

## Monday, February 21st, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. N. Turner*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1945;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1944;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1943, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 19th, 1944.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The National Physical Fitness Act,' being Chapter Twenty-nine of the Statutes of Canada, 1943" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942,' of the Dominion" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Sooke Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1943?
2. Where has such work been done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on such work?

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

- "1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.
- "2. From Island Highway to Sooke Village.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$5,399.94."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Quarantine Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1943?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on such work?

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

- "1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.
- "2. From Metchosin Road to Quarantine Station.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$481.53."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Rocky Point Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1943?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on such work?

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

- "1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.
- "2. From Happy Valley Road to sea-shore, Rocky Point.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$210.02."

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What examination, if any, is necessary for a graduate in agriculture from the University of British Columbia to become a District Agriculturist?

2. Is this examination open to women?

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

“ 1. No examination necessary.

“ 2. 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 5 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 22nd, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Lefaux*,—

That all words after the first word “ That ” in the motion made by the Honourable the Minister of Finance—namely, “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ”—be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: “ This House regrets that in the Government's presentation of the Budget there is no due consideration to, and recognition of, the necessity of economic planning and fundamental social change in order to provide the continuance and expansion of productive employment necessary for the maintenance and increase of economic and cultural standards, and for the fulfilment of assurances that there will be peace-time employment for men and women when discharged from the armed services.”

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Turner</i>			

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Finland</i>			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Kimberley," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 22nd, 1944.*

*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. 21) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Kimberley," 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 23rd, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. H. McAllister.*

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Webber*, the debate was 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 4.40 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Turner.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. Webber asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Which municipalities conformed (a) in full, (b) in part, and (c) not at all to the Government's plan for paying on a fifty-fifty basis the medical costs of old-age pensioners, recipients of mothers' allowances, and recipients of social assistance?

2. How many of each category of recipients live in municipalities where they do not receive full medical benefits planned by the Government?

3. How much has this plan cost the Government to date?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1. (a.) Armstrong City, Chilliwack City, Courtenay City, Cranbrook City, Cumberland City, Enderby City, Fernie City, Kaslo City, Ladysmith City, Nanaimo City, Nelson City, New Westminster City, North Vancouver City, Port Coquitlam City, Vancouver City, Victoria City, Burnaby Municipality, Chilliwack Municipality, North Cowichan Municipality, North Vancouver District, Penticton Municipality, Saanich Municipality, Spallumcheen Municipality, Summerland Municipality, Surrey Municipality, and West Vancouver Municipality. (b.) Kamloops City, Kelowna City, Merritt City, Vernon City, Coquitlam Municipality, Langley Municipality, Matsqui Municipality, and Mission Municipality. (c.) Alberni City, Duncan City, Grand Forks City, Greenwood City, Port Alberni City, Port Moody City, Prince George City, Prince Rupert City, Revelstoke City, Rossland City, Salmon Arm City, Slocan City, Trail City, Coldstream Municipality, Delta Municipality, Esquimalt Municipality, Fraser Mills Municipality, Glenmore Municipality, Kent Municipality, Maple Ridge Municipality, Oak Bay Municipality, Peachland Municipality, Pitt Meadows Municipality, Richmond Municipality, Salmon Arm Municipality, Sumas Municipality, Tadanac Municipality, and Mission Village.

"2. Old-age pensioners, 2,157; mothers' allowances (including dependents), 676; social allowances (including dependents), 778.

"3. Former plan (Unemployment Relief) and new plan (including three categories) are interlocking with different dates of entry and change for each municipality, so cannot divide cost between two plans. Total public health costs, 1931-32 to 1942-43 (inclusive), \$2,117,534.28, including unorganized territory. Expenditures in municipalities, 1935-36 and 1942-43 (inclusive), \$525,193.47."

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Why was the salary of W. A. Carrothers, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission, reduced by 3 cents below the Statutory amount due him?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"Due to odd cents in monthly cheques based on monthly deductions from salary and omission to make adjustment of 3 cents in final cheque for the year."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

From the date of the operation of the "Workmen's Compensation Act," as amended by chapter 72, 1943, until the latest date for which records are available: (a) What additional sum was paid by insured workmen for medical aid; and (b) what was the additional cost of increased benefits segregated under each heading?

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

"The Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board advises that statistics are not kept covering the desired information. It might be necessary to pull ten thousand claims in order to get the desired information. Even if they were pulled, the information would have to be estimated, for the simple reason that the majority of the major claims occurring after March 18th, 1943, are still running at this time and will not generally be completed until approximately a year or more after the date of accident. In so far as medical aid deductions are concerned, there is no means of ascertaining this until an audit has been made of all the employers' records for 1943. These audits will not be completed until some time toward the end of 1944. Medical aid is paid by the employers in lump sums and in the vast majority of cases all we have is a statement that the moneys have been deducted for medical aid, without mentioning the periods. It would therefore be true to say that accurate information is impossible to obtain at this time."

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has a building been constructed on Provincial Government property on Topaz Avenue, Victoria, for the protection of valuable Government documents?
2. If yes, what is the nature of such building?
3. Was the work undertaken by contract?
4. If yes, what was the name of the contracting firm?
5. What was the total cost of this work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. A reinforced concrete bomb-proof vault.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. R. F. Castle.
- "5. \$19,959."

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was an addition made to the Boys' Industrial School at Coquitlam during the fiscal year 1941-42?
2. Was the work undertaken by contract?
3. If yes, what was the name of the contracting firm?
4. What was the total cost of such work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Ward & Son, Ltd.
- "4. \$23,241.93."

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

How is the Public Utilities Commission revenue of \$808,293.06 made up?

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

"See \$635,170, Public Accounts, 1942-43, page EE 341, for revenues up to March 31st, 1943; balance made up by revenues collected since that date."

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

1. What, if any, improvements have been carried out on the Burns Lake-Babine Road during the year 1942-43?

2. What was the nature of the work?

3. What was the cost of such work?

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

"1. General maintenance, such as installation of culverts, repairs to bridges, ditching, gravelling, etc., also between Mile 12 and Mile 12.5 this road was reconstructed on a revised location, eliminating a section of poor alignment which was almost impassable during wet periods.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$7,026.36."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

What action, if any, has been taken with a view to bringing fishermen within the scope of the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

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

"No action has been taken since the report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' on July 15th, 1941."

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is the road between Cowichan Lake and Honeymoon Bay being improved?

2. Is the work being undertaken by contract?

3. If yes, (a) who is the contractor and (b) what is the amount of contract?

4. What is the length of road upon which improvements are being made?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a) Vancouver Construction Company, Ltd.; (b) \$50,499.40, based on estimated quantities and unit prices.

"4. Six miles."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Friday, February 25th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *McInnis* (Salvation Army).

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

That on Monday, February 28th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day; one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. Was the road between Vanderhoof and Manson Creek kept open during the winter months of 1942-43?

2. If yes, what was the mileage kept open?

3. What was the average cost per mile to keep this road open?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 167 miles.

“3. \$56.41.”

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What sum of money, if any, was appropriated for work on the Ioco Road during the fiscal year 1942-43?

2. What work was undertaken during the fiscal year 1942-43?

3. What sum of money was appropriated for work on this road during the fiscal year 1943-44?

4. What work has been undertaken to date since March 31st, 1943?

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

“1. \$5,247.27.

“2. The highway was widened by 6 feet with pit-run material for 1 mile, also clearing and general maintenance-work was undertaken.

“3. \$5,139.80.

“4. Installation of 320 lineal feet of culverts, also general maintenance and repairs.”

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Have the timber bridge approaches to the Pitt River Bridge on the Dewdney Trunk Road been replaced by a permanent gravel fill?

2. If yes, was the material for the fill hauled from the bed of the Coquitlam River?

3. If yes, what was the length of the haul?

4. What was the reason for hauling such material from the Coquitlam River?

5. What was the cost of this work?

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

“1. Ninety per cent. of timber bridge approaches have been replaced by permanent gravel fill.

“2. Yes.

“3. 4.5 miles.

“4. For the purpose of straightening the channel of the Coquitlam River while at the same time procuring material for the Pitt River Bridge fill and thus accomplish two jobs at the same time.

“5. \$74,438.94.”



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

1. What was the amount, if any, paid by the British Columbia Government for the National Trust Company, Limited, mortgage covering lands occupied by Doukhobors in the Grand Forks District several years ago?
2. On what date was this deal effected?
3. How many acres were covered in these negotiations?
4. How many parcels of this land have since been sold to Doukhobors?
5. What was the total acreage thus sold?
6. On what terms were these lands sold to Doukhobors?
7. Have all payments been kept up and terms fully complied with?
8. What was the total purchase price under the agreements thus entered into?
9. How much of this total purchase price has been paid to date?
10. How much of this total purchase price, if any, is delinquent?
11. Since the date of their acquisition through purchase of the mortgage above referred to, what amount of money in taxes has been received by the Government from these lands?

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

- " 1. \$89,000, covering all Doukhobor lands; no segregation made.
- " 2. October 21st, 1942.
- " 3. 4,550.49 acres.
- " 4. Two.
- " 5. 220.1 acres.
- " 6. Ten per cent. cash, balance in nine equal annual payments with interest at 4½ per cent. per annum.
- " 7. Yes.
- " 8. \$4,850.
- " 9. \$485.
- " 10. None.
- " 11. Taxes are levied on the Land Settlement Board. The Board has collected \$13,670.10 from Doukhobors for the occupancy of Board lands."

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

1. How many consolidated school areas are there in British Columbia at the present time?
2. Where is each situated?
3. How many school districts have been incorporated into each consolidated school area?
4. How many school teachers are there in British Columbia in each of the following categories of schools: (a) Elementary, (b) Junior High, and (c) Senior High?
5. How many teachers in each category are (a) male and (b) female?
6. What was the annual aggregate pay-roll for all teachers in each category in the school-year 1938-39 and in the school-year 1942-43?
7. What was the average class-room enrolment in each grade from I. to XIII., inclusive, for the school-year 1942-43?
8. What were the expenses (itemized) in connection with the Mount View High School inquiry?

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

- " 1. Thirty-six.
- " 2 and 3. The names of the consolidated school districts, with the number in brackets, of original districts comprised in the respective consolidations are as follows: In municipalities—Abbotsford (3), Alberni High School Area (2), Chilliwack High School Area (2), Duncan (2), Salmon Arm High School Area (2), Trail-Tadanac

(2), and Armstrong (2). In rural districts — Athalmer-Invermere (2), Beavercell United (3), Bella Coola United (3), Bevan-Puntledge United (2), Brilliant (6), Castlegar United (2), Cobble Hill High School Area (5), Comox (3), Creston Valley United (9), Fruitova (2), Gabriola United (3), Grasmere-Rooseville United (2), Howe Sound United (2), Kimberley United (3), Michel-Natal (2), Nanaimo-Ladysmith United (20), Peace River (63), Saanich North Consolidated (3), Saltspring Island United (6), Sechelt United (2), Skidegate Inlet United (2), Squamish (2), Stillwater United (3), Tsolum (5), Waldo United (3), Wells-Barkerville United (2), Yahk United (3), Southern Okanagan United (4), and Okanagan United (3).

"4. For the school-year 1942-43: (a) Elementary, 2,563; male, 446; female, 2,117. (b) Junior High, 519; male, 214; female, 305. (c) Senior High, 854; male, 496; female, 358. (d) Superior, 119; male, 33; female, 86.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. For the school-year 1938-39: (a) Elementary (2,749 teachers), \$3,375,970; (b) Junior High (411 teachers), \$696,645; (c) Senior High (901 teachers), \$1,861,466; (d) Superior (133 teachers), \$138,453. For the school-year 1942-43: (a) Elementary (2,563 teachers), \$3,383,349; (b) Junior High (519 teachers), \$937,314; (c) Senior High (854 teachers), \$1,858,304; (d) Superior (119 teachers), \$130,662.

"7. Some class-rooms enrol pupils of one grade only. Many class-rooms, however, enrol pupils of two, three, four, five, six, seven, or eight different grades. It is not possible, therefore, to obtain an average class-room enrolment for each grade.

"8. Information not available in the Department of Education."

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

1. What was the amount paid by the British Columbia Government for the Sun Life Assurance Company, Limited, mortgage covering lands occupied by Doukhobors in the Grand Forks District several years ago?

2. On what date was this deal effected?

3. How many acres were covered in these negotiations?

4. How many parcels of this land have since been sold to Doukhobors?

5. What was the total acreage thus sold?

6. On what terms were these lands sold to Doukhobors?

7. Have all payments been kept up and terms fully complied with?

8. What was the total purchase price under the agreements thus entered into?

9. How much of this total purchase price has been paid to date?

10. How much of this total purchase price, if any, is delinquent?

11. Since the date of their acquisition through purchase of the mortgage above referred to, what amount of money in taxes has been received by the Government from these lands?

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

"1. \$207,500, covering all Doukhobor lands; no segregation made.

"2. December 9th, 1939.

"3. 15,365.77 acres.

"4. None.

"5. 840.7 acres have been sold to others than Doukhobors for \$20,572.19, of which \$8,373.54 has been paid.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. Answered by No. 4.

"8. Answered by No. 4.

"9. Answered by No. 4.

"10. Answered by No. 4.

"11. Taxes are levied on the Land Settlement Board. The Board has collected \$13,670.10 from Doukhobors for the occupancy of Board lands."

*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 5 p.m.

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## Monday, February 28th, 1944.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. K. L. Sandercock.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

1. How much additional equipment, if any, was provided by the Provincial Government on the Hope-Princeton Road project in the calendar year 1943 over the calendar year 1942?

2. How much equipment is being utilized on the Hope-Princeton Road at the present time and where is it based?

3. Did the Provincial Government spend any money in connection with the Hope-Princeton Road project in the fiscal year 1942-43 and, if so, how much?

4. How many white men and Japanese respectively are employed on the Hope-Princeton project now and where are they based?

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

"1. Seven trucks, 6 tractors, 1 power-grader, 2 lighting plants, 3 power-shovels, 3 air-compressors, 6 jack-hammers, 2 snow-ploughs, 1 back-filler, 2 revolving scrapers, 1 pump outfit, 1 pull-grader (heavy), 1 hoist, and 1 road-ripper.

"2. No information.

"3. Yes; \$5,269.03.

"4. No information."

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

1. Was any work undertaken on the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway in the Nelson-Creston Electoral District during the fiscal year 1942-43 on the sections known as (a) Taghum Hill and (b) Creston-Goatfell?

2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?

3. What was the cost of such work?

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

"1. (a) and (b) Yes.

"2. (a) New construction on revised location and (b) new construction on revised location, gravelling, and general maintenance.

"3. (a) \$9,485.07 and (b) \$32,417.62."

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

1. Is the bridge across the Bulkley River at Smithers being replaced?
2. If yes, what is the cost of such replacement?
3. What amount of Coast timber is being used?
4. What amount of local timber is being used?
5. What quantity of iron is being used?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Estimated cost, \$61,750, exclusive of road approaches.
- “3. 235,608 feet board-measure.
- “4. Piling, 12,880 lineal feet; sawn timber, 31,800 feet board-measure.
- “5. 56 tons.”

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

1. Was the bridge over Glacier Creek, Skeena Riding, renewed during the year 1942-43?
2. If yes, what was the cost of such renewal?
3. What is the length of such structure?

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

- “1. Yes; but not completed until April 17th, 1943.
- “2. \$5,640.83.
- “3. 140 feet.”

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

1. Was any work undertaken on the Nelson-Nelway Road during the fiscal year 1942-43?
2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?
3. What was the cost of such work?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Reconstruction, gravelling, and general maintenance.
- “3. \$17,188.43.”

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

1. Have any discoveries been made of iron-ore bodies in the Skeena and (or) Omineca Mining Divisions?
2. If yes, where are such ore-bodies located?
3. What is the estimated extent of such ore-bodies?
4. How far are such ore-bodies from tidal waters?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Limonite Creek, tributary of Zymoetz River.
- “3. See ‘Iron Ores of Canada,’ Vol. I., Geological Survey of Canada, 1926, page 20: ‘Until the thickness of the deposit has been determined at a number of places any estimate of the ore content may prove misleading, but all available data corroborate the conclusion reached by MacKenzie that at least 500,000 tons of easily mined, nearly pure limonite is present and that it is not improbable that the total is considerably in excess of 1,000,000 tons.’

- “4. Approximately 140 miles.”

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

1. Is there a sidewalk between the Village of Chapman Camp and Kimberley?
2. If yes, what is the nature of such sidewalk?
3. When was it constructed?
4. What was the cost of building the sidewalk?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Six feet wide, 3,600 feet long, double flush-coat.
- “3. During the fiscal year 1942–43.
- “4. \$1,982.79.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

How much money was spent on hard surfacing roads for the period April 1st, 1943, to December 31st, 1943, (a) in the whole Province, (b) in the Esquimalt constituency, and (c) in the Mackenzie constituency?

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

“(a) \$216,005.60, (b) \$62,689.09, and (c) \$2,026.28.”

*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 5.30 p.m.

## Monday, February 28th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Gargrave* on the 18th instant, as follows:—

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear any further representations on matters contained therein and report its findings to this House.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

*Segur*  
*Stirling*  
*Gargrave*  
*Turner*

*MacInnis, Mrs.*  
*Jamieson, Mrs.*  
*Winch, E. E.*  
*Uphill*

*Webber*  
*Herridge*  
*Shepherd*  
*MacNeil*

*Steeves, Mrs*  
*Lefeaux*  
*Winch, H. E.*  
*Cameron*

## NAYS—24.

## Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

## PAIRS:

## Messieurs

*Guthrie*                      *Putnam*

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

Whereas the Speech from the Throne at the commencement of the present Session informed the House that “The urgent need of positive planning for post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction calls for the early and concerted efforts of the National and Provincial Governments in Canada. My Government has agreed to the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa to discuss these problems and will co-operate fully in such measures as will best advance the object of our common purpose”:

And whereas the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, as filed with the House on Thursday, February 4th, 1943, on pages 160, 161, and 163 sets forth many matters in which the relations of the Dominion Government to the Provincial are implicated:

And whereas all members of this House are keenly interested in the proposed Dominion-Provincial Conference and the success of same:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine all factors relating to the aforementioned findings and recommendations of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of the Whole House report its findings to the House with a view to drawing the attention and consideration of the Government to the opinions of this Legislature relative to the proposed Conference.

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

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

Whereas the Federal Wartime Wages Control Order 1943 (PC 9384) is harmful to the morale of both employer and employee and is upsetting war unity:

And whereas this order places unnecessary restrictions on labour, which has given full support to the war effort:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature do urge the rescinding of the said order.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Kenney*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*, it was Resolved,—

That the names of *Thomas King*, *James Mowat*, and *Vincent Segur* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

On the motion of Mr. *Kenney*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*, it was Resolved,—

That the name of *Frank William Green* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries.

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Herridge*,—

Resolved, That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider the request of the Pacific Coast Poultry Association for legislation to amend the "Commodities Minimum Loss Act" in order to prohibit the featuring of eggs as "loss leaders"; to call representatives of the Association together with representatives of the Retail Merchants' Association and to report its findings to the Legislature.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscumb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas the interim report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council was filed with the House on Thursday, February 4th, 1943:

And whereas said report on page 117 recommends:

"That wherever conditions exist in Company Towns restricting the establishment of business, cultural, religious, and other institutions, and the free movement of citizens, such restrictions should be abolished.

"That legislation should be enacted to make such communities fully available to employees of the industry concerned and others, and to permit them to build and own houses, to purchase land to enable the establishment of private, co-operative, and other enterprises—not necessarily owned or controlled by the company or owners of Company Towns—for purposes of trading and the general conduct of legitimate business, in order that Company Towns shall be on the same footing as other communities in this Province and fully open to the self-government, enterprise, residence, and enjoyment of our people."

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine all factors relating to the aforementioned recommendation of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of the Whole House report its findings to the House with a view to drawing the attention and consideration of the Government to the opinions of this Legislature relative to the advisability of legislation being introduced in conformity with the Post-war Rehabilitation Council recommendation.

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

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

1. What was the total acreage originally contained in the land grant made to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company in aid of construction and operation of the said railway?

2. How many acres of the said land grant remain unalienated by the said Company as at the latest date of which the Taxation Branch of the said Finance Department has knowledge?

3. Did the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company pay taxes upon such unalienated lands in the year 1942?

4. If so, what was the total amount of such payment?

5. Upon what basis is assessment made of the said unalienated lands of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company?

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

“ 1. 1,900,000 acres, more or less.

“ 2. 744,831 acres, more or less.

“ 3. In accordance with a ratified agreement and provisions in chapter 33 of the Statutes for 1912, the Company makes payment of 1½ cents per acre per annum, in lieu of assessed taxes, on all lands vested in the Company as at the 30th day of June in each year.

“ 4. The payment in 1942 amounted to \$11,546.58.

“ 5. See No. 3.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Tuesday, February 29th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *H. A. Collison*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 28th, 1944.*

*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. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts 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:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*February 28th, 1944.*

*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. 30) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," 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. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was a new concrete bridge constructed over the Dunville Creek on the Trans-Canada Highway in 1942-43?

2. If yes, what was the quantity of materials used: (a) Concrete and (b) steel?

3. What was the cost of the structure?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 173 cubic yards and (b) 32,846 lb.

"3. \$10,215.27."

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

1. Was any work undertaken on the Trans-Canada Highway 8R west of Chilliwack during the fiscal year 1942-43?

2. If yes, of what did such work consist?

3. What moneys were expended thereon?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. General maintenance, including snow-removal; also 4 miles west of Chilliwack was shouldered with gravel.

"3. \$6,647.22."

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

1. What is the British Columbia Department of Agriculture doing for the control of brucellosis (Bang's disease)?
2. If anything is being done, how does it compare with the programme of other Provinces?
3. What is the objective of the British Columbia programme?
4. What is the policy of warble-fly control-work in the Province?

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

"1. The British Columbia Department of Agriculture planned control of brucellosis through vaccination of calves between four and eight months of age, using Strain 19 of the organism which is high in immunizing value and low in virulence. The vaccine is released by Federal authority to the Provincial Department and is made available to dairymen through their registered veterinarian at low cost. During two and one-half years of operation approximately 12,500 calves have been vaccinated.

"2. The programme in British Columbia admits of central control which makes possible necessary care in handling and administering of vaccine. As a consequence, it is readily accepted by stock-owners and gives maximum protection at minimum cost and is more simplified than that of most other Provinces.

"3. The British Columbia programme is intended to furnish cattlemen with the most generally approved, most efficient, and most economical means known for control and eradication of brucellosis.

"4. Warble-fly control policy had its inception in this Province and is based upon the 'area plan.' A beginning was made in the Deep Creek Valley of the North Okanagan where the first warble-free area in Canada was established. The work has extended to many parts of the Province. Ready for accreditation this year will be such large areas as the Lower Fraser Valley."

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

1. What areas of the Province are suitable for the production of high quality fibre flax and why?
2. How does the quality of fibre flax grown in the Fraser Valley and Delta compare with world production?
3. To what extent has the Government encouraged the development of the fibre-flax industry (a) by research, (b) by securing seed, and (c) by assisting financially?
4. Is fibre-flax production likely to be a permanent industry?

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

"1. The Lower Fraser Valley, the Prince George District, the Shuswap Lake area, the Creston District, and other areas have all shown suitability for the production of fibre flax, which requires a continuous growing season with adequate moisture, free from severe fluctuation in temperature.

"2. According to experiments conducted for a twenty-year period at Agassiz the flax grown in the Lower Fraser Valley has produced a quality of fibre equal to that grown anywhere in the world. In addition, seed of the highest grade is also produced.

"3. (a.) The Provincial Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the University of British Columbia has carried on seed-production work with the leading varieties of fibre flax. (b.) In 1941 the Provincial Government obtained 950 bushels of certified seed of the Storemont Gossamer variety and made it available to those having suitable land for fibre-flax production. (c.) The British Columbia Government under legislation passed last year has provided a loan of \$85,000 subject to certain conditions set out by agreement with the Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Co-operative Association.

"4. Yes; the British Columbia fishing industry alone assures us of a market for our linen fibre."

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

1. Is there a road connecting the settlements of Waldo and Newgate on the west side of the Kootenay River?

2. If yes, when was said road completed?

3. What was the cost of the work?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. 1943.

“ 3. \$15,133.”

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

1. Was any work undertaken on the streets of Kimberley during the fiscal year 1942-43?

2. If yes, what was the nature of the work done?

3. What amount of money was expended thereon?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, etc.

“ 3. \$6,692.”

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

1. Were a new bridge and diversion constructed on the Trans-Canada Highway at Barton Ditch?

2. If yes, what was the length of said diversion?

3. What was the cost of (a) road-work and (b) bridge-work?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. 0.40 mile.

“ 3. (a) \$11,225.79 and (b) \$9,670.92.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 29th, 1944.

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FORTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 28th, 1944.*

*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. 32) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province," 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. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 22nd, 1944.*

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 22nd, 1944.*

*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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation 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. *Kenney* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has any survey of the available water-power suitable for hydro-electric development been made on the Kitsumgallum River, near Terrace?
2. If yes, what is the estimated horse-power of same?
3. What is the estimated cost of developing such power?

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

"1. Yes; preliminary investigations were made during 1943 with a view to developing approximately 1,000 horse-power at this site.

"2. No surveys have yet been made to determine the maximum amount of power it would be possible to develop in this stream, but this is estimated between 15,000 and 30,000 horse-power.

"3. A preliminary estimate indicates that to develop 1,000 horse-power the cost would be \$286,000 to the outgoing terminals of the power-house. This might have to be increased if a good foundation for a dam could not be found."

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

1. Has any survey been made of the available water-power on the Bulkley River and at what points?
2. What is the estimated amount of power available?
3. What is the estimated cost of such development?

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

"1. Yes; at Hagwilget Canyon, Beament, Moricetown, and Doughty.

"2. Hagwilget Canyon, 69,000 horse-power (with full storage); Beament, 42,000 horse-power (with full storage); Moricetown, 27,000 horse-power (with full storage); Doughty, 52,000 horse-power (with full storage); total, 190,000 horse-power.

"3. No estimates of cost have been made as borings would be required to determine foundations for dams. This entails considerable expense and it has not been the policy of the Department to undertake such works."

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

1. What is the basic lighting rate for electricity per kilowatt-hour (i.e., on the first unit of, say, 50 kilowatt-hours) at the following places: Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Mill Bay, Coquitlam, Courtenay, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Kamloops, Penticton, Grand Forks, Nelson?

2. Do rural consumers of light in areas contiguous to the aforementioned places have to pay or contribute to, or guarantee the cost of, pole-line extensions to give them service by undertaking to use or pay for a minimum amount of electricity for a fixed period of years?

3. If and where a guaranteed amount of purchased electricity is required, does the serving company collect Federal electricity taxes on the amount of such electricity that is not actually consumed but which is charged against the consumer to make up the guarantee?

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

"1. The basic lighting rates for electricity in these places vary in such a way as to make an answer of this part of the question as put impossible. However, the following are the net monthly bills, excluding 8-per-cent. tax, for 50 kilowatt-hours on the basis of the filed rates: Vancouver, \$1.80; Victoria, \$2.40; Nanaimo, \$3.54; Mill Bay, \$3.40; Coquitlam, \$2.20; Courtenay, \$3.20; Prince Rupert, \$2.50; Prince George, \$4.44; Kamloops, \$2.83; Penticton, \$3.10; Grand Forks, \$3; and Nelson, \$2.36. In certain areas the rate varies slightly according to the area of the house of the consumer. In these cases the bills were determined on a basis of a house with 1,500 square feet area.

"2. The individual arrangements vary in different places with different utilities, but in general where potential rural consumers of electricity in areas contiguous to the aforementioned places wish electric service and where the estimated revenue from the said potential rural consumers is not sufficient to justify making the extension, they are required to pay a sum of money as a contribution to the cost of the extension or to pay a minimum amount for a fixed period of years.

"3. No official information."

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

1. Has any survey been made of the available power suitable for development for electrical energy been made on the Skeena River?

2. If yes, at what point or points?

3. What is the estimated cost of such developments?

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

"1. Yes; a preliminary investigation was made during 1928 at Kitsalas Canyon, 3 miles west of Usk Railway Station.

"2. The maximum horse-power available at this site with storage is estimated as 26,000 horse-power.

"3. No estimate of the cost of developing power at this site has been made, in view of the fact that the proposed development would necessitate relocation of a portion of the Canadian National Railway. Also, the foundations for a dam at this site have not been explored; the surface indications are that it is not considered to be entirely satisfactory."

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

1. How much money was spent by the Forest Service in fire protection in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt in each of the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940?

2. How many fires were reported in the said belt during the same years?

3. What total contributions to fire protection, if any, were made in each of the years mentioned in No. 1 by the operating logging companies and holders of timber limits for the said year?

4. What contributions to fire protection were made in the same years by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company or the Canadian Pacific Railway Company?

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

“1 and 2. Information available only in ranger and district offices and being compiled as rapidly as possible.

“3. Forest protection tax was collected upon lands assessed as timber land in the following land assessment districts: Alberni—1935, \$1,647.13; 1936, \$1,827.89; 1937, \$2,629.76; 1938, \$3,173.48; 1939, \$4,062.92; 1940, \$4,021.03. Comox—1935, \$2,599.80; 1936, \$2,408.66; 1937, \$3,406.36; 1938, \$5,116.09; 1939, \$5,891.18; 1940, \$6,001.45. Cowichan—1935, \$1,046.96; 1936, \$962.34; 1937, \$4,127.36; 1938, \$3,594.13; 1939, \$6,388.16; 1940, \$5,500.89. Nanaimo—1935, \$998.75; 1936, \$2,667.98; 1937, \$2,260.91; 1938, \$3,969.30; 1939, \$5,524.92; 1940, \$5,425.40. Victoria—1935, \$370.32; 1936, \$1,580.65; 1937, \$641.39; 1938, \$1,852.44; 1939, \$1,939.21; 1940, \$2,018.64. Total—1935, \$6,662.96; 1936, \$9,447.52; 1937, \$13,065.78; 1938, \$17,705.44; 1939, \$23,806.39; 1940, \$22,967.41.

“4. Contributions made by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company were: 1935, \$5,000; 1936, \$5,000; 1937, \$6,666.66; 1938, \$6,600; 1939, \$6,600; and 1940, \$8,000.”

*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 10.55 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 1st, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Hitchcox*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *R. C. MacDonald*, 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:—

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act respecting the Glen Valley Dyking District.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to control the Employment of Children.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Milk Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act, 1939.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Vancouver Water District Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Lefeaux*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Superannuation Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

By leave of the House, on two separate motions by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, the Orders for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act’” and Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act’” were discharged and the Bills *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

1. On what plan was the \$180,000 supplementary aid for rural school teachers' salaries distributed?
2. How many rural school districts participated in the distribution and how many teachers in these schools?
3. What was the maximum amount of supplementary aid paid per teacher in any rural school?
4. What is the maximum regular salary grant payable to (a) an elementary-school teacher in a rural school, (b) a junior high school teacher in a rural school, and (c) a high school teacher in a rural school?
5. With the supplementary aid referred to above, what is the maximum amount payable by the Government during this school-year in respect of salaries of rural schools teachers—(a) elementary, (b) junior high, and (c) high?

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

“1. On the basis of the assessed value of taxable property per teacher employed and the rate of school taxation for 1943. The aid was distributed on a sliding scale whereby the poorer districts with high tax rates received the largest grants.

“2. 506 districts, with 1,004 teachers.

“3. \$225 per teacher.

“4. (a) \$680, (b) \$800, (c) \$900.

“5. (a) \$905, (b) \$1,025, (c) \$1,125.”



Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. How many bursaries provided jointly by the Dominion and Provincial Governments were awarded in the current fiscal year to (a) students at the University of British Columbia, (b) students at Victoria College, (c) students of this Province taking medical or dental courses at outside universities, and (d) Normal School students, Vancouver and Victoria?

2. What was the amount of such bursaries?

3. What factors determine the award of bursaries?

4. Will the same or a greater number of bursaries be available for the next fiscal year?

5. Will any of next year's bursaries be available for nurses-in-training?

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

"1. The total number of bursaries awarded was 276, as follows: (a) University of British Columbia, 126; (b) Victoria College, 7; (c) outside universities, 77; (d) Provincial Normal School, Vancouver, 38; Provincial Normal School, Victoria, 26; Teacher Training Class, University of British Columbia, 2.

"2. The bursaries varied in amount from \$50 to \$425, according to the need.

"3. High academic standing and financial need of applicant.

"4. A larger number of bursaries will be available for 1944-45 than for the current fiscal year as a larger sum has been provided in the estimates for the purpose.

"5. Yes."

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Has the Department encouraged schools and School Boards to provide hot lunches for the children at school?

2. If yes, in what way?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. In October, 1943, a circular was sent to all School Boards, teachers, and Inspectors of Schools in the Province requesting them to consider the health and nutrition movement as a matter of importance and, wherever possible, to have a school lunch programme launched during the year. This circular was followed by the issuance of a folder 'The Lunch Box is on the March' and a School Lunch Bulletin of 52 pages compiled jointly by the Department of Education and the Health Branch of the Provincial Secretary's Department. The bulletin indicated how health may be related to the various subjects of the school curriculum. Provision is made in the estimates for 1944-45 for making a grant to rural schools for the purchase of equipment for hot lunches."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Port Renfrew and San Juan Roads, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1943?

2. Of what did such work consist?

3. What sums of money were expended on such work?

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

"1. General maintenance including gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$846.43."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Otter Point Road to Jordan River, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1943?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on such work?

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

“1. General maintenance such as grading, gravelling, ditching, asphalt repairs, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges; also renewal of Black Creek Bridge.

“2. On Otter Point Road from Sooke Post-office to Tugwell Creek and on West Coast Road from Tugwell Creek to Jordan River.

“3. Answered by No. 1.

“4. \$4,522.84; renewal of Black Creek Bridge, \$8,034.93.”

*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 5.30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 1st, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was 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 10.40 o'clock p.m.

## Thursday, March 2nd, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Libel and Slander Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Webber* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What were the expenses (itemized) in connection with the Mount View High School inquiry?

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

"J. O. Wilson, *per diem* allowance and out-of-pocket expenses, \$963.45; H. Langley, official reporter, attendance fee, \$452.80; H. Langley, transcripts, etc., \$788.60; M. B. Jackson, counsel to Commission, \$1,375; pay-list, witness fees, \$473.50; Victoria Daily Times, advertising, \$4.50; Daily Colonist, advertising, \$4.50; Miss J. R. Menzies, stenographic services, \$20; Mrs. E. L. Link, stenographic services, \$48; total, \$4,130.35."

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

1. How many persons are in receipt of silicosis pensions from the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. What degree of silicosis disability is required before a pension is granted?

3. What was the mortality rate of those on silicosis pensions in the five-year period ended December 31st, 1943?

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

"1. At January 31st, 1944, 185.

"2. A substantially lessened capacity for work accompanied by specific X-ray appearances.

"3. 6.08 per cent. per annum of those on pensions."

*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 p.m.

## Friday, March 3rd, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *O'Brien*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,983,324.92 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1945.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,179 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,170 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1945.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 3rd, 1944.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas," 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 2nd, 1944.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting Coal," 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Mrs. *Rolston* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Is there a course in Spanish now being given at the University of British Columbia?
2. If yes, does the Department give any financial support to the course and to what extent, if any?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes; to the extent of \$3,000 for the current fiscal year and \$4,500 for the fiscal year 1944-45."

Mrs. *MacInnis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What is the average amount now being paid monthly to those in receipt of the old-age pension?
2. What is the average amount now being paid monthly to those in receipt of the blind pension?

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

- "1. \$23.56 plus \$5 living allowance paid by Province.
- "2. \$24.26 plus \$5 living allowance paid by Province."

Mr. R. H. Carson asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Does the Provincial Government, through the Department of Education, make a grant to Victoria College?
2. How much is the grant?
3. What is the object of this grant and what benefits are derived therefrom?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. \$5,000; this will be increased to \$10,000 for the fiscal year 1944-45.

“3. Victoria College is affiliated with the University of British Columbia and does two years of University work but does not share in the annual Government grant to the University. This special grant is for the purpose of assisting the Victoria Board of School Trustees in providing second-year University courses for students from Victoria and Vancouver Island, as well as students from the mainland who wish to attend. The College enables many students who could not bear the expense of attending the University in Vancouver for four years to receive two years of University work without leaving their homes in the city and vicinity. On completion of the work in Victoria College students are admitted to the third year of the University of British Columbia.”

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

1. Is the main highway through the City of Grand Forks classified under Part III. of the “Highway Act” as an arterial highway?
2. If yes, what is the length of the said classified highway?
3. Were any funds appropriated for work on this highway during the fiscal year 1942-43?
4. If yes, how much?
5. Were any funds appropriated for this highway in the fiscal year 1943-44?
6. If yes, how much?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. 2.40 miles.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by No. 3.

“5. Yes.

“6. \$11,200.”

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

1. Has the High School Board of Port Alberni and Alberni asked the Department for a grant for the construction of a large addition to the high school to provide for a modern building, including a junior high school with auditorium, gymnasium, library, and shops?
2. If yes, what is the estimated cost of the building, and has a grant been promised and under what conditions?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Estimated cost, \$60,000. A grant of 40 per cent. of the actual cost of construction has been promised provided that the addition is constructed according to plans and specifications approved by the Inspector for the district and the Government Architect.”

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

1. Did the Department of Education give a grant for the construction of a new elementary school at Port Alberni?

2. If yes, what was the amount of the grant?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The amount of the grant was \$11,501.14.”

*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 5.45 p.m.

## Monday, March 6th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Hood*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the Village of Dawson Creek to borrow certain Moneys from the Dominion and to authorize the Province to guarantee the Loan,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 28th, 1944.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to authorize the Village of Dawson Creek to borrow certain Moneys from the Dominion and to authorize the Province to guarantee the Loan,” 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.

On the motion that Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—41.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Connolly</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Lejeaux</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>			

NAYS—0.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement relating to Old-age Pensions, dated the First Day of September, 1943, between the Governor-General of the Dominion of the First Part and the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the Second Part" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act.'"

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Kimberley."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"



Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing."

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to control the Employment of Children."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1945.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1945.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1945.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1945.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, grants, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Fair Association, to 31st March, 1945.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1945.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1945.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1945.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1945.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Insect Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1945.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Investigation and Extension—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dominion-Provincial Emergency Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1945.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mrs. *MacInnis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. How many persons in British Columbia were in receipt of the old-age pension on December 31st, 1943?

2. How many of them received less than the full amount of the pension due to partial support by (a) children and (b) husband or wife?

3. What is the actual or estimated saving to the Pensions Board for the year ended December 31st, 1943, due to the assumed ability of (a) children and (b) husband or wife to contribute to the maintenance of parents in receipt of the old-age pension?

4. What was the total amount collected from the estates of deceased old-age pensioners during the calendar year ended December 31st, 1943, (a) in pension refunds and (b) in interest?

5. What was the average amount (a) in pension refunds and (b) in interest?

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

“1. 14,544.

“2. (a) 288 and (b) 8.

“3. (a) \$17,306.88 and (b) \$738.60.

“4. (a) \$73,732.92 and (b) \$3,942.89.

“5. (a) \$279.29 and (b) \$14.94.”

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

1. What was the amount paid to old-age pensioners when this Government assumed office?

2. What is the rate now?

3. What is the cost of the increase to the Province?

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

“1. \$20 a month.

“2. \$25 a month pension proper, plus \$5 a month cost-of-living bonus.

“3. The Province pays 25 per cent. of the increase in the pension proper. Its share of this increase from September 1st, 1943, when the increase became effective, to February 29th, 1944, was \$94,570.24. The Province pays 100 per cent. of the cost-of-living bonus. The total expenditure on such bonus from its inception on April 1st, 1942, to February 29th, 1944, was \$1,558,574.76.”

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

1. What amount was being paid for mothers' allowances when the present Government assumed office?

2. What amount is being paid now?

3. What is the cost of the increase to the Province?

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

“1. Maximum of \$35.

“2. Maximum of \$42.50.

“3. *Per capita* cost: January, 1942, \$11.81; January, 1944, \$13.25.”

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has any survey been made of water-power on Adams River, Kamloops Water District?

2. If yes, what is the estimated amount of power available?

3. What is the estimated cost of such development?

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

“1. Yes; (a) surveys were made during 1920 with reference to the possibility of developing 20,000 horse-power on this stream; (b) preliminary investigations were made during 1943 with a view to developing between 3,000 and 6,500 horse-power.

“2. No surveys have yet been made to determine the maximum amount of power it would be possible to develop on the Adams River, but this is estimated to be between 30,000 and 40,000 horse-power.

“3. No estimates of cost were prepared for the proposed 20,000 horse-power development as further exploration of the foundations at the dam-site by means of borings would be required before reliable estimates could be given. Preliminary estimates indicate that the cost of developing 6,500 horse-power on this stream would be approximately \$1,105,000 to the outgoing terminals of the power-house; i.e., \$170 per horse-power.”

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

1. Has any survey been made of the available water-power suitable for hydro-electric development on the Peace River Canyon at Hudson Hope, B.C.?

2. If so, what is the estimated horse-power of same?

3. What is the estimated cost of developing such a power project?

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

“1. No surveys have been made with regard to the development of hydro-electric power on the Peace River Canyon near Hudson Hope, B.C.

“2. Preliminary estimates (without surveys) of the total amount of power available at this site are as follows: Continuous power, 159,000 horse-power; power available for six months without storage, 392,000 horse-power.

“3. No estimate of the cost of developing power on the Peace River Canyon has been made.”

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has any survey been made of the available water-power on the Clearwater River?

2. If yes, what is the estimated amount of power available?

3. If yes, what is the estimated cost of such development?

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

“1. Yes; (a) a reconnaissance survey was made during 1923 on the Clearwater River between Hobson Lake and Clearwater Lake; (b) preliminary surveys were made during 1935 on the Murtle River, one of the largest tributaries of the Clearwater River.

“2. (a) The maximum amount of power available on the Clearwater River between Hobson Lake and Clearwater Lake is estimated to be approximately 22,000 horse-power; (b) the maximum amount of power available on the Murtle River is estimated to be approximately 73,000 horse-power.

“3. No estimates of cost have been prepared for either of the above projects.”

*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 5.08 p.m.