
Saturday, March 28th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Limitation of Actions" was committed, the Committee rose without report.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Guarantee by the Province of a certain Promissory Note to be made by the British Columbia Cancer Foundation" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and certain Drainage and Dyking Works on Lulu Island" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Warehousemen's Lien Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians," Mr. *Gillis* rose to a point of order. Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 10th instant, as follows:—

Whereas there has been a gradual raise in commodity prices during the year; and

Whereas the present maximum relief scales are entirely inadequate to maintain minimum standards of health and comfort, in view of the increased cost of living; and

Whereas the maximum scale set for the relief maintenance of children up to the age of 21 is a blanket scale which does not take into account the differing needs of the various age-groups of growing children:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the maximum scales of relief should be revised and brought into closer conformity with present commodity prices.

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the present relief scale for children, covering all ages up to 21, should be abolished and a graduated relief scale substituted therefor, which would take into consideration the needs of children as they emerge into different stages of growth and maturity.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, to amend as follows:—

"Whereas representations have been made that there has been a gradual raise in commodity prices during the year and that there should be a general revision of the allowances now being made to persons on relief; and

"Whereas the Committee on Unemployment and Relief at the Dominion-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa in December, 1935, recommended to the Federal Government proposals as to future policy on employment and relief in Canada, one resolution reading: 'That there be established a Dominion Commission on Employment and Relief with broad functions and powers which would include the following: (b) To determine the general standards, regulations, and conditions to be met by any Province in order to qualify for participation in Dominion funds':

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is not deemed expedient to make any change in relief allowances at the present time, as it will be the function of the Dominion Commission to make provision in any regulations they may issue for the purpose of meeting any increase or decrease in commodity prices and to determine the general standard of relief to be given to adults and children."

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

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

Whereas it has been brought to the attention of this Legislative Assembly that hospital employees are alleged to be working excessive hours and receiving exceedingly low rates of pay; and

Whereas the employees in hospitals are anxious to have their conditions of working greatly improved:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House all hospital staffs should be brought immediately within the scope of the "Hours of Work Regulations" and the "Minimum Wage Acts."

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "pay" in the third line, and to insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House draw the attention of the Board of Industrial Relations to the allegations and ask that they be investigated."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 27th instant with reference to such Bill, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order was raised by the Honourable the Prime Minister as to the regularity of Bill No. 41.

I find section 2 and section 3 of this Bill affects Crown lands and, by numerous decisions of this House, is out of order. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, Vols. I. and II.)

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

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

1. In what newspapers were the following Timber Sales advertised: Timber Sale X18360, August 20th, 1935; Timber Sale X18977, October 2nd, 1935; Timber Sale X18971, October 3rd, 1935; Timber Sale X15601, October 17th, 1935; Timber Sale X19123, December 4th, 1935?

2. Have payments for the above timber sales been made in full?

3. If not, how much has been paid?

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

"1. All advertised in Revelstoke Review and three in B.C. Gazette.

"2. All payments due to date under the timber-sale regulations have been paid in full to a total of \$830.14. Under the terms of the timber-sale contracts the balance is payable as timber is scaled and accounts issued.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Monday, March 30th, 1936.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Gillis* on the 28th instant on the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians," as follows:—

Honourable Members,—*Re* Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians," a point of order was taken by the honourable member for Yale on the regularity of this Bill under section 14, imposing penalties and fines.

This section is irregular unless it receives the consent of the Crown. The right to impose a prison sentence upon citizens of the country is a constitutional responsibility falling upon the Government. Concerning as it does the liberties of the subject, section 14 is out of order unless consent of the Crown is received before third reading of the Bill. The Bill cannot be allowed to proceed while containing this section. (*See B.C. Journals*, 1931, p. 128; 1932, pp. 75 and 76.)

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, a member of the Executive Council, thereupon acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been informed of the said Bill, and had directed him to declare that he recommended it to the consideration of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose on a question of privilege with reference to statements in a certain newspaper regarding himself and the policy of the Government, which, he stated, were incorrect and misleading, and moved, "That this House regrets the publication of material injurious to the welfare of British Columbia."

By leave of the House, the motion was thereupon withdrawn.

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

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Sanatoria and other Institutions for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Warehousemen's Lien Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Whittaker*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was again committed, 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 12.40 p.m.

Monday, March 30th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance" was committed.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on such Bill reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee on Mr. *Sutherland's* motion to amend as follows:—

To insert the following as section 6, and renumber the following sections:—

"6. Every person who from time to time is unable to provide medical and hospital care for himself and dependents, and is domiciled in the Province of British Columbia, shall be entitled to all benefits under this Act."

That the Chairman had ruled the amendment in order, and that his ruling had been appealed from.

It being the wish of the Committee, as expressed by the Chairman, that Mr. Speaker should state his views with respect to the point of order in question, he reserved same for further consideration.

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee on Mr. *McKeen's* motion to amend as follows:—

Section 8: To add the following as subsection (3):

"(3.) There shall be paid into the Fund out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, an amount equal to the total amount contributed in the preceding year by all employees, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1)."

That the Chairman had ruled the amendment out of order, and that his ruling had been appealed from.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

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| <i>King</i> ✓ | <i>Harris</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Burns</i> ✓ | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Uphill</i> ✓ | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> ✓ | <i>Price</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Pearson</i> ✓ |
| <i>Bakewell</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> ✓ | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Swailes</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>Winch, E. E.</i> ✓ | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Carson</i> ✓ | |

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

Murray
Strachan
Planta
Savage

Wismer ✓
Anscomb ✓
Bruhn

Pooley
Gillis ✓
Barrow

Sutherland
Johnson ✓
McKeen

The Committee rose and reported progress, to sit again at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 30th, 1936.

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

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30th, 1936.

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. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. D. McPherson presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 30th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

1. A proposal was made to this Committee that some aid in the way of transportation be given to prospectors in remote localities in lieu of the usual grants for roads and trails, where such grants cannot be taken advantage of. We urge consideration of this proposal.

2. We desire to emphasize the excessive cost of mining and milling machinery for British Columbia mines, and endorse a resolution urging the Federal Government to substantially reduce tariff duties on such equipment, particularly when of a class, type, size, or capacity not manufactured in Canada.

3. We suggest that the Federal Department of Mines arrange for more prompt publication of geological reports affecting British Columbia, and that interim or quarterly reports be issued for the benefit of prospectors prior to the usual opening of the prospecting season.

4. We recommend the amendment of the "Engineering Act," section 23, chapter 79, so as to make the \$5,000 development limit applicable to public companies only.

5. This Committee has given full consideration to opinions held and representations made as to the necessity of repealing the present "Securities Act," and while such requests have come from several quarters, we are unanimously of the opinion that the clamour for the repeal of this Act is not entirely disinterested, and that the mining industry as a whole does not desire that the Act be repealed at this Session. We recommend, however, that the administration of the Act be placed in the hands of a Board consisting of the present administrator, a competent mining engineer, and a third party familiar with the difficulties and peculiarities of mining finances.

6. The problem of assisting mining districts capable of producing commercial ores which are prohibited from operating by the fact that smelters are unable to accept more than a small fraction of the quantity offered has been seriously considered by this Committee, and it is increasingly evident that facilities for the treatment of these ores at, or near, the point of production offers a ready solution. We note that some attention has been given to this matter by the Department and we urge a continuance thereof. We feel it particularly appropriate that the Government should immediately and thoroughly study the question of portable mills, obtaining data from outside places, including California, where this type of mill is becoming very common, some of them constructed on trucks and movable from point to point whenever desired.

7. We reiterate a suggestion of a year ago that steps be taken to eliminate the difficulties arising from interpretation of section 23 of the "Mineral Act" and section 24 of the "Forest Act," which matter has been called to the attention of both departments. We strongly urge that the necessary legislation to remedy the conditions prevailing in this regard be introduced at the next Session, and suggest every co-operation between the two departments concerned for that purpose.

8. Representations were made to this Committee by those interested in the more general use of silver coinage, and we endorse the efforts of that body.

9. We suggest a study of the system of mining taxation in effect in Australia, with a view to attracting more capital to British Columbia for mining purposes.

10. In conclusion, we respectfully urge upon all those interested in or connected with the mining industry, governmental or otherwise, the necessity of courageous and progressive measures for its development, and we emphasize the view-point of the mining areas of the Province to the end that their interests be given sympathetic consideration. We feel that a Province which depends for its prosperity upon mining to the extent that British Columbia does should be prepared to provide substantial grants for publicity in connection with our mining resources and larger grants for mining roads and trails.

In considering drawbacks inflicted upon the mining industry through inability of producers to market their ores, we note with satisfaction that an interest is being taken in this

matter by British and European companies, and recommend that publicity be given to the advantages thus offered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. MCPHERSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 30th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held six meetings. Various delegations, including representations of Union of British Columbia Municipalities, were heard and their representations were carefully considered.

Various amendments to the "Municipal Act," "Village Municipalities Act," "Town Planning Act," "Municipal Elections Act," and "Land Registry Act" were approved and recommended for the consideration of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee 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. Mr. *Sloan*, Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Have any complaints been received regarding the wages and labour conditions at the Alouette Peat Products Company plants at Pitt Meadows and Alouette?
2. If yes, has any action been taken, or is any action being considered?

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

"1. Yes. Letter to Minister of Labour, dated December 4th, 1935, from S. A. Ebner, representing workers at Alouette Peat Products Company, Pitt Meadows, asking advice on questions pertaining to payment of wages arising out of financial position of company.

"2. Deputy Minister of Labour conveyed all available information to S. A. Ebner by letter on December 11th, to which no reply or acknowledgement was received. Department advised on December 17th that all wages had been paid in full."

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

1. Has a Resident Engineer been appointed for Mineral Survey District No. 5?
2. If so: (a) Who is the Resident Mining Engineer; (b) where are his headquarters; (c) what remuneration does he receive; (d) is he a registered professional mining engineer; (e) what was the date of his registration?
3. What was the total mineral production each during the past year for Mineral Survey Districts No. 5 and No. 6?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) T. E. H. Sargent; (b) Nelson, B.C.; (c) \$3,600 per annum, gross; (d) no, unless he is registered this year; (e) answered by the above.

"3. Compilation of statistics for 1935 not yet completed."

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

1. What is the relief scale for food for each man, woman, and child?
2. What is the amount in the scale for clothing for each?
3. What is the amount to be deducted from each family for water, light, and rent?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Relief payments are made according to the circumstances and degree of destitution of the individuals from month to month, and then only for the necessities of life that cannot be obtained through their own efforts or are not otherwise provided for them.”

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 5.40 p.m.

Monday, March 30th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act, 1934’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Barbers Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

On the Order being called for Adjourned Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance,” Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement of his views for the guidance of the House with reference to the point of order raised in Committee this afternoon upon the amendment moved by Mr. *Sutherland*, which the Chairman ruled in order and from which ruling an appeal was taken.

Honourable Members,—The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House has reported to me that the Committee has appealed against his ruling that the following amendment proposed by the honourable member for Revelstoke is in order:—

“To insert the following as section 6, and renumber the following sections:—

“‘Every person who from time to time is unable to provide medical and hospital care for himself and dependents, and is domiciled in the Province of British Columbia, shall be entitled to all benefits under this Act.’”

Under Standing Order 61 (3), such an appeal from the ruling of the Chairman is to the House, and the question before the House is “Shall the decision of the Chairman be confirmed?” (*Beauchesne*, par. 534.)

It is the practice of Parliament for the Speaker to give general guidance to the House on the matter on which the decision of the House is sought.

In fact, the Committee or the Chairman has frequently sought the opinion of the Speaker before the Chairman gives a decision and before the Committee appeals from such decision. The Speaker will not give an opinion on the matter unless the Committee desires him so to do. (*May*, 449, note 5; *May*, 536, note 5; *May*, 465.)

The Committee of the Whole sought my opinion for their guidance, and it is respectfully submitted as follows:—

The amendment evidently endeavours to provide the benefits under Part III. of Bill No. 26 ("An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance") for every person domiciled in British Columbia who is unable to provide medical and hospital care for himself and dependents out of his own resources.

The amendment does not specify what fund, if any, shall be charged with the cost of such proposed benefits.

The amendment is remarkable for its omission to mention this most important requirement.

It is therefore vague, meaningless, and inoperative without some addition thereto clearly setting out the fund to be charged with the costs of the additional beneficiaries.

It would appear that there are only two funds which could be charged with such costs. One is the Health Insurance Fund itself, created under Part II. of the Bill. The other is obviously the Consolidated Revenues of the Province.

If the costs are to be charged to the latter, then the amendment is out of order under Standing Order 67 of this House, and Revised Statutes of B.C., 1924, chapter 45, section 52, being the "Constitution Act."

If the Health Insurance Fund is to be charged with the cost of the benefits proposed to be conferred, then it necessarily follows as a reasonable supposition that the employers' and employees' contributions to the Health Insurance Fund would require to be raised. Therefore, the contributors to the Health Insurance Fund would be required to bear not only the cost of the health insurance for the contributing employees under the Bill, but would be charged with the cost of health insurance of all those people in British Columbia who from time to time are unable to pay their own medical and hospital expenses, and are not contributors under the Bill.

This would certainly be the imposition of a charge upon the people, and upon one section of the people, the contributors to the Health Insurance Fund.

No member has the right to introduce legislation which imposes a charge upon the people, and certainly not upon a special section of the people, without the consent of the Crown. (B.C. Standing Orders 65, 66, and 67; *Mau*, 511.)

I also submit section 54 of the "British North America Act," which is applicable to Provincial Legislatures by section 90 of same Act.

"It shall not be lawful for the House of Commons to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to that House by Message of the Governor-General in the session in which such vote, resolution, address, or Bill is proposed."

The amendment to be operative must entail charges upon either the Consolidated Revenues of the Province or upon the Health Insurance Fund, and therefore violates in either case the Standing Orders of this House, the "Constitution Act" of this Province, and the "British North America Act."

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

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| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Pooley</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Planta</i> | <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>McKeen</i> |
| <i>Savage</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | |

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

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| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>Johnson</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Swales</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>Burns</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Price</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen with reference to the amendment moved by Mr. *Swales*, as follows:—

Section 11, line 6: To strike out all the words after the word “that,” and to substitute therefor the words “the total of contributions shall not exceed one per centum on incomes of \$1,000 or less per year, two per centum on incomes of \$1,001 to \$2,000 per year, three per centum on incomes of \$2,001 or over per year.”

That the Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, and that an appeal had been taken from his decision.

On the question being put, it was *Resolved* that the ruling of the Chairman be sustained.

Committee rose and reported progress, to sit again at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act,’” with amendment, enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendment to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30th, 1936.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend section 15 of the Bill by striking out subsection (1) of enacted section 190A, and substituting therefor the following:—

“190A. (1.) No person other than the claimant shall, directly or indirectly, negotiate or solicit the right to negotiate the settlement of a claim on behalf of a claimant for loss or damage resulting from bodily injury to or the death of any person, nor shall he act as an investigator, consultant, or adjuster for or otherwise advise the person claiming such loss or damage with respect to any negotiations for settlement.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment and the Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act,’” be referred to the Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.

Bill considered as amended and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*:—

1. How many motor-vehicles were licensed in British Columbia during the calendar year 1935?
2. How many motor-vehicles were licensed on Vancouver Island during the calendar year 1935?
3. What was the total revenue derived during 1935 from automobile licences, registrations, and transfers: (a) In British Columbia; (b) on Vancouver Island?
4. What was the total number of drivers' and chauffeurs' licences issued during 1935: (a) In British Columbia; (b) on Vancouver Island?
5. What was the total revenue received from such drivers' and chauffeurs' licences and fees during 1935: (a) In British Columbia; (b) on Vancouver Island?

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

1. Were any changes made in the personnel of the female stenographic staff of the Provincial Police in Victoria during 1935?
2. Were applications received from persons holding Civil Service qualifications as well as persons not holding Civil Service qualifications?
3. If so, from which class were the positions filled?
4. If from the class not holding Civil Service qualifications, why?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Yes.
- " 3. Filled from both classes.
- " 4. Staff of Provincial Police does not come under the Civil Service regulations."

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

1. Was the constitutional validity of the following Dominion Statutes or any of them argued during the early part of this year before the Supreme Court of Canada on references by the Dominion Government: (a) "The Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, 1934," and amendments; (b) section 498A of the Criminal Code of Canada; (c) "The Weekly Rest in Industrial Undertakings Act," being chapter 14 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935; (d) "The Minimum Wages Act," being chapter 44 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935; (e) "The Limitation of Hours of Work Act," being chapter 63 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935; (f) "The Employment and Social Insurance Act," being chapter 38 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935; (g) "The Natural Products Marketing Act, 1934," and amending Act, 1935; (h) "The Dominion Trade and Industry Commission Act," being chapter 59 of the Statutes of Canada, 1935?
2. If so, of what Statutes?
3. Was the Province of British Columbia represented by counsel on the hearings in respect of the said Statutes or any of them?
4. If so, upon what hearings, and by what counsel in each such hearing?
5. Which of the said Statutes were supported in respect of constitutional validity by the said counsel?
6. Which of the said Statutes were attacked in respect of constitutional validity by the said counsel?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Those enumerated in question No. 1.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. (a.) 'The Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, 1934': counsel, Mr. J. L. Ralston, K.C. (b.) Section 498A of the Criminal Code of Canada: Attorney-General and Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (c.) 'The Weekly Rest in Industrial Undertakings Act': Attorney-General and Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (d.) 'The Minimum Wage Act': Attorney-General and Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (e.) 'The Limitation of Hours of Work Act': Attorney-General and Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (f.) 'The Employment and Social Insurance Act':

Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (g.) 'The Natural Products Marketing Act, 1934': Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C. (h.) 'The Dominion Trade and Industry Commission Act': Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, K.C.

"5. 'The Natural Products Marketing Act,' and in view of stand taken by Dominion Government, in factum filed, that unemployment is a national responsibility; 'The Employment and Social Insurance Act,' except objection was taken that this Act could not be upheld under section 132 of the 'British North America Act.'

"6. Those Statutes enumerated in answer No. 4, except those referred to in answer No. 5."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1936.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *MacKay* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 28th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways, consisting of Messrs. *MacKay, Johnson, Tupper, Murray, Planta, and Price*, begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee sat three times during the Session. No business was referred to the Committee by the Legislature. Your Committee felt, however, that, in view of the very large investment the Province has in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, matters affecting the railway should be considered and discussed.

Your Committee interested itself particularly with the more permanent influences upon the life and structure of the road, influences that are beginning to seriously affect its future.

These influences may be summarized as follows:—

(1.) Lack of a connecting-link by land from Squamish to Whytecliff, a distance of 27 miles.

(2.) Expansion in the use of motor transport.

Your Committee is also of the opinion that less than car-load service with methods of rate-making, entirely divorced from the present standard of car-load rate, should be brought into effect and that terminal services in certain areas should be provided by the railway.

The following resolution, unanimously endorsed by your Committee, is submitted for consideration:—

"That whereas this Province has a huge investment in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; and

"Whereas the said railway is handicapped through absence of connection by land with Greater Vancouver:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Government be urged to consider ways and means of providing contact by land between Squamish and the Metropolis either by railway or highway.

"And that this Committee point out that a highway from Squamish to the present highway at Whytecliff would be in length 27 miles; that total cost of construction of said highway would be approximately \$750,000.

"And that the Committee further point out that construction of such a highway would provide an important feeder to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; would open up valuable Crown lands; would create an important tourist attraction; that its construction would provide a market for motor-cars and trucks at towns along the way now cut off from travel by highways; that it would be a link in a highway system later to be built to Garibaldi Park and the Bridge River country; that its construction would assist in the solution of the unemployment problem of the City of Vancouver.

"And be it further Resolved, That the Government urge upon the Dominion Government that this proposed work should receive financial assistance from the Dominion Treasury.

"And that, should public money not be available for said proposed project, the Government consider inviting tenders for the work from private groups willing to undertake the project on a self-liquidating basis."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. MACKAY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Has the Provincial Treasury any sums collected on account of income tax in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1935, for which no applications for refunds have been made?
2. If so, how much did these amounts total as at February 29th, 1936?

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

“1 and 2. No moneys collected on account of income tax and which are known to be refundable are retained by the Crown.”

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 12.22 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Survey and Development Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Savings and Loan Associations Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Mr. *Barrow* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 30th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That we respectfully urge that interest rates upon arrears of taxes on farm and ranch lands be reduced; and that farmers and ranchers in unorganized districts be permitted to pay their taxes in instalments if unable to pay in full; and that we express our pleasure at the decision of the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture to resume annual meetings of Farmers' Institute delegates at Victoria.

E. D. BARROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mrs. *Smith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 31st, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee commends the Government on the progress being made in the revision of the Statutes of British Columbia. This revision will not be completed until after the Fall Session, when it is hoped to include amendments to the “British North America Act.” It is anticipated that printing will be completed in January, 1937.

Your Committee of last Session recommended that a small charge be made for annual reports and that this plan be extended to other departments. These departments have been circularized and they advised against such procedure.

Your Committee understands there has been considerable reduction in size of the annual reports for the various departments of the Government over a period of years. During the fiscal year 1929–30 reports cost \$19,592.70, including \$1,577 for half-tone illustrations, and

the fiscal year 1934-35 shows a decrease, the total cost being \$12,049.85, including \$560.85 for half-tone illustrations, or a reduction of \$7,542.85. Your Committee further recommends that reports be as much curtailed as possible.

Your Committee reports with pleasure the first result of a recommendation, made two Sessions ago, that efforts be made to print more text-books in the Government Printing Plant, using Canadian products. "Modern Composition," 472 pages, was printed and placed on the Curriculum during 1935. Seventeen and a half tons Canadian material were used and upward of \$4,500 paid in wages to British Columbia mechanics in the production of this composition.

In conclusion, your Committee commends the King's Printer on his efficiency of management and the fine results achieved in the Government Printing Plant. The Committee also commends the King's Printer for excellent service and courtesy throughout his extremely long working-days of the Session of the House, and wishes to recommend to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary that a sessional allowance be made to this servant for services rendered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HELEN D. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. Did the Department of Public Works advertise for tenders for hard-surfacing any roads during the year 1935?
2. If so, in what newspapers did such advertisement appear, and in how many issues of each newspaper?
3. If so, how many tenders were received, which firms tendered, and what figures were submitted by each firm?
4. If tenders were not advertised for, what method was adopted by the Department to secure tenders for this work, if any?
5. How many contracting firms, if any, participated in this work?
6. On what basis, if any, were tenders accepted?
7. What mileage, if any, of hard-surfacing did each firm do, and in what districts was the work done by each firm?
8. What was the cost per mile of surfacing, if any, in each district?
9. Did any manufacturer of hard-surfacing material in British Columbia or in Canada assist in any way in financing the hard-surface work; and, if so, what amount, and in what way?
10. If not financed by any private firm or firms, from what source was the money obtained to do this work, if any?

1. Did the Government carry on any hard-surfacing during 1935?
2. If so, what was the mileage, and in which electoral districts was it carried on?
3. What amount was expended in each district, and from what sources did the money come from for carrying out such work?

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

1. (a) What value was placed on the highways of British Columbia in 1926? (b) What sums have been borrowed for highway purposes on the security of the gasoline tax since 1926? (i) The total amount to date (ii) in each year? (c) What value is placed on the highways of British Columbia to-day? (d) What was the mileage of roads in British Columbia in 1926? (e) What is the mileage of roads in British Columbia to-day?
2. (a) What mileage of roads was hard-surfaced in the calendar year 1935. (b) Where was such hard-surfacing done? (c) What was the cost of such hard-surfacing on each section of road?

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

"1. (a) See Public Accounts, 1925-26; (b) none; (c) see Public Accounts, 1934-35; (d) see Public Works Report, 1925-26; (e) see Public Works Report, 1934-35.

"2. See Return presented in reply to questions No. 32 and No. 47 on Orders of the Day No. 38 in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*."

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

1. Was any surfacing of highways undertaken in the Nelson-Creston or Rossland-Trail Districts during 1935?
2. If so, how many miles were surfaced, and how many miles of each classification of surfacing?
3. If answer to No. 1 is in affirmative, was any work done by contract?
4. If so, to whom were contracts awarded, and on what basis?
5. If answer to No. 3 is in affirmative, were tenders called?
6. If so, what were the various tenders on each section?
7. If answer to No. 3 is in affirmative, what was the total cost of such work: (a) Under contract schedules; (b) as extras, if any?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2 to 7. See Return presented in reply to questions No. 32 and No. 47 on Orders of the Day No. 38 in the name of Mr. Bruhn.”

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

1. Did the Department receive any notification of a fatal accident on the highway near Salmo on or about January 26th last, in which a Mr. Bradshaw and a Miss Smith lost their lives?
2. If so, why was not this information included in answers to question No. 116, to which a reply was given on March 20th?

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

“ 1. Yes; a verbal report in connection with preferring a charge of manslaughter against the driver of the truck in which the deceased were riding.

“ 2. Answers to question No. 116 were collated from record of Coroners' inquests and inquiries, and it is regrettable that due to some reason, for which explanations are being requested, the return covering the deaths in question had not been received in the Department from the Coroner. From information now received, however, the Coroner's jury brought in a verdict as follows: 'That Roy Bradshaw and Jean Smith came to their deaths on Sunday, January 26th, 1936, on the highway about three-quarters of a mile north of Salmo, B.C., caused by the overturning of a motor-truck, and that the said Roy Bradshaw and Jean Smith came to their deaths accidentally. We are of the opinion that the accident was probably caused by the icy condition of the road and the acceleration of speed occasioned by the driver's attempt to straighten out the truck after skidding.' A charge of manslaughter as above mentioned in No. 1 is pending.”

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

1. Did the Government spend any money on the Hope-Princeton Road during the year 1935; and, if so, how much?
2. If so, what was the nature of the work done?
3. Did the Government supply any equipment to the Federal Government on the Hope-Princeton Road during the year 1935?
4. If so: (a) How many power-shovels; (b) tractors, give capacity; (c) trucks, give capacity; (d) graders?
5. Will the Government carry on work on the Hope-Princeton Road during the year 1936?
6. What is the estimated cost of completing the Hope-Princeton Road?

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

“ 1. Yes; \$64,112.01 by Department.

“ 2. New construction by Department of National Defence; maintenance by Public Works Department.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. (a) Four; (b) six (one 60, two 40, one 30, two 20); (c) eighteen (ten 1½-ton, four 2½-ton, three 2-ton, one 1-ton); (d) two.

“ 5. This Department's action will be contingent on Federal Government's future policy with respect to relief camps.

“ 6. One and one-quarter million dollars.”

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

1. What sum of money was expended on roads in the Omineca Riding from maintenance vote from January 1st, 1935, to January 1st, 1936?
2. What amount was expended on roads during the same period from capital account?
3. What amount was expended on bridges during the same period?

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

- “ 1. \$57,618.
 “ 2. \$21,088.
 “ 3. \$24,073.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

In reference to answer No. 5 in the Return filed by the Honourable Minister of Public Works on March 9th, in answer to question No. 41 on Orders of the Day No. 9: (a.) Who was the driver of car No. 16-002 that injured Major Warner? (b.) Is he an employee of the Provincial Government? (c.) If not, by what authority was he driving a Government car? (d.) If an employee of the Province, what position does he occupy? (e.) What amount was paid Major Warner for injuries received?

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

“ See Return presented on March 9th, 1936 (Votes and Proceedings No. 10). The Return contained all the information on the files in the Department.”

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 5.42 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members.”

Bill (No. 31) intituled “ An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Chiropractic Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On consideration of Bill (No. 26) intituled “ An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance,” as reported with amendments from Committee of the Whole, Mr. *Bruhn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, to amend as follows:—

Section 45, line 2: To strike out all the words in the second line, and to substitute therefor the words “ Resolution of the Legislative Assembly at the Fourth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

Murray
Strachan
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Savage

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NAYS—30.

Messieurs

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| <i>King</i> | <i>Harris</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Burns</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>Bakewell</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Swailes</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Leary</i> | | |

On consideration of the said Bill (No. 26) as amended in Committee of the Whole, Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Planta*, to amend as follows:—

To add after clause (c) the following:—

“(d.) Any employee of any bona-fide co-operative marketing association operating for the principal purpose of the co-operative marketing of the agricultural products of its members.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

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| <i>Murray</i> | <i>Savage</i> | <i>Pooley</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Planta</i> | <i>Bruhn</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | |

NAYS—32.

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| <i>King</i> | <i>Harris</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Burns</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>McKeen</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>Bakewell</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>Swailes</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |

On consideration of said Bill (No. 26) as amended in Committee of the Whole, Mr. *Sutherland* moved, seconded by Mr. *Barrow*, to amend as follows:—

Section 21, subsec. (2), clause (d), lines 8 and 9: To strike out the words “nor more than five dollars and fifty cents.”

The amendment was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

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| <i>King</i> | <i>Swailes</i> | <i>Pooley</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Gillis</i> |
| <i>Murray</i> | <i>Burns</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Planta</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> | <i>Tupper</i> |
| <i>Savage</i> | <i>Bruhn</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>McKeen</i> |
| <i>Bakewell</i> | | | |

NAYS—18.

Messieurs

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| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>Putnam</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Harris</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>Leary</i> | <i>Weir</i> | | |

Amendment read a first and second time.

On the motion of Mr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved* that the clause as amended be added to the Bill, and that such clause stand part of the Bill.

Bill considered as amended and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

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| <i>King</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Harris</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>Burns</i> | | | |

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

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| <i>Murray</i> | <i>Bakewell</i> | <i>Bruhn</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Swailles</i> | <i>Pooley</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Planta</i> | <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | <i>McKeen</i> |
| <i>Savage</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | | |

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*, as follows:—

Whereas press dispatches from Ottawa report that Ministerial announcements have been made in Parliament that it is the intention of the Government to bring in amendments to the "Elections Act" (Dominion) at the present Session:

And whereas it has been for some time stated in the public press that certain persons are in favour of extending the franchise to Orientals:

And whereas, so far as British Columbia is concerned, it has been the invariable policy not to extend such privilege, as witnessed the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" down through the years, since this Province entered Confederation:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House views with alarm any suggestion of extending the franchise to Orientals, and desires to go on record as being unalterably opposed thereto.

And be it further *Resolved*, That a humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of this Resolution and the preambles thereto be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary of State and other officials of the Government of Canada.

Mr. *Speaker* delivered the following decision:—

Honourable Members,—In reference to Motion No. 4 by the honourable member for Esquimalt, I am of the opinion this motion is out of order for the following reasons:—

The preamble to the Resolution refers to alleged "press dispatches" and to the "intention of the Government" and to the "opinions of certain persons," all of which, in my opinion, cites matters and documents not before this House. (*May*, 328-9; *Journals*, March 23rd, 1935.)

I also think that in introducing the word "Orientals" in the Resolution that this tends towards casting opprobrious reflections upon citizens of other countries with whom we are in friendly relation, and is liable to give annoyance. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. I., pages 93-94; *May*, pages 324, 236.)

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Pooley* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

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| <i>King</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Barrow</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>Asselstine</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | <i>Connell</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> | <i>McKeen</i> |
| <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Steeves, Mrs.</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>MacPherson, F. M.</i> |
| <i>Savage</i> | <i>McPherson, D.</i> | <i>Weir</i> | <i>Pearson</i> |
| <i>Harris</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Tupper</i> | <i>Gray</i> |
| <i>Burns</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | <i>Carson</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Whittaker</i> | |

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

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| <i>Murray</i> | <i>Planta</i> | <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Pooley</i> |
| <i>MacKay</i> | <i>Bakewell</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> |
| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Swailes</i> | <i>Bruhn</i> | |

On the motion of Mr. *Wilkinson*, seconded by Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the House of Commons of Canada is presently considering the report of the Honourable Mr. Justice J. D. Hyndman, presented under Royal authority, dealing with the solution of the problem of unemployment as related to ex-service men:

And whereas all veteran organizations in Canada have passed resolutions favouring the establishment of an age-limit of 50 years under the "War Veterans' Allowance Act":

And whereas this House is of opinion that the claims of the war veterans are justified:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House goes on record as in favour of fixing the age-limit of veterans entitled to recognition under the "War Veterans' Allowance Act" at 50 years and upwards.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State or such other proper official at Ottawa.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the Trail Smelter, around which the activities of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company centre, was originally constructed with aid from the Federal and Provincial Governments purely as a customs smelter:

And whereas the railways which furnish it with access to ores, supplies, and markets were lavishly subsidized by the Provincial Government:

And whereas the Company's profitable electrolytic zinc plant was brought into being largely through heavy Government subsidies:

And whereas the operations of the Company at Trail, combined with its Sullivan mine, are the largest and most profitable mining development in British Columbia:

And whereas the Company has an absolute monopoly of the smelting industry in this Province, having acquired all other smelters that have been worked during the past twenty years:

And whereas the Trail Smelter is not fulfilling its primary public function of treating ores for independent operators in this Province, having refused to process siliceous ores from independent mines which formerly depended upon it for this service:

And whereas this action has resulted in a large number of men being thrown out of employment within the Greenwood-Grand Forks, Nelson-Creston, Kaslo-Slocan, and Rossland-Trail Districts:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take action to induce the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company to operate the Trail Smelter in the public interest at its fullest capacity.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Murray*, seconded by Mr. *Kenny*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas this House is on record as approving construction of the British Columbia-Alaska Highway when other Governments concerned are able to come to an agreement regarding same:

And whereas consent of the Government of the Dominion of Canada with respect to right-of-way through the Yukon Territory is necessary to enable the project to go forward:

And whereas the Government of the United States has expressed willingness to associate itself with the Dominion of Canada in the launching of this project:

And whereas the Government of British Columbia by favourable action at this time has an opportunity to greatly aid development of the northern hinterland:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House reaffirm its approval of urging a joint effort on the part of the Governments affected towards securing an international accord under which plans for construction may be carried forward.

Mr. *Bruhn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Anscomb*,—

Whereas it is necessary that the producers in the Province of rhubarb, raspberries, loganberries, strawberries, prunes, pears, apples, celery, and asparagus, in order to earn a livelihood in the occupation of producing such articles, require protection against such products being marketed in the Dominion of Canada:

And whereas duties and anti-dump duties upon such products were in force up to the year 1936:

And whereas without such protection the said producers will be unable to market said products except at a loss:

And whereas the protection afforded in 1935 in relation to said products has been reduced as and from January 1st, 1936, as follows: Rhubarb, upon 46 lb., from \$1.50 to 99 cents; raspberries and loganberries, from \$1.32 per crate to 80 cents; strawberries, from \$1.65 per crate to \$1.32 per crate; prunes, from 51 cents per crate to 34 cents per crate; pears, from \$1.25 per box to 86 cents per box; apples, from 80 cents per box to 57½ cents per box; celery, from \$2.13 per crate to 83 cents per crate; asparagus, from \$1.27½ per box to 89 cents per box:

And whereas, because of the inadequate protection at present existing, said products will have to be marketed below the cost of production:

And whereas, if such protection as was afforded in 1935 is not restored immediately, the producers of such products will be ruined:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the protection afforded such products in 1935 should be immediately restored.

And be it further *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to insert in lieu thereof the following: "duties and anti-dump duties in force prior to January 1st, 1936, on rhubarb, raspberries, loganberries, strawberries, prunes, pears, apples, celery, and asparagus have been materially reduced:

"Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the situation confronting the producers of the before-mentioned products be brought to the attention of the Minister of National Revenue with recommendation that the interests of the producers of such commodities be adequately protected."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Savage*, seconded by Mr. *Murray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That it is the opinion of honourable members that the cause of good government would be further stimulated by the presence in this Chamber of the Legislative Assembly of a portrait in oils of His Majesty King Edward VIII., the same to be placed in that niche wherein has

heretofore appeared a portrait of his late lamented Royal Father; and that execution of such a portrait by the Canadian artist who painted His late Majesty would greatly please honourable members.

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,—

Whereas a disturbance occurred in Corbin on April 17th, 1935, and many persons were injured; and

Whereas charges and counter-charges have been made at various times by non-interested and interested persons as to the cause of said disturbance; and

Whereas some of the Corbin residents are serving time in Nelson Gaol, and one man named D. Lockhart died while serving his time in said gaol; and

Whereas the Chief Warden is the person that was in charge of the police at Corbin when the disturbance occurred; and

Whereas rumours and complaints are being circulated to the effect that the Corbin prisoners are not being treated in a humane manner or in accordance with proper gaol regulations; and

Whereas persons in different walks of life are making statements, one a minister of the Gospel, to the effect that the prisoners in Nelson Gaol are not treated properly; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of justice and the fair name of this Province that these charges be investigated in order that the traditions of the British Empire will be maintained:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Asselstine*, *Gillis*, *Murray*, *Price*, and the mover, be appointed, with full authority to call witnesses for or against with the object of clearing up said charges.

And the said Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations, and they shall report the evidence and their findings to the Council and the House of Assembly.

A debate arose.

On the question being put, the motion was negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with regard to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Price*:—

Whereas the Government is purchasing large quantities of fermented and spirituous liquors to supply Government Liquor Stores and licensed premises throughout the Province; and

Whereas we have reason to believe that the Government is not taking full advantage of its monopolistic position by securing the lowest wholesale price from manufacturers at the place of production; and

Whereas by reason thereof the consumers are required to pay a price for all such liquors in excess of their fair marketing price, which is manifestly unfair to such consumers and greatly reduces the profits which otherwise would accrue to the Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee consisting of seven members of the House, composed of Messrs. *Wilkinson*, *Whittaker*, *Sutherland*, *Harris*, *Pooley*, *Connell*, and the mover, be appointed, with full authority to examine into present methods of liquor purchases, and all matters directly or indirectly relating thereto, with power to call for and compel the attendance of persons, and to examine witnesses, to inspect books, vouchers, cost-sheets, and all such other matters and things in order to enable such Select Committee to advise this House as to the true state of all liquor purchases and the retail price in relation to the wholesale cost thereof to the Government and to all other wholesale purchasers of liquor.

And the said Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations.

And they shall report the evidence and their findings to this House.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1935.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

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

1. Did the Hon. the Premier deliver any radio addresses from his office in the Parliament Buildings at any time during the years 1935 or 1936?
2. If so, how many, and on what dates?
3. If yes, what was the cost of each address?
4. If yes, from what vote was the money taken to pay for the addresses?

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

“ 1 and 2. Yes; gave a number of radio addresses, five of which were paid from public funds. These addresses were given on the following dates: May 9th, 1935; June 17th, 1935; October 22nd, 1935; November 8th, 1935; December 23rd, 1935.

“ 3. Total cost, \$1,778.02.

“ 4. Vote 81, Bureau of Provincial Information and Publicity.”

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

1. What is the total number of employees of the Government receiving not more than \$1,800 a year?
2. What is the total amount paid to them?
3. How many of such Government employees are Christian Science Church adherents or members in good standing?

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

“ 1. All employees (Civil Servants, Police, and sundry employees contributing to Superannuation Fund), 1,568.

“ 2. \$2,032,572.

“ 3. No information.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow. And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1st, 1936.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On consideration of Bill (No. 31) intituled “ An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians,” as reported with amendments from Committee of the Whole, Mr. *Hanna* (in the absence of Mr. *D. McPherson*) moved, seconded by Mr. *McKee*, to amend as follows:—

To add the following at the end of section 12: “ or chiropody as defined in the “ Chiropody Act.”

Amendment agreed to and read a first and second time.

On the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, it was *Resolved* that the clause as amended be added to the Bill, and that such clause stand part of the Bill.

Bill considered as amended and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was any Government work done on Halls Landing, in the Kaslo-Slocan Division, in 1935?
2. If so, what work, and how much money was expended on it?
3. If so, who were on the pay-roll, and how much did each receive?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Bridge and road work, \$1,891.26.

“ 3. A. Morwood, \$360.40; J. Anderson, \$100.80; E. Halverson, \$97.60; O. Anderson, \$176; E. Johnson, \$97.60; J. Morwood, \$44.80; B. Conelly, \$52.80; A. Coueffin, \$56.80; S. Hall, \$16; J. Mason, \$22.40; J. Haig, \$12.80; F. Hall, \$16.”

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

1. When was the "White-Smith" built?
2. What was the cost?
3. Who built the boat?
4. Were tenders called; and, if not, why not?
5. What was the arrangement with Whitehead & Smith?
6. Were they to purchase the boat?
7. Did they ever pay anything on the purchase price?
8. If not, why not? Any interest paid?
9. What subsidy per year did they receive?
10. Who was Minister when these arrangements were made?
11. Did they receive an additional subsidy from the Dominion Government for the mail?
How much?
12. What was the population when service was installed, and what is the population now at Seymour Arm?
13. How much has this service cost the Government to present date (subsidies, repairs, and maintenance)?
14. What has been the wage paid since November, 1934?
15. Has there been any revenue with freight?
16. Is the freight chiefly for Bruhn's camps?
17. Is the boat being repaired at the present time?
18. At what cost?
19. What do you propose to do with it?
20. Would a launch and scow not fill all the requirements for the Seymour Arm?
21. Would it not be better for the Department to call for tenders by scow?
22. How many camps has Bruhn on this lake?
23. Has he no launches?
24. Was not the so-called mercy trip to bring a man who had been fired and his wife from one of Bruhn's camps?
25. Did McMann not charge them each \$2.50 fare as well on this trip?
26. What was McMann paid to break ice, using his launch and the Government scow?
27. What was Gillis paid?
28. Is any one being paid at present time?
29. Who made the arrangements for McMann to break the ice?
30. Who with Gillis?
31. Is it the policy of the Government to provide transportation for timber camps on the lakes in British Columbia?

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

- "1. Contract for construction of ferry signed July 23rd, 1929.
- "2. \$24,000.
- "3. Whitehead & Smith.
- "4. No. Tenders not called for in view of emergency.
- "5. Contract to construct, equip, and finish and deliver to the Minister, at Sicamous, steamboat ready for commission in every respect according to the specifications and plans submitted and in strict compliance with the terms and provisions of the 'Canada Shipping Act,' the said boat being capable of a speed of about 10 miles per hour, for the sum of \$24,000, payable on progress estimates furnished by the contractor and certified to by the Engineer and the Inspector of Hulls and Boilers under the 'Canada Shipping Act.'
- "6. Under agreement of February 13th, 1930, it was arranged that the Province would sell the ferry-boat to Messrs. Whitehead and Smith, together with all equipment, etc., for the sum of \$24,000, payable in sums of \$2,000 on or before the 31st day of December, 1930, 1931, 1932, and 1933. The balance—namely, \$16,000—to be paid on the 31st day of December, 1934, together with interest on the balance of the purchase price at 6 per cent. The Province to carry fire and public liability insurance, etc. In the case of default of payment being made the vendors to have the right to cancel the agreement on thirty days' notice.
- "7. No.

" 8. Charter did not pay sufficiently to allow of paying purchase price, but some of the interest was paid.

" 9. \$8,000 from the Province.

" 10. W. A. McKenzie, Acting Minister of Public Works, accepted the tender for the ferry charter. N. S. Lougheed as Minister of Public Works signed the agreement for the sale of the boat from the Province to Whitehead & Smith.

" 11. Am advised that, previous to February 17th, 1934, \$900 per annum, service twice per week. After February 17th, 1934, \$450 per annum, service once per week.

" 12. Road Superintendent White reported in 1910 there were about twenty settlers. The Directory for British Columbia shows for 1929 thirty-nine and for 1935 fifty-four.

" 13. Subsidy Shuswap Transportation Co., \$11,800; Whitehead & Smith, \$40,047.23; cost of boat, \$24,000; repairs, \$2,116.32; maintenance, gross, \$8,765.78; less revenue, 1934-35, \$877.25; 1935-36, \$1,699.60. Interest at 6 per cent. per annum from December 1st, 1929: Received, \$1,800, September 7th, 1932; \$1,440, August 31st, 1933; not included in above figures. (NOTE.—Returns for 1935-36 incomplete.)

" 14. Monthly: Captain, \$150.48; engineer, \$125.71; deck-hand, \$99.80.

" 15. Revenue, November, 1934, to November, 1935, \$2,576.85.

" 16. No information.

" 17. Repairs completed.

" 18. To March 10th, \$3,055.64. Accounts for retubing and lagging boiler, Dominion inspection fees, not yet to hand.

" 19. Matter under consideration.

" 20. Such service would be neither in the interest of public safety nor economy, having regard to the area of these waters and the weather conditions to be contended with.

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" 22 to 25. No information.

" 26. \$123.36 (F. H. McMahon).

" 27. \$75.

" 28. No.

" 29. Departmental officials.

" 30. Departmental officials.

" 31. Yes, when it is in the interest of the general public."

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

1. Since the Government assumed the equity of Mrs. Ella Lowe in certain lands at Cawston, Similkameen Division of Yale District, what action has been taken regarding the settlers securing title to their lands?

2. How many settlers whose titles were in dispute at time of purchase have since received title to their holdings?

3. Have any negotiations been conducted between the Government and the West Kootenay Light & Power Company for the supply of power for irrigation purposes?

4. If so, is the said company willing to extend their power-line to the property?

5. Were any surveys carried out by the Government during the year 1935 to ascertain what water is available for irrigation purposes?

6. If so, what is the estimated cost of installing an irrigation system?

7. At the time of purchase of said lands, was there any money owing by the Lowe Estate to the water district at Cawston; and, if so, what amount?

8. If any money was owing, has it since been paid to the water district; and, if so, by whom?

9. What is the total sum involved in purchase of the Cawston lands as at January 1st, 1936, including interest?

10. In addition to the capital cost and interest, what other sums have been expended, and for what purpose?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

" 1. Investigation has been carried out to ascertain the exact position of each account by means of advertising and personal registered notices calling for applications of claim.

" 2. Two.

" 3. No.

" 4. Answered by No. 3.

" 5. No.

" 6. Answered by No. 5.

" 7. Yes; approximately \$4,128.

" 8. The Department has no information of any money having been paid on this account.

" 9. \$91,375.

" 10. None apart from departmental administration costs."

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

1. Was any money spent in the Peace River for aid to settlers in the purchase of live stock between 1929 and 1935? If so, how much?

2. What classes of live stock have been purchased and supplied to settlers?

3. How many cows; bulls; boars; sows?

4. Upon what basis of purchase were such animals supplied?

5. What amount of outstanding obligations have been repaid by settlers?

6. How much is still owing, and by whom?

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

" 1. In 1930, \$4,951.98.

" 2. Dairy and beef cattle.

" 3. Cows, 36; bulls, 2; boars and sows, none.

" 4. 20 per cent. cash; balance on lien notes payable within three years with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

" 5. Principal, \$235.27; interest, \$169.38; total, \$404.65.

" 6. Principal, \$3,243.08; interest, \$824.72; total, \$4,067.80. Owing by M. Campbell, A. Chalmers, A. E. Chatenay, D. L. Fenton, W. C. Henderson, J. H. Moody, R. Shearer, R. H. Spearman, A. Vyse, and Mrs. E. L. Crawford."

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

1. What acreage of land was held by the Canadian Tobacco Company in the Sumas Drainage and Dyking Area?

2. Upon what terms was this land held by the company?

3. Has the company observed these terms?

4. If not, to what extent has there been default?

5. If the agreement was to purchase, what was the agreed price?

6. What amount has been paid?

7. What is the amount of arrears, principal and interest?

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

" 1. 1,012.198 acres.

" 2. 17 per cent. cash; balance over twenty years at 6 per cent. interest.

" 3. No.

" 4. Default since December 1st, 1934.

" 5. \$94,969.80.

" 6. \$16,144.87.

" 7. Arrears, \$16,907.14; Principal, \$4,415.14; interest, \$12,492."

QUARTER TO TWELVE O'CLOCK A.M.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the honour to present to you for transmission to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VIII., and Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Mary, addresses of condolence and loyalty from this Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the " Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the " Cemeteries Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to enable The Corporation of Delta to establish Drainage Areas and Drainage-works.
- (No. 14) An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert.
- (No. 15) An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the City of New Westminster.
- (No. 17) An Act relating to The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and certain Drainage and Dyking Works on Lulu Island.
- (No. 18) An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Prince Rupert.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the " British Columbia University Site Act, 1918."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the " County Courts Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Practice of Land Surveying.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the " Water Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Lease granted to the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, Limited Liability.
- (No. 26) An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance.
- (No. 27) An Act respecting the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the " Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the " Creditors' Relief Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the " Counties Definition Act."
- (No. 31) An Act respecting Naturopathic Physicians.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the " Public Schools Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the " Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the " City of Port Coquitlam Reduction of Interest Act, 1935."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the " City of Prince Rupert Refunding Act, 1935."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the " City of Port Moody Refunding Act, 1935."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the " Savings and Loan Associations Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the " Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the " Barbers Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the " Chiropody Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the " Mineral Survey and Development Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the " Forest Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the " Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the " Insurance Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the " Weekly Half-holiday Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the " Land Registry Act."
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the " Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 51) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate The Victoria Foundation.
- (No. 53) An Act respecting Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company.
- (No. 60) An Act to repeal certain Enactments which have become Obsolete.
- (No. 61) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the " Trade Licences Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the " Chiropractic Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the " Town Planning Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the " Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the " Municipal Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the " Hospital Act."
- (No. 68) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Sanatoria and other Institutions for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

- (No. 69) An Act to provide for the Guarantee by the Province of a certain Promissory Note to be made by the British Columbia Cancer Foundation.
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Warehousemen's Lien Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."
- (No. 75) An Act respecting Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey.
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Mothers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Abbotsford School District Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His 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 His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 77) 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 His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

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

Then His Honour 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 duties, I wish to express appreciation of the earnest attention you have given to the important matters which have been submitted for your consideration.

Outstanding in these measures is the "Health Insurance Act," which it is to be hoped will prove of lasting benefit.

I thank you for the Supply granted for the public service.

I trust that the blessing of Providence may rest upon your labours and that the results will inure to the benefit of all the people of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.