Thursday, February 28th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon George Biddle.

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.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Anscomb*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of Mrs. *Rolston*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Oleomargarine Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Cates presented the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

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

- 1. What tonnage of iron ore has been exported from British Columbia to Japan during the year 1951?
- 2. How many tons of steel have been imported from Japan for use in British Columbia during the year 1951?
- 3. Are there any restrictions on the exporting of iron ore from British Columbia to Japan or any other foreign countries?
- 4. Have any overtures been made by steel industrialists to the British Columbia Government to start a proper steel industry in the Province?
 - 5. Has any iron ore been exported to the United States during the last three years?
 - 6. If so, what tonnage?

The Hon. Mr. Cates replied as follows:—

" 1. 120,000 tons.

"2. Not available.

"3. Province has no control over export of iron ore that has passed from the

Crown; no known Federal restrictions.

"4. Agreement made with Vancouver Rolling Mills Limited on January 23rd, 1948, under section 2, clause (c), and sections 7 and 8, subsection (2), of the 'Iron and Steel Bounties Act.'

"5. Not as such, but limonite has been shipped to cement plant.

"6. 1949, 1,492 tons; 1950 (estimate), 3,500 tons; 1951, not available."

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

1. Has any estimate been made of the cost of completing the Trans-Canada Highway between Hope and Cache Creek?

2. If so, what is the estimate?

- 3. What amount has been spent on construction of this section from April 1st, 1950, to date?
- 4. Has any estimate been made of the total cost of the Trans-Canada Highway from Cache Creek to Golden?

5. If so, how much?

6. What amount, if any, has been spent on this section to date?

7. Has any estimate been made of the cost of completing the Trans-Canada Highway from Golden to the British Columbia-Alberta Boundary?

8. If so, what is the estimate?

9. What amount, if any, has been spent on this section to date?

10. What amounts, if any, have been received from the Dominion Government on account of construction of the British Columbia section of the Trans-Canada Highway?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

"1. No; surveys are incomplete.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$1,699,006.81, from April 1st, 1950.

" 4. No.

" 5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. \$1,243,540.22, from April 1st, 1950.

"7. No; Departmental surveys do not extend beyond the Yoho National Park boundary.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. \$525,903.85, from April 1st, 1950.

"10. \$3,307,922.24."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—What regulations, if any, govern Game Wardens and their shooting of big game?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows:-

"The same as apply to the general public under the 'Game Act' and regulations, except (1) a Game Warden may obtain a permit to take game for scientific purposes and (2) a Game Warden may assist a land-owner to protect his property from damage by game."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.08 p.m.

Thursday, February 28th, 1952.

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. McRae, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province."

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Kenney presented the Annual Report of the Lands Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

- 1. How many senile patients of each sex are now resident in Essondale?
- 2. How many applications for admission are on a waiting list?
- 3. What additional building accommodation for Homes for the Aged are provided for in the 1952–53 fiscal period?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:-

"1. (a) In age-group over 70 years:—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale	113	135	248
The Woodlands School	8	8	16
Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz	48	0	48
	169	143	312
(b) In age-group 65 to 70 years:—			
	Men.	Women.	Total.
Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale	140	186	326
The Woodlands School	7	5	12
Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz	44	0	44
	191	191	382

"2. Women, 67; men, 5; total, 72.

[&]quot;3. New unit accommodating 110 expected to be ready for operation in May, 1952. It will be possible to admit all those presently on the waiting list when this unit is opened."

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

1. What provision is made for the treatment of mentally ill veterans in the Provincial Mental Hospital?

2. What facilities have been provided to rehabilitate the patients on discharge

from a mental hospital?

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3. Is there any effort made to develop a recreational programme in the mental hospitals?

4. What is being done to increase the accommodation for mentally defective

patients in this Province?

5. What steps are being taken to alleviate the shortage of beds for senile patients in the Home for the Aged?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:-

- "1. Veterans of the two Great Wars who require continued treatment are domiciled in the new Veterans Building at Colony Farm, Essondale. Those who require active treatment are cared for in the Provincial Mental Hospital and the Crease Clinic of Psychological Medicine. The Province is reimbursed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in respect of maintenance costs for those veterans whose disability is connected with their service. At the present time, the rate of reimbursement is \$3.25 per patient per day.
- "2. To aid the rehabilitation of those who have been mentally ill, especially those who have no relatives, friends, or resources, a Rehabilitation Department has been established in the Mental Health Services. This service operates a residence in Vancouver for discharged women patients and has arrangements with the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army Hostel whereby rooms are available for men. The staff of the Rehabilitation Department, under the direction of the patient's physician, assists in securing suitable employment for the patients and keeps in touch with them until they have again been assimilated into the community.
- "3. Yes; the recreational programme of the Provincial Mental Health Services has been in the process of development for a number of years and is an integral part of treatment procedures. Each of the major divisions now has an established recreation programme under the supervision of specially qualified staff. In the past year the recreational programme at Essondale has made particular advances with the opening of Pennington Hall, the recreational therapy centre for the Crease Clinic and the Provincial Mental Hospital. This building contains an auditorium-gymnasium, a stage, complete equipment for the projection of 35-mm. motion-pictures, a four-alley bowling-alley, a quiet games and reading room and a coffee bar. There are also offices and work-room for the Audio-Visual Department and the Recreational Department. The main room, the auditorium-gymnasium, is versatile since it is equipped as a gymnasium and also serves to seat some 500 for movies and church services. It is also available for visitor-patient relations.
- "4. For some time past the mentally defective patients have been cared for at our New Westminister institution which has recently been renamed The Woodlands School. Definite efforts have been made to provide here all the facilities for the care and training of those who are mentally defective, and to this end a modern school unit was constructed, equipped, and staffed in recent years. The most recent development at The Woodlands School has been the construction of a new building named Cedar Cottage with accommodation for 100 children. This was opened last April and has already proved to be a very suitable structure for the care of patients of this type. At this time three more 100-bed units for mental defectives are under construction at The Woodlands School and should be completed by early summer. This new construction will raise the capacity

of this institution to 1,100. In the future it is hoped that it will be possible to admit mentally defective patients to The Woodlands School direct, under a special Statute, without having first to be admitted to the Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale.

"5. The Provincial Mental Health Services have been very active in providing accommodation for that portion of the senile population of the Province who are suffering from incapacitating mental symptoms. The following new accommodation has been added in recent years: Home for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, 1947, 100 beds, and 1952, 110 beds; Home for the Aged, Vernon, 1948, new unit, 240 beds; Home for the Aged, Terrace, 1950, new unit, 300 beds. In spite of these 750 new beds, the pressure for admission remains as great as ever. Moreover, there is a large ageing group in our Mental Hospitals who will be transferred to Homes for the Aged as soon as accommodation becomes available. Future development of Mental Health Services facilities will recognize the increasing problem of the aged group."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.18 p.m.

Friday, February 29th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. T. McDonald.

Mr. H. E. Winch 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:—

MADAM SPEAKER:

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In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 35, I rise to ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

In conformity with clause (3) of section 35, I have prepared a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed. The matter is of urgent public importance because, if not acted upon by this Legislature or the Government to-day, a new order from the Department of Health and Welfare goes into effect throughout the Province of British Columbia to-morrow.

It has come to my attention that instructions over the name of Dr. J. C. Moscovich, M.D., Director M.S.D. in the Department of Health and Welfare, have been issued to the medical and pharmaceutical professions that commencing March 1st the supplying of medicines to welfare cases will be restricted to such an extent that the Department will no longer honour doctor's prescriptions covering 101 items of the British Columbia Formulary, and that the formula by which doctors can have prescriptions filled for welfare and old-age pension cases in the new exempt category are of such a nature as to endanger the well-being of welfare and pension recipients.

This matter is of such importance that it should be discussed immediately by the honourable members of this Legislature.

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

That the House adjourn to consider a matter of urgent public importance; namely, that of an instruction issued by the Department of Health and Welfare restricting pharmaceutical benefits commencing March 1st, 1952, to those in receipt of welfare assistance.

A debate arose.

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

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. Eyres, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

Monday, March 3rd, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. A. C. Barton.

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.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, 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.

The Hon. Mr. Wismer presented the Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:-

What progress, if any, has been made toward registering, organizing, and classifying, according to experience, available practical nurses other than those students whose preliminary training is taken at the Vancouver Vocational School?

The Hon. Mr. Turnbull replied as follows:—

"Progress toward registration, organization, and classification of available practical nurses is contingent upon the formation of the council. The various organizations mentioned in the Act have been requested to nominate their respective representatives. Upon receipt of these nominations the council will be formally established by Order in Council."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Is the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Lands and Forests, taking effective action to retain under Government control (a) all or (b) any areas containing mineral or hot springs or any deposit reputed to have medicinal qualities?

The Hon. Mr. Turnbull replied as follows:-

"Areas containing mineral or hot springs do not come under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Health and Welfare but are under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Lands and Forests and that every co-operation is given by my Department with the Department of Lands and Forests in health matters relating to mineral or hot springs."

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

- 1. How much money has been spent on publicity for the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service since its formation?
 - 2. How much in the year 1951?
- 3. How much of total amount of money used for publicity was allocated to the press?
 - 4. How much to pamphlets and other methods?

The Hon. Mr. Turnbull replied as follows:-

- "1. Up until February 26th, 1952, \$153,582.05.
- "2. \$47,119.83.
- " 3. \$119,955.15.
- "4. Pamphlets, \$10,285.86; radio, \$13,490.94; bus and street-car, \$5,700.74; and sundry, i.e., posters and show-cards, \$4,149.36."
- Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What additional alcoholic educational programme has been undertaken during the past year by the Special Committee set up under provisions of section 117, chapter 192, R.S.B.C. 1948?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:-

"The following activities were carried on during the year: A continuation and evaluation of the programme in all secondary schools; lectures, addresses, and the showing of films to the following groups: Parents, young people, religious organizations, social service, public health, medical societies, Boards of Trade; research in the problems of alcoholism and existing remedial schemes."

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

- 1. Did the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing submit a report at the last Session of the House in which it was recommended that appropriate action be taken to catalogue and sort the massive amount of material accumulating in the Provincial Archives?
 - 2. If so, what action was taken?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; printed in Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, Volume LXXX, Session 1951, page 147.

"2. The material is being studied and sorted; provision for additional staff to accelerate the work and cataloguing has been made in the Estimates for 1952–53."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Lyttle.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, it was Resolved.—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1950–51 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

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

C. WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1953;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1952;

Schedule A. Sums granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1951, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 3rd, 1952.

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. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, "That Madam 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. Anscomb, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

C. WALLACE, 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, March 4th. 1952.

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 introtion of a Bill (No. 7) 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.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 4th, 1952.

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 borrow the Sum of Six million and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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.

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

C. WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 1st, 1952.

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 British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting:

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. H. E. Winch on February 29th, as follows:—

That the House adjourn to consider a matter of urgent public importance; namely, that of an instruction issued by the Department of Health and Welfare restricting pharmaceutical benefits commencing March 1st, 1952, to those in receipt of welfare assistance.

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Relative to answer to question No. 4, Votes and Proceedings, March 12th, 1951, page 38, what definite arrangements, if any, have been completed, or are now in hand, for the early erection of a building for tubercular patients at Essondale?

2. What is (a) the floor area of ward A1 in the West Lawn Building, (b) the number of beds, and (c) the present number of patients in this ward?

- 3. What is (a) the floor area of A2 dormitory and (b) the present number of beds therein?
- 4. (a) How many patients are in H2 ward and (b) how many toilets and tub baths respectively are on the ward?

5. (a) Is a homogenizing plant available at Essondale, (b) is all milk so processed, and (c) if such plant is not yet available, is its early acquisition contemplated?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:-

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"1. It is anticipated that final plans will be completed for a 228-mental-tuberculosis

unit by early July, 1952, and that tenders will be called shortly thereafter.

- "2. (a) Floor area of ward A1, West Lawn Building, 3,117 square feet; (b) number of beds, ward A1, fifty-two; and (c) present number of patients on ward A1, fifty-two.
- "3. (a) Floor area of A2 dormitory, 4,914 square feet, and (b) present number of beds therein, 140.
- "4. (a) One hundred and eighty-five, twenty-nine of whom are bed-care cases; and (b) toilets, eight; tubs, two; and showers, four; in addition to above, there are twelve bedside commodes.
- "5. (a) Not yet; (b) not yet; and (c) a new complete dairy building has been constructed, together with processing plant and milk-parlour; the equipment is fully modern and all new and includes complete pasteurizing plant and homogenizing equipment; the equipment has all been installed and it is expected that the new dairy will be operating in the course of the next month or two."

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

What money, if any, was spent by the Government on dyke maintenance within the Chilliwack riding during the years 1950, 1951, and 1952 to date?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—
"None."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.13 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Harold Colvin.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province."

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act."

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949," was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was Resolved,—
That a Return be filed with the Legislature of the contract rates for the supply of electrical energy to industrial firms on Vancouver Island by the British Columbia Power Commission.

The Hon. Mr. Johnson filed a Return pursuant to the above order.

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

C. WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 27th, 1952.

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. 11) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting. The Hon. Mr. Straith presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

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

- 1. Have any forest management licences yet been issued in British Columbia?
- 2. If so, to whom were such issued, what is the acreage of each, and what terms are set out for royalty and stumpage?
 - 3. Have there been cruises or approximate estimates made of these areas?
 - 4. If so, what is the estimated amount of timber on each individual licence?
- 5. Are any applications for forest management licences under application or negotiation?
- 6. If so, (a) on whose behalf are such applications made, (b) what acreage is involved in each, and (c) what amount of timber is involved in each?

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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McRae

Proudfoot

Hendricks

MacIntyre

Whisker

Gould

Cates

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Oleomargarine Act'" a debate arose.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

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Messieurs Harding Welch Rolston, Mrs. Winch, E. E. Mowat Mitchell Winch, H. E. King Nimsick McDonell Pearson Haggen MacDougall Kenney Calder Johnson Carson Lundell Smith Wismer Stevenson Ash Straith Brown Morrow Uphill

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Steele MacLean Braden

Bowman

PAIRS: Messieurs

MacDonald Turner Gillis Turnbull

Bill Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

Thursday, March 6th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. R. Ashford.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Library, the Provincial Archives, and the Central Microfilm Bureau for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

- 1. How has the estimated population in each community been arrived at in past years in respect of (a) social security and municipal aid apportionment and (b) motorvehicle grants?
- 2. What were the estimated populations and number of school-children in Victoria and Burnaby respectively for the years 1949, 1950, and 1951?
- 3. Were some community populations (a) underestimated or (b) overestimated respectively as indicated in comparison with actual recent census reports?

4. Will past underpayments be adjusted by future supplementary payments?

The Hon. Mr. Johnson replied as follows:-

"1. (a) From the official estimates of the Department of Municipal Affairs for 1946, the last year for which estimates were available prior to the commencement of distribution of these funds; in the case of municipalities since incorporated, the estimate furnished the Department of Municipal Affairs at incorporation has been used. (b) From the 1941 Census; in the case of municipalities since incorporated, the estimate furnished the Department of Municipal Affairs at incorporation has been used.

"2. Estimated municipal population (as per estimates by individual municipali-

ties):-

	1949	1950	1951 (Census)
Victoria	61,400	62,500	50,774
Burnaby	52,000	55,000	57,703

"It should be noted that in the distribution of social security and municipal aid funds, the 1946 figure on population was used for all years, while in the distribution of motor-vehicle grants, the 1941 Census figure was used for all years (see No. 1). These were:—

	1941 (Census)	1946
Victoria	44,068	55,000
Burnaby	30,328	39,000

"Number of school-children (as per Department of Education certificate):-

	1949	1950	1951
Victoria	5,982	5,647	5,564
Burnaby	7,763	8,540	9,025

"3. (a) and (b) Yes. •

"4. No; except that in the case of the interim distribution of December, 1951, adjustment will be made in the final distribution on the basis of the 1951 Census figures."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

Thursday, March 6th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.19 p.m.

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Friday, March 7th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. J. McDonald.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Kenney, on behalf of Mr. Smith, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. H. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What moneys have been paid on advertising of all types and to whom by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service during (a) 1950-51 fiscal year and (b) from April 1st, 1951, to the latest available date?

The Hon. Mr. Turnbull replied as follows:—

"(a) Amount paid, 1950–51, \$30,390.24; to whom paid: Coast News Ltd., \$103.70; McLaren Advertising Co. Ltd., \$6,866.61; Stewart, Bowman, McPherson Ltd., \$21,985.39; sundry accounts not exceeding \$100, \$1,434.54; total, \$30,390.24. Breakdown of (a): Newspaper advertising, \$21,316.37; pamphlets, \$237.78; radio, \$7,433.55; bus and street-car, \$381.51; sundry, \$1,021.03; total, \$30,390.24.

"(b) Amount paid, April, 1951, to February 26th, 1952, \$39,792.25; to whom paid: J. J. Gibbons Ltd., \$34,724.45; McLaren Advertising Co. Ltd., \$1,365.96; Stewart, Bowman, McPherson Ltd., \$285.44; sundry accounts not exceeding \$100, \$3,416.40; total, \$39,792.25. Breakdown of (b): Newspaper advertising, \$34,993.77; pamphlets, \$510.01; radio, \$3,162.49; bus and street-car, \$702.65; sundry, \$423.33; total, \$39,792.25."

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

- 1. What is the total cost to date to the Government for use of the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over the Kootenay River at Wasa Lake?
 - 2. How much of this went to the Canadian Pacific Railway?

3. How much was paid for watchmen?

4. Has any provision been made for a new bridge?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

"1. \$68,182.44.

"2. \$22,283.84.

" 3. \$26,870.34.

"4. No provision has been made for a new bridge."

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

- 1. Has any portion of the highway between Cranbrook and Moyie been rebuilt during 1951?
- 2. If so, (a) what mileage, (b) what was the total cost, (c) were any contracts let for same, and (d) to whom and for how much?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

"2. (a) Eight miles, (b) \$200,000, (c) and (d) no."

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

1. Has the Department discarded the regular highway bridge across the Kootenay at Springbrook?

2. If so, has any provision been made to replace it?

3. What provision, if any, has been made in the meantime to handle the traffic?

4. At what cost?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

- "2. No provision has been made to replace this bridge during the present year.
- "3. A temporary pile trestle bridge has been erected.

" 4. \$18,184.52."

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

- 1. Has an interdepartmental committee been appointed by the Government to make a study of the problem of educational tax on land with a view to finding a more equitable means of distributing the municipality's share of the social security and municipal aid tax?
 - 2. If so, what is the personnel of that committee?
 - 3. Has a report been made to the Government by the committee?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:-

- "1. Yes; the Hobbs report and four briefs from the Parent-Teacher Federation, School Trustees' Association, Teachers' Federation, and Union of British Columbia Municipalities have been referred to the committee for study and recommendation to the Government.
- "2. J. V. Fisher, Deputy Minister of Finance; Dr. F. T. Fairey, Deputy Minister of Education; and B. C. Bracewell, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs.

" 3. Not yet."

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

- 1. Is the Government aware of the need of a footpath along the Sooke Highway between Colwood Corner and Metchosin Road to keep the school-children off the road?
 - 2. Has provision been made in the estimates for such a path?

3. If so, what are they?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the above path?

5. If so, when?

6. If not, why?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Yes; grading only.
- " 5. As soon as possible.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

- 1. Has the Government prepared plans for a bridge to provide adequate service across the Fraser River where the Rosedale-Agassiz Ferry now operates?
 - 2. If so, what type and dimensions?
 - 3. Has a proper survey of the area been made where the bridge would be built?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

- " 1. No.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. No survey has been carried out by the Government."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.12 p.m.

Monday, March 10th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. E. M. Tomalin.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—At the request of the first member for Vancouver East at the last sitting of this House, I undertook to take under consideration the matter of an editorial appearing in one of our daily newspapers on Friday last.

I have perused the editorial in question. As it is a matter of privilege that was raised, there may not be discussion without a motion.

The member raising the complaint should table a copy of the newspaper containing the editorial in question and it is his duty to follow up his complaint with a motion (May, 15th ed., page 138).

It is not for the Speaker to decide on a matter of this kind. That responsibility

rests with the House.

NANCY HODGES, Speaker.

Mr. Smith rose to a question of privilege, and tabled a copy of the Victoria Daily Times of March 7th, 1952, with a marked passage which was, by order, read by the Clerk, as follows:--

"Why, then, did a Legislative Committee recommend the abandonment of coinsurance? Why are some members of the Legislature insisting that it must be abandoned immediately without any general revision of the scheme? For one reason onlyto win an election.

"At the moment, no doubt, any change which seemed to reduce the cost of hospitalization to the individual would be popular. A reduction in taxes is a sure vote-getter. But, of course, the abandonment of co-insurance would not be a reduction in taxes. It would merely transfer the cost from the premium payer to the taxpayer and he is generally the same person. In making that transfer it would greatly increase the total cost.

"Those who would end co-insurance are well aware of these simple mathematical facts but they hope to win their individual elections before the facts emerge and the bills have to be paid. Thus a Committee which seeks the advice of a recognized expert rejects that advice because it is sound financially and adopts a policy which it considers sound politically.

"The only person who is happy about this situation is Mr. Harold Winch, who seems to have been the chief author of the Committee's report, who cares nothing for costs or expenditures, who would apply these same principles of waste and extravagance to the whole structure of government, and who, in this case, seems to have imposed his

views on his fellow Committee members.

"Fortunately, he has been unable to impose them on the Government. For the sake of hospital insurance, we hope Mr. Johnson will stand firm against any such plan to wreck a valuable public service by making it uncontrollable."

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Hendricks,—

Whereas an editorial in the Victoria Daily Times of Friday, March 7th, 1952, is defamatory of this House in that it attacks the character of one member, it is a slur on the integrity of a Committee of this House and its members, and it imputes improper motives to members of the House:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House is displeased with the statements made in the editorial:

And be it further Resolved, That Stuart Keate, publisher, be summonsed to appear at the Bar of the House on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 1952, at 2.30 o'clock, and ordered then and there to retract the defamatory statements and apologize therefor.

A debate arose.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Oleomargarine Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, March 10th, 1952.

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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,' a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

- 1. What is the value of the land owned by the Provincial Government within the boundaries of the City of Victoria and for which the Provincial Government pays no city taxes?
- 2. What is the value of the improvements on the land owned by the Provincial Government within the boundaries of the City of Victoria and for which the Provincial Government pays no city taxes?
- 3. Does the Provincial Government carry insurance for the improvements on land owned by the Provincial Government but does not pay city taxes?
 - 4. If so, for what amount?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

- "1. \$649,920.
- "2. \$5,106,520.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$2,813,000."

Mr. Eyres asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

- 1. Has the Government employed a firm of accountants or efficiency experts to make a survey of the work carried out by the different departments?
 - 2. If so, what is the name of this firm?
 - 3. What is the per diem charge made by the firm employed?
 - 4. How much has the survey cost to date?
 - 5. In what departments, if any, has the survey been completed?
 - 6. In what other departments, if any, is it proposed to conduct the survey?

The Hon. Mr. Johnson replied as follows:-

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Stevenson & Kellogg Ltd.
- "3. Two thousand dollars per man actually assigned per month, plus travelling and related expenses; this includes all supervision charges.
- "4. 1949–50, \$4,499.25; 1950–51, \$74,029.06; 1951–52 to March 7th, 1952, \$51,583.39.
- "5. Surveys completed: Motor-vehicle Branch, Department of the Attorney-General; Purchasing Commission, Department of Finance; Department of Finance; Lands Branch, Department of Lands and Forests; Forest Branch, Department of Lands and Forests; Department of Public Works; Department of Mines; Department of Municipal Affairs; Department of Agriculture; and Department of Education, School Finance Section; survey completed on balance but report not submitted. Surveys in progress: Department of Trade and Industry. Survey approved but not commenced: Department of the Provincial Secretary. Surveys under consideration: Department of Health and Welfare and Department of Labour."

- Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—
- 1. What are the rates of pay of engineers, electricians, and carpenters at the Provincial Mental Hospitals?
 - 2. Are engineers employed at the above certificated?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

"1. Engineers, from \$238 to \$383 per month; electricians, from \$278 to \$303 per month; and carpenters, \$268 to \$288 per month.

" 2. Yes."

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

- 1. How much money has been spent by the Government on the Rosedale-Agassiz Ferry service since it first started operating?
 - 2. How much on ferry construction and wharves?
 - 3. How much on dredging to keep the ferry operating?
 - 4. How much on subsidies?
 - 5. Total amount spent on this ferry service during 1951 and to date in 1952?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

- "1. Total amount spent since 1919–20, \$751,885.94; less credit from tolls shown in our records, \$78,195.33; total, \$673,690.61.
- "2. Ferry construction and wharves, \$140,322.87; repairs to M.V. 'Agassiz' (1950-51), before being placed in operation, \$24,411.54; total, \$164,734.41.
 - "3. \$1,025.
 - "4. \$123,716.76.
 - "5. Expenditure April 1st, 1951, to date, \$48,552.02."

Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:-

- 1. What has been the total cost to date of the Kaslo-Lardeau Road?
- 2. When did construction start and who was initially in charge?
- 3. Was a change later made in supervision and, if so, why?
- 4. How were the employees hired and what rate of pay did they receive?
- 5. What amount, if any, was paid by the Government to the King George Hotel for Department of Mines employees staying there?
- 6. On what basis was the work done: (a) Day-labour, (b) contract, or (c) costplus?

7. If cost-plus, what was the reason for utilizing same?

8. (a) What mileage remains to be completed and (b) what is the estimated cost of completing same?

The Hon. Mr. Cates replied as follows:-

- "1. \$239,428.61, including culvert pipe, lumber, and other materials required to complete road.
 - "2. June; B. C. Affleck.
- "3. Yes; failure to co-operate with the Department of Mines employees and refusal to work with other appointees.
- "4. By contracting company which was authorized to pay Department of Public Works rates.
 - "5. Approximately \$250 for rooms.
 - " 6. Cost-plus.

"7. Department desired to establish mining operations in the Lardeau while basemetal prices were high and was unable to obtain location engineers who could, or would, provide data in time to contract on a unit basis and start construction during 1951.

"8. (a) Approximately 2 miles; (b) estimated cost to complete at reduced

standard, \$50,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

Monday, March 10th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949," was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Smith on the 10th instant, as follows:—

Whereas an editorial in the Victoria Daily Times of Friday, March 7th, 1952, is defamatory of this House in that it attacks the character of one member, it is a slur on the integrity of a Committee of this House and its members, and it imputes improper motives to members of the House:

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The debate continued.

Mr. Welch moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Steele,—

That motion No. 10, Orders of the Day No. 19, be amended by striking out all words after "That," in the fifth line, and substituting therefor the words "this House records its disapproval of an unprovoked, unwarranted, and untrue attack upon members of the Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board and members of this Legislature."

A debate arose.

The Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—Before the question is put, I wish to state my position.

The amendment to the motion and the motion before the House each has to do with the conduct of a newspaper with which I am associated.

The vote might conceivably result in a tie, in which case I should be called upon

to give the casting-vote.

Rolston, Mrs. Mitchell Nimsick Haggen Calder

Under the circumstances and to avoid any semblance of what might be construed as an invidious position, I am vacating the chair and am calling upon the Deputy Speaker to preside until the amendment and motion are disposed of.

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The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

	Messieurs	
Harding	Smith	Gillis
Winch, E. E.	Welch	Finnerty
Winch, H. E.	Mowat	Steele
Turner	King	Hendricks
	Nays—23.	
	Messieurs	
Eyres	Kenney	Gould

Lundell	Eyres	Kenney	Gould
Stevenson	MacDougall	Johnson	Braden
Ritchie	Anscomb	Straith	Turnbull
Brown	Carson	McRae	Cates
McDonell	Ash	MacLean	Bowman
MacDonald	Pearson	Whisker	

PAIR:

Messieurs

Hope Proudfoot

The adjourned debate on the motion continued.

The motion was negatived.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.