

Monday, March 19, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert Shafto*.

Mr. *McGeer* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the recent announcement by the Government relating to the acquisition of the town of Ocean Falls by the Province.

Mr. Speaker observed that the Estimates of the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources were to be considered as a matter of priority and, accordingly, an opportunity would be provided immediately to canvass the issues raised by the Government announcement concerning Ocean Falls. Mr. Speaker accordingly ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. *McGeer* challenged the Speaker's ruling.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the opinion of the chair, under Standing Order 35 (3), was not subject to appeal (May, 18th edition, p. 226).

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following:

The Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the year ended December 31, 1972.

The report of the British Columbia Centennial '71 Committee.

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented the following:

Annual Report of the British Columbia Water Resources Service for the year ended December 31, 1972.

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Forest Service for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation for the year ended December 31, 1972.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Highways) presented the British Columbia Government Aircraft Passenger Log for 1972.

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* (Minister of Agriculture) presented The Milk Board Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1972.

13 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to the clearing of Nechako Reservoir—

1. Was any clearing of Nechako Reservoir undertaken between January 1, 1972, and December 31, 1972?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total cost of the clearing operation between January 1, 1972, and December 31, 1972?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$148,636.40."

14 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to timber sales in the Prince Rupert (Coast) and Prince Rupert (Interior) Forest Districts—

1. Were there any timber sales in the Prince Rupert (Coast) or Prince Rupert (Interior) Forest Districts between September 15, 1972, and January 25, 1973?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the stumpage rate on each timber sale and (b) who were the successful bidders in each case?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) and (b):

Sale Number	Species	Rate per C.c.f.	Successful Bidder
		\$	
A03639	spruce	13.60	B. D. Meek
	hemlock	9.90	
	lodgepole pine	12.20	
	balsam and other species	12.20	
	cedar	15.10	
	cottonwood	2.80	
A04904	cedar	3.80	S. H. Forsyth
	hemlock	3.40	
	balsam and other species	3.30	
A03683	spruce	9.40	Pine Creek Sawmills Ltd.
	lodgepole pine	6.80	
	balsam	4.90	

Sale Number	Species	Rate per C c.f. \$	Successful Bidder
A03641	spruce	17.10	Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd.
	hemlock	6.40	
	balsam and other species	2.80	
	cedar	3.80	
A04909	spruce	10.10	Rim Forest Products Ltd.
	lodgepole pine and other species	2.10	
	cedar	12.90	
	hemlock	5.40	
	balsam	5.00	
A04893	spruce	7.00	D. Groot Logging Ltd.
	lodgepole pine	6.30	
	balsam and other species	3.60	
A04895	spruce	7.10	D. Groot Logging Ltd.
	lodgepole pine	6.20	
	balsam and other species	3.50	
A01132	balsam and other species	6.40	Fink's Sawmill Ltd.
	hemlock	6.90	
	spruce	11.50	
A04924	balsam	9.00	Rim Forest Products Ltd.
	spruce	12.60	
	hemlock	4.70	
	lodgepole pine and other species	4.40	
	cedar	18.80	
A04914	spruce	12.00	Canadian Cellulose Co. Ltd.
	cedar	8.90	
	lodgepole pine and other species	5.30	
	hemlock	8.80	
	balsam	.55	
A04915	hemlock	6.60	Canadian Cellulose Co. Ltd.
	cedar	10.80	
	lodgepole pine and other species	3.50	
	spruce	8.20	
	balsam	8.00	
A04928	spruce	12.90	Rim Forest Products Ltd.
	hemlock	12.40	
	cedar	23.50	
	balsam	11.20	
	lodgepole pine and other species	5.60	
A04925	spruce	10.90	Rim Forest Products Ltd.
	hemlock	12.30	
	cedar	23.80	
	balsam	12.70	
	lodgepole pine and other species	8.50	
A03642	spruce	18.10	Bell Pole Co. Ltd.
	lodgepole pine	16.30	
	hemlock	14.90	
	cedar	25.80	
	balsam and other species	16.30	
	cottonwood	1.70	
A04906	spruce	14.70	Canadian Cellulose Co. Ltd.
	hemlock	7.90	
	lodgepole pine and other species	3.40	
	balsam	10.30	
	cedar	13.20	
A04927	spruce	13.40	Canadian Cellulose Co. Ltd."
	hemlock	8.30	
	balsam	10.30	
	lodgepole pine and other species	5.30	
	cedar	10.40	

16 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government hired one, John DeWolf, in any capacity?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the capacity and the salary paid?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Economic consultant; not on salary."

35 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to log export from British Columbia—

1. What percentage of the total log cut in British Columbia does log export represent in the years 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972?

2. What percentage of the log export is represented by logs coming from reservoir-clearing operations associated with either the Peace River project or the Columbia River project in each of the years 1965 to 1972?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. 1965, 0.22 per cent; 1966, 1.01 per cent; 1967, 1.42 per cent; 1968, 0.86 per cent; 1969, 0.80 per cent; 1970, 1.89 per cent; 1971, 1.18 per cent; 1972, 0.53 per cent.

"2. Peace River project: 1965, 13.49 per cent; 1966, 1.62 per cent; 1967, *nil*; 1968, 5.49 per cent; 1969, 7.37 per cent; 1970, 7.02 per cent; 1971, 4.87 per cent; 1972, *nil*. Columbia River project: 1965 to 1972, inclusive, *nil*."

36 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources appointed a Log Export Advisory Committee?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names and the occupations of the persons now serving on the Log Export Advisory Committee and what date were these persons appointed?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Forest Service: I. T. Cameron, Chief Forester (Chairman); H. M. Pogue, District Forester, Vancouver; L. W. Lehrle, Assistant District Forester, Vancouver; Mrs. H. Cullimore, Export Clerk, Vancouver (Secretary).

"Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia (members appointed April 13, 1970).

"Forestry and Logging Sector: W. L. Keate, President and General Manager, Port Neville Logging Co. Ltd.

"Lumber Sector: W. H. Manson, Manager, Log and Chip Supply Department, British Columbia Forest Products Ltd.

"Plywood Sector: F. W. White, Manager, Log Supply Department, Weldwood of Canada Limited.

"Pulp and Paper Sector: W. H. Colley, Manager, Log Trading, Rayonier Canada (B.C.) Ltd.

"Shingle Sector: E. Boyes, Manager, Log Purchasing and Sales, Canadian Forest Products Limited.

"Members at Large: I. D. Macdonald, Log Supply Manager, Triangle Pacific Forest Products Ltd.; V. G. Brown, Manager, Log Supply, Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited; K. G. Boyd, Vice-president, Wood Supply, MacMillan Bloedel Limited.

"Council Observer (staff): M. F. Painter, Manager, Forestry and Logging, Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia.

"Truck Loggers Association (members appointed March 2, 1970): Don MacKenzie, General Manager, Truck Loggers Association; J. R. Frumento (alternate), Director, Truck Loggers Association.

"Pacific Coast Log Exporters Association: E. J. Riordan, Secretary-manager, Pacific Coast Log Exporters Association (appointed March 2, 1970); Donald N. Manning (alternate), President, Pacific Coast Log Exporters Association (appointed January 30, 1973).

"B.C. Federation of Labour (members appointed February 22, 1972): Stan Parker, Regional Vice-president; John Squire (alternate), Secretary, IWA Local 1-85; Syd Thompson (alternate), President, IWA Local 1-217.

"Government of Canada: J. F. Murray (observer), Regional Manager, Department of Industry, Trade, and Commerce (appointed July 1969); C. F. McBride (observer), Head, Liaison and Research Development, Western Forest Products Laboratory (appointed May 1972)."

79 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to restock Moberly Lake with lake trout similar to those that exist at the present time in the lake?

2. Are there any plans for a small hatchery at Moberly Lake to provide fingerlings for stocking the lake?

3. Are there any plans to construct a structure at the outlet of the lake to maintain the level of the lake during the summer period?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Not by the Fish and Wildlife Branch."

100 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Were any applications for site development for hydro-electric power received since December 31, 1971, on any of the following rivers or the tributaries that feed them: (a) The Stikine River, (b) the Skeena River, (c) the Peace River, (d) the Fraser River, (e) the Kootenay River, (f) the Columbia River, and (g) the Liard River?

2. Has site-investigation work been undertaken during this period in any of these rivers or their tributaries?

3. (a) What was the approximate expenditure on each site up to December 31, 1972, (b) what firms have undertaken the work, and (c) on behalf of which corporations?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. (a) Stikine, no; (b) Skeena, no; (c) Peace, no; (d) Fraser, no; (e) Kootenay, no; (f) Columbia, yes (Mica power plant); (g) Liard, no.

"2. Yes.

"3. Site-investigations work undertaken by or on behalf of the Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources: (a) Lower McGregor, \$464,600; Parsnip

Valley, \$18,000; (b) G. E. Crippen and Associates, Inspiration Drilling Operations, Geotronic Surveys, I.P.E.C., Becker Drills, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Lands Service; and (c) Water Resources Service jointly with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.”

106 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to the \$25,000,000 *Green Belt Protection Fund Act* introduced by the former Government in February 1972—

1. What is the total amount of money spent under this Act in the period prior to September 15, 1972?

2. What is the total amount of money spent under the same Act in the period since September 16, 1972?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

“1. \$7,005,905.24.

“2. \$900,403.53.”

112 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Did the Department of Highways lay off any employees between December 1, 1972, and January 29, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of employees laid off and (b) what was the total number of employees laid off in each Highway Regional District?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) 225 and (b) Headquarters 18, Saanich 16, Nanaimo 10, Courtenay 3, North Vancouver 22, New Westminster 23, Chilliwack *nil*, McBride 5, Kamloops 9, Salmon Arm 8, Vernon 14, Kelowna 1, Penticton *nil*, Merritt 8, Lillooet *nil*, Williams Lake *nil*, Nelson 6, Rossland 4, Cranbrook 6, Fernie 2, Grand Forks *nil*, Golden 1, Revelstoke 7, New Denver 3, Prince George 4, Quesnel 12, Pouce Coupe 20, Fort St. John 2, Vanderhoof 4, Burns Lake 1, Smithers 5, Terrace 1, Prince Rupert 3.”

125 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:

With respect to the subsidy for rural electrification, how many new customers were connected to the system during the calendar years 1971 and 1972 as a result of this grant?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

“Commitments were made in 1971 to connect 670 customers and in 1972 to connect 938 customers.”

127 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to clearing operations on the Nechako Reservoir—

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans for the clearing of the Nechako Reservoir during 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the plans?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. Preliminary studies are in progress.
- “2. Answered by No. 1 above.”

164 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has any study been carried out on the Shuswap Lake foreshore and Eagle River estuary with regard to the preservation of nesting areas for ducks and geese?
2. Do plans exist to convert the Shuswap foreshore for use as a picnic-site?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

“1. No waterfowl studies have been carried out on the Eagle River delta. A reserve of 140 acres is located at the mouth of the Salmon River for the purpose of preserving prime waterfowl habitat. Most of the Shuswap Lake foreshore is not favourable for waterfowl nesting as there is no protection from predation, the goslings and ducklings that do hatch have little opportunity to find secure rearing areas and the foraging capabilities on this large lake are very limited. This information was not collected in any one study but through many trips for this and other purposes by Fish and Wildlife Branch staff and members of the public.

“2. No.”

190 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has Simon Fraser University carried out a study for the Provincial Government in the Desolation Sound area with a view to establishing a marine park?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, does the Government have any plans to establish a marine park there?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

“1 and 2. No (a report was prepared by a student as a thesis for his masters degree at no expense to the Province).”

193 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following question:

Is the Provincial Government giving any consideration to purchasing Prideaux Haven, currently offered for sale at \$437,500, in the Desolation Sound area?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

“Yes.”

194 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to continue the dyking programme for the City of Grand Forks on the Kettle River?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. Under review by the Water Resources Service.
- “2. See answer to No. 1.”

195 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government finalized all payments on flood claim agreements with respect to the Similkameen River, Twenty Mile Creek, and Keremeos?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, when will the payments be finalized?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. It is anticipated that outstanding claims will be finalized shortly."

196 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to develop the Mabel Lake Provincial Park site?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Campground and day-use area and (b) August 1973."

197 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. With respect to game management areas, does the Department have any plans to decrease the size of the management areas or restructure them in any way?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the plans?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. The Fish and Wildlife Branch is presently examining game management area boundaries, and subdivision of some management areas, to provide a basis for better control of hunting. Some portions of management areas are being mapped and described for the purpose of introducing controlled hunting methods for certain species and populations of game animals that cannot be exposed to general open seasons. Such controlled hunting methods may include a permit system of entry, although decisions on this matter, and on species, populations, and areas involved have not been made, and will not be made without full discussion of the alternatives with concerned people."

198 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to stock Muncho Lake with trout fingerlings?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will the restocking take place?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. No; Muncho Lake has been surveyed and further investigations are planned to determine its natural fishery potential."

199 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to increase the number of camp-sites on the Alaska Highway, within the Province of British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans, (b) how many camp-sites are involved, and (c) when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) To construct a primitive high-use campground facility in Muncho Lake Park, (b) 50 units, and (c) July 1, 1973."

204 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government a plan to hire consultants for the purpose of correcting the erosion problem on the cliff faces in the University Endowment Lands?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the names of the consultants, (b) what are the salaries to be paid, and (c) are the consultants residents of British Columbia?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. The Government sought and has hired the services of the best expert available to review the Point Grey cliff erosion problem. The consultant is Dr. Robert Wiegel, of Berkeley, California, who has had extensive experience in sea erosion problems. He has been engaged at a *per diem* rate of \$325 plus travel, for a period of three to four days, to review previous reports, discuss the pros and cons of alternate solutions, and recommend effective action."

216 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to construct a boat-launching ramp at the south end of Skaha Lake near the Robert Christie Memorial Park?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when is construction to commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. No (the south end of Skaha Lake, which is within Okanagan Falls Park, is a swimming beach and is heavily used for this purpose, a boat-launching ramp would conflict with this use)."

219 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With regard to Trout Creek in the District of Summerland—

1. Have complaints in respect of drainage problems in the vicinity of Trout Creek been brought to the attention of the Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what action has been taken in response to these complaints and (or) (b) what future action is contemplated at this time?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Consulting engineers have been instructed to investigate the drainage problems and a preliminary report is presently under review and (b) *see* (a)."

236 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

With regard to the Federal Government offer to provide \$12,500,000 for dyking in the Fraser Valley if matched by Provincial Government funds, does the Provincial Government plan to match the Federal sum of \$12,500,000?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"This offer by the Federal Government was in response to a request by the joint Federal-Provincial Board under the Fraser River Flood Control Agreement. The additional funds will be required for previously agreed programme due to cost escalation. Provincial Government had agreed to provide an equal sum."

260 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following questions:

1. Are any of the new positions provided for under Vote 123 the result of personnel required for the insurance operations contemplated under Bills (Nos. 34 and 35)?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many of the new persons are required for insurance operations and (b) will the insurance operations be charged for the service?

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Approximately 80 to 90 per cent (65 to 75) and (b) yes."

261 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
With respect to Gulf Island ferry routes—

1. How many motor-vehicles have been carried between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour in each calendar year as follows: 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1972?

2. How many motor-vehicles have been carried between Vesuvius and Crofton in the same years?

3. How many motor-vehicles have been carried between Tsawwassen and Long Harbour (disregarding traffic between intermediate points on the last-mentioned route) in the same years?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. 1967, figures not available; 1969, 71,007; 1971, 85,627; 1972, 94,178.

"2. 1967, figures not available; 1969, 48,917; 1971, 56,718; 1972, 62,338.

"3. 1967, 11,811; 1969, 17,180; 1971, 23,529; 1972, 26,737."

263 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:
With respect to the Provincial Court serving Greater Victoria—

1. Is there a case-load backlog in (a) the Criminal Court section and (b) the Traffic Court section?

2. If the answer to either No. 1 (a) or (b) above is yes, what is the approximate waiting-time for cases to be dealt with by the Court?

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* replied as follows:

"1. (a) and (b) Yes, if 'backlog' refers to cases with a not guilty plea in which the accused is not sent to trial the day of or the day after his not guilty plea.

"2. I am advised that cases are normally scheduled for trial eight weeks from the date of plea of not guilty. This is a rough average, some are tried in considerably less time than this, others take longer by consent of the accused or counsel. The fixing of the date is a matter not only for the Court calendar but the availability of defence counsel. Any portion of the delay due to the Court calendar should be removed by the end of the month when an additional courtroom, which can be used for both criminal and traffic cases, will be ready and for which a Judge has already been appointed. I am also advised that, in the case of urgent matters, including the case of persons unable to qualify for judicial interim release, earlier dates are made available."

269 Ms. *Sanford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Was the Assessment Commissioner instructed last fall by you or by the Provincial Government to waive the 10-per-cent limitation on increases in assessments in School District No. 71?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, who made the decision to waive the 10-per-cent limitation?

3. How many school districts were affected by the decision in 1972, 1971, 1970, 1969, and 1968?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. The Assessment Commissioner ordered the reassessment of certain land within School District No. 71 by authority of section 9 (2) of the *Assessment Equalization Act* for the purpose of securing general uniformity in assessments for real-property taxation under the *Public Schools Act*.

"3. All school districts were affected by orders under section 9 (2) of the *Assessment Equalization Act* from 1968 to 1972, in respect of correction of errors, reassessment of properties formerly qualified for statutory consideration under section 37 (6) (d) and (e) of the Act, and where property values were affected by new services and new-found inventory. General orders were also issued in respect of forest, timberland, etc., tree-farm land, pipe-lines, coal land, and land used for extraction of structural materials and industrial minerals. In addition, in 1970 for the 1971 assessment rolls specific orders were given affecting three school districts; and in 1971 and 1972 (for the 1972 and 1973 rolls) orders were given affecting 47 school districts in each case."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. G. Cocke* withdrew the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 114) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act, 1964*, standing in his name on the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *P. J. Calkins*.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 101) intituled *An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 124) intituled *An Act to Amend the Strata Titles Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Brousson*, Bill (No. 143) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motive-fuel Use Tax Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* raised a point of order relating to Bill (No. 42), namely, that the said Bill offended Standing Order 75 which states that "No Bill may be introduced either in blank or in imperfect shape," and that certain amendments to the said Bill would be inadmissible.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Bill (No. 42) was not a Bill in "blank or imperfect shape" as contemplated by Standing Order 75, and that as no amendments to the Bill were before the House at this time, the Chair could not rule as to the effect of any rumoured amendments at this stage of the proceedings on the Bill.

The debate continued.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock.

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

The Hon. *David Barrett* moved that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.10 o'clock p.m. today.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	

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<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 1973

THIRTEEN MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* moved an amendment as follows:

That this Bill be not now read a second time, but be it resolved that this House is of the opinion that formal consultation should first take place with regional districts and municipal governments, by means of public hearings, to ascertain whether effective government at the local level will be impaired, and individual rights infringed.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order and quoted the authority of May, 16th edition, pp. 530, 531.

The debate continued.

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

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

171 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to replace the Dellview Hospital at Vernon?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will construction commence?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. The matter is at present under study.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. C. Johnson*.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, Bill (No. 122) intituled *An Act to Amend the Health Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Mr. *Chabot* rose on a point of order relating to the proceedings of the House at 6 p.m. on March 20.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point of order raised.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *McClelland* rose on a point of order relating to the maintenance of the balance of debate.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the matter raised was not a point of order.

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

257 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:

With reference to the Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board which stated that the Medical Review Panel had reviewed 47 disputes involving decisions of the Board, how many of the 47 decisions of the Medical Review Panel were in favour of the previous decision of the Workmen's Compensation Board?

The Hon. *W. S. King* replied as follows:

"Of the 47 workmen who requested examination by a Medical Review Panel under section 55 of the *Workmen's Compensation Act* during 1972, 28 decisions were made by the Medical Review Panel agreeing with the decision of the Board and 19 decisions were made that did not agree with the Board decision."

270 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Railway and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority—

1. Is it the intention of the Government of British Columbia to issue parity bonds on behalf of either of the above Crown agencies during the remainder of 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the approximate amounts to be issued for (a) British Columbia Railway and (b) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. This will be determined in the future as financial circumstances indicate.
"2. Not applicable."

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 1973

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.54 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Francis*.

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. O. WILSON
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 148) intituled *Energy Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 21, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. O. WILSON
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 146) intituled *Water Utilities Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 21, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. O. WILSON
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 147) intituled *Telecommunications Utilities Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 21, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 118) intituled *An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act.*

Bill (No. 134) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hospital Act.*

Bill (No. 137) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hearing-aid Regulation Act.*

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members,—The Honourable Member for Columbia River raised an important matter relating to the adjournment of the House by the interruption of business at 6 o'clock p.m. on March 20 while debate on second reading of a Bill was under way and the Honourable Member for South Peace River was addressing the House.

The sequence of events disclosed in the records indicate that while the honourable member was speaking after 6 o'clock p.m., the Honourable Member for North Peace River rose "on a point of order," drawing attention of the Speaker to the clock.

The Speaker asked the honourable member who had been speaking to be seated and he quite properly complied. A Minister, the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat, rose while the Speaker was in the Chair and moved the "adjournment of this debate until the next sitting of the House." When objection was heard, not formally, however, the Speaker indicated to the House that the honourable member who had seated himself at the interruption of business did not thereby lose his place in the debate which had been under way. (This ruling is confirmed by May, 17th edition, p. 444, at bottom of page.)

An examination of the Journals has disclosed no occasion where a similar situation has arisen. Honourable members will recall that on a number of occasions the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee have left the Chair at the hour of interruption, returning at 8 o'clock p.m. but on such occasions no motion of a formal or any other nature has been made prior to the Chair being vacated. It seems significant, however, that on such occasions when the Chairman has left the Chair at the hour of interruption, and after the hour of 6 o'clock p.m., he has reported to the House, asked leave to sit again, a time therefore has been appointed, and has been ordered by the House. In other words, formal business has in fact been transacted after the moment of interruption.

Such a procedure is noted also in the British Journals and referred to in May, 18th edition, p. 291—see Commons Journals (1957/58) p. 180.

Our Standing Order 3 (1) recently adopted reads:

"3. (1) If at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday the business of the day *is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed upon for the next sitting*, the Speaker shall leave the Chair until 8 o'clock p.m. and the House will continue until 11 o'clock p.m., unless otherwise ordered."

From this wording it seems implicit that when some conclusion of the business at hand is required and another hour agreed upon for the sitting, it can be done.

This is borne out in May, 17th edition, at p. 633, which reads:

"*Procedure when business is not completed at the end of a sitting*—A Committee of the whole House has no power either to adjourn its own sitting or to adjourn its consideration of any matter for a future sitting (r). If its consideration of the matter be not concluded, or if all the matters referred to it have not been considered, in the Lords, the House is resumed and the chairman moves 'that the House be again

put into committee' on a future day. When the House is put into committee, it may be resumed upon a question put by the Lord in the chair. In the Commons, the chairman is either directed (a question to that effect having been put and agreed to) to 'report progress and ask leave to sit again,' or (if proceedings in the Committee are cut short by the hour of interruption) he reports progress and asks leave to sit again without such direction."

Thus, after the hour of interruption certain formalities to preserve the order of business are permitted as cited in that excerpt. The Chairman does not leave the House but calls in the Speaker, reports to him, and a time is thereupon fixed by the House for the resumption of the business interrupted. All of this occurs after the hour of interruption and by reason of the time having been noted. Clearly, May contemplates the preservation of the business of the day should the House wish to do so. Failing action by the House to agree upon a next sitting time, the Speaker returns at 8 o'clock p.m. that evening.

To resume the narrative of events at adjournment time on March 20, a motion to fix the hour for the next sitting was moved by the House Leader.

At this point, the question to be resolved by the Speaker was the nature and extent of business allowable to be transacted at the hour of interruption.

It seemed to me in the brief time available that if it was competent for the House to act upon the report of the Chairman after the hour of interruption, as above noted, it was also competent for the House at this time to determine the hour of its next sitting. Standing Order 3 provides that an hour other than 8 o'clock p.m. may be agreed upon.

Such motions, in accordance with the practice indicated in May do not, in the opinion of the Chair, fall into the category of opposed business but are clearly formal matters involving the business and hours of sitting of the House. This is borne out in our Standing Orders by Standing Order 45 (2) which states that adjournment motions shall be decided without debate or amendment and Standing Order 34 which declares that a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

Thus, so long as the House is assembled and properly constituted, such motions according to our Standing Orders appear to be in order.

Were it otherwise, the proceedings of Parliament could be frustrated every day by a member holding the floor until past the hour of interruption.

May, 17th edition, p. 466, states that in such case a member "who, without actually transgressing any of the rules of debate, uses his right of speech for the purpose of obstructing the business of the House, or obstructs the business of the House by misusing the forms of the House, is technically not guilty of disorderly conduct. . . . He is, however, guilty of contempt of the House, and may be named." I emphasize that I am not thereby imputing such a motive to the member in the case herein.

Thus the House has by custom the power to prevent its proceedings from being thwarted or obstructed, whether by a member refusing to adjourn the debate at the hour of interruption or by "using a speech for the purpose of obstructing the business of the House." That this is so is implied by the fact that May indicates that another member who has not spoken at the hour of interruption may stand, move adjournment of the debate, yet the member who has occupied the floor may still resume after the adjournment.

A further matter arose to which the honourable member has referred.

Following the motion and a division which occupied some time, the Speaker left the Chair at 6.13 o'clock p.m. after a division and returned without pause to the Chair. The House resumed the business with which it had been occupied at adjourn-

ment, namely, the speech of the member who had been speaking at the hour of interruption. Orders of the Day were not called but no formal objection to this was taken; indeed, it was clear that it seemed the wish of the members that the debate resume with the same member retaining his place in the debate. He resumed his speech without protest and the House continued without further pause.

The physical presence of the Mace on the Table after the Speaker had left the Chair was also mentioned.

According to Hatsell, "When the Mace lies upon the Table the House is a House; when under, it is a Committee; when out of the House, no business can be done; when from the Table and upon the Sergeant's shoulder, the Speaker alone manages."

In my view, with respect, the position of the Mace on the Table in no way invalidated the adjournment and resumption of the proceedings.

The House was assembled and duly constituted. It adjourned; and pursuant to its express will, the Speaker immediately returned to the Chair after having left it. The Mace still being "in the Chamber," the business of the House could be done immediately in accordance with the motion passed.

It is worth noting that although we follow the "customs and usages of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom" in all cases not provided for, no mention of their Standing Orders is included in our Standing Order 1. Beauchesne's *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 4th edition, p. 9, states:

"As Canadian procedure was based on British precedents in so far as circumstances permitted them to be followed in a new country, our Legislatures, from the day of the *Constitution Act* of 1791, naturally referred, in all cases of doubt, to the usages and customs of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom . . . but they have never considered themselves bound by the Standing Orders in force at Westminster which govern local practice and are not applicable to any other legislative body than the one for which they were passed."

In the British practice a motion to adjourn could be contentious business by reason of their Standing Orders providing for debate. Our Standing Order 45 (2) departs from this and appears to be similar or analogous to their "exempted business." Perusal of the British Journals confirms that at the hour of interruption there may follow resolutions, motions, and even the resolving of the House into Committee providing there is no debate on the matter in the process of doing so, as is also true in our Legislative Assembly on the motion to adjourn debate or to adjourn the House. An example to illustrate the British practice can be found at p. 372 of the Commons Journal (1891), volume 213.

In sum, in my respectful opinion, the Assembly, by reason of Standing Order 3 (1), can adjourn the debate and agree upon the next sitting at the hour of interruption, since the motions are made without the right to debate and because the Assembly has the power to preserve its proceedings by its own will and purpose. In that course the Speaker must be the servant of the House in leaving and returning to the Chair. Once the two motions were disposed of, he was bound to comply therewith.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 1973

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Friday, March 23, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *K. M. Wood*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 145) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 150) intituled *An Act to Amend the Logging Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 151) intituled *An Act to Amend the British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 144) intituled *An Act to Amend the Succession Duty Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 149) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home Acquisition Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 154) intituled *An Act to Amend the County Courts Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, Bill (No. 155) intituled *The Cyril Morley Shelford Compensation Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 141) intituled *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act, 1961*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, 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. on Monday next.

Mr. *Brousson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question during the oral question period on March 14:

Would the Attorney-General advise the House if there have been any prosecutions to date under the *Mortgage Brokers Act*?

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* took this as notice and replied as follows:

"There have been no prosecutions of which we have knowledge under the *Mortgage Brokers Act*, but there have been two suspensions and cancellations, one formal investigation, and, currently, investigations in respect of eight to ten companies."

And then the House adjourned at 1.04 p.m.

Monday, March 26, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ron Wallis*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 152) intituled *An Act to Amend the Payment of Wages Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 23, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 153) intituled *Public Works Fair Employment Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 23, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the Consumer Affairs Officer Report for the year ended December 31, 1972.

24 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. Did the Department contract for any advertising with respect to the introduction of the British Columbia Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance (MIN-COME)?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who prepared the material for the advertisements and (b) what was the total cost of the advertising programme?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Dunsy Advertising Limited in consultation with the Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement and (b) \$44,820.89."

91 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. What has been the total cost since November 1, 1972, of newspaper advertising related to the introduction of the British Columbia Guaranteed Income Assistance Programme?

2. Which advertising agency or agencies, if any, prepared the material for these advertisements and at what cost per agency?

3. With respect to No. 2, were contracts awarded by tender and, if so, which agencies submitted bids?

4. In which newspapers did these advertisements appear and at what cost per newspaper?

5. Was the use of the Minister's name in these advertisements authorized by the Minister and, if not, by whom?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1. \$14,169.70.

"2. Dunsy Advertising Limited, \$14,169.70.

"3. No.

"4. Weeklies: *Abbotsford, Sumas, & Matsqui News*, \$140; *Armstrong Advertiser*, \$70; *Campbell River Courier*, \$130; *Campbell River Upper Islander*, \$130; *Castlegar News*, \$90; *Chilliwack Progress*, \$150; *Courtenay-Comox District Free Press*, \$150; *Creston Valley Advance*, \$80; *Dawson Creek-Peace River Block News*, \$120; *Duncan Cowichan Leader*, \$140; *Fort Nelson News*, \$100; *Fort St. John-Alaska Highway News*, \$120; *Grand Forks Gazette*, \$100; *Haney Gazette*, \$140; *Hope Standard*, \$110; *Kitimat Northern Sentinel*, \$140; *Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle*, \$90; *The Lake News*, Lake Cowichan, \$90; *Langley Advance*, \$130; *Bridge River-Lillooet News*, \$100; *Merritt Herald*, \$100; *Mission City-Fraser Valley Recorder*, \$130; *North Vancouver Citizen*, \$290; *Oliver Chronicle*, \$90; *Osoyoos Times*, \$100; *Parksville-Qualicum Beach Press*, \$120; *Powell River News*, \$127.40; *Princeton Similkameen Spotlight*, \$100; *Quesnel Cariboo Observer*, \$120; *Revelstoke Review*, \$90; *Richmond Review*, \$250; *Rossland Miner*, \$100; *Salmon Arm Observer*, \$110; *Sechelt Peninsula Times*, \$91; *Smithers Interior News*, \$120; *Squamish Howe Sound Times*, \$120; *Vernon News*, \$150; *Lions Gate Times*, West Vancouver, \$230; *White Rock & District Sun*, \$120; *Williams Lake Tribune*, \$120; total (weeklies), \$4,998.40.

"Dailies: *Cranbrook Daily Townsman*, \$310.18; *Kamloops Daily Sentinel*, \$411.74; *Kelowna Courier*, \$363.30; *Kimberley Daily Bulletin*, \$310.18; *Nanaimo Free Press*, \$411.74; *The Columbian*, New Westminster, Surrey, Burnaby-Coquitlam, \$702.38; *Nelson Daily News*, \$351.19; *Penticton Herald*, \$363.30; *Alberni Valley Times*, \$290.64; *Citizen*, Prince George, \$411.74; *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, \$363.30; *The Trail Times*, \$351.19; Pacific Press, *Vancouver Sun, Province*, \$3,416.30; *Colonist, Times*, Victoria, \$1,114.12; total (dailies), \$9,171.30.

"5. Yes."

108 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With regard to the advertising campaign to introduce The British Columbia Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance (MINCOME)—

1. Was the campaign designed and handled by an advertising agency?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what agency?
3. What was the total expenditure for this campaign?
4. How was the expenditure divided, by media?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Dunsky Advertising Limited.

"3. \$44,820.89.

"4. Radio, \$8,303; weeklies, \$4,998.40; dailies, \$9,171.30; magazines, \$849. Balance of \$21,499.19 was for production of tapes and brochures."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 26, 1973

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

110 Mr. *Schroeder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:

What percentage of school operating costs was paid by the Provincial Government by direct grants to each school district in the calendar year 1972?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

"The percentages of net budgeted operating expenses paid by the Provincial Government to each school district, as direct grants and exclusive of home-owner grants, for the calendar year 1972 were:

School District	Percentage	School District	Percentage
No. 1 Fernie	18.33	No. 44 North Vancouver	48.90
No. 2 Cranbrook	61.92	No. 45 West Vancouver	29.27
No. 3 Kimberley	21.52	No. 46 Sechelt	6.78
No. 4 Windermere	56.65	No. 47 Powell River	11.26
No. 7 Nelson	56.48	No. 48 Howe Sound	5.00
No. 9 Castlegar	41.71	No. 49 Ocean Falls	3.33
No. 10 Arrow Lakes	68.62	No. 50 Queen Charlotte	46.32
No. 11 Trail	33.21	No. 52 Prince Rupert	15.21
No. 12 Grand Forks	61.49	No. 54 Smithers	58.64
No. 13 Kettle Valley	55.60	No. 55 Burns Lake	57.23
No. 14 Southern Okanagan	52.95	No. 56 Vanderhoof	56.28
No. 15 Penticton	55.94	No. 57 Prince George	40.66
No. 16 Keremeos	63.00	No. 59 Peace River South	63.58
No. 17 Princeton	38.00	No. 60 Peace River North	31.83
No. 18 Golden	67.78	No. 61 Greater Victoria	49.56
No. 19 Revelstoke	67.72	No. 62 Sooke	59.91
No. 21 Armstrong-Spallumcheen	59.60	No. 63 Saanich	50.59
No. 22 Vernon	57.22	No. 64 Gulf Islands
No. 23 Central Okanagan	44.15	No. 65 Cowichan	38.22
No. 24 Kamloops	50.95	No. 66 Lake Cowichan	20.22
No. 26 North Thompson	48.97	No. 67 Ladysmith	55.27
No. 27 Williams Lake	57.79	No. 68 Nanaimo	45.63
No. 28 Quesnel	53.24	No. 69 Qualicum	39.92
No. 29 Lillooet	No. 70 Alberni	43.12
No. 30 South Cariboo	47.73	No. 71 Courtenay	62.74
No. 31 Merritt	59.08	No. 72 Campbell River	10.52
No. 32 Hope	45.50	No. 75 Mission	58.92
No. 33 Chilliwack	64.95	No. 76 Agassiz	49.59
No. 34 Abbotsford	62.67	No. 77 Summerland	54.88
No. 35 Langley	66.07	No. 80 Kitimat
No. 36 Surrey	61.20	No. 81 Fort Nelson	6.32
No. 37 Delta	53.97	No. 84 Vancouver Island West
No. 38 Richmond	51.68	No. 85 Vancouver Island North	16.55
No. 39 Vancouver	19.81	No. 86 Creston-Kaslo	61.32
No. 40 New Westminster	29.17	No. 87 Stikine	23.58
No. 41 Burnaby	42.56	No. 88 Skeena-Cassiar	53.71
No. 42 Maple Ridge	60.59	No. 89 Shuswap	64.82"
No. 43 Coquitlam	55.86		

258 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Does the Premier plan to visit Europe on behalf of the Government of British Columbia during the balance of 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) when does he expect to leave for Europe and (b) what are the names of the persons who will accompany him on that trip?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Arrangements not yet completed."

259 Mr. *Nicolson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. How many school buses are used by the School Districts?

2. How many are owned by the School Boards?

3. How many are on a contract basis?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

- "1. 854.
- "2. 625.
- "3. 229."

And then the House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Costelloe*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 156) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27, 1973

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. King*.

Mr. *McGeer* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the ruling of the Labour Relations Board in the matter of union affiliation at the Cominco operations in the East and West Kootenay regions.

Mr. Speaker ruled that as the matter raised did not involve more than the ordinary administration of the law, quoting the 16th edition of *May*, at page 372, the motion was therefore not in order.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 157) intituled *An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Smith* moved an amendment as follows:

“That the motion be amended by deleting the word ‘now’ and substituting therefore the words ‘in six months hence.’”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—17

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>			

NAYS—32

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>
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<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>			

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 2 p.m.