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Tuesday, 18th October, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Fifteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 14th day of September, 1921,

His Honour WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature:

In summoning you to meet for the second time within the calendar year, I am fulfilling an undertaking given by the Premier during the First Session of the Fifteenth Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

During the recess investigation has been made into the financial conditions of municipalities, and legislation will be submitted providing for extension of the sources of their revenues.

Amendments to the "Taxation Act" will be submitted in order to apportion more equitably the burden of taxation on all classes of property and persons.

Progress has been made on the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and it is estimated that the financial provision made at the last Session of the Legislature will prove adequate for the completion of this line to Prince George.

Valuable information respecting a feasible route to connect the Coast and Interior parts of the Trans-Provincial Highway has been assembled, permitting decision of the route to be selected and the undertaking of early construction of this important link.

Having in view the better investigation and prevention of fires, a measure will be laid before you extending the work of the Department of Insurance.

Minor amendments to the "Government Liquor Act" will be submitted.

Amendments to the "Mineral Act" will be laid before you.

Further amendments to the "Placer-mining Act" will be proposed.

The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be brought down at an early date.

The Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year will be submitted for your earnest consideration.

Members of the Legislature:

In leaving you to your deliberations, I have confidence that you will apply your best endeavours to the solution of the problems before you, and I pray the blessing of Providence on your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rev. W. D. Spence.

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

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.

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;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—The Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended 31st March, 1921.

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Statement of Accounts as at 30th June, 1921; and Addenda Report to 30th September, 1921.

Pursuant to Order of the House of 2nd April, 1921, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th October, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

By consent of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Farris* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, and it was *Resolved*,—

That the Clerk of the House be instructed to secure forthwith four copies of the official report of the proceedings at Vancouver in the trial in the Supreme Court in the libel action of *Campbell vs. Cromie*, and to submit the same forthwith to the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Clearihue* (Victoria City) moved, seconded by Mr. *Paterson* (Delta),—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for the gracious Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session.

We wish to assure His Honour that we appreciate fully the importance of the investigation into the financial conditions of municipalities, and are gratified to learn that the Government intends to apportion the burden of taxation as equitably as possible by amendments to the "Taxation Act."

It is eminently satisfactory to us to learn that progress has been made in the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and particularly to be advised that the financial provisions of last Session are estimated to be adequate to complete the construction of this railway to Prince George.

We are sensible of the importance of additional protection of the public in the matter of destructive fires, and will support worthy legislation having this object in view.

Such amendments to the "Government Liquor Act" as are laid before us will have our serious consideration.

We shall be pleased to give earnest attention to the amendments to the "Mineral Act" and to the "Placer-mining Act" which His Honour advises us will be submitted.

The Public Accounts will have our close scrutiny and the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year will be given careful criticism.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.10 p.m.

Thursday, 20th October, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

In reference to a proposed notice of motion placed on file yesterday, Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Yesterday, after the adjournment of the House, there came to my notice a proposed notice of motion in the name of the Hon. the Leader of Opposition. In view of its contents I felt it my duty to give it my most serious consideration as to its compliance with proper parliamentary practice.

Only under special and serious circumstances do I think that I should withhold from the Notice Paper proposed notices, it being, after all, the prerogative of the House in the last resort to pass upon proposed motions. But where the practice is being seriously contravened and opportunity does not offer to bring the matter to the attention of the House, I felt it to be the duty of your Speaker to withhold from the Notice Paper notices of such a character.

In this case grave allegations were contained which I do not feel should be permitted to appear in the Notice Paper without the knowledge and the approval of the House. I am therefore taking the earliest opportunity of bringing the matter to the attention of the House with an expression of my view. It is accepted without question that imputations of wrongdoing on the part of Ministers of the Crown or Private Members, or improper conduct or wrong motives, cannot be made in debate. The proposed notice of motion not only imputes but asserts in the preamble grave misconduct on the part of Ministers. Very manifestly the House could not possibly agree to the motion which concludes with a request for a Select Committee to inquire into the truth of the allegations, because if the House were to do so it would in effect be agreeing to the preamble asserting that to be true which it proposes to inquire into. The proposed motion is, in my opinion, a contradiction and cannot be permitted in that form.

On the other hand, the conduct of the Government in its administration of the affairs is subject to inquiry by this House. It is one of the privileges of the House that it should inquire, and the matter raised by the proposed motion is, I think, distinctly one of privilege, and the end desired by the Honourable Member—namely, an inquiry—may be fairly attained in either of two ways: (a.) By a simple motion without preamble for a Select Committee to inquire into certain matters, as was done in the case of the inquiry into the Kaien Island Purchase (see 1906 H.J., B.C., page 29). (b.) By the Honourable Member declaring from his seat that he is credibly informed and believes that he is able to prove by satisfactory evidence that certain facts are true, followed by a simple motion for a Select Committee, as was done in what is commonly known as the McGreevy inquiry, in the Canadian House (see Journals H.C. Canada, 1891, page 55), and as was also done in the Edgar-Caron case, 1892 H.J. Can.

A. M. MANSON, *Speaker*.

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Friday, 21st October, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Real-estate Agents’ Licensing Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Court of Appeal Act.’”

By Mr. *Neelands*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Night Employment of Young Persons Act.’”

By Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Night Employment of Women Act.’”

By Mr. *Burde*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hours of Work Act.’”

By Mr. *Hanes*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Employment of Children Act.’”

By Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Maternity Protection Act.’”

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

“1. Twenty-six cars (including those of the Land Settlement Board).

“2. \$22,704.04 (including those of the Land Settlement Board).”

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

“1. One Ford car for the Inspector of Equipment.

“2. \$970.70.”

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

“1. Thirty-three motor-cars.

“2. \$27,115.”

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

“1. Seven.

“2. \$5,658.05.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Monday, 24th October, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Premier rose in his place, and addressing the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, the following Resolution:—

That in the absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. *F. A. Pauline* do act as Speaker during the meeting of the Assembly to-day.

The motion was then put by the Clerk and carried.

Mr. *Pauline* thereupon took the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

The Clerk, in accordance with the Resolution of the House passed on the 19th October, placed upon the table the four copies of the evidence given in the Supreme Court in the matter of “*Campbell vs. Cromie*.”

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Was an agreement entered into with the Marsh-Bourne Construction Company for the reclamation of Sumas Lake?

2. If so, on what date?

3. What was the amount to be paid the company under said contract?
4. How much has been paid to date?
5. Has the Land Settlement Board advanced any moneys to the Dyking Commissioners on account of said reclamation other than under this contract?
6. If so, what amount?
7. When was same advanced and under what circumstances?
8. Has the Land Settlement Board sold any machinery or plant to said Marsh-Bourne Construction Company?
9. If so, what was the price and conditions of payment?
10. How much has said company paid on account of this?
11. Are they in arrears of any of their payments?
12. If so, what are the amounts in arrears?
13. What is the estimated cost of reclaiming the whole area?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 29th, 1920.
- "3. \$1,182,063.99, subject to conditions of contract.
- "4. Amount paid up to month of August, all on monthly progress estimates of Chief Engineer, \$107,247.07. Since that date control of all the contractors' approved accounts for labour and material has been assumed by the Land Settlement Board as per rights under contract, payment being made direct to firms by Land Settlement Board cheque; progress estimates being credited against disbursements. Amount paid in this way, \$130,643.35.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$154,295.21. Not included in contract, but contained and specified in estimates laid before property-owners on the occasion of endorsement of plans and contract.
- "7. Since appointment of Land Settlement Board as Commissioners for Sumas Dyking District. Payments made either at regular intervals in case of Government engineering staff pay-rolls and maintenance, or as occasion required in the case of right-of-way purchases, fencing, administrative costs, or old accounts authorized for payment by special Sumas Act.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. \$45,003.50, plus interest at 7½ per cent., repayable by monthly instalments of \$2,350.
- "10. \$21,150.
- "11. No.
- "12. Answered by No. 11.
- "13. \$1,800,000.

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?
2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

- "1. Sixty-one.
- "2. \$48,061."

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

1. Have any timber contracts, licences, or leases been issued since 1916 by the Lands Department without inserting a clause "that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith"?
2. If so, why?

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

- "1. All information available in the Department has been placed before the Honourable Member asking the question, but it is not considered to be in the public interest to make the information public.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board purchase a team of horses from Wm. Dicken, Fernie?
2. If yes, what was the purchase price?
3. Did the Board purchase a stump-puller from Wm. Dicken, of Fernie?
4. If yes, what was the purchase price?
5. Did the Board purchase a motor-truck from Wm. Dicken, of Fernie?
6. If yes, what was the purchase price?
7. What condition was the truck in when purchased?
8. What has said truck cost in repairs since purchase?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Answered by No. 3.
- “ 5. No.
- “ 6. Answered by No. 5.
- “ 7. Answered by No. 5.
- “ 8. Answered by No. 5.”

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

1. Have the buildings in the land settlement area at Fernie been disposed of?
2. If yes, who was authorized to dispose of same?
3. Who were the purchasers?
4. What was the cost to said purchasers?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th October, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Dr. *K. C. MacDonald* presented a petition from the City of Greenwood, praying for an Act for the rearrangement of its finances, etc. (No. 1.)

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood*, as follows:—

That this House regrets the attitude of the Government towards the petition of settlers in dyked areas for effective action towards securing their dykes against destruction by erosion of river-banks.

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

The Rules were suspended, and on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. Dr. King, it was *Resolved*,—

That the four copies of evidence in the suit of Campbell *vs.* Cromie obtained by the Clerk be distributed as follows: One copy shall be retained by the Clerk of the House; one copy shall be for the use of the Hon. the Premier; one copy shall be for the use of the Leader of the Opposition; and one copy for the use of the Independent and Labour Members.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th October, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the City of Greenwood, praying for an Act for the rearrangement of its finances, etc., was received. (No. 1.)

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie presented a petition from the inhabitants of Stave River, praying for an Act of incorporation. (No. 2.)

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance and Appropriation by the Crown of certain Lands for Public Purposes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 25th, 1921.*

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. 13) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance and Appropriation by the Crown of certain Lands for Public Purposes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Lands of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 25th, 1921.*

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. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Lands of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ending September 30th, 1921.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on 25th instant.

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

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

That the Select Standing Committees of this House for this Session be as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Jackson, Whiteside, Anderson, Clearihue, Ramsay, Duncan, Hinchliffe, Catherwood, and Pearson.*

Public Accounts—Messrs. *Buckham, I. A. Mackenzie, K. C. MacDonald, Pauline, Kergin, Sutherland, Jackson, Neelands, Pooley, Jones, Bowser, and W. A. McKenzie.*

Agriculture—Messrs. *K. C. MacDonald, Yorston, Anderson, Paterson, Perry, Henniger, Buckham, Menzies, Duncan, A. McDonald, Jones, Lister, Hunter, and Catherwood.*

Mining—Messrs. *Yorston, Buckham, Kergin, Henniger, Sutherland, Anderson, Menzies, Guthrie, A. McDonald, Hunter, Esling, and Schofield.*

Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Whiteside, Paterson, Ramsay, Perry, Jackson, Pauline, Clearihue, I. A. Mackenzie, Hanes, Burde, Uphill, Schofield, Hinchliffe, Pearson, and McRae.*

Printing—Messrs. *Pauline, Clearihue, Menzies, Hinchliffe, and Jones.*

Railways—Messrs. *Perry, Yorston, Kergin, Buckham, Esling, Catherwood, and Lister.*

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

That *F. A. Pauline*, Esquire, Member for Saanich, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, seconded by Mr. *Whiteside*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act'" be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. Has the British Columbia Electric Railway Company applied for permission to run one-man cars in any of the cities or municipalities of the Province?
2. If yes, has such permission been granted?
3. Have the authorities in the cities and municipalities concerned been consulted regarding the introduction of these one-man cars?
4. If yes, what cities or municipalities have expressed their approval of the one-man cars?
5. Has the Government taken into consideration the question of added unemployment that will naturally follow the introduction of the one-man car?
6. Why did the Government on October 6th by an Order in Council repeal a certain clause in the "Tramway Act" to allow the operation of single-truck cars?

7. What provision has the Government taken to ensure the segregation of the cost of alteration to street-cars necessitated through the change of the rule of the road from the expenditures on alteration of cars that are being converted from two-man to one-man type and the repairing of old cars, all of which work is being done by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company at the same time?

8. Is the Government contributing to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company towards the expense of converting old two-man cars into the one-man car type?

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

"1. The Government has been advised of the intention of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to use one-man cars, but no formal application has been made.

"2. No permission has been granted.

"3. No official information.

"4. No official information.

"5. It has been suggested to the Government that some added unemployment might result following the use of one-man cars.

"6. Rule repealed reads as follows: 'All city street-cars must be equipped with double trucks.' (In force January 1st, 1913.) Rule substituted reads as follows: 'Street railway companies must make application to Minister of Railways before changing from two-man to one-man operated street-cars and must submit routes upon which change is proposed. One-man operated street-cars must be equipped with safety control devices, the motorman's brake valve and brake equipment, safety controller, and door and step devices.' Considered that change of rule was necessary and in the public interest.

"7. The Government is contributing to one-half of the cost of alteration of street-cars necessitated through the change in the rule of the road. Superintendent of Electrical Energy, Mr. Muirhead, and Inspector of Railway Equipment, Mr. Rae, are acting for the Government in the matter of checking costs of this work.

"8. The Government is not contributing to expense required in the change of two-men car as it relates to the one-man car."

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

1. Upon what terms is the *Agricultural Journal* sent out to subscribers?

2. How many copies have been issued each month from January to September, 1921, both inclusive, and what has been the cost for each month?

3. Who is the present editor and when was he appointed?

4. What other duties (if any) does he perform and what are the respective salaries?

5. What other clerical assistance is employed?

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

"1. Since July 1st, 1921, the regular subscription price has been \$1 per annum, but a club rate of 50 cents each has been granted to members of Farmers' and Women's Institutes and to members of other agricultural organizations.

"2. January, 9,600, \$982.45; February, 9,300, \$984.70; March, 8,200, \$905.10; April, 7,800, \$871.80; May, 8,000, \$729.85; June, 8,000, \$684.40; July, 2,500, \$354.45; August, 2,500, \$398.35; September, 2,300, \$342.50.

"3. Since April 1st, 1921, F. W. Laing has been Acting-Editor.

"4. Secretary of Minister of Agriculture; \$170 per month as Secretary of Minister.

"5. Part time of one clerk."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, 27th October, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a petition from Mr. Shuter and 135 others, praying for an Act for the repeal and re-enactment of the "Chartered Accountants Act." (No. 3.)

The petition from the inhabitants of Stave River, praying for an Act of incorporation, was received. (No. 2.)

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1921-22.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on 25th instant.

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

Mr. *Bowser* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That whereas we are creditably informed and do believe that we will be able to establish by satisfactory evidence:—

That by the "Government Liquor Act," being chapter 30 of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, 1921, the Government of the Province of British Columbia is authorized to purchase and sell liquors:

And that it was understood by the general public that the Government would purchase and sell nothing but the best of liquors at the cheapest price possible to the consumer, after allowing for a fair profit and otherwise exercise the greatest economy in the administration of the liquor stores:

And that the Government purchased from a close political supporter of the Government, without any justification, certain premises known as the Campbell Warehouse in the City of Vancouver:

And that the official value of the premises as fixed by the City Assessor was \$58,800:

And that the Government not only without any justification or legislative authority, but illegally paid the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of the said premises:

And that the Government, in the administration of the Act, have unnecessarily leased premises for administration and other purposes, and in leasing liquor stores and warehouses in various parts of the Province are paying a rental to political friends far in excess of their value:

And that the Government have been extravagant in the purchase of plant, fixtures, and furnishings:

And that, in the administration of the Act, the Government have indulged in reckless and unjustifiable extravagance and incompetency, and in the selection of officials they have in numerous cases employed men convicted and suspected of infractions of the liquor laws and other laws of the Province:

And that the Government neglected to take a large quantity of liquor out of bond prior to May 10th, on which date an extra duty was imposed by the Federal authorities, thereby entailing a very heavy loss to the Province:

And that questionable practices have been and are resorted to in connection with the purchase by the Government of liquor for sale, both under the "Prohibition Act" as well as the "Government Liquor Act," from certain political friends, relatives, and business associates of members of the Government:

And that the Government, while in a position to go into the open market and obtain liquors at the minimum market price, have seen fit, both under the late "Prohibition Act" and the

“Government Liquor Act,” to make such purchase through political friends and agents at greatly increased cost over and above the actual market value, and have adopted a practice of purchasing cheap liquor of inferior quality in order to permit of a large secret commission or profit being acquired by their aforesaid political friends:

And that great abuses have been permitted and encouraged in the use of permits and the amount of liquor purchased thereunder:

And that the Government, claiming that they have lost a large quantity of liquor from the Hastings Street Liquor Store, Vancouver, have, without proper investigation, dismissed the whole staff, thereby casting a reflection and doing injustice to possibly a great many innocent employees:

And that no permits to operate bonded liquor warehouses or excise bonded warehouses in this Province can be obtained from the Federal Government without the consent of the Hon. the Attorney-General of the Province of British Columbia:

And that as a result certain consents have been given by the Attorney-General through political friends and agents, for which the applicant has had to pay large sums of money:

And that certain practices have been followed in connection with the administration of justice and in dealing with the administration of the “Prohibition Act” as well as the “Government Liquor Act” and other Acts, and those convicted thereunder, which have not only brought the administration of justice into disrepute, but have been an incentive to certain officials and employees of the Government, with the consent of the members of the Government, to give their time and ability for the advancement of the interests of their political friends as well as of the Government as a political party, and for these purposes public moneys have with the aforesaid consent thereby been improperly and illegally used:

And that prior to and during the late Provincial election certain officials and employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, who were being paid out of public moneys for their services, were, with the knowledge and consent of members of the Government, engaged in connection with certain reprehensible political activities:

Be it therefore Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of seven Members of this House—viz., Messrs. *Whiteside, Ramsay, Paterson, Clearihue, Hanes, Pooley*, and the mover—be appointed to inquire into all questions directly or indirectly relating to the above matters.

And the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons and the production of books, papers, documents, telegraph and telephone messages, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry in connection with the above matters, and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses to take evidence under oath, and they shall report the evidence and their findings to this House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Esling*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was Resolved,—

That true copies of all contracts between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the Northern Construction Company for the completion of the railway to Prince George be laid on the table.

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

1. Is one H. E. Hallwright in the employ of the Department of Education?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. What salary does he receive from the Department?
4. Does the Government provide him with an automobile, also gasolene, at present?
5. If not at present, when did it cease to do so, and why?
6. Is said Hallwright at present teaching in the Victoria High School?
7. If so, how many hours per week does he so teach?
8. What other work does he do and (if any) how many hours per week?
9. On what grounds does the Minister think it necessary to pay the salary of a teacher in the Victoria High School?

10. Was the school-garden on the corner of Stanley Avenue and Vining Street, in Victoria, last summer a fair example of his work?

11. Does he receive any additional allowance from the Department; if so, what amount?

12. What service does he render the Department?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. District Supervisor of Agricultural Instruction.

“3. \$2,120 per annum.

“4. No.

“5. Never did so.

“6. Yes.

“7. As part of duties, eight hours per week.

“8. Supervises home-project work in gardening and seed-growing amongst boys and girls in Saanich and Victoria. Conducts outdoor excursion classes in various branches of agriculture, including the study of farm animals, outside of school-hours. Renders assistance in many different ways to farmers and gardeners in connection with the many practical problems with which they have to deal. Mr. Hallwright is now perfecting plans for organizing Home Science and Agriculture Clubs in Victoria for boys and girls of school age, also night classes in agriculture held during the four winter months.

“9. Teaching of agriculture in high schools provided for in funds supplied by Federal Government under the ‘Agricultural Instruction Act.’

“10. No information.

“11. Usual allowance of \$40 per week for five weeks as Assistant Instructor in Victoria Summer School for Teachers.

“12. Answered by answers to Nos. 6, 7, and 8.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Friday, 28th October, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Pauline* presented a petition from R. B. Webster *et al.*, opposing the proposed Accountants Bill.

The petition from Mr. Shuter and 135 others, praying for an Act for the repeal and re-enactment of the “Chartered Accountants Act” was received. (No. 3.)

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return of alienation of lands within Indian reserves.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on 25th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. the Attorney-General resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser* on 27th instant, as follows:—

That whereas we are creditably informed and do believe that we will be able to establish by satisfactory evidence:—

That by the "Government Liquor Act," being chapter 30 of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, 1921, the Government of the Province of British Columbia is authorized to purchase and sell liquors:

And that it was understood by the general public that the Government would purchase and sell nothing but the best of liquors at the cheapest price possible to the consumer after allowing for a fair profit and otherwise exercise the greatest economy in the administration of the liquor stores:

And that the Government purchased from a close political supporter of the Government, without any justification, certain premises known as the Campbell Warehouse in the City of Vancouver:

And that the official value of the premises as fixed by the City Assessor was \$58,800:

And that the Government not only without any justification or legislative authority, but illegally paid the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of the said premises:

And that the Government, in the administration of the Act, have unnecessarily leased premises for administration and other purposes, and in leasing liquor stores and warehouses in various parts of the Province are paying a rental to political friends far in excess of their value:

And that the Government have been extravagant in the purchase of plant, fixtures, and furnishings:

And that, in the administration of the Act, the Government have indulged in reckless and unjustifiable extravagance and incompetency, and in the selection of officials they have in numerous cases employed men convicted and suspected of infractions of the liquor laws and other laws of the Province:

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time and ability for the advancement of the interests of their political friends as well as of the Government as a political party, and for these purposes public moneys have with the aforesaid consent thereby been improperly and illegally used:

And that prior to and during the late Provincial election certain officials and employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, who were being paid out of public moneys for their services, were, with the knowledge and consent of members of the Government, engaged in connection with certain reprehensible political activities:

Be it therefore Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of seven Members of this House—viz., Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Ramsay*, *Paterson*, *Clearihue*, *Hanes*, *Pooley*, and the mover—be appointed to inquire into all questions directly or indirectly relating to the above matters.

And the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons and the production of books, papers, documents, telegraph and telephone messages, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry in connection with the above matters, and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses to take evidence under oath, and they shall report the evidence and their findings to this House.

And it being 6 o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Debate continued.

The Hon. the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. *Whiteside*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: "in the opinion of this House the sixth Member for Vancouver and the Member for South Okanagan should submit for the consideration of this House definite and specific charges of alleged wrongdoing directed against the person or persons so charged, to the end that such charges may be fully investigated, and that the person or persons so charged may know the extent of the charges made against them to which they are required to answer."

A motion by Mr. *Duncan* to adjourn the debate was defeated on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>
<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>

The debate was resumed.

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

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<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>
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<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question?" and Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
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<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Bowser.</i>
<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>		

The Resolution as amended was carried on the same division.

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

1. What was the cost of installing ferry-slips at Keefe's Landing and on north shore of Francois Lake?
2. What was the cost of the former slips?
3. Who supplied the lumber for said slips?
4. What price was paid for said lumber?
5. Of what material were said slips built?
6. Is it not a fact that the manner in which the slips have been laid out and constructed has shown that both are wrongly laid out, and that ferries using the same have been and are being seriously damaged?
7. Who designed said slips?

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

- "1. \$7,972.40 to build wharves on north and south sides.
- "2. North shore, \$4,136.20.
- "3. Frank R. Keefe.
- "4. \$26.50 per thousand.
- "5. Principally lumber.
- "6. No.
- "7. District Engineer."

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

1. Was a loan for \$2,000,000 lately floated on account of British Columbia highways?
2. If so, what was the net amount received by the Government on account of this flotation?
3. How much of said loan is to be taken to pay the Canadian Bank of Commerce on account of Treasury bills sold to them for this purpose?
4. Has any other expenditure already been made out of this loan?
5. If so, how much?

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

"1 to 5. The floating of loans is not arranged for by the Public Works Department."

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

1. Was the contract for the construction of the Kaslo-Ainsworth Road awarded to Rawlings & LaBrash in 1919?

2. If so, what was the contract price?

3. What was the actual amount paid to the contractors on account of this road?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$19,965.

"3. \$26,207.77."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money was expended on the Anarchist Mountain Road during the season of 1921?

2. What is the total mileage of new road built during the seasons of 1920 and 1921 on Anarchist Mountain?

3. What is the total cost of this work to date?

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

"1. \$8,324.61.

"2. 6.38 miles.

"3. \$150,847.97. This includes approximately \$9,000 for plant and equipment that has since been used on other works."

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

1. What amount of money was received from motor licences during 1920?

2. What amount of money was received from motor licences in 1921 up to October 1st?

3. What sum was set aside for a Reserve Account under "Motor-vehicle Act"?

4. Have any moneys been used from Highway Account, "Motor-vehicle Act," for payment of interest on capital accounts borrowed for roads; if so, the amount?

5. Have any sums from Highway Account, "Motor-vehicle Act," been used for any other purpose; if so, for what purpose?

6. What is the amount now at the credit of the Highway Account of the "Motor-vehicle Act"?

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

"1 to 6. The 'Motor-vehicle Act' is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works."

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

1. What moneys were expended on public roads in the Province for the years 1917-18-19-20, respectively, out of current revenue?

2. What sums were borrowed to be expended on roads during 1917-18-19-20?

3. What was actually expended in each year?

4. What was the estimated amount of money to be set aside for public roads out of current revenue for 1921?

5. What sums have been expended in each riding from April 1st up to October 1st, 1921?

6. What amount of money has been borrowed since April 1st, 1921, for roads?

7. What amount has been expended, and how much in each riding?

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

"1. Expenditure on roads and bridges, fiscal year 1917-18, \$1,303,982.04; 1918-19, \$1,433,832.08; 1919-20, \$1,770,649.32; 1920-21, \$2,707,913.90.

"2. 1917-18, nil; 1918-19, nil; 1919-20, \$750,000; 1920-21, \$1,350,000.

"3. 1919-20, \$715,669.46; 1920-21, \$874,704.07.

" 4. \$2,190,100.

" 5. Alberni, \$37,700.34; Atlin, \$26,075.99; Cariboo, \$55,900.85; Chilliwack, \$10,346.88; Columbia, \$33,562.86; Comox, \$43,795.01; Cowichan, \$31,351.16; Cranbrook, \$55,536.65; Delta, \$16,378.46; Dewdney, \$23,054.26; Esquimalt, \$20,345.50; Fernie, \$53,571.37; Fort George, \$80,102.63; Grand Forks, \$7,518.18; Greenwood, \$42,998.36; Islands, \$11,412.60; Kamloops, \$66,254.91; Kaslo, \$23,573.29; Lillooet, \$34,067.53; Nanaimo, \$10,139.13; Nelson, \$1,060.55; Newcastle, \$14,870.67; New Westminster, \$529.13; North Vancouver, \$10,543; North Okanagan, \$38,350.58; Omineca, \$95,637.24; Prince Rupert, \$35,929.16; Revelstoke, \$41,738.65; Richmond, \$8,266.01; Rossland, \$4,873.57; Saanich, \$459.90; Similkameen, \$27,751.94; Slocan, \$28,650.34; South Okanagan, \$22,953.66; South Vancouver, \$567.27; Trail, \$45,530.75; Yale, \$47,749.27; material (powder), \$9,068.46; general engineering, etc., \$5,980.61.

" 6. \$2,400,000.

" 7. Total expended, \$1,156,901.21, including 40 per cent. to be refunded under the 'Canada Highways Act, 1919.' Alberni, \$5,500.63; Atlin, \$28,872.15; Cariboo, \$21,249.19; Cbilliwack, \$3,707.77; Columbia, \$1,688.38; Comox, \$5,404.58; Cranbrook, \$4,986.68; Delta, \$258,944.67; Dewdney, \$14,617.87; Esquimalt, \$51,821.69; Fernie, \$6,023.16; Fort George, \$61,226.77; Grand Forks, \$159,857.09; Greenwood, \$5,003; Islands, \$43,432.84; Kamloops, \$19,937.51; Kaslo, \$16,665.58; Nanaimo, \$96,489.96; Newcastle, \$91.48; North Vancouver, \$1,132.50; North Okanagan, \$31,836.39; Omineca, \$11,930.83; Prince Rupert, \$8,525.50; Revelstoke, \$105,517.34; Richmond, \$67,799.68; Rossland, \$39,429.81; Saanich, \$7.90; Similkameen, \$38,693.10; Slocan, \$17,201.22; South Okanagan, \$3,189.82; Trail, \$18,033.19; Yale, \$4,851.42; general engineering, etc., \$3,231.51."

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

What is the approximate cost during the past thirty years to the Government of keeping the Chilliwack River from going down the Luck-a-Kluck Channel?

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

"No work has been carried out by the Department of Agriculture in keeping the Chilliwack or Vedder River from going down the Luck-a-Kluck Channel."

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

1. When the Government or Land Settlement Board were consulting with the owners and Advisory Board regarding the Sumas Lake reclamation scheme, were they told that it would cost in the neighbourhood of \$1,800,000?

2. If it costs more, will the Government pay the extra cost or will the total cost be charged to the property-owners?

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

"1. Probably yes. No verbatim report of consultations taken. All figures quoted as to costs would be based on approximate estimates only.

"2. No provision is made in the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act,' under which the work is being performed, other than to charge the total cost against the lands benefited."

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

1. What was the total acreage in the Fernie Settlement Area purchased by the Government?

2. What acreage has been cleared and is ready for settlement?

3. What amount has been spent on improvement to date?

4. What is the total sum of money invested by the Government in this settlement area?

5. How many lots and acreage have been sold?

6. What has been the amount realized from this sale to date?

7. How many settlers have located on this area?

8. What are the names of the purchasers?

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

"1. 1,193.51 acres.

"2. 1,182.54 acres sold to settlers.

"3. \$24,479.22.

"4. \$34,735.87.

"5. Twenty-one lots; 1,182.54 acres.

"6. \$8,064.75 cash payments, less \$4,308.24 rebates to returned B.C. soldiers. Net, \$3,756.51.

"7. Twenty settlers.

"8. Black, A., and Duthie, W. E.; Cheston, H. S.; Dicken, A.; Dietrich, T.; Ferguson, C.; Hutchison, F. A.; McGladrey, Mrs. Nellie; McGladrey, S. F.; McLeod, J. R.; Minton, H. E.; Murdoch, W.; Phillips, D. E.; Quail, D.; Quail, E. A.; Quail, J. W.; Schupe, T.; Shorthouse, J. W.; Williams, C.; Wotton, J."

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

1. Did the Government purchase a caterpillar tractor from the Canyon City Lumber Company, Creston, B.C.?
2. If so, what was the price paid?
3. Has the Government expended any moneys for repairs to said caterpillar?
4. If so, how much?
5. Was said caterpillar purchased for a contractor?
6. If so, for whom and on what conditions?
7. Have conditions been fulfilled by said contractor?
8. Who has possession of said caterpillar tractor at present time?
9. Was an agreement entered into with this contractor to pull so many acres of stumps and to plough so many acres on the Creston Settlement Area?
10. If so, has this agreement been cancelled, and why?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$4,000.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$1,173.86.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Answered by No. 5.

"8. Land Settlement Board.

"9. Yes, to clear 125 acres and plough 300 acres.

"10. No; contract was completed."

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

1. Has the Land Settlement Board taken any contracts from private individuals to clear land?
2. If so, how many and who are the contracting parties, and when were these contracts entered into?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. One; J. C. Dun-Waters, Fintry, B.C.; September 19th, 1921."

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?
2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

"1. Eight.

"2. \$16,428.36."

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 11.15 p.m.

Monday, 31st October, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from R. B. Webster *et al.*, opposing the proposed Accountants Bill, was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Hanes (North Vancouver), it was *Resolved*,—

That this House regrets the disaster which has overtaken the town of Britannia Beach, and which has occasioned the loss of so many valuable lives; and, further, that this House records its heartfelt sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who have lost their lives.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. Catherwood on 25th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

By the Hon. Mr. Farris—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. Farris—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"

By the Hon. Dr. King—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. Sloan—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. Sloan—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the contract or contracts between the Government or Land Settlement Board and the contractors of the Sumas Lake reclamation scheme?

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Mr. Burde,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to the Dominion Government, through His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government take the necessary steps under Article 27 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to request His Majesty the King to give His Majesty the Emperor of Japan twelve months' notice of the intention of termination of this treaty so far as the British Dominion of Canada is concerned.

Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa, the Hon. the Premier of Canada, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and Hon. Mr. Crerar.

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

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Mr. Burde,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to the Dominion Government, through His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government amend the

"Immigration Act" of Canada so, as near as possible, to totally restrict the immigration of Asiatics into this Province, keeping in view the wishes of the people of British Columbia that this Province be reserved for people of the European race, and that the Dominion Government consult with the Provincial Government on the proposed amendments.

Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa, the Hon. the Premier of Canada, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and Hon. Mr. Crerar.

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

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all regulations made by the Liquor Control Board under the provisions of the "Government Liquor Act," including as well all regulations proposed by the said Board but not approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the words "Liquor Act," in the second line, be struck out.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

October 31st, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Does Dr. Baker draw any salary on account of his connection with the moving pictures?
2. If yes, what is the monthly salary?
3. Covering what period has he drawn said salary?
4. Has the said Baker been paid anything on account of expenses during this period?
5. If yes, how much?
6. What is his official title?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$300 per month.

"3. April 23rd, 1920, to date.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Director of the British Columbia Patriotic and Educational Picture Service."

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

1. Did the Government sink a well to supply domestic water to the town of Oliver; if so, when was work completed and what did it cost?
2. Did the Government construct a water-tank in connection with the domestic water system; if so, was tank of wood construction?
3. On what date was work completed and what did it cost?
4. What distance is water-tank from well?
5. Was tank filled with water as soon as constructed; if not, on what date was it filled?
6. What time was required to fill tank and what was cost of same?
7. Was any difficulty experienced in filling tank; if so, what was the reason?
8. Was it necessary to make repairs to tank before it could be filled with water; if so, what was necessity for such repairs and what did repairs cost?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes; not completed.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. All work not completed.
- "4. 2,651 feet.
- "5. Yes, as soon as building was completed.
- "6. Eight days; \$130.
- "7. No.
- "8. No."

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

1. Did a wash-out occur on the main ditch at or near the siphon on the Southern Okanagan development scheme? If so, on what date did wash-out occur?
2. Was there a spillway at or near the point wash-out occurred?
3. How many lineal feet of main ditch was destroyed?
4. If a spillway had been constructed at time main ditch was built, would wash-out have been prevented?
5. Was a temporary flume erected to convey water to land-owners?
6. If so, how many lineal feet was built? (a.) How many feet of lumber B.M. was required to make repairs? (b.) How many lineal feet of metal flume? (c.) What did temporary repairs cost?
7. On what date was water available to land-owners after temporary repairs had been completed?
8. Have land-owners complained of loss through lack of water?
9. Have all land-owners been charged full irrigation rates for the year 1921?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes. May 20th, 1921.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. 548 feet.
- "4. Answered by No. 2 and No. 1 respectively.
- "5. Yes; and to provide water for construction purposes.
- "6. 1,069 lineal feet. (a.) 24,522 feet. (b.) 555 feet. (c.) \$5,938, of which half will be salvaged.
- "7. June 18th, 1921.
- "8. No official complaint.
- "9. Have not yet been charged."

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

1. Did the Government install a domestic water system at Oliver in connection with the Southern Okanagan development scheme?
2. If so, what materials were used in construction of pipe-line and how many lineal feet of pipe was laid?
3. Was the pipe-line inspected and passed by the engineering staff before refilling?

4. Was any portion of pipe-line removed and relaid? If so, how much and what was necessity for doing this and what was cost of same?

5. Was any portion of this pipe-line removed and relaid a second time; if so, how much and what was necessity for doing this and what was cost of same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Wire-wound, burlap-wrapped wood pipe and galvanized-iron pipe; 11,129 feet.

"3. Yes.

"4. Yes; 120 lineal feet of 8-inch pipe which had been laid but not covered. Decided to lay it under instead of over main siphon to give better protection against frost owing to changed road-grade. Cost about \$30.

"5. No."

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

1. Is there a Provincial constable located at Fairview?

2. If so, over what territory has he jurisdiction and does it include the town of Oliver?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Fairview, Oliver, and vicinity, and to co-operate with constables on the north at Penticton, on the west at Keremeos, and on the east at Midway; and subject at all times to instructions from headquarters."

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

1. What is the number of motor-cars now owned by the Government and used by any officials in your Department?

2. What has been the total cost of these cars to the Province?

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

"1. Forty-four cars and two motor-cycles.

"2. \$43,365.12."

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

1. What are the names, occupations, and addresses of the persons composing the Game Conservation Board?

2. By what statutory authority did the Government permit the Game Conservation Board to buy, sell, and trade in beaver-skins and beaver-castors?

3. What are the names and addresses of all persons and companies to whom permits to purchase beaver-pelts during closed season were issued?

4. What was the date of issuance and date of expiry of all above-mentioned permits?

5. How many beaver-pelts were purchased by the Government from each permit-holder and the amount paid or owing to each permit-holder: (a) For the pelts; (b) for commission; (c) for expenses; (d) total paid?

6. How many of these pelts have been sold by the Government, and if any have been sold, by whom, and when, and the price received?

7. When were said sales (if any) advertised, and in what papers or where?

8. Did an employee of the Board named Dawson issue any permits; and, if so, by whose instructions?

9. Is the said Dawson still in the employ of the Government in any of its departments; and, if so, where at, and what is he employed at, and by whose recommendation was he engaged?

10. Was he dismissed by the Game Conservation Board?

11. Has the Chairman of the Board permitted non-resident fur-traders to purchase and trade in furs at Vancouver without paying the non-resident tax of \$200?

12. If so, by what authority?

13. Is Mr. Baker still Chairman of the Game Conservation Board?

14. Were any beaver-pelts bought by Mr. Baker for his private use?

15. Was a permit issued to the Hudson's Bay Company; and, if so, how many pelts have been shipped to the Board, and when does their permit expire?

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

"1. A. R. Baker, dentist, Vancouver; W. G. McMynn, Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria; M. B. Jackson, lawyer, Victoria; T. B. Booth, newspaper-man, Nanaimo; J. F. Guimont, train-dispatcher, Cranbrook.

"2. Order in Council No. 1034.

"3. Dates issued, names, and addresses as follows:—

June 30th, 1921, C. Korsch, Vancouver.

June 30th, 1921, A. Fitzpatrick and I. Gescheit (employees of Korsch), Vancouver.

August 23rd, 1921, H. Hoffman, Vancouver.

July 21st, 1921, J. E. Ormheim, Vancouver.

July 21st, 1921, N. E. Hyman, Vancouver.

July 21st, 1921, J. Wolfe, Vancouver.

August 13th, 1921, J. Snider, Vancouver.

July 21st, 1921, Hudson's Bay Co. (posts), Hazelton, Fort St. John, Fort St. James, Babine, Fort Grahame, McLeod Lake, Telegraph Creek, Dease Lake, McDame Creek, Liard, Fort Nelson, Hudson Hope.

September 15th, 1921, Percy Woolston (for Hyland Estate), Wilson Bros., Victoria.

August 25th, 1921, F. Irvine, Kamloops.

September 15th, 1921, J. S. H. Munro, Revelstoke.

September 15th, 1921, Norman Lee, Alexis Creek.

August 17th, 1921, Revillion Freres (two posts in British Columbia), Edmonton, Alberta.

July 28th, 1921, H. Porter, Prince George.

July 19th, 1921, Livingstone & Guest, Prince George.

July 21st, 1921, N. M. Clarke, Endako.

July 28th, 1921, W. Blair, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, T. Pappas, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, T. Austin, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, A. Sherwood, Finlay Forks.

July 28th, 1921, I. Spanner, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, E. F. W. Towers, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, L. Vibbard, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, H. H. Bredin, Finlay Forks.

July 28th, 1921, J. McInnis, Hazelton.

July 28th, 1921, R. C. McCorkell, Vanderhoof.

July 28th, 1921, C. W. Dawson, Hazelton.

August 1st, 1921, Wm. Goldbloom, Prince Rupert.

August 1st, 1921, C. V. Smith (appointed by wire), Hazelton.

August 1st, 1921, C. J. Phillipson, Prince Rupert (two permits issued, Prince Rupert and Fort St. James posts).

August 14th, 1921, Geo. McKenzie, Burns Lake.

August 17th, 1921, R. Boyd Young, Port Simpson.

August 9th, 1921, B. Brynildsen, Bella Coola.

August 9th, 1921, A. Christensen, Bella Coola.

July 13th, 1921, C. E. Cornwall, Vancouver.

August 9th, 1921, W. D. Noble, Mill Bay.

July 28th, 1921, Pete Pavich, Prince George.

July 28th, 1921, Wm. Bunting, Fort Fraser.

August 1st, 1921, J. A. Rogers, Prince Rupert.

August 9th, 1921, Cunningham & Sons, Prince Rupert.

August 23rd, 1921, Jacobson & Goldberg, Ltd., Vancouver.

August 27th, 1921, H. Brink, Hagensborg.

Appointed by Game Warden R. W. Franklin, Hazelton (two): P. Melville, Grassy Plains; R. A. Lampere, Kitwanga.

September 10th, 1921, J. E. Dawson, Rivers Inlet.

September 16th, 1921, R. Pyper, Ashcroft.

NOTE.—Several fur-traders applied to the Game Conservation Board Office from outside districts personally and by mail. Chief Constable Kelly, Smithers; Deputy Inspector Parsons,

South Fort George; and the Government Agent at Fort Fraser were given authority to issue these permits. Up to the present, however, no correct list has been furnished the Board as to whom they have issued permits of this nature. All permits expired on September 30th, 1921, with the exception of the Hudson's Bay Company and Revillion Freres, whose permits expire on October 31st, 1921.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Owing to the fact that returns are incomplete the above mentioned cannot be answered correctly. An approximate list will be furnished if required at a later date.

"6. Two sales, at Little Bros. Fur Sales Agency, Limited, Vancouver: August 31st, 1921, 764 beaver, \$14,132.65; September 17th, 1921, 1,070 beaver, \$19,825.75.

"7. Advertised by Little Bros. Fur Sales Agency in the same manner as that firm advertises any other fur sale they may have.

"8. Yes; authority of Chairman under Order in Council No. 1034.

"9. No.

"10. No.

"11. No.

"12. Answered by No. 11.

"13. Yes.

"14. No.

"15. Yes. No returns made up to the present; permit expires October 31st, 1921."

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

1. Has the Government purchased a motor-car for the use of the Chairman of the Game Board within the last twelve months?

2. If yes, what is the name of the car?

3. What was the price paid therefor?

4. When was said car purchased?

5. Was the car damaged shortly after it was purchased?

6. What caused the said damage and where was the car when said damage was sustained?

7. What amount of repairs has been carried out on said car, and when, with details?

8. What has become of the car formerly used by the Chairman of the Game Board?

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

"1. The Government purchased a car for the Board which is used by officers of the Game Board and Game Wardens in and around Vancouver.

"2. Lexington.

"3. \$3,420.

"4. March 26th, 1921.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. May 31st, one head-lamp and glass, \$7. June 30th, one bumper, \$22. July 16th, one 32 by 4 N.L. Cord casing and one 32 by 4 inner tube, \$47.50; one rim-belt and nut, 65 cents; rent of battery and recharge, \$2.25. August 13th, repairs to generator, \$4.50; charging battery and rental, \$2. September 13th, fixing tire and patching cover, \$1. Total \$86.90.

"8. Sent to Nanaimo for use by the Game Warden stationed at that point for patrolling his district *re* game matters."

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

1. Were tenders called for building a bridge at Midway?

2. If so, who tendered?

3. What was the amount of each tender?

4. Which tender was accepted?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. W. Greenlees, \$15,120; McCharles & McDougall, \$15,179; Nickson Construction Co., Ltd., \$18,265.

"4. McCharles & McDougall (local contractors)."

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

1. Did Dr. Baker, Chairman of the Game Conservation Board, give instructions on June 30th, 1921, that A. Fitzpatrick, of Vancouver, B.C., an employee of C. Korsch, of Paris Hat & Frame Co., Vancouver, be given a letter of authority for the purpose of buying beaver-skins?
2. If so, under what authority was such letter given and date of same?
3. If so, was such authority gazetted as provided for by the "Game Act"?
4. Was A. Fitzpatrick convicted of an offence under the "Game Act"?
5. If so, what for, and how much was he fined?
6. On or about July 10th, 1921, was the sum of \$2,000 wired by the Government Agent at Vancouver to any person partly for the purpose of financing said A. Fitzpatrick in the purchase of beaver-skins?
7. If so, how much money was advanced to Fitzpatrick, and how many beaver-skins did he return to the Government, and what did he do with the balance of the money?
8. Under what authority existing at the time was this money advanced to Fitzpatrick?
9. Was there an Order in Council existing on July 10th authorizing this advance?
10. Was it gazetted?
11. What price was Fitzpatrick to pay for each beaver-skin?
12. What was to be his commission or remuneration for said purchases?
13. Why was he chosen by Dr. Baker?
14. Was he a licensed trapper or fur-trader?
15. Was the Order in Council No. 1034, dated July 25th, 1921, gazetted?
16. What action does the Hon. the Attorney-General intend to take under the circumstances?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Order in Council No. 1034, June 30th, 1921.
- "3. 'Game Act' does not provide for gazetted.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Yes; wired to Government Agent at Fort Fraser.
- "7. \$1,000 advanced Fitzpatrick; he accounted to his employer, C. Korsch, who turned in the pelts. Korsch's statement shows eighty pelts bought by Fitzpatrick (Korsch responsible for money and is under bonds).
- "8. Order in Council No. 1034.
- "9. No. Policy decided upon and formal Order passed later, to be retroactive in effect.
- "10. Not required to be gazetted.
- "11. Allowed to pay up to \$10 per skin.
- "12. His commission or salary is paid to him by his principal, C. Korsch, not by Board, so have no information.
- "13. He was employed by Korsch as he was familiar with fur conditions, being a fur-buyer for years.
- "14. Yes; licensed fur-trader under subsection (5), section 30, of the 'Game Act.'
- "15. Not necessary to be gazetted.
- "16. Whatever action the circumstances warrant."

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

1. Were tenders called for the building of a school at Castlegar?
2. If so, who tendered?
3. What were the amounts of each tender?
4. Which tender was accepted?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2 and 3. Howard Ferguson, \$3,800; L. H. Rawlings & Co., \$4,878.73; E. Croy, \$4,900; T. H. Waters & Co., \$6,181.33; John Burns & Sons, \$6,250; F. P. Rogers, \$6,710.
- "4. L. H. Rawlings & Co. Department considered Howard Ferguson bid too low for the work."

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

1. Is Mr. G. McGeer, barrister, of Vancouver, retained by the Government in investigate railway rates in this Province?
2. If so, when did he begin this work?
3. What are the terms of his employment as to remuneration?
4. How long will said work continue?
5. How much has Mr. McGeer received to date for remuneration and expenses?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January, 1921.
- "3. Settlement on completion.
- "4. Until completed.
- "5. \$7,500 advance."

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

1. Is it the custom of Americans purchasing permits and liquor from the Government Liquor Stores to pay for same in American currency?
2. If so, who makes the profit on the exchange?
3. What is the system for accounting for same?
4. How much has the Government received from this source?

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

- "1. It is not the custom, but occasionally Americans purchase permits and liquor from the Government Liquor Stores and pay for same in United States currency.
- "2. The Government Liquor Control Board.
- "3. Government Liquor Vendors account for same in their daily reports to the Chief Accountant, Liquor Control Board.
- "4. Total amount received as at September 30th, 1921, \$877.03."

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

1. What is the total acreage in the Creston Soldier Settlement Area?
2. What is the total acreage cleared?
3. What was the purchase price paid for the area by the Land Settlement Board?
4. What amount of money has been expended in clearing and improving this area by the Land Settlement Board to October 1st, 1921?
5. What is the total acreage sold and for which agreements of sale have been signed?
6. What is the value of the land sold?
7. What is the amount of cash received by the Land Settlement Board from sales of land in the Creston Settlement up to October 1st, 1921?
8. What sum of money is in arrears of payment up to October 1st, 1921?
9. Has the Land Settlement Board sold any of this area to civilians; if so, what is the amount of acreage sold?
10. What is the value of land sold to civilians?
11. What sum of money has been received as cash payment from sales made to civilians?

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

- "1. 5,967.56 acres.
- "2. 432½ acres.
- "3. \$188,320.46.
- "4. \$358,405.88.
- "5. 157.7 acres.
- "6. \$8,077.50.
- "7. \$1,180.
- "8. None.
- "9. Yes; 109.85 acres.
- "10. \$4,450.
- "11. \$680."

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

1. What is the total acreage of the Christian Ranch purchased by the Land Settlement Board?
2. What is the total amount involved in the purchase price and cost of developments up to October 1st, 1921?
3. Has the Land Settlement Board sold any portion of this ranch?
4. If so, what was the value of acreage sold?
5. Has the Land Settlement Board secured any water rights for this property?
6. If not, what does the Land Settlement Board propose doing with the property?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 440 acres.
- "2. \$57,697.01.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Application for water rights made and question now under consideration.
- "6. This will be determined when the question of water supply is definitely decided."

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

1. What is the total acreage in the Merville Soldier Settlement Area?
2. What is the total acreage cleared?
3. What was the purchase price paid for the area by the Land Settlement Board?
4. What amount of money has been expended in clearing and improving this area by the Land Settlement Board to October 1st, 1921?
5. What is the total acreage sold and for which agreement of sale has been signed?
6. What is the value of the land sold?
7. What is the amount of cash received by the Land Settlement Board from sales of land in the Merville Settlement up to October 1st, 1921?
8. What sum of money is in arrears of payment up to October 1st, 1921?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. 13,890.09 acres.
- "2. \$67.08 cleared by Board. No definite information as to acreage cleared by settlers personally.
- "3. \$69,699.91.
- "4. \$496,231.65.
- "5. 5,629.08 acres.
- "6. \$148,836.33.
- "7. \$568.03.
- "8. None."

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

1. Were tenders called for building a Nurses' Home at Tranquille?
2. If so, who tendered?
3. What was the amount of each tender?
4. Which tender was accepted?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2 and 3. H. J. Davies, \$25,353, no deposit (completion, March 31st, 1922); Dominion Construction Co., Ltd., \$29,444, with deposit (completion, May 31st, 1922); Johnston & Co., Ltd., \$29,891.35, with deposit (completion, July 1st, 1922); Western Construction Co., \$31,500, with deposit (completion, no date); Robertson & Partners, Ltd., \$31,500, no deposit (completion, no date); E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$31,995, with deposit, but already has a contract (completion, December 31st, 1921); Smith Bros & Wilson, Ltd., \$32,300 (completion, February 1st, 1922).

- "4. Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd."

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

1. Did the Department of Mines cause an election to be held to elect a representative to act on a Minimum Wage Board for miners?
2. If yes, who was elected?
3. What was the cost of said election?
4. Has the said Board ever met?
5. If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Wm. Sherman.
- "3. \$1,135.84.
- "4. No. The Chairman has had under consideration the convening of the Board and is obtaining information to that end.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Was one B. G. Wark appointed as a Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act" to investigate the gravel-pit inquiry in connection with the Vancouver District Sewerage Board?
2. Was said Commissioner at the time of his appointment an employee of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
3. If so, in what capacity and at what salary?
4. What remuneration (if any) was given Mr. Wark for the gravel-pit inquiry?
5. Is the said Wark an American citizen?
6. What counsel was employed by the Government in this inquiry?
7. What was the amount paid said counsel?
8. What was the total cost of this inquiry to the Government?
9. Did the Vancouver District Joint Sewerage Board employ counsel to represent them in said inquiry?
10. If so, what was his name?
11. What amount has the District Sewerage Board paid said counsel?

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

- "1. No; but Robert James Wark was.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Adjusting unsettled right-of-way claims and land agent; \$175 per month.
- "4. None.
- "5. No. Born near Londonderry, Ireland, where the family had lived for several hundred years. Records show they took part in the defence of Derry during the siege of 1688. Came direct from Londonderry to Langley Prairie, B.C., in 1890, and has lived continuously in British Columbia since that date. Was for twelve years a member of the Langley Municipal Council and School Board, five years Chairman of the School Board, and five years Reeve of the municipality. Is a grandnephew of Hon. David Wark, Senator of New Brunswick, also the Hon. Jno. Wark, Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company and pioneer of Victoria. If the above is not sufficient to prove he is a British subject further evidence will be cheerfully given.
- "6. Donald Downie, Esq., of Vancouver.
- "7. \$400.
- "8. \$1,400.35.
- "9. Yes.
- "10. R. F. McD. Russell, K.C., Vancouver.
- "11. No information."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.