

### Wednesday, February 4th, 1959.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.18 p.m.

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### Thursday, February 5th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Richard N. Mugford*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

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FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

## YEAS—35.

## Messieurs

*Brothers*  
*Speare*  
*Gibson*  
*Smith*  
*Shirreff*  
*Newton*  
*Richter*  
*Tisdalle*  
*Mathew*

*Bruch*  
*Bate*  
*Shelford*  
*Price*  
*Corbett*  
*Brown, Mrs.*  
*Stacey*  
*Kiernan*  
*Williston*

*Bennett*  
*Bonner*  
*Black*  
*Carnell*  
*Lundell*  
*Campbell*  
*Sharp*  
*Murray*  
*Massey*

*Asselstine*  
*Robinson*  
*Westwood*  
*Chant*  
*Peterson*  
*Martin*  
*Gaglardi*  
*Wicks*

## NAYS—14.

## Messieurs

*Bryan*  
*Gregory*  
*Gibbs*  
*Cox*

*Squire*  
*Eddie*  
*Gargrave*  
*Dowding*

*Uphill*  
*Nimsick*  
*Haggen, Mrs.*

*Harding*  
*Strachan*  
*Turner*

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

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

With reference to the Annual Report of the Mental Health Services, 1957, page 20:—

1. Has construction of the new building at the Home for the Aged been completed?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what is the reason?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) on what date was construction completed, (b) are there any patients now in residence, and (c) if the answer to No. 3 (b) is yes, what is the total number?

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

“ 1. Construction of Home for the Aged building completed; steam services, electrical power service, and telephone services not completed as yet.

“ 2. Not applicable.

“ 3. (a) Building accepted from the contractor by Public Works Department on May 20th, 1958; (b) and (c) no.”

Mr. *Squire* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the total number of persons employed by the Department of Lands and Forests on the following dates: (a) August 31st, 1958; (b) September 30th, 1958; (c) October 31st, 1958; (d) November 30th, 1958; and (e) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ See reply to following question.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the total number of persons employed by the Department of Lands and Forests on the following dates: (a) July 31st, 1958; (b) August 31st, 1958; (c) September 30th, 1958; (d) October 31st, 1958; (e) November 30th, 1958; and (f) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“Lands Service:—

Date.	Permanent Staff.	Casual Staff, including Seasonal Staff for Field Survey.	Hourly paid.	Total.
July 31st, 1958.....	340	118	11	469
August 31st, 1958.....	341	115	14	470
September 30th, 1958.....	337	108	10	455
October 31st, 1958.....	339	67	10	416
November 30th, 1958.....	339	56	10	405
December 31st, 1958.....	337	51	14	402

“Forest Service:—

Date.	Permanent Staff.	Casual Staff, including Seasonal Protection, Survey, and Reforestation Staff.	Hourly paid.*	Total.*
July 31st, 1958.....	796	1,378	230	2,404
August 31st, 1958.....	793	1,358	213	2,364
September 30th, 1958.....	793	1,123	236	2,152
October 31st, 1958.....	792	907	298	1,997
November 30th, 1958.....	796	840	202	1,838
December 31st, 1958.....	794	820	151	1,765

“\* These figures exclude fire-fighters hired intermittently under section 123 of the ‘Forest Act.’”

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

With reference to the Annual Report on Mental Health Services, 1957, page 16:—

1. Is the new Admission and Infirmary Building at The Woodlands School completed?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) on what date was it completed; (b) are there any patients occupying the building as at December 31st, 1958; (c) if the answer to (b) is yes, how many patients; (d) if the answer to (b) is no, what is the reason?

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

“1 and 2. Building referred to page 16, 1957 Annual Report, is the Admission and Infirmary Building, Home for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, and not The Woodlands School.”

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

In respect to the Crease Clinic:—

1. How many patients were treated from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958?
2. How many patients were in residence on the following dates: (a) January 1st, 1958, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

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

“1. 1,500.

“2. On January 1st, 1958, 236, and on December 31st, 1958, 227.”

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

1. How many psychiatrists are on staff (a) at Crease Clinic, (b) at Child Guidance Clinic, (c) at Essondale, (d) at Colquitz, (e) at Woodlands, and (f) at Mental Health Centre?

2. What are the names of the psychiatrists referred to in No. 1 hereof and how long has each respectively been so employed?

3. What are the respective qualifications of the psychiatrists referred to in question?

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

“ 1. Psychiatrists on staff: (a) and (c) Crease Clinic and Provincial Mental Hospital, 11; (b) Child Guidance Clinic, 3; (d) Colquitz, 1; (e) The Woodlands School, 2; and (f) Mental Health Centre, 2.

“ 2. Dr. T. Caunt, 1945; Dr. J. Boulding, 1958; Dr. J. Walsh, 1953; Dr. I. Kenny, 1955; Dr. W. Fister, 1947; Dr. N. Richardson, 1956; Dr. F. G. Tucker, 1956; Dr. K. Fisher, 1957; Dr. P. Middleton, 1956; Dr. I. Tischler, 1958; Dr. M. Calverley, 1958; Dr. G. Kirkpatrick, 1946; Dr. M. Menzies, 1956; Dr. W. Valens, 1952; Dr. L. d'Easum, 1946; Dr. L. Kerwood, 1956; Dr. A. P. Hughes, 1955; Dr. F. McNair, 1949; and Dr. W. Powles, 1952.

“ 3. All certified as specialists in psychiatry by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Canada, with the exception of Dr. Walsh and Dr. Kerwood, who have their diploma in Psychological Medicine obtained in Great Britain.”

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

1. Were tranquillizer pills used in mental institutions last year and, if so, to what extent and in what quantities?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, are tenders called for the supplying of tranquillizer pills?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what companies tendered same, (b) who received the contract, and (c) what was the contract price?

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

“ 1. Tranquillizing pills used in all mental institutions last year. Approximately 3,500 received tranquillizing medication at some time during past year. This medication was administered on medical prescription in quantities according to individual need of each patient.

“ 2. Tranquillizers not put out to tender. Different types of tranquillizers purchased through Purchasing Commission according to medical requirements.

“ 3. Poulenc, Wyeth & Brothers, Warner-Lambert Company, Schering Company, Intra Medical, W. S. Merrell, Pfizer Company, Smith Kline & French, British Drug House, Frosst, and Ciba Company. Price varies depending on type, brand, and size of medication.”

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

1. What was the total number of permanent staff employed by the Forest Service as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of temporary staff employed by the Forest Service as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) 808 and (b) 794.

“ 2. (a) 934 and (b) 971.”

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

1. Were any tree-farm licences issued in 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many such licences were issued and to whom, (b) how many acres were included in each, and (c) what is the annual allowable cut in each?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Four; Tree-farm Licence No. 24 to Alaska Pine & Cellulose Limited; Tree-farm Licence No. 25 to Alaska Pine & Cellulose Limited; Tree-farm Licence No. 26 to the Corporation of the District of Mission; and Tree-farm Licence No. 27 to the Moore-Whittington Lumber Company Limited. (b) and (c):—

Tree-farm Licence No.	Productive Forest Land (Acres).	Allowable Cut (M c f.).
24.....	133,937	7,500
25.....	298,821	14,400
26.....	16,113	425
27.....	30,003	2,400 ”

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

How many vacancies existed for psychiatric social workers in the Provincial Mental Health Services as at December 31st, 1958?

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

“ Two in Crease Clinic, one in Mental Health Centre, and one in rehabilitation service.”

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

How many male and how many female patients were admitted to The Woodlands School during the calendar year 1958?

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

“ Male, 67, and female, 97.”

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

1. In the year 1958, (a) how many miles of forest roads were built in British Columbia and (b) how many miles of forest trails?
2. What is the total number of miles of forest roads and trails respectively in the Province as of December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) 241 and (b) 49.
- “ 2. 1,090 and 733.”

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

1. How many lookout-sites were in operation in the Province in 1957?
2. How many lookout-sites were in operation in the Province in 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 143.
- “ 2. 148.”

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

How many psychological tests were carried out on patients at (a) The Woodlands School, (b) Crease Clinic, (c) Essondale, (d) Child Guidance Clinic, and (e) in the Geriatric Division during the fiscal year 1957 and fiscal year 1958 respectively?

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

“(a) The Woodlands School, 87 during 1957 and 341 during 1958; (b) and (c) Provincial Mental Hospital and Crease Clinic, 1,313 during 1957 and 1,473 during 1958; (d) Child Guidance Clinic, 1,112 during 1957 and 1,304 during 1958; and (e) Geriatric Division, *nil* in both years.”

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

1. Are there any patients now in the Provincial Mental Hospital awaiting transfer to the Home for the Aged?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many are there?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Six male and six female; total, twelve.”

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

With respect to Order in Council passed on February 19th, 1958, increasing the establishment at The Woodlands School by seventy-seven positions of nurse-psychiatric or psychiatric aide, how many, if any, of these positions were filled during 1958?

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

“Seventy-four were filled.”

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

At The Woodlands School, how many (a) psychiatric nurses, (b) psychiatric aides, (c) social welfare workers, (d) teachers, and (e) psychologists are now employed as of January 1st, 1959?

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

“(a) Psychiatric nurses, 209; (b) psychiatric aides, 318; (c) social welfare workers, 5; (d) teachers, 12; and (e) psychologist, 1.”

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

Under the terms of the “Elderly Citizens Housing Aid Act”:—

1. Did any projects receive Government grants during the fiscal year of 1957/58?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many projects received grants and (b) how many elderly persons were accommodated?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) Twenty-two projects and (b) 743 persons.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

## Friday, February 6th, 1959.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ivor Powell*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1957/58 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1960;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1959;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1958, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 5th, 1959.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "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. *Strachan*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* asked leave of the House to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance and submitted the following statement of the matter proposed to be discussed:—

It is reliably reported that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is discontinuing its ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver on February 25th, 1959, and this House deplores the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's untimely termination of ferry service and requests that the Federal Government take necessary action to assure the continued operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company ferry service until a suitable alternative service can be provided.

Leave was granted.

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

That the House adjourn to consider a matter of urgent public importance, namely:—

It is reliably reported that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is discontinuing its ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver on February 25th, 1959, and this House deplores the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's untimely termination of ferry service and requests that the Federal Government take necessary action to assure the continued operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company ferry service until a suitable alternative service can be provided.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare) presented the Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the Boys' Industrial School:—

1. What was the total number of boys held as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?
2. What was the total number of staff employed as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?
3. What was the total number of social workers employed as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- " 1. (a) 153 and (b) 146.
- " 2. (a) 71 and (b) 69.
- " 3. (a) 3 and (b) 3."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Have written instructions gone out to every social worker in the Province instructing that a recipient need not have one year's residence in the Province to become eligible to receive Social Allowance provided he or she comes from a Province which has an agreement with the Federal Government under the Federal "Unemployment Assistance Act"?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" Social workers have been notified of this policy through usual channels."

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

1. What proportion of British Columbia students graduate from high school?
2. What proportion of the graduates enter university?
3. How do these figures compare with other Provinces?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

" 1. Thirty-six per cent graduate from Grade XII, 22 per cent with University Entrance and 14 per cent in the General Programme.

" 2. In British Columbia 17 per cent enter First Year University or its equivalent and 9.3 per cent graduate from University.

" 3. The Industrial Foundation on Education reported in 1956 that for Canada as a whole 12 per cent enter First Year University and 6 per cent graduate."



Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. As at December 31st in each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, what number of persons in British Columbia were receiving social assistance?

2. For each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, what total sum of money was paid for social assistance in British Columbia by (a) the Federal Government, (b) the Provincial Government, and (c) the municipalities?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. Total number of cases and beneficiaries receiving Social Allowances at December 31st for the years shown:—

Year.	Cases.	Total Number of Beneficiaries.
1952 .....	8,042	14,280
1953 .....	8,666	15,992
1954 .....	10,209	18,943
1955 .....	9,739	19,026
1956 .....	9,072	17,792
1957 .....	10,837	21,682
1958 .....	15,748*	32,624*

“\* Figures for November only available at this time.

“2. Total money paid for Social Allowance in British Columbia by (a) the Federal Government and (b) the Provincial Government at March 31st for fiscal years 1952 to 1958:—

Year.	Federal Government.	Provincial Government.
1951/52 .....		\$5,126,830.30
1952/53 .....		4,608,177.74
1953/54 .....	\$2,425.99	5,116,019.04
1954/55 .....	3,016.07	6,596,789.06
1955/56 .....	1,729,795.40	5,165,772.18
1956/57 .....	2,308,999.05	4,741,420.07
1957/58 .....	2,868,254.69	4,859,600.36

“NOTE.—The cost to municipalities is not known accurately—intermunicipal billings, overages, non-shareable items, etc.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

With reference to the report of the Assistant Director of Welfare, page 13, Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch, 1957, indicating the new Girls' Industrial School “will be open early in 1958,” has the school been moved to new quarters; (a) if yes, (i) when was the move made and (ii) why was there no official opening; (b) if no, why not?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“(a) No and (b) awaiting complete furnishings; to be opened in next few weeks.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What was the total staff of the Public Health Branch as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“The staff was 1,108 on December 31st, 1958.”

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. As at December 31st in each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, what number of persons in British Columbia received (a) Old Age Pension, (b) Old-age Assistance, (c) pension for the blind, and (d) the disabled persons' pensions?

2. For each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, what total sum of money was paid under each of the above headings by (a) the Federal Government and (b) the Provincial Government?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:—

"1. Total number of persons in British Columbia receiving Old-age Assistance, and Blind Persons' and Disabled Persons' Allowances at December 31st for the years shown:—

Year.	O.A.A.	B.P.A.	D.P.A.
1952.....	7,135	424	.....
1953.....	7,756	475	.....
1954.....	7,730	457	.....
1955.....	7,367	458	580
1956.....	6,769	452	967
1957.....	6,666	468	1,171
1958.....	6,879	485	1,472

"NOTE.—(1) At January 1st, 1952, the 'Old Age Pension Act' was changed to 'Old Age Security Act,' which is administered and paid by the Federal Government. (2) Disabled Persons' Allowance became available April 1st, 1955.

"2. Total sum of money paid for the fiscal years 1952 to 1958 by (a) the Federal Government and (b) the Provincial Government for Old-age Assistance, Blind Persons' Allowance, and Disabled Persons' Allowance:—

"(a) Federal Government:—

Year.	O.A.A.	B.P.A.	D.P.A.
1951/52.....	\$262,668.27	\$37,827.17	.....
1952/53.....	1,701,854.47	163,011.65	.....
1953/54.....	1,863,051.68	174,964.30	.....
1954/55.....	1,875,777.24	170,831.84	.....
1955/56.....	1,794,789.30	166,775.68	\$115,520.91
1956/57.....	1,674,233.56	169,386.75	227,925.98
1957/58.....	1,996,604.01	213,809.22	349,099.60

"(b) Provincial Government:—

Year.	O.A.A.	B.P.A.	D.P.A.
1951/52.....	\$261,473.01	\$12,433.06	.....
1952/53.....	1,679,487.55	52,812.45	.....
1953/54.....	1,827,198.88	56,246.25	.....
1954/55.....	1,833,507.08	54,875.70	.....
1955/56.....	1,754,237.58	53,780.50	\$114,006.55
1956/57.....	1,635,850.45	54,460.86	222,957.33
1957/58.....	1,928,012.88	67,424.53	339,827.78

"NOTE.—(1) Disabled Persons' Allowance became available April 1st, 1955. (2) Old-age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowance, 1951/52, January 1st to March 31st only."

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to medical health officers of the Public Health Branch:—

1. What was the total number employed as at (a) December 31st, 1956; (b) December 31st, 1957; and (c) December 31st, 1958?
2. Did any resign in the calendar years (a) 1956, (b) 1957, and (c) 1958 and, if so, how many in each relevant year and for what reason?
3. What is the present establishment for medical health officers in the Branch?
4. Is a medical health officer at present in (a) the East Kootenay unit, (b) the West Kootenay unit, and (c) the Central Vancouver Island unit?
5. If the answer to No. 4 (a), (b), or (c) is in the negative, what action is being taken to obtain a medical health officer in each area and how long have the vacancies existed?
6. How many school-children are under the care of medical health officers in (a) the East Kootenay unit, (b) the West Kootenay unit, and (c) the Central Vancouver Island unit?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) 16, (b) 16, and (c) 13.
- “ 2. (a) No; (b) yes, two—one physician resigned to accept a position in the Province of Alberta and one to enter private practice; (c) yes, four—two physicians resigned to accept higher appointments, one in the State of Washington and one in the Department of National Health and Welfare; two resigned to enter private practice.
- “ 3. Twenty.
- “ 4. (a) and (b) Yes and (c) no.
- “ 5. (c) The vacancy has been posted among our staff of medical health officers, one of whom has applied for transfer to fill the vacancy; this vacancy has existed for five weeks.
- “ 6. (a) 9,037, (b) 9,020, and (c) 18,607.”

Mr. *Bruch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

How much did British Columbia public school enrolment increase (a) from 1939 to 1949 and (b) from 1949 to 1959?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“(a) Enrolment increase, 34,581, and percentage increase, 28.6; (b) enrolment increase, with 1958/59 figures based on October, 1958, enrolments, 130,969, and percentage increase, 84.2.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the Girls' Industrial School:—

1. What was the total number of staff employed as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?
2. What was the total number of social workers employed as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?
3. What was the total number of children held as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) 40 and (b) 39.
- “ 2. (a) 3 and (b) 3.
- “ 3. (a) 69 and (b) 69.”

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

1. What was the total grant for all school purposes to each of the following school districts in the fiscal year 1957/58: Qualicum, Courtenay, Campbell River, Alert Bay, and Quatsino?

2. What percentage of the total school budget does the Provincial Government contribution represent in each of these school districts for the fiscal year 1957/58?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. School District No. 69 (Qualicum), \$257,318; School District No. 71 (Courtenay), \$667,180; School District No. 72 (Campbell River), \$310,476; School District No. 73 (Alert Bay), \$127,498; and School District No. 74 (Quatsino), \$30,883. These grants refer to the calendar year 1958.

“ 2. School District No. 69 (Qualicum), 61.41 per cent; School District No. 71 (Courtenay), 67.29 per cent; School District No. 72 (Campbell River), 44.02 per cent; School District No. 73 (Alert Bay), 56.06 per cent; and School District No. 74 (Quatsino), 13.58 per cent.”

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

1. Did the Provincial Government purchase any debentures issued by school districts in the Province in the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in which years, in what amounts, and in which districts?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. This matter is not under the jurisdiction of my Department.”

Mr. *Sharp* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Have Social Allowance basic rates been increased since 1952 and, if so, when and in what amounts?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ Effective April 1st, 1954, \$5 per month for each head of family or single person and \$2 per month for each dependent; effective April 1st, 1956, \$5 per month for each head of family or single person and \$2 per month for each dependent; effective April 1st, 1958, \$10 per month for family of two plus \$2 per month for each additional dependent and \$5 per month for each single person.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the Federal “ Unemployment Assistance Act,” 1956:—

1. Are all social workers in the Social Welfare Branch provided with a copy of this Act?

2. Have written instructions or explanatory notes been issued to all social workers regarding the Schedule of Agreement between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government under this Act?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, do these instructions advise workers that they must adhere to the terms of this agreement when dealing with individual cases?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. Answered by No. 2.”

Mr. *Brothers* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Has the Department of Education given any encouragement to the retention of capable teachers who have reached retiring age?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“Legislation was passed in the 1958 Session and is found in section 151 of the ‘Public Schools Act’ whereby, on the request of a Board, re-engagement after retirement or deferment of retirement may be authorized year by year until the teacher has reached the age of 70 years. Changes in teachers’ superannuation were also authorized so that the teachers concerned do not lose financially by retaining employment.”

Mr. *Campbell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Do any school districts operate special schools for mentally retarded children under the auspices of the Association for Retarded Children of British Columbia or affiliated organizations and, if the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many and (b) what was the enrolment in these schools in the fiscal years 1955/56, 1956/57, and 1957/58?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“The school districts do not operate the schools but pay grants to eligible children in the schools operated by local chapters of the Association; (a) thirty-one school districts and thirty-three schools; (b) 1955/56, 118 (estimated); 1956/57, 317; and 1957/58, 321.”

Mr. *Squire* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the total number of permanent staff employed on forest protection in each fiscal year, 1953 to 1957, and in the calendar year 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

Fiscal Year.	Full-time Protection Staff.	Staff whose Duties included a Significant Share of Forest Protection Activities; e.g., Rangers, Radiomen.	Total.
“ 1952/53.....	41	181	222
1953/54.....	39	200	239
1954/55.....	38	207	245
1955/56.....	42	212	254
1956/57.....	40	216	256
1957/58.....	43	218	261
Calendar year 1958.....	45	231	276”

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

1. What was the total of school grants paid to School District No. 60 for the school-year 1957/58 and when was it paid?

2. Does any school district (rural) receive compensation for expense incurred by way of interest on bank borrowings pending receipt of Department grants not received when due?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“1. Total calendar year grant to School District No. 60 (Peace River North), \$254,171, paid in bi-monthly instalments.

“2. Yes; grant computation applies.”

Mrs. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Are any immigrants now receiving instruction in English for New Canadians and, if so, how many?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“Yes; approximately 4,500. Last year at the same time about 10,000 were receiving instruction. Fewer immigrants are coming in to Canada at this time because of the present restricted immigration policy of the Federal Government.”

Mr. *Bate* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What provisions, if any, are made by the Department of Education for library services in the public schools?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“(a) School Boards are encouraged to include in their annual estimates for instructional supplies an amount for purchase of library books equivalent to \$1.50 per pupil per school-year. (b) The Department issues a graded list of authorized books for school libraries and keeps this up to date by periodic supplements. Both the list and supplements are prepared by a committee of practising school librarians. A library manual is also issued for the assistance of teacher librarians. (c) A capital allowance is made in the costs of new schools toward the establishment of basic book collections. This will depend on the size of the school. (d) Librarians are recognized as part of the entitlement of teachers in all schools enrolling 500 or more pupils.”

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

1. With respect to expenditure made in the Province for education in the year 1958, what was the total sum?

2. What portion of the total sum was expended on (a) ordinary expenditure and (b) capital expenditure?

3. What portion of the total sum was contributed by (a) the Provincial Government, (b) the city and district municipalities, and (c) by the Provincial Government on behalf of rural areas of any school district?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“1. Total 1958 net budgets of school districts, \$88,344,456.

“2. (a) \$76,540,824 and (b) \$11,803,632.

“3. (a) \$43,216,583, (b) \$35,737,081, and (c) \$9,390,792.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.09 p.m.

**Monday, February 9th, 1959.**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Envoy *E. Y. Welch*.

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

F. M. ROSS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 6th, 1959.*

*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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 6th, 1959.*

*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. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 9th, 1959.*

*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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the Taxation 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 after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 9th, 1959.*

*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 amend the Power 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 after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Byron Ingemar Johnson," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 9th, 1959.*



*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. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Byron Ingemar Johnson," 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 after to-day.

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. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

*Honourable Members*,—Since the last sitting of the House, I have perused the relevant authorities and find that I was in error in accepting a motion to adjourn the debate on the matter of urgent public importance which was raised on Friday last.

According to Beauschènes, fourth edition, page 92, the debate cannot be adjourned as the motion actually before the chair is "That the House do now adjourn." Once the House rises, the motion is carried and the matter is brought to an end.

The honourable members will, of course, have an opportunity of discussing the matter further, should they wish to do so, in the course of the present debate.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit of the moving, without notice, of the following Resolution:—

That this House deplores the announced discontinuance by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver and asks the Federal Government, which has jurisdiction in this matter, to ensure the continuance of year-round ferry service between Victoria and the Mainland, responsibility for which is provided in paragraph numbered 4 in the Schedule to the Terms of Union between British Columbia and Canada.

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

That this House deplores the announced discontinuance by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver and asks the Federal Government, which has jurisdiction in this matter, to ensure the continuance of year-round ferry service between Victoria and the Mainland, responsibility for which is provided in paragraph numbered 4 in the Schedule to the Terms of Union between British Columbia and Canada.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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## Tuesday, February 10th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Thomas Bailey*.

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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. *Speare*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. *W. N. Chant* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That this House deplores the announced discontinuance by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver and asks the Federal Government, which has jurisdiction in this matter, to ensure the continuance of year-round ferry service between Victoria and the Mainland, responsibility for which is provided in paragraph numbered 4 in the Schedule to the Terms of Union between British Columbia and Canada.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

By leave of the House, the following notice of questions, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Strachan*, was withdrawn:—

Reference report of the Social Service Supervisor, Crease Clinic and Provincial Mental Hospital, pages 86, 91, and 102 of Annual Report of the Mental Health Services, 1957:—

1. On what percentage of the normal complement of staff are the social services now operating?
2. Has full social service now been restored to the West Lawn, Riverside, and Colony Farm Buildings at the Provincial Mental Hospital?
3. How many social workers were employed in this department as at December 31st, 1956; December 31st, 1957; and December 31st, 1958?
4. Has it been possible to extend service yet to the North Lawn Building and the Home for the Aged?
5. Were social and rehabilitative services restored to male patients and are they continuing as at December 31st, 1958?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, how many social workers are employed on this project and what is the total number of patients?

7. Is social service at the Vista now being provided by social workers or does it continue to be provided by the Provincial Supervisor of Psychiatric Social Work in person?

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

1. Have any prisoners been transported during 1958 (a) from Cranbrook to Oakalla and (b) from Oakalla to Cranbrook?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many, (b) what methods of transportation were used, (c) how many trips involved, (d) how many police or assistants were used to accompany the prisoners, and (e) what was the total cost of transportation (i) for prisoners and (ii) for police and assistants?

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

“1. (a) and (b) Yes.

“2. (a) From Cranbrook Detachment to Oakalla Prison Farm, 162, and from Oakalla Prison Farm to Cranbrook Detachment, 2, making a total of 164; (b) Canadian Pacific Airlines; (c) seventy-one trips; (d) ninety-two; and (e) (i) \$5,216 and (ii) \$5,244. This cost is borne only in part by the Provincial Government.”

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

In the five-year period ended December 31st, 1958:—

1. How many criminal prosecutions ended with the jury unable to agree on a verdict?

2. In how many cases was a new trial ordered, and in how many was a stay of proceedings entered?

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

“1. Thirty-four.

“2. In twenty cases the Crown has proceeded with a new trial, in six cases the Crown has entered stay of proceedings, and in sixty-three cases the Crown has entered a stay of proceedings following committal but prior to trial.”

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

In respect to the last twelve-month period for which figures are available:—

1. What was the total amount of land registry fees collected by the Land Registry Offices in the Province?

2. What was the total cost of operating the Land Registry Offices in the Province?

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

“For the twelve-month period ended March 31st, 1958:—

“1. \$2,149,440.02.

“2. The total cost is not available; salaries and administrative expenses totalled \$597,053.87.”

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

1. Were any liquor licences transferred by previous licensees to new owners during 1958?

2. If so, how many?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Seventy-seven.”

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

1. During the year 1958, did any psychiatrists resign from the Mental Health Services?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations, (b) in which departments did the resignations take place, and (c) what reasons, if any, were given for the resignations in each case?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. (a) Three, (b) Crease Clinic and Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, and (c) two to enter private practice in psychiatry and one to transfer to another Province.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. During the fall of 1958 did the Minister receive information to the effect that Social Allowance cheques were not reaching recipients from the New Denver office until as late as the 17th of each month?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what action was taken to alleviate this problem, (b) upon what dates were cheques mailed to recipients from New Denver in the months of (i) September, (ii) October, (iii) November, and (iv) December, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- “ 1 and 2. This information given in letter to the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, dated October 29th, 1958.”

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

1. Is the new 100-bed nurses' home at Essondale now occupied?
2. If so, by how many nurses?
3. If not, what is the reason?

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

- “ 1. Yes; the training area is in full use daily and the bedroom accommodation is partially filled.
- “ 2. Thirty-one using bedrooms.
- “ 3. There is a new class of student-nurses arriving on March 3rd which will fill the remaining student bedrooms.”

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

1. What was the percentage turnover for the entire staff of the Mental Health Services for the year 1958?
2. What was the percentage turnover for the entire staff of psychiatric nurses in the Mental Health Services for the year 1958?

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

- “ 1 and 2. The percentage staff turnover for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1958, was as follows: For the entire staff, 28.45 per cent; for psychiatric nurses, male, 13.44 per cent; and for psychiatric nurses, female, 35.63 per cent. Also for comparison purposes: For the entire staff—1955/56, 30.15 per cent; 1956/57, 35.6 per cent; and 1957/58, 28.45 per cent. For psychiatric nurses, male—1955/56, 9.5 per cent; 1956/57, 14.67 per cent; and 1957/58, 13.44 per cent. For psychiatric nurses, female—1955/56, 27.38 per cent; 1956/57, 35.63 per cent; and 1957/58, 35.63 per cent.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Are written instructions in the Social Welfare Branch policy manual providing that recipients of Social Allowance be requested to sign forms agreeing to repay any Social Allowance granted from any money which may be received by way of workmen's compensation at a later date?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many individuals made such repayments during the fiscal years 1953 to 1957 and the calendar year 1958, and (b) how much was repaid in this manner in the fiscal years 1953 to 1957 and the calendar year 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes; if workmen's compensation covered the same period as Social Allowance was in pay.

" 2. Not available."

Mr. *Campbell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. With respect to the municipal winter works incentive programme, were any applications received up to January 15th, 1959?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many applications were accepted in British Columbia, (b) what was the estimated total cost of the projects in British Columbia, and (c) what was the estimated total to be employed in British Columbia?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) 149, (b) \$5,865,000, and (c) 1,586."

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

In respect of the Assurance Fund set up by the "Land Registry Act":—

1. How much money has been paid into the Fund since its inception?

2. How many claims have been paid out and what is the total sum of payments made?

3. What is the present value of the Fund?

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

" 1. \$48,000.

" 2. (a) Thirty-seven and (b) \$45,671.30.

" 3. \$352,546.94."

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

1. Are there any "mentally retarded" patients in the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many are there at present and (b) how long have they been patients in the mental hospital?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) As at December 31st, 1957, 333, and (b) length of stay: Under 1 year, 16; 1 to 4 years, 56; 5 to 9 years, 91; 10 years and over, 170; total, 333."

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

What was the total number of staff employed by the Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act," and "Cemeteries Act" Branch (a) as at December 31st, 1957, and (b) as at December 31st, 1958?

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

“(a) Twelve permanent employees and (b) thirteen permanent employees, one employee temporarily on loan.

“NOTE.—Above figures do not include the Chairman and two Commissioners, nor forty-one employees in the Motor Carrier Branch.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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### Wednesday, February 11th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. H. Turpin*.

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. *R. G. Williston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Is any booklet issued by the Social Welfare Branch to the public explaining in detail exactly what services are available, including such things as rates of various allowances and appeal rights?

2. If the answer to the above is no, why not?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1 and 2. This has been answered by my letters, dated November 17th, 1958, and November 21st, 1958, to the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Are medical identity cards issued to all recipients of Social Allowance who are classed as “unemployed employables” if they remain on Social Allowance for a period in excess of three months?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, why not?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Is a new hospital being constructed or is one planned in the Fort St. John area?
2. (a) If yes, will the hospital be outside the municipal boundaries of Fort St. John, and (b) if so, for what reason?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. A hospital is being planned in the Fort St. John area.

“ 2. The hospital referred to in No. 1 is being planned by a religious order known as The Sisters of Charity of Providence, which owns and operates the existing hospital. This order proposes to construct the new hospital on a site adjacent to the existing hospital. Construction, which is a local responsibility, has not commenced, due to difficulties experienced in raising the community funds required to supplement the Government grants and the funds the order is prepared to supply. Some residents of the area feel that any new hospital built in the area should be constructed on a different site and be owned by the community rather than the above-mentioned order. Therefore, the location of the new hospital will not be known until the question of who is to own and operate it has been finally decided by the people of the area.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Have written instructions gone out to every social worker in the Province instructing that Social Allowance may be granted to supplement unemployment insurance when the unemployment insurance is below the maximum scheduled rate of social assistance?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ Social workers have been notified of this policy through usual channels.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What are the Social Welfare Branch (a) daily and (b) weekly rates paid for foster-home care of wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ Birth to 13 years, inclusive, \$1 per day; girls 14 and over, \$1.30 per day; and boys 14 and over, \$1.60 per day. The above rates for ‘ food and lodging only.’ Other expenses met by Welfare Branch.”

Mr. *Shelford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What part of the Indian school population is attending the regular public schools of the Province?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ The total Indian school population of the Province is estimated at approximately 8,700. In the past school-year there were approximately 2,100 Indian children in public schools; of these, approximately 1,300 were elementary pupils, 650 junior high school level, and 170 senior high school. The Province has co-operated in every way to ensure equal educational opportunity for these children.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. Laura Butler.

Mr. Dowding asked leave of the House to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance and submitted the following statement of the matter proposed to be discussed:—

The advisability of urging the Government to request the Attorney-General to make immediate representations to the Federal Government with a view to preserving the existing Trans-Canada Airline services between Victoria and Vancouver.

Members were allowed to speak in an endeavour to assist the Speaker in his decision.

The Speaker gave his decision as follows:—

*Honourable Members*,—I do not feel that the matter raised by the honourable first member for Burnaby comes within the scope of Standing Order 35. I refer you to two or three quotes from Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, fourth edition:—

“The definite matter of urgent public importance for the discussion of which a member may ask leave to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 must involve the administrative responsibility of the Government.

“The ‘definite matter of urgent public importance,’ for the discussion of which the adjournment of the House may be moved under Standing Order 26, must be so pressing that public interest will suffer if it is not given immediate attention.”

“Urgency” within this rule does not apply to the matter itself, but it means “urgency of debate,” when the ordinary opportunities provided by the rules of the House do not permit the subject to be brought on early enough and public interest demands that discussion take place immediately.

The matter requested for discussion, in my opinion, has not been brought up at the earliest possible moment. The withdrawal of this service has been a known possibility for several weeks and could, therefore, have been brought forward at an earlier date and, in fact, could have been discussed in ordinary debate before now. Further, it was announced earlier this week in this House that the Attorney-General was going to Ottawa to-day and instructions could have been given to him by this House before this.

I want to make it quite clear that I am not deciding on the urgency of the matter but on the urgency of the debate.

With all due respect to the arguments presented by members, I hold that the matter submitted does not come within the scope of Standing Order No. 35.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

Mr. Dowding appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

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



## YEAS—33.

## Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Matthew</i>			

## NAYS—12.

## Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>

## PAIRS:

## Messieurs

<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Gregory</i>
<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>

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. *Tisdalle*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. G. Williston* tabled the report "University Endowment Lands Master Plan Survey."

Mr. *Brothers* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

1. How much money was spent on game conservation projects from the inception of the Game Conservation Fund to March 31st, 1957, when the Fund was abolished?
2. How much money has been spent on game conservation projects since March 31st, 1957?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

"1. During the six years that the Game Conservation Fund was in existence, ended March 31st, 1957, the sum of \$70,817.76 was spent on conservation projects.

"2. From March 31st, 1957, to date the sum of \$105,867.60 has been expended on game conservation projects."

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

With reference to page 216, Annual Report of Mental Health Services, 1957, regarding the Child Guidance Clinic, what is the present time lapse between investigation, evaluation, and treatment as at December 31st, 1958?

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

"No waiting-list at present at the Child Guidance Clinic; there is no time lapse between the time of investigation, evaluation, and treatment at the present time."

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

With reference to the Child Guidance Clinic:—

1. How many psychologists were employed there as at December 31st, 1958, and what were their respective gradings?
2. How many social workers were employed there as at December 31st, 1958, and what were their respective gradings?

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

“ 1. Vancouver Island Clinic, one Grade 4; Burnaby Clinic, one Grade 5, one Grade 3, and two Grade 2; travelling, one Grade 4 and one Grade 2; total of seven psychologists.

“ 2. Vancouver Island Clinic, one Grade 4 social worker, one Grade 3 social worker, and one Grade 2 social worker; Burnaby Clinic, one Grade 1 Superintendent of Welfare, four Grade 4 social workers, nine Grade 3 social workers, and two Grade 2 social workers; total, nineteen.”

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

Is there a medical record librarian on staff at the present time at the Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale?

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

“ Supervisor of clinic office functions as medical record librarian.”

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

With respect to The Woodlands School:—

1. How many crib cases were in residence on December 31st, 1958?
2. How many bed cases were in residence on December 31st, 1958?

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

“ 1. Crib cases, 228.

“ 2. Bed cases, 1,156.”

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

In each of the years 1949 to 1958, inclusive, what percentage of persons employed in the Civil Service left the Civil Service?

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

“ In 1949, 17.09 per cent; in 1950, 18.43 per cent; in 1951, 24.56 per cent; in 1952, 23.32 per cent; in 1953, 25.60 per cent; in 1954, 26.67 per cent; in 1955, 26.85 per cent; in 1956, 26.45 per cent; in 1957, 27.84 per cent; and in 1958, 21.36 per cent.”

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

With respect to The Woodlands School:—

1. What was the ratio of teachers to pupils as at January 1st, 1958, and what is the present ratio?
2. Is there a male rehabilitation officer on staff at the present time?

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

“ 1. On January 1st, 1958, there was a ratio of one teacher to every 26.6 pupils attending school; at the present time there is a ratio of one teacher to every 23.75 pupils attending school.

“ 2. No; male rehabilitation officer never included on staff.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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## Friday, February 13th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *D. Johnston*.

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. *Shelford*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Prime Minister the following questions:—

1. Are any toll-bridges operated by the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority operating at a loss and, if so, which one or ones?
2. Have any toll-bridges operated by the Authority ever operated at a loss and, if so, which one or ones and during which period or periods?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- "1. See statistical tables to 1959 Budget Speech.
- "2. See Public Accounts for years past."

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

In the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1958:—

1. What percentage of gasoline tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?
2. What percentage of sales tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- "1. Not known.
- "2. 13.09 per cent."

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

1. What is the amount transferred, and (or) transferrable, from the special reserve account in the Civil Service Superannuation Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in accordance with the terms of section 7, subsection (2), of chapter 54, British Columbia Statutes, 1958?
2. What portion of the amount transferred, and (or) transferable, was standing to the credit of (a) employees' accounts and (b) employer's account?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$3,269,794.27.
- "2. (a) Nil and (b) \$3,269,794.27."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Is any insurance carried on all or any of the Provincial toll-bridges?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in the case of each bridge, (a) what type of insurance is carried, (b) what firms bid when tenders were called, (c) what were the terms of their bids, (d) what tenders were accepted, and (e) through what agent of the relevant company was the insurance taken out?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) All risk and public liability and property damage.

“(b) and (c):—

“Agassiz–Rosedale Bridge: Riddell Insurance Corporation, \$9,450; Marsh & McLennan Limited, \$11,425; B. L. Johnson, Walton Company Limited, \$11,800; Ker & Stephenson Limited, \$14,600; Gillespie, Hart & Company Limited, \$14,292; W. L. White (tendered on public liability and property damage only), \$6,500; and Harold Mann Limited, \$13,500.

“Nelson Bridge: Johnson & Higgins (Canada) Limited, \$16,000; Vancouver Holdings (B.C.) Limited, \$16,000; and Marsh & McLennan Limited, \$10,000.

“Oak Street and Middle Arm Bridges: Taylor Spittal Limited, \$26,675; Gillespie, Hart & Company Limited, \$25,575; British Columbia Underwriters Association submitted on behalf of members and agents for physical damage only, \$22,575; Marsh & McLennan Limited, \$21,250; and Riddell Insurance Corporation (tender contained conditions not acceptable), \$16,950.

“Okanagan Lake Bridge: Mara & Son, Insurance, \$91,811.40, and Marsh & McLennan Limited, \$37,185.

“First Narrows (Lions Gate) Bridge: Taylor Spittal Limited, \$45,750; Marsh & McLennan Limited, \$37,375; Pemberton Insurance Corporation (physical damage only), \$33,750; and Commercial Insurance Agency Limited (awarded the business but withdrew), \$34,000.

“(d) Agassiz–Rosedale Bridge, Riddell Insurance Corporation; Nelson Bridge, Marsh & McLennan Limited; Oak Street and Middle Arm Bridges, Marsh & McLennan Limited; Okanagan Lake Bridge, Marsh & McLennan Limited; and First Narrows (Lions Gate) Bridge, Marsh & McLennan Limited.

“(e) Agassiz–Rosedale Bridge—Orion Insurance Company, The British Law Insurance Company Limited, Dominion of Canada Insurance Company, The New Zealand Insurance Company Limited, Canadian Western Insurance Company, Boston Insurance Company, and Lloyds London; Nelson Bridge—Lloyds London; Oak Street and Middle Arm Bridges—Lloyds London, The Institute of London Underwriters, and The Yorkshire Insurance Company Limited; Okanagan Lake Bridge—Lloyds London and The General Accident Assurance Company of Canada; First Narrows (Lions Gate) Bridge—Lloyds London.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the total number of persons employed by the Department of Finance on the following dates: (a) July 31st, 1958; (b) August 31st, 1958; (c) September 30th, 1958; (d) October 31st, 1958; (e) November 30th, 1958; and (f) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“(a) 717, (b) 722, (c) 716, (d) 716, (e) 712, and (f) 707.”

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

1. How much, if any, has been borrowed from the Provincial Treasury from October 26th, 1955, to the date of the latest available record, under the provisions of the "Housing Act"?

2. If any amounts have been borrowed and used, give the names of the municipalities or cities involved, together with the individual amounts and dates.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. The 'Housing Act' does not authorize borrowings from the Provincial Treasury; \$384,033.60 has been paid to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation since October, 1955, to date in respect of the Province's share of housing or land assembly projects.

"2. The names of the municipalities involved and the amounts paid are as follows: Duncan, \$51,743.58; Kimberley, \$30.07; Prince George, \$101,173.59; Saanich, \$45,959.89; Trail, \$4,515.61; and Vancouver, \$180,610.86."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What amount of monopoly tax was collected in each of the calendar years 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958 under section 46 of the "Government Liquor Act" from (a) individual vendors and (b) incorporated vendors?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"(a) and (b) Nil."

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

1. How many forest fires were there in the year 1958?

2. What was the estimated damage done (in dollars) by forest fires in the year 1958?

3. What was the estimated loss (board-feet) of timber destroyed by forest fires in the year 1958?

4. What was the total area burned over by forest fires in the year 1958?

5. What was the total cost to the Government of fighting forest fires in each fiscal year, 1953 to 1957, and in the calendar year 1958?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

"1. 4,120.

"2. \$7,917,235.

"3. Merchantable timber killed by fire in 1958: Accessible, 1,473,104 M b.f., and inaccessible, 675,792 M b.f.; total, 2,148,896 M b.f.

"4. 2,065,423 acres.

"5. In 1953/54, \$224,106; in 1954/55, \$38,657; in 1955/56, \$75,944; in 1956/57, \$489,145; in 1957/58, \$172,815; and in 1958 (calendar year), \$4,528,137."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.