

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Arthur de B. Owen*.

Mr. *Whiteside*, in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. *Jackson*, presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders begs leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman*.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. *Neelands* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*,—

Whereas the unemployment situation in this Province has reached an acute stage:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House take into immediate consideration the advisability of taking action to provide employment at trade-union wages.

Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:—

"The discussion of the public affairs of the Province is always in order when properly brought before the House, and the unemployment situation is a proper matter for the consideration of this Assembly; but the affirmation of this Resolution would entail the presentation of a further Resolution forthwith in order to give it effect. Such further Resolution would necessarily involve an expression of opinion on the part of the House directly affecting the expenditure of public money, and may not be moved unless recommended by the Crown. (*See Standing Rules of the House, No. 118.*) Clearly, therefore, the Resolution proposed by the Hon. Member for South Vancouver is not in order, and I must so rule."

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

How much has been paid to the "B.C. Veterans' Weekly" for Government advertising during the year 1920?

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

"\$1,602.60."

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

1. How much money has been expended on the New Denver-Three Forks Wagon-road during the years 1919 and 1920?

2. Is the road finished? If not, how much money will be required to complete it?

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

"1. 1919, \$20,640.71; 1920, \$20,129.61.

"2. No. To complete, approximately \$3,500."

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 22nd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Spence.*

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 February 23rd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in reference to the undermentioned petition, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee recommends that the same be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Petition No. 1—An Act to incorporate the City of Port Mann.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

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

1. What is the estimated bonded indebtedness of the Sumas Lake Reclamation scheme at the end of five years?
2. What is the highest estimated amount of assessment per acre over any portion, based on the Government's estimate of cost of the work?
3. What is the lowest estimated amount of assessment per acre over any portion, based on the Government's estimate of cost of the work?
4. What is the nature of the security which the Government or Land Settlement Board holds against the privately owned land for advances during construction?
5. What salary is paid Mr. Sinclair, the Engineer in Charge?
6. Has Mr. Sinclair been paid, or will he receive pay from the Government or Land Settlement Board, for plans or work he did in connection with the Sumas Lake scheme previous to his appointment as Engineer by the Government or Board?
7. How much money was spent by the Government and Land Settlement Board previous to time of letting of the contract?
8. How much money has been paid to the contractors to date?
9. How much has been advanced for purchase or rental of machinery, plant, etc.?
10. Has the original contract been changed to cost plus percentage basis, or commission basis?
11. If so, when, and for what reason?

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

- "1. No decision arrived at to issue bonds. Probable cost of work, \$1,800,000. This should be greatly reduced at the end of five years by assessments and sale of lands in the meantime.
- "2. Detailed contour survey for assessment purposes not yet completed. (*See Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, chapter 87, section 7, subsection (1).*)
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. The right to levy taxes on such lands, and to sell same in default of payment, vested in the Board. (*See 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'*)
- "5. \$5,000 per annum.
- "6. No.
- "7. \$33,954.68.
- "8. \$50,209.60.
- "9. No money advanced; \$45,000 expended in the purchase of plant, the property of the Board.
- "10. No.
- "11. Answered by No. 10."

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since it took office in 1916?
2. From whom was it borrowed and under what authority in each case?
3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?
4. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?
5. Were any commissions paid on account of any of these loans?
6. If so, to whom, and their amount?
7. How much is still due on account of said loans?
8. When are each of these loans payable?
9. What amount is owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for money borrowed on Treasury bills? Give particulars of same.
10. Has any money been borrowed from any other bank or from any other source on Treasury bills?
11. What was the net amount received by the Government as the proceeds of each loan?
12. Which of the loans and what total amounts are payable in the United States?

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

"1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 11. All amounts borrowed by this Government since it took office in 1916 to January, 1920, answered February 13th, 1920 (*see* page 39 of 'Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1920'). Borrowings since that date are as follows:—

\$2,000,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$1,974,336; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.292 per cent.; maturity, June 1st, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Loan Act, 1920.'

\$450,000 borrowed from Dominion Government; purpose, better-housing scheme; net proceeds, \$450,000; rate of interest, 5 per cent.; cost of loan, 5 per cent.; authority, 'Better Housing Act, 1919'; maturity, December 31st, 1940.

\$1,500,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$1,498,200; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.0204 per cent.; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Loan Act, 1920'; maturity, June 30th, 1925.

\$500,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$499,400; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.0204 per cent.; maturity, June 30th, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Loan Act.'

\$800,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$800,000; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6 per cent.; maturity, June 30th, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Loan Act, 1920.'

\$28,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$28,000; rate of interest; cost of loan, 6 per cent.; maturity, June 30th, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Loan Act, 1920.'

\$3,000,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. note payment; net proceeds, \$2,967,300; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.24 per cent.; maturity, July 27th, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1920.'

\$161,500 borrowed from Dominion Government; purpose, better-housing scheme; rate of interest, 5 per cent.; cost of loan, 5 per cent.; maturity, December 31st, 1940; authority, 'Better Housing Act, 1919.'

\$1,000,000 borrowed from Carsten, Earles, Inc., Seattle; purpose, P.G.E. construction; net proceeds, \$1,007,368.40; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.84 per cent.; maturity, October 1st, 1925; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1920.'

\$1,000,000 borrowed from British America Bond Co. Syndicate; purpose, 'Loan Act, 1920,' chapter 49; net proceeds, \$1,033,510; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 4.78 per cent.; maturity, October 25th, 1923; authority, 'Loan Act, 1920,' chapter 49.

Total, \$10,439,500.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. All loans still outstanding.

"9. \$7,285,000. 'Loan Act, 1919': (a) Public Works, \$1,200,000; (b) Land Settlement Board, \$800,000; (c) 'Soldiers' Land Act,' \$500,000; (d) 'Water Act, 1914,' \$420,000. 'Loan Act, 1916': P.G.E. Railway Co., \$50,000; Consolidated Revenue, \$2,000,000 (*see* recapitulation for particulars). 'Loan Act, 1917': Land Settlement Board, \$750,000. 'Department of Industries Act, 1919': \$865,000. 'British Columbia Highway Loan Act, 1920': \$600,000. 'British Columbia University Act, 1920': \$100,000.

"10. No.

"12. All Government debentures have same payment option clause—namely, Victoria, Toronto, Montreal, or New York.

"Recapitulation—

'Pacific Great Eastern Note Payment Act, 1920'	\$4,828,000
'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Act, 1920'	4,000,000
'Better Housing Act, 1919'	611,500
'Loan Act, 1920,' chapter 49: purposes, land settlement, conservation, and 'Soldiers' Land Act'	1,000,000
'Loan Act, 1919'—	
(a.) Public works, trunk roads	1,200,000
(b.) Land settlement	800,000
(c.) 'Soldiers' Land Act'	500,000
(d.) 'Water Act, 1914'	420,000
'Loan Act, 1917': Land Settlement Board	750,000
'Department of Industries Act, 1919'	865,000
'British Columbia Highway Act, 1920'	600,000
'British Columbia University Act, 1920'	100,000
'Loan Act, 1916': Consolidated Revenue	2,000,000
	\$17,874,500

"The \$2,000,000 borrowed for Consolidated Fund was for the purpose of making following advances on Capital Account, which will be repaid:—

'Soldiers Land Act'	\$1,100,000
Pacific Great Eastern construction	750,000
Relief to municipalities	350,000
	\$2,200,000
Mothers' pensions, not included in Estimates	300,000
	\$2,500,000 "

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 22nd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Minister of Education presented the Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry."

A point of order was raised that this should be introduced as a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 23rd, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again 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 5 p.m.

Thursday, 24th February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker *Manson* gave his reserved ruling on the point of order raised on 23rd instant on leave being asked by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry," as follows:—

"The Honourable Member for Kamloops yesterday raised a point of order as to leave being granted the Honourable the Second Member for Vancouver City to introduce a Bill intituled 'An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry.'

"I have since had the opportunity of perusing the proposed Bill and the authorities. The practice in this Province has not been strict. The proposed Bill does not appear to be 'for the particular interest or benefit of any person or persons,' but may fairly be said to be one dealing with the interests of the public.

"In this connection, it is interesting to note that in 1910, on the second reading of the 'Society of Apothecaries of London Bill,' which had been introduced as a Private Bill, the Speaker of the House of Commons drew attention to the fact that the Bill sought to empower the Society to grant diplomas in sanitary science and public health and for dentistry and dental surgery, and ruled that it should proceed as a Public Bill, as it dealt with public interests.

"In this Province, the 'Legal Professions Act,' the 'Medical Act,' the 'Dental Act,' and the 'Pharmaceutical Act' were held by the Speaker of this Legislature to be Public Bills when introduced.

"My ruling therefore is that the proposed Bill may properly be introduced as a public measure, and the honourable gentleman may now again move for leave to so introduce it."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, the Rules were suspended, and the Third Report of the Public Bills Committee, presented on the 23rd instant, was adopted.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Port Mann" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

Whereas a certain claim for compensation has been made by Major J. L. Retallack in connection with the termination of the Public Utilities Commission:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That a Select Committee of five Members of this House be appointed to hear such claim, and to report their findings, recommendations, and evidence to the House.

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

That the Select Committee to inquire with regard to the claim for compensation of Major J. L. Retallack consist of Messrs. *M. A. Macdonald*, *Lister*, *Burde*, *Buckham*, and *Kergin*.

Mr. *Duncan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*,—

That in the opinion of this House the Executive Council should forthwith consider the advisability of proclaiming the "Eggs Marks Act, 1919."

With leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

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

That this House forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the question of unemployment within British Columbia.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 24th, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many animals were condemned and slaughtered for tuberculosis in the years 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916?
2. How many of those condemned were sold for food?
3. What sums of money were obtained from the sale of the condemned animals?

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

"1. Number of animals condemned and slaughtered for tuberculosis: Fiscal year 1913-14, 646; fiscal year 1914-15, 1,038; fiscal year 1915-16, 536; fiscal year 1916-17, 350.

"2. No records kept of the number of condemned animals sold by owners for food prior to 1916. Number of condemned animals sold by owners for food during fiscal year 1916-17, 194.

"3. No records kept of money obtained by owners from sale of condemned animals until 1916. Money received by owners from the sale of condemned animals during fiscal year 1916-17, \$8,310.21."

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

Are under-surface rights within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Grant acquired by individuals or corporations taxed by the Government?

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

"Yes, wherever it is possible to assess the value of such under-surface rights."

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

What was the cost of the moderation referendum held last year in each electoral district in the Province?

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

"Alberni, \$1,196.68; Atlin, \$1,368.58; Cariboo, \$1,313.37; Chilliwack, \$821.60; Columbia, \$893.58; Comox, \$4,996.12; Cowichan, \$807.53; Cranbrook, \$1,004.03; Dewdney, \$1,179.20; Delta, \$1,272.52; Esquimalt, \$1,049.31; Fernie, \$1,606.15; Fort George, \$3,404.08; Grand Forks, \$685.90; Greenwood, \$558.25; Islands, \$805.24; Kamloops, \$2,456.80; Kaslo, \$1,359.48; Lillooet, \$1,261.16;

Nanaimo, \$608.49; Nelson City, \$580.38; Newcastle, \$599.95; New Westminster, \$1,191.30; North Okanagan, \$1,499.66; North Vancouver, \$1,707.06; Omineca, \$992.69; Prince Rupert, \$6,518.76; Revelstoke, \$921.32; Richmond, \$1,741.13; Rossland, \$377.28; Saanich, \$1,362.24; Similkameen, \$1,316.78; Slokan, \$1,098.40; South Okanagan, \$903.80; South Vancouver, \$2,925.73; Trail, \$1,431.92; Vancouver, \$10,585.81; Victoria, \$3,679.31; Yale, \$1,862.55; total, \$69,944.14."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to bring down any amendments to the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

The Hon. the Attorney-General raised a point of order that the proposed question involved a request for a declaration of policy by the Government.

Mr. Speaker *Manson* ruled as follows:—

"Consideration of the authorities inclines me to the view that the question proposed by the Hon. Member for Rossland does not involve in its answer a declaration of policy on the part of the Government, and that it is fairly in order that the Hon. Member seek information from Ministers of the Crown as to whether or not the Government propose opening up a Statute for amendment during the Session."

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

"Matter under consideration."

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

1. Is one T. R. Baker acting as assistant to A. D. Kean, Moving Picture Operator?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and salary paid?
3. Is said T. R. Baker a son of Dr. A. R. Baker?
4. Is said T. R. Baker a returned soldier?
5. If not, why was a returned soldier not appointed?
6. What is the age of the said T. R. Baker?
7. Is he married or single?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. No information.
- "4. No information.
- "5. Answered by No. 1.
- "6. No information.
- "7. No information."

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

1. What quantity of liquor has been seized by the Provincial and municipal authorities under the provisions of the "Prohibition Act"?
2. What was the nature of the liquor seized in each case?
3. What was the quantity seized in each case?
4. What became of this liquor?
5. Was any of it sold? If so, how much? For what sum?
6. Have all of these amounts been sent in to the Treasury?
7. Was any of the said seized liquor shipped to any of the Government Vendors' stores?
8. If so, how much in each case and to which Vendor's store was same shipped, and the dates of each shipment?

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

- "1. (See Return presented to the House of liquor confiscated to the Crown and reported to the Prohibition Commissioner by the Provincial Police.)
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. (a.) Yes. (b.) When confiscated liquor is taken into stock no further record is kept.
(c.) At prices fixed by Order in Council and published in Government price-list.

"6. Yes.

"7. Yes; answered by No. 1.

"8. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Is the Police Magistracy for the Municipality of Point Grey at present vacant?
2. If so, when will an appointment be made to this office?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Shortly."

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

1. Has James H. McVety been appointed as General Superintendent of Provincial Government Employment Service?

2. If so, when, and at what salary?

3. What is the age of said McVety?

4. Is said McVety a returned soldier?

5. If not, why was a returned soldier not appointed?

6. Why was some one in the present service not appointed?

7. Was this position formerly held by Colonel Bruce Powley?

8. Why is said Powley not still in charge of said work?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. January 13th, 1921, at \$225 per month.

"3. Born May 13th, 1880.

"4. No.

"5. He was considered best qualified to perform the duties required.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Yes.

"8. Resignation tendered and accepted."

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

1. Was a sum of \$840 paid by the Department of Mines to Thos. Kitchin and Kathleen Kitchin on account of two mineral claims at Cameron Lake?

2. If so, what was the reason for doing so?

3. Had these claims reverted to the Crown?

4. Was said payment made before or after the date of the dissolution of the last Parliament and the fixing of the date for the holding of the general election?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes."

(Question No. 4 was ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker.)

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

1. Are any life-insurance agents or other canvassers permitted to interview the staffs of any of the departments of the Civil Service in the Parliament Buildings in office hours, and in portions of the various offices not open to the general public?

2. If so, is such permission granted to all such agents and canvassers who may desire it, and what are the rules in force concerning the access of such agents and canvassers to members of the Civil Service in the Parliament Buildings during office hours?

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

- "1. Permission to do so has neither been requested nor granted.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the total amount paid to Mr. Kane for proper travelling expenses during the ten months he was employed at sawmill in connection with Southern Okanagan Settlement Area?
2. What was the total amount paid him for board while away from headquarters during the same period?
3. Were allowances paid direct to Mr. Kane?
4. If not, to whom were they paid?

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

- "1. \$120.10.
- "2. \$230.30.
- "3. The above amounts were 'out-of-pocket' expenses, which were returned to Mr. Kane on presentation of vouchers.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has A. M. Tyson, of Vancouver, been appointed to any positions in the Provincial Service?
2. If so, what are they, and what total salary is he receiving?
3. What is the age of said Tyson?
4. Has he complied with all the regulations of the "Civil Service Act"?
5. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?
6. Why was some one in the Service not appointed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Supervisor's Clerk, Forest Branch, Ocean Falls, \$125 per month; Stipendiary Magistrate for Counties of Atlin and Vancouver, \$25 per month; Issuer of Marriage Licences, District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Deputy Mining Recorder, without further salary; total salary, \$150 per month.
- "3. Fifty-four.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. A. M. Tyson is a returned soldier, holding the rank of Captain.
- "6. No one suitable available."

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

1. Did the Provincial Government construct a new road over Anarchist Mountain during the year 1920?
2. Was work done by contract or on cost plus basis?
3. Who was the contractor?
4. What was the total commission paid to contractor?
5. What length of time was required to complete this work?
6. What was the total mileage of new road constructed?
7. What was the total cost of new road?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. By contract on cost plus basis and day-labour.
- "3. A. W. Davis.
- "4. \$9,354.37.
- "5. Seven months.
- "6. Six miles and a half.
- "7. \$141,937.69. This includes \$8,971.36 for plant and equipment now being used on the Rossland-Christina Lake section of Trans-Provincial Road and later on other works elsewhere."

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

1. What amount of money was appropriated for relief or aid to cities and municipalities in connection with the unemployment situation?
2. How many applications have been received for portions of this appropriation?
3. What cities or municipalities applied for appropriations?
4. What were the amounts applied for in each case?
5. What were the amounts granted in each case?
6. What are the terms of repayment and the rate of interest on which said loans were made?

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

"1. \$350,000.

"2. Six.

"3. Victoria, \$50,000; City of Salmon Arm, \$8,000; District Municipality of Salmon Arm, \$10,000; Municipality of Point Grey, \$100,000; New Westminster, \$15.67; District Municipality of South Vancouver, \$30,375.42.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Victoria, \$50,000; City of Salmon Arm, \$8,000; District Municipality of Salmon Arm, \$10,000; District of South Vancouver, \$30,375.42; New Westminster, \$15.67. \$375.42 to Municipality of South Vancouver and \$15.67 to New Westminster were direct contributions.

"6. Loans are to be repaid in five equal annual instalments, with interest at 6 per cent., payable half-yearly."

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

1. Was Provincial Constable Mortimor, of Cumberland, dismissed from the service of the Government in the month of January or February, 1921?
2. If yes, for what reason?
3. Was an inquiry made by Chief Constable Stevenson into the conduct of said Mortimor?
4. Was the said Mortimor charged with accepting money from Mr. Doyle, in the nature of a fine for having liquor in his possession?
5. Was said charge proved?
6. Was said Mortimor charged with selling firearms and opium to one Sam Lee, a Chinaman, at Cumberland?
7. Was evidence to this effect given under oath by said Sam Lee?
8. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General personally inquire into the above-mentioned charges?
9. Is said Mortimor now in the Government employ?
10. If so, in what capacity and when was he so appointed?
11. On whose recommendation was said Mortimor appointed?
12. Have any other charges been made against the said Mortimor in connection with his conduct as a police officer?
13. Were such charges investigated?
14. If yes, who made the investigation?
15. If yes, what was the decision arrived at?

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

"1. His services were dispensed with on January 26th, 1921.

"2. For indiscretions, which, after investigation, and in view of his previous military and police record, did not warrant his dismissal. His record is as follows: Joined the Lovat's Scouts, Black Watch, Scotland, 1900. Served South African War, February, 1900, until peace signed, June, 1902. Appointed a Lieutenant in Herschel Native Police, February, 1902. Retired on disbandment of Regiment, 1902. Joined South African Constabulary, July, 1902; from there transferred to Transvaal City Police, Johannesburg, December, 1902. Served until April, 1904, when appointed detective. In 1906 obtained special leave and served six months in the Zulu Rebellion in Natal. Returned to Johannesburg Police, and through fever resigned appointment in April, 1908. Came to Canada in November, 1908, and joined Dominion Police under Colonel Sir Percy Sherwood, 1908. Served in Police until April, 1909, being transferred to Dominion Transcontinental Railway Police, under Colonel Gordon Grant, and served under him until August, 1915, when resigned appointment to serve overseas. Enlisted in August, 1915, in 77th

Battalion, C.E.F. Served in 77th as Provost-Sergeant until promoted Lieutenant, and was in 77th until Regiment disbanded in spring, 1916. Joined the 47th Battalion in April, 1916, and served with them until after the Battle of the Somme, when received Staff appointment in France and served continuously in France until the Armistice, and thereafter in the Army of Occupation. Promoted Captain, 1917. Mentioned in dispatches. Awarded the Croix de Guerre. Has had continuous military and police service with British Government and in Colonies for twenty-one years. Was stationed at Cumberland, B.C., from October 19th, 1919, to January 26th, 1921, during which time he prosecuted and obtained convictions in 198 cases for infractions of various Provincial and Dominion Statutes, and which convictions realized in fines \$5,806. During the twenty months immediately prior to October 19th, 1919, the two Provincial officers stationed at Cumberland prosecuted and obtained 141 convictions, realizing \$2,377.

"3. Yes.

"4. Yes; by Tully Boyce, Union Bay, B.C., in a newspaper article signed by him.

"5. No. Under instructions from Stipendiary Magistrate Baird, of Cumberland, B.C., Constable Mortimer on November 9th, 1920, accepted \$50 for bail, conditioned on the appearance of James Doyle before the Stipendiary Magistrate at Cumberland next morning at 11 a.m. to answer to a charge of unlawfully having liquor in his possession in a place other than a dwelling-house. On November 10th, 1920, after the Magistrate's Court was opened, the accused was called and did not appear, and the Magistrate ordered the bail of \$50 estreated, and the said sum of \$50 was paid by Constable Mortimer to the Magistrate, and an official receipt was issued therefor. The liquor in question taken from Doyle by the Constable was produced in Court on November 11th, 1920, and is now in the Police Office at Cumberland.

"6. No. One Lee Sam made an affidavit on January 17th, 1921, stating, *inter alia*, that Mortimer sold him a Mauser pistol and ammunition for \$60, and that Mortimer obtained the said pistol from a returned soldier. The said Lee Sam further stated that Mortimer sold a Luger pistol to one Sin Que, delivering the same to the said Lee Sam, who gave it to the said Sin Que. The Constable states that on August 1st, 1920, he sold the said Lee Sam a Mauser pistol (a German war trophy), the property of one J. Irish, a returned soldier, and that a permit under the Criminal Code, in duplicate, was duly issued by Stipendiary Magistrate Baird, and an entry duly made in the Police records of the said sale. The Constable further states that, on or about December 23rd last, he was informed by one Greig, a returned soldier, that he, the said Greig, had a Luger pistol (German war trophy) for sale, and requested the Constable to sell same for him, which said pistol was sold by the Constable to Lee Sam, and a permit was duly issued to the said Lee Sam by Stipendiary Magistrate Baird, and entry duly made in the Police records of said sale. No charge was ever made against Constable Mortimer of selling opium to any one.

"7. Answered in part by No. 6. Lee Sam made no allegation, under oath or otherwise, that Constable Mortimer sold opium to him or to any one else.

"8. Personal representations were made to the Attorney-General on behalf of Mortimer. He referred the same to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, who dealt with him on his own authority.

"9. Yes.

"10. Provincial Constable; February 1st, 1921.

"11. Attorney-General.

"12. Yes. On or about September 30th, 1920, one Lock Twen Han, of Cumberland, B.C., a Chinese, complained that Constable Mortimer had searched his premises on September 29th, 1920, at night, without a search warrant.

"13. Yes.

"14. Chief Constable Stevenson.

"15. The Chief Constable reported that Constable Mortimer had made a most emphatic denial to the allegations made by the Chinese in question; that on September 29th, 1920, in consequence of information received respecting the illegal sale of liquor, he applied for and obtained a search warrant from the Stipendiary Magistrate, and proceeded to the Chinese quarters in Cumberland and there conducted a search, without finding liquor, and that the search by the officer was conducted in an orderly manner, and that no ground of complaint existed against the Constable for his actions."

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

1. How much liquor was confiscated in Rossland during 1920?
2. What was the value of same?
3. Has this been forwarded to the Prohibition Commissioner or has it been returned to the original owners?
4. If to the latter, for what reason?

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

"1. Am unaware; but according to reports received by the Prohibition Commissioner from the Chief Constable at Rossland, the following liquor was confiscated to the Crown in the City of Rossland during 1920: 87 bottles Scotch whisky; 1 bottle brandy; 1¼ gallons rye whisky; 1 part bottle rye whisky; 9 bottles gin.

"2. \$300 approximately.

"3. Forty-two bottles Scotch and rye whisky, brandy and gin, and three-quarters of a gallon of rye whisky were on December 6th, 1920, sent by the Chief Constable, Rossland, to the Vancouver Liquor Warehouse, and received there on December 9th, 1920. The balance of the liquor confiscated should be in the possession of the Rossland authorities, and has since December 13th last been the subject-matter of correspondence between the Rossland authorities and this Department.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Has the Government entered into an agreement with the Coast Ranges Steel, Ltd.?
2. If so, what are the particulars of said agreement?
3. Who are the parties active in the promotion of said company?
4. Did this company pay the regular fees in connection with its incorporation to the Registrar of Companies?
5. If not, what amount was paid, and on whose authority, and the reasons for same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Draft copy of Agreement attached.

"3. F. T. Congdon, K.C., J. D. Kearns, Montague More, John Steta, and H. J. Landahl.

"4. No.

"5. \$50; under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by the 'Companies Act.' For the purpose of assisting and encouraging the establishment of a steel industry in British Columbia."

DRAFT COPY OF AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty,

Between

HIS MAJESTY THE KING in right of his Province of British Columbia, herein represented and acting by the Honourable William Sloan, Minister of Mines for the Province of British Columbia, of the first part;

and

COAST RANGE STEEL, LIMITED, a body corporate, duly incorporated under the laws of the said Province, of the second part.

Whereas the Party of the Second Part has been incorporated for the objects set forth in its memorandum of association, and particularly for the principal and real objects therein set forth, that is to say, to produce, acquire, and procure all the materials, power, plant, properties, buildings, and other things required in the manufacture and production of iron and steel, and to manufacture and produce pig-iron and steel within the said Province, and to use the same in manufacture, and to sell and dispose of the same and of the manufactured products of the same; all the other objects, whether strictly objects or in the nature of powers, in the said memorandum set forth being, until such principal and real objects are accomplished, ancillary and subsidiary to such principal and real objects and not primary objects of the Company:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty, represented as aforesaid, that British capitalists of ample means and ability are presently ready to invest the necessary moneys, not exceeding ten million pounds, by means of the said Company, in the establishment and conduct of iron and steel industries in the said Province, upon the execution of this Agreement, and upon receipt of the report of engineers now engaged within the Province upon investigating its iron and other resources, that conditions are suitable for the establishment and conduct of such industries:

And whereas it is of vital importance to the growth and prosperity of manufacturing and other industries in this Province that such iron and steel industries should be established with the view of placing upon the markets iron and steel and their products at as low prices as the same are sold from time to time in the Eastern markets of Canada:

Now, this Agreement witnesseth that, in consideration of the premises, His Majesty, represented as aforesaid, doth hereby covenant and agree with the Party of the Second Part that the said Province will pay to the Party of the Second Part bounties on pig-iron manufactured by the Party of the Second Part within the said Province in accordance with the provisions of the "Iron Bounties Act," being chapter 11 of the Acts of 1918, as amended by the "Iron Bounties Act Amendment Act," being chapter 10 of the Acts of 1920, that is to say:—

- (a.) In respect of pig-iron manufactured from ore on the proportion produced from ore mined in the Province, a bounty not to exceed three dollars per ton of two thousand pounds:
- (b.) In respect of pig-iron manufactured from ore on the proportion produced from ore mined outside the Province, a bounty not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per ton of two thousand pounds:

Provided always that the construction and equipment plans of blast-furnaces for the manufacture of pig-iron and steel shall be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and approved on or before the first of July, 1921.

In witness whereof, and in pursuance of the Order in Council duly passed in that behalf approving of the foregoing Agreement, and directing the execution thereof by the Honourable William Sloan, Minister of Mines for the Province of British Columbia aforesaid, the said the Honourable William Sloan has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year hereinbefore written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said
the Honourable William Sloan in
the presence of—

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919.'"

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

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Friday, 25th February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1921.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What amount of money was spent monthly by the Public Works Department under the heading of "Roads and Bridges" in the Esquimalt Electoral District for the twelve months from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?
2. What amount of money was spent monthly by the Public Works Department under the heading of "Roads and Bridges" in the Islands Electoral District for the twelve months from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?
3. What amount of money was spent monthly by the Public Works Department under the heading of "Roads and Bridges" in the Saanich Electoral District for the twelve months from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?
4. What amount of money was spent monthly by the Public Works Department under the heading of "Roads and Bridges" in the Cowichan Electoral District for the twelve months from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?

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

"1. Esquimalt: January, \$5,224.87; February, \$7,370.25; March, \$3,093.50; April, \$13,373.40; May, \$13,656.77; June, \$21,945.67; July, \$19,525.57; August, \$6,701.52; September, \$6,220.36; October, \$2,471.85; November, \$6,518.56; December, \$6,470.31.

"2. Islands: January, \$2,280.83; February, \$2,012.75; March, \$2,437.26; April, \$3,342.23; May, \$607.78; June, \$2,531.42; July, \$5,461.40; August, \$5,159.59; September, \$3,191.65; October, \$3,335.32; November, \$4,934.58; December, \$5,204.91.

"3. Saanich: January, \$1,169; February, \$803.54; March, \$1,112.58; April, \$201.88; May, \$203.30; November, \$757.68.

"4. Cowichan: January, \$2,469.62; February, \$2,800.87; March, \$4,411.67; April, \$2,610.88; May, \$5,412.91; June, \$7,259.09; July, \$2,215.49; August, \$2,871.97; September, \$3,786.34; October, \$4,074.38; November, \$2,866.71; December, \$2,871.97."

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

1. What amount of money was set aside for public works out of the "British Columbia Highway Act, 1920"?

2. How much was expended up to December 31st, 1920?

3. What amounts were expended in the different Provincial ridings up to December 31st, 1920?

4. What amounts were spent in the different Provincial ridings during the months of October and November respectively?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. \$600,000.

"2. \$439,803.35.

"3. Alberni, \$2,709.30; Comox, \$25,919.16; Esquimalt, \$2,945.98; Islands, \$1,137.83; Nanaimo, \$17,648.30; Saanich, \$687.25; Delta, \$95,626.19; Dewdney, \$13,179.19; Richmond, \$20,804.82; Kamloops, \$16,594.88; Yale, \$16,444.17; Greenwood, \$2,653.30; North Okanagan, \$2,088.60; South Okanagan, \$3,432.62; Similkameen, \$50,768.33; Kaslo, \$24,973.65; Revelstoke, \$28,130.42; Rossland, \$525.25; Slocan, \$17,544.84; Trail, \$5,722.03; Columbia, \$7,547.07; Cranbrook, \$1,771.83; Fernie, \$8,849.88; Atlin, \$46.40; Omineca, \$21,320.74; Prince Rupert, \$1,865.79; Fort George, \$33,344.98; Cariboo, \$8,136.27; Lillooet, \$7,384.28.

"4. Alberni, October \$708.65, November \$1,060.08; Comox, October \$3,080, November \$7,445.51; Esquimalt, October \$711.01, November \$613.77; Islands, October \$730.31, November \$93.25; Nanaimo, October \$7,139.76, November \$6,397.81; Saanich, November \$687.25; Delta, October \$12,248.36, November \$16,148.61; Dewdney, October \$3,904.18, November \$2,372.82; Richmond, October \$3,012.45, November \$5,501.04; Kamloops, October \$7,887.57, November \$4,735.71; Yale, October \$5,827.70, November \$262.08; Greenwood, October \$22.80, November \$1,527.08; North Okanagan, October \$815.03, November \$1,206.81; South Okanagan, October \$1,859, November \$1,569.15; Similkameen, October \$246.06, November \$21,698.45; Kaslo, October \$8,167.26, November \$6,999.56; Revelstoke, October \$274.41, November \$47; Rossland, October \$534.82, November \$3,230.44; Slocan, October \$4,476.05, November \$4,580.98; Trail, October \$3,105.97; Columbia, October \$4,121.21, November \$3,021.36; Cranbrook, October \$1,362.95, November \$300.62; Fernie, October \$3,469.39, November \$4,144.72; Omineca, October \$10,135.48, November \$6,252.25; Prince Rupert, October \$314.90, November \$1,457.99; Fort George, October \$7,159.60, November \$6,575.83; Cariboo, October \$4,366.55, November \$2,379.86; Lillooet, October \$4,872.44, November \$2,238.96."

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

1. Is Mrs. C. Spofford now in the employ of the Government in any capacity? If so, what capacity?

2. For how many days (if any) has she been employed *re* Mothers' Pensions, and what was her pay in such employment?

3. Is she an expert on Mothers' Pensions; and, if so, where did she gain her experience?

4. Has she ever been a mother herself?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No information."

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

1. What amounts have been expended per month on salaries and expenses in connection with the work of the Lumber Trade Commissioner and his staff from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?
2. What opinion (if any) has the lumber trade expressed in connection with the Lumber Trade Commissioner?
3. What results (if any) have been obtained?

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

"1. Average monthly salaries Lumber Commissioner and staff at Victoria, \$451.25; average monthly travelling expenses of Victoria Commissioner and staff, \$117.74; advertising and publicity for twelve months, \$8,111.24; supplying specimens of British Columbia woods, \$1,003.59; exhibits, \$2,036.33; average monthly salaries Eastern Lumber Commissioner and staff, \$342.05; average monthly travelling expenses Eastern Commissioner and staff, \$228.88; monthly rent Toronto office and show-room, \$125; average monthly office expenses at Toronto, \$33.19; furniture for Toronto office, \$153; automobile for Eastern Commissioner, \$1,802; expenses of Chief Forester attending Imperial Forestry Conference at London, England, \$956.32.

"2. Good.

"3. Excellent."

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

1. Has one Robert Tyhurst submitted a proposition to the Government in connection with the erection of a pulp and paper mill at Prince George?
2. What amount is it proposed to expend in connection therewith?
3. Under what syndicate or corporate name is it proposed to operate?
4. If in a corporate name, what is the capital of such corporation?
5. Who are the directors?
6. What timber limits do the corporation own in British Columbia (if any)?
7. From whom were same acquired?
8. Has Tyhurst or the said company made application for pulp concessions other than the limits acquired by purchase?
9. If so, over what area and for what quantity has application been made?
10. Has application been made for water-power in this connection?
11. Has the Department granted water-power privileges in this connection?
12. If so, upon what terms and conditions?
13. If so, would navigable waters be interfered with by the proposed water-power development?

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

"1 to 13. As project is in tentative stage it is not considered in the public interest to answer these questions at the present time."

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

1. What amount of money was authorized for public works out of the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1919"?
2. How much was expended in 1919?
3. How much was expended in 1920?
4. What amounts were spent in 1920 in the different Provincial ridings?
5. What amounts were spent in the different Provincial ridings during the months of October and November, 1920, respectively?

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

"1. \$1,451,000.

"2. \$821,874.08, fiscal year 1919-20.

"3. \$628,470.25, fiscal year 1920-21.

"4. Esquimalt, \$36,543.57; Chilliwack, \$16,624.05; Delta, \$186,325.05; Dewdney, \$9,981.30; North Vancouver, \$5,408.33; Richmond, \$61,794.91; South Vancouver, \$68,886.93; Kamloops,

\$17,226.57; Yale, \$23,328.65; Greenwood, \$2,843.53; North Okanagan, \$2,841.82; South Okanagan, \$5,539.50; Similkameen, \$61,586.91; Kaslo, \$10,456.57; Revelstoke, \$90.68; Columbia, \$10,714.42; Cranbrook, \$27,872.41; Fernie, \$17,113.88; Atlin, \$13,185.31; Omineca, \$35,507.26; Cariboo, \$9,595.44; Lillooet, \$2,964.51; general engineering, \$2,038.65.

"5. Esquimalt, October \$713.18; Chilliwack, October \$3,912.01; Delta, October \$45,927.31, November \$8,220.52; Dewdney, October \$451.79; Richmond, October \$10,698.18, November \$5,764.17; South Vancouver, October \$7,911.25; Similkameen, October \$608.37, November \$82.55; Cranbrook, October \$841.28; Omineca, October \$1,250.92; Cariboo, October \$1,376.12; Lillooet, October \$41.40."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Monday, 28th February, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Jackson presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders begs leave to report as follows:—

That the time limit be extended for receiving reports from the Private Bills Committee until March 15th, 1921.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Guthrie on the 24th February, as follows:—

That this House forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the question of unemployment within British Columbia.

On the motion of Mr. Perry, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

What was the total revenue received by the Province covering all sources from the Rossland Assessment District during the years 1918, 1919, 1920?

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

"1918, \$216,398.19; 1919, \$119,338.31; 1920, \$224,687.95; total, \$560,424.45."

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

1. Was a Mr. Ernest Roberts appointed Deputy Recorder of Mines at Beaton recently?
2. If so, what are his qualifications and age?
3. Has he any military service; and, if so, how long?
4. Did a returned soldier apply for this position; and, if so, why was said position not given him?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. A number of years' experience as a successful business-man at Beaton; age unknown.

"3. No information.

"4. Yes. Preference given to the person with best knowledge of the district to be served."

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

What are the names of the persons who staked the various oil claims, 194 in number, in British Columbia during the last twelve months; with districts in which the various staking occurred?

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* stated that this information would be laid on the table by Return, which was agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915'" was read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year 1920.

By the Hon. the Premier—Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year 1920.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Report of the Civil Service Commissioner of British Columbia for the Period from January 1st to December 31st, 1920.

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

1. What is the total amount of money spent by the Government on the Snowstorm group of mineral claims?
2. What amount was spent in actual drilling on the said claims?
3. What was the nature of the preparatory work done, with details?
4. What amount was spent in: (a) Stripping; (b) open-cuts?
5. Has the Government taken out any ore?
6. If yes, how much and when, and who got the proceeds if sold?
7. How many men have been employed or paid by the Government on these claims?
8. In what work were they individually engaged, and for how long?
9. Has any drilling actually been done?
10. If yes, how much and on what dates?

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

"1. \$45,379.05.

"2. \$23,655.13.

"3. Open-cut work and tunnelling preliminary to further drilling operations; the drilling having been temporarily discontinued owing to fractured nature of ground.

"4. \$17,761.67 in stripping, open-cuts, and tunnel-work; costs of different kinds of preliminary work not separated?

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. From five to eight men.

"8. Superintendent and cook; also miners engaged in said preliminary work from September, 1919, to January, 1921.

"9. Yes; under contract.

"10. 5,736 feet; from January, 1919, to August, 1919."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Guthrie* on February 24th, as follows:—

That this House forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the question of unemployment within British Columbia.

Motion carried.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Moved—"That this Committee rise and report, recommending that the Government give its earnest and immediate consideration to the acute problem of unemployment in the Province, with a view to relieving the same."

A discussion arose.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Leave was granted the Hon. Mr. *Farris* to withdraw his notice of motion to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Employment Agencies Act Repeal Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.