elevation in our highway system. During 1964, major Trans-Canada Highway projects in the Greater Vancouver area and through the Fraser Canyon will be completed, and an accelerated construction programme will commence on two new major Provincial highways. These are the extension of Highway No. 16 east from Prince George to McBride and reconstruction of the North Thompson Yellowhead Highway between Kamloops and Tête Jaune.

The benefits to all sectors of the Provincial economy of my Government's active programme of highway construction were demonstrated once again in 1963, as the Rogers Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway completed its first year of service. Some 25 major trucking companies whose routes previously detoured through the United States now utilize this all-Canadian transportation link and the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway.

You will be asked at this Session to authorize the removal by my Government of toll charges on the Oak Street Bridge and the Deas Island Tunnel, and the payment in full of the remaining amounts owing on the cost of these structures. This authorization will be sought in keeping with my Government's announced programme for the removal of all bridge and highway tolls, and when granted will complete that programme.

I am informed of further progress during 1963 in the services and patronage of the Ferry Authority. Four major new vessels were in operation on the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen route, additional service was provided on the Horseshoe Bay-Nanaimo route, and service between the Gulf Islands and the Mainland began in July. During 1964, two new vessels will provide additional service on the Horseshoe Bay-Nanaimo route, a new and larger ship for the Gulf Islands service will be constructed, and tenders will be called for a vessel to provide a marine highway link between Kelsey Bay and Prince Rupert, commencing in 1965. The contract for a new car ferry to link Comox and Westview across Georgia Strait has also been awarded by the Department of Highways.

My Government advises me that a new record for in-tourist spending was established in 1963. It is worthy of note that over one million Canadians from other Provinces visited British Columbia during the year—an increase of 40 per cent.

This month marks the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of service on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the performance of the railway during 1963 was indeed rewarding to the faith of my Government, which in the past decade has completely modernized and greatly expanded the railway's operations. Last year, the railway established all-time records both in tonnage carried and in revenue; there is every indication that even greater success will be attained this year. As a further demonstration of its confidence in the vital role which the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will play in the development of our economy, my Government has caused construction to begin on an extension of the railway from Summit Lake to the Fort St. James area, a distance of approximately 100 miles. General improvement of existing facilities and the addition of new equipment are also planned this year.

The number of electricity and gas consumers served by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority continued to increase last year. More generous extension policies have resulted in power being made available to many rural areas which were not previously served. A major new transmission-line from Bridge River brought service for the first time to several areas of the Cariboo in 1963, and the line will be extended to Prince George this year. My Government is pleased to report that the Authority has already been able to reduce its rates to the extent of \$11,200,000 per annum; further reductions will be made.

You will be asked at the present Session to consider legislation designed to further the functioning of County Courts and County Court Judges in order to bring about further improvement in the public service rendered by the Courts.

Honourable Members, I have spoken to you of our achievements and aspirations in a broad range of industrial, educational, cultural, and commercial undertakings. As a further measure of encouragement to the balanced development of our economy, it is the intention of my Government to support all positive measures which will make British Columbia, and our commercial capital of Vancouver in particular, a centre of Canadian finance. Accordingly, you will be asked at this Session to authorize my Government, on behalf of our citizens, to become a limited shareholder in a Federally chartered bank which will be established in this Province.

The Public Accounts and the reports of the departments of my Government will be laid before you. Measures to cope fully with both the current needs and the continuing requirements of our economic growth are embodied in the ways and means of supply to be granted to Her Majesty during the forthcoming year.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties. I am confident that your deliberations, guided by Divine Providence, will be in the best interests of all our citizens.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Probates Recognition Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*,—

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

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, and Messrs. *Bruch*, *Strachan*, and *Perrault*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That *William Collins Speare*, Esquire, member for Cariboo Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary)—

Queen's Printer, Balance-sheet as at March 31, 1963, and Profit and Loss Statement for twelve months ended March 31, 1963.

Report of the Public Library Commission for the year ended December 31, 1963.

Detailed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Capital Improvement District Commission for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Return submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 199 of the *Provincial Elections Act, 1953*, chapter 5 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1953 (Second Session).

Eighth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Twenty-second Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the year ended December 31, 1962.

Report containing a record of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Services Medical Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Third Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act* for the third policy year, July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General)—

Forty-second Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1963.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30, 1963.

Fifty-second Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1962.

Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1962. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1963.

Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1963.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act*: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the *Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1963.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1963.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1963, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Twenty-first Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1963, to December 31, 1963.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources)—

Report of the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources for the year ended December 31, 1962.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce)—

Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the year ended December 31, 1963. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Minister of Education)—

Ninety-second Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance)—

Fifteenth Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1 to December 31, 1963.

Annual Report of the Mental Health Services Branch, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance for twelve months ended March 31, 1963.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation)—

Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation for the year ended December 31, 1963.

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Social Welfare)—

Annual Report of the Department of Social Welfare for the year ended March 31, 1963.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Commercial Transport)—

Department of Commercial Transport Annual Report, 1963.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)—

Copies of Agreements with the Government of Canada regarding the Columbia River power development, one dated July 8, 1963, and one dated January 13, 1964.

First Annual Report of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority for the fiscal period March 30, 1962, to March 31, 1963.

Public Utilities Commission Twenty-third Annual Report, pursuant to section 35 of the *Motor Carrier Act*, for the licence-year ended February 28, 1963.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.08 p.m.

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**Friday, January 24, 1964**

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, presented to the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Premier, the pen with which Dean Rusk, the United States Secretary of State, and the Hon. Paul Martin, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, signed the Columbia River Power Development Protocol and Sales Agreement in the Treaty Room at the White House, Washington, D.C., on the 22nd day of January, 1964.

Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brothers*,—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented the following:—

Annual Report of the British Columbia Water Resources Service of the Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources for the twelve months ended December 31, 1963.

Return of Lands Exchanged under section 62 of chapter 206, *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, from January 15, 1963, to January 9, 1964.

Land Settlement Board (including Agricultural Credit Commission)—Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1962.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

**Monday, January 27, 1964**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. *James Mutchmor*.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Barrett*,—

That the motion be amended by the addition of the following words:—

“ This House regrets that the Throne Speech does not indicate on the part of this Government any real awareness of the deep-seated problems related to the administration of social welfare and the general public dissatisfaction with it and, further, the Throne Speech fails to signify that the Government has any intention of providing an adequate mental health programme in our Province.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>McKay</i>		

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Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Huhn</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McLeod</i>	<i>Lundell</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Squire*

*MacSorley*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Mr. Speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

## Monday, January 27, 1964

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* (on behalf of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 9.31 p.m.

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## Tuesday, January 28, 1964

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Jones*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 23rd of January, 1964, as follows:—

### REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

January 28, 1964.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 23 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS. — Messrs. *Matthew* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Loffmark*, *Price*, *Skillings*, *Speare*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Messrs. *Gargrave*, *Macdonald*, *Turner*, and *McKay*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING. — Messrs. *Brothers* (Convener), *Little*, *Loffmark*, *Lundell*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, Messrs. *Harding*, *Nimsick*, *Strachan*, *Stupich*, and *Perrault*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS. — Messrs. *Carnell* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Huhn*, *Little*, *McLeod*, *Shelford*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Calder*, *Harding*, *Hartley*, *Nimsick*, and *Gibson*.

AGRICULTURE. — Messrs. *Jefcoat* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Huhn*, *Shelford*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, the Hon. *F. X. Richter*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Stupich*, Mrs. *Haggen*, and Mr. *Perrault*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS. — Messrs. *Bruch* (Convener), *Lundell*, *McLeod*, *MacSorley*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, *Hartley*, *Nimsick*, *Turner*, and *Macfarlane*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES. — Messrs. *Shelford* (Convener), *Campbell*, *Chabot*, *Huhn*, *Jefcoat*, *Little*, *Robinson*, *Calder*, *Gargrave*, *Squire*, and *Gibson*.

LABOUR. — Messrs. *Campbell* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Chabot*, *MacSorley*, *Robinson*, *Smith*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Eddie*, *Macdonald*, *Squire*, and *McKay*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION. — Messrs. *Price* (Convener), *LeCours*, *Loffmark*, *Lundell*, *McLeod*, *MacSorley*, *Speare*, *Barrett*, *Dowding*, Mrs. *Haggen*, and Mr. *McGeer*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

On all following days of the Session there will be two separate sittings—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

Motion agreed to.

**67** Mr. *Calder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:—

1. Was there any expenditure by the Provincial Government in 1963/64 on the construction of the Stewart-Cassiar Road?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the amount so expended?

3. Was any money received by the Provincial Government from the Federal Government for the construction of the Stewart-Cassiar Road during 1963/64?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what was the total amount so received?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. \$1,776,855.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. \$875,735.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.16 p.m.