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Tuesday, February 1st, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier) moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition),—

That *Robert Henry Carson*, member for Kamloops Electoral District, do take the chair and perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker until the next sitting of the House.

Upon the question being put by the Clerk, it was agreed to unanimously.

Whereupon the said *Robert Henry Carson* took the chair.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Twentieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 17th day of December, 1943,

His Honour WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Third Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia.

Events of the past twelve months on the battle fronts have been most encouraging and give rise to the hope that we are approaching the concluding phase. The attainment of victory still remains the paramount task; but there is one factor which stands out very clearly. We have passed from the defensive to the offensive. This position has not been reached without many sacrifices; nor in the days to come will there be a surcease of suffering. Only peace can bring that about. The Government is deeply

conscious of the price that has been paid by the loss of loved ones who suffered that we might live in security and that subjugated nations might be liberated.

Since the Legislature last convened, British Columbia again has had the pleasure and honour of a visit from His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. As in the past, His Excellency and Her Royal Highness devoted much of their time to visiting men and women in the Services.

The approach of victory brings with it new responsibilities and my Government is prepared to meet them fully and will present further legislation designed to establish a well-defined programme of rehabilitation within the scope of its jurisdiction and of a type that will conform with the plans devised by Federal authorities.

The urgent need of positive planning for post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction calls for the early and concerted efforts of the National and Provincial Governments in Canada. My Government has agreed to the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa to discuss these problems and will co-operate fully in such measures as will best advance the object of our common purpose.

Provision will be made for the establishment of a Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction under a committee of the Cabinet in order to co-ordinate the work of the various departments of the Provincial services and to fit those measures, which come within the scope of Provincial jurisdiction, into the larger programme devised by the Dominion authorities.

Appropriations will be submitted for the establishment and maintenance of a Forest Products Laboratory at the University of British Columbia in conjunction with the Dominion Government and private industry.

Provision will be asked for the creation of a British Columbia Industrial Research Council designed to carry on general research-work with a view to expanding secondary industries and developing wider use of by-products from the manufacture of our natural resources to encourage greater development after the war.

Legislation will be introduced to implement the gift of a million acres of land to British Columbia veterans desirous of taking up farming under the Dominion Government's "Veterans' Land Act, 1942."

It is proposed to encourage trained and experienced prospectors to develop the mineral resources of this Province by special aid under the "War-time Prospectors' Grub-stake Act." These prospectors will be financed and their work carried out under proper field supervision.

You will be asked to appropriate funds to provide extensive public works, including highways and buildings, as soon as men and material are available. In addition, you will be requested to make special provision for an extraordinary programme of road maintenance.

Legislation will be introduced enabling the Province to enter into an agreement with the Dominion Government for the carrying-out of vocational training, in order that men and women may be properly trained to take their places in peace-time occupations.

My Government is pleased to announce that preferential treatment will be given British Columbians who served in the Forces in connection with employment in the Civil Service.

Measures will be introduced for the lightening of the tax burden.

Provision will be asked for further financial assistance to cities, district municipalities, and rural areas in connection with the cost of education.

My Government will cause an inquiry to be made into all fields of municipal endeavour and responsibility. It will also undertake a survey of the entire system of education and its cost in order to determine what additional assistance or reforms are deemed necessary in the light of modern requirements so that adjustments may be made at the termination of the war.

Approval of the Legislature will be sought to extend the free distribution of textbooks to include all those required by students from Grades I. to VI., inclusive.

It is proposed to grant further tax relief by the rebate of a percentage of the automobile licences applicable to all passenger-cars.

Legislation will be introduced to grant farmers total exemption from taxation of improvements. Further measures of assistance to those in the Armed Services are proposed by the remission of all taxes levied on lands and buildings during their periods of enlistment.

You will be asked to give power to the Government to remit, under special circumstances, the succession duties payable by the estate of a member of the Forces who has lost his life as a result of the war.

In conformity with the announcement made at the last Session of the Legislature, the Government caused several highway routes to be surveyed to determine the most suitable outlet to the Pacific Coast from the Peace River district. As a result of those surveys my Government has decided to proceed with the location of the route recommended, and you will be asked to make provision for the necessary funds to enable its immediate construction. This undertaking will retain for our people the benefits arising from the development of the great resources of that territory. This outlet also will serve to connect British Columbia's road system with the Alaska Highway.

I am gratified to note that a Royal Commission has been appointed to inquire into all matters affecting our forest resources so that this industry may be perpetuated and our assets conserved.

Members of the House will be asked to approve legislation authorizing regulations designed to promote the development of the potential oil and coal resources of the Province.

I note with pleasure that since the Legislature last met the financial aid given to old-age pensioners has been supplemented, and my Government has made additional representations to the Federal authorities asking for a further increase in the benefits and the lowering of the age-limit.

Two reports of the Public Utilities Commission in connection with the value and operation of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and subsidiary companies will be presented for your consideration.

An interim report from the Hydro-electric Committee appointed since the last Session of the Legislature, to study the feasibility of rural electrification, also will be submitted.

The Committee on Civil Service Reorganization has made satisfactory progress and has outlined a basis for the regrading of positions and readjustments of salaries of Government employees.

The financial policy pursued during recent years has enabled the Government to effect a considerable reduction in the public debt and, concurrently, a most substantial decrease in the amount and rate of interest payable. The resultant improvement in Provincial credit is such as to commend itself highly to all members of the Legislature.

Minor legislation of a character designed to improve existing Acts will be submitted.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Bishop of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Revelstoke was read, as follows:—

“ PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,
“ VICTORIA, January 25th, 1944.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the 21st day of January, 1943, of Harry Johnston, a member thereof for the Revelstoke Electoral District; and

“ Whereas on the 6th day of May, 1943, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the 14th day of July, 1943, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Vincent Segur* to represent the Revelstoke Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ P. WALKER,
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

“ *To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Revelstoke be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Segur*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *H. E. Winch* and Mr. *E. E. Winch*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Companies Clauses Act ’ ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

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

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;

6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Kenney, Straith, Gillis, Bennett, and H. E. Winch.*

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Maitland* (Attorney-General)—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1942; together with the Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1943.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Copy of Report of W. H. M. Haldane, sole Commissioner on Inquiry *re* Quartermaster Stores of the Provincial Police Force pursuant to Commission dated February 25th, 1942.

Eight volumes of evidence taken upon such inquiry.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Lands)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936, from January 30th, 1943, to January 8th, 1944.

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1943

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier)—

Fourth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Third Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Licence-year 1942-43.

Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

First and Second Reports of the Public Utilities Commission *re* Rates and Service of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and Associated Companies.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Return *re* section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act."

Return *re* section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act."

Return *re* "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year 1941-42.

Report of the Public Library Commission, 1942.

Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1942.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2nd, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. McLeod*.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier) moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition),—

That *Edward Tourtellotte Kenney*, member for Skeena Electoral District, do take the chair and perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker until the next sitting of the House.

Upon the question being put by the Clerk, it was agreed to unanimously.

Whereupon the said *Edward Tourtellotte Kenney* took the chair.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* (Dewdney) moved, seconded by Mr. *R. H. Carson* (Kamloops),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.22 p.m.

Thursday, February 3rd, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier) moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition),—

That *Robert Henry Carson*, member for Kamloops Electoral District, do take the chair and perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker until the next sitting of the House.

Upon the question being put by the Clerk, it was agreed to unanimously.

Whereupon the said *Robert Henry Carson* took the chair.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Annual Report on the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1941.

Annual Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Report of the Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act" *re* Matters concerning Mount View High School.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—

Return pursuant to Section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," Chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented the printed draft of Speakers' Decisions, 1931-43, Vol. III., as reported by the Clerk of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the draft of Speakers' Decisions, 1931-43, Vol. III., as reported by the Clerk of the House, be printed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Friday, February 4th, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. *Finland*, Deputy Speaker, took the chair, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided.

Prayers by Major *R. McCaughey* (Salvation Army).

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

The debate continued.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement relating to Old-age Pensions, dated the First Day of September, 1943, between the Governor-General of the Dominion of the First Part and the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the Second Part," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement relating to Old-age Pensions, dated the First Day of September, 1943, between the Governor-General of the Dominion of the First Part and the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the Second Part," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Kenney* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 1st instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 4th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Straith, Asselstine, Gillis, R. H. Carson, Mowat, Finland, R. C. MacDonald, Paton, H. E. Winch, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. Lefeaux and Turner.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Kenney, Leary, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Straith, Putnam, R. H. Carson, King, Connelly, Bennett, R. C. MacDonald, Love, H. E. Winch, Cameron, Lefeaux, Webber, and MacNeil.*

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *LeBourdais, Putnam, Connelly, Braden, R. H. Carson, Gillis, King, R. C. MacDonald, Eyres, Bennett, Shepherd, Herridge, Webber, Guthrie, Stirling, and Segur.*

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Paton, Putnam, Asselstine, Leary, Kenney, Connelly, Mowat, Braden, LeBourdais, Finland, Green, Love, Guthrie, Cameron, Herridge, Webber, Turner, and Uphill.*

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Leary, Straith, Connelly, Mowat, LeBourdais, Finland, King, Bennett, Love, Cameron, Guthrie, Gargrave, Turner, and Herridge.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Eyres, Straith, Putnam, R. H. Carson, R. C. MacDonald, Green, Love, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston, Mr. Paton, Mrs. MacInnis, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Steeves, and Messrs. Stirling, Segur, and Webber.*

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, LeBourdais, Kenney, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Asselstine, Straith, Love, Paton, R. C. MacDonald, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston, Messrs. E. E. Winch, Cameron, Gargrave, MacNeil, Guthrie, Turner, and Uphill.*

SOCIAL WELFARE.—Mrs. *Rolston, Messrs. Gillis, Leary, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Braden, R. H. Carson, King, Green, Paton, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. MacInnis, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. E. E. Winch and Stirling.*

Respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Supplementary Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, dated February 3rd, 1944.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

Monday, February 7th, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. W. Kerley*.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. McLean*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 7th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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. *Carson* (Minister of Mines) presented a Return pursuant to section 170 of the "Mineral Act."

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.

Wednesday, February 9th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. 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 the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscamb*—

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Progress Report of the Rural Electrification Committee as of January 24th, 1944.

First Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission for the Period April 19th, 1943, to December 31st, 1943.

By leave of the House, the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves* were withdrawn:—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to make all text-books from Grades I. to VI., inclusive, available free to pupils?
2. If so, will supplementary texts be included on the free list?
3. How many text-books will be supplied free under the new plan which have not previously been available free to pupils in Grades I. to VI., inclusive?

1. Has a sum of money for physical education been made available to the Province of British Columbia under the Federal "National Fitness Act"?
2. If yes, how much money and under what conditions has it been made available?
3. Has the British Columbia Government availed itself of this offer?
4. If yes, is the money to be made available by the Provincial Recreation Department or to other organizations?
5. If to other organizations, which?

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

1. What number of (a) male and (b) female patients are in each Provincial Mental Hospital, and the number of (c) graduate and (d) non-graduate male attendants, (e) graduate and (f) non-graduate nurses on the staffs of same respectively?
2. What number of doctors are on the staff of each mental hospital and the number of patients each doctor has to attend to?

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

"1. (a.) Male patients: Essondale, 1,755; New Westminster, 349; Colquitz, 280; total, 2,384. (b.) Female patients: Essondale, 1,308; New Westminster, 250; Colquitz, none; total, 1,558. (c.) Graduate male attendants: Essondale, 4; New Westminster, none; Colquitz, none; total, 4. (d.) Non-graduate male attendants: Essondale, 198; New Westminster, 50; Colquitz, 37; total, 285. (e.) Graduate nurses (R.N.): Essondale, 16; New Westminster, 1; Colquitz, none; total, 17. Graduate nurses (mental): Essondale, 30; New Westminster, none; Colquitz, none; total, 30. (f.) Non-graduate nurses: Essondale, 167; New Westminster, 51; Colquitz, none; total, 218.

"2. Seven doctors, Essondale: Dr. Ryan, 738 patients; Dr. Gee, 908 patients; Dr. Jackson, 24 patients; Dr. Davidson, 248 patients; Dr. Caunt, 586 patients; Dr. Novak, 475 patients; and Dr. McNair, 84 patients. Two doctors, New Westminster: Dr. Sauriol, 287 patients; and Dr. Benwell, 312 patients. Visiting physician, Colquitz: Dr. Hall, 280 patients."

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

1. What is the (a) student capacity and (b) registration at the School for the Deaf and the Blind?
2. Has any survey or estimate been made of the number of (a) deaf and (b) blind children of school age who could benefit by such facilities as exist at the present School for the Deaf and the Blind?
3. If yes, what is the number of each respectively?

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

"1. (a.) Normal accommodation for day and resident students: For day pupils, 1 class-room for 10 pupils at the Lord Tennyson School; for resident boys, 20 beds for small boys and 20 beds for older boys; for resident girls, 16 beds for small girls and 16 beds for older girls. (b.) Present enrolment: Day pupils, 9; resident boys, 43; resident girls, 32; total, 84.

"2. Yes.

"3. Children (not including Indian children) with aural impairment, 32; with visual impairment, 62; total, 94. In addition, 52 cases (24 aural and 28 visual) have been reported to the school and are being investigated or are on a waiting-list."

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

What qualified optical staff and related facilities are available at each Provincial Mental Hospital?

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

“No permanent optometrist employed upon the staff, but an optometrist visits patients at the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale and the Provincial Mental Hospital at New Westminster weekly. Individual cases, as requisite, are referred to a specialist at New Westminster. Cases occurring at the Provincial Mental Hospital at Colquitz are referred to a specialist at Victoria. Glasses are supplied as requisite.”

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 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 10th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare be authorized to inquire into the operations and requirements of any or all institutions maintained wholly or in part from Provincial Government funds.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to ‘The National Physical Fitness Act,’ being Chapter Twenty-nine of the Statutes of Canada, 1943,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 5th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The National Physical Fitness Act,' being Chapter Twenty-nine of the Statutes of Canada, 1943," 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. *Perry* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 4th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries 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 following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Financial Statement under the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for six months, from April 1st to September 30th, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Copies of correspondence between the Government and certain officials at Ottawa respecting the proposed Dominion-Provincial Conference.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Return pursuant to "Public Works Act," November 1st, 1942, to October 31st, 1943.

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 5.40 p.m.

Friday, February 11th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

TWENTY-THREE MINUTES TO THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

William H. Langley, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Allan*.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 11th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty 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. *Perry* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942,' of the Dominion," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942,' of the Dominion," 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. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by a committee representing the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes; to consider the report of the Dominion-Provincial conference on production; to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the Interdepartmental Committee on Farm Labour, and such other Department officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province; and to report its findings to this House.

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

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to this House.

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

What has been the total cost of operating the Public Utilities Commission as a whole since inception to date?

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

"Total expenses, 1938-44, under the 'Public Utilities Act,' \$215,285.51; total expenses, 1939-44, under the 'Motor Carrier Act,' \$313,830.50; total expenses, \$529,116.01; total revenue, \$808,293.06; net surplus to Consolidated Revenue, \$279,177.05."

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 5.17 p.m.

Monday, February 14th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Chilton*.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *O. L. Jull*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Annual Report of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

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 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. McKay*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented Returns by the Official Administrators, pursuant to the "Administration Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 5.

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

1. How many (a) widows, (b) women with sick husbands, (c) foster mothers, and (d) dependent children are recipients (or beneficiaries) of mothers' allowances?
2. What is the actual or estimated saving to the Department for the year ended December 31st, 1943, due to the assumed ability of children over 16 years old to contribute to the maintenance of mothers in receipt of the mothers' allowance?

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

- "1. During the month of January, 1944: (a) 677, (b) 269, (c) 18, and (d) 2,281.
- "2. \$18,538."

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

1. What was the total cost of the New Westminster Fraser River (Pattullo) Bridge?
2. What was the (a) total amount of bonds issued in connection with this project and (b) the rate of interest on same?
3. What amount of such bonds outstanding are owned by (a) the Government and (b) others?
4. What rate of interest is being charged on advances from consolidated revenue to cover shortages of sinking fund and interest under the provisions of the "Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act Amendment Act, 1940"?

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

- "1. \$3,999,276.84.
- "2. (a) \$4,000,000, (b) \$2,000,000 at 3½ per cent., and \$2,000,000 at 3 per cent.
- "3. (a) \$2,000,000 and (b) *nil*.
- "4. Interest at 4 per cent. and sinking fund instalments therefor of \$67,163.50 annually."

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

1. Relative to the answers by the Hon. the Premier to a question on February 24th, 1943, *vide Journals*, 1943, have further negotiations been carried on with any person or company having in view the disposal or use of the undeveloped water-powers of the Province?

2. If yes, what are the names of such persons or companies?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Some further negotiations took place after February 24th, 1943, but were not continued after June, 1943, as the Government had not decided on a policy in respect therewith.”

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

1. Where are the Groundhog coalfields situated?

2. What is the extent of same?

3. What is the estimated quantity and quality of said coal?

4. Are these fields wholly or in part under reserve to the Crown?

5. Have any of these fields been alienated from the Crown and, if so, by whom and under what conditions?

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

“1. Near the headwaters of the Skeena, Nass, and Stikine Rivers, Cassiar Land District.

“2. Presumably an area of approximately 75 by 30 miles.

“3. No authentic estimate of quantity available. Quality said to be good anthracite or near anthracite. See Minister of Mines Report for the year 1911, pages 82 to 90, inclusive.

“4. All Crown lands in the Province are under reserve at the present time.

“5. Licences and leases at one time issued under provisions of the ‘Coal and Petroleum Act’ have all expired. No existing alienations.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 17th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *MacLellan*.

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.

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Library for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, 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 His Majesty.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1942–43 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

What are the annual expenditures to date for (a) construction and (b) repairs to the Burnaby section of Kingsway since it was classified as an arterial highway in 1930?

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

“1930–31, storm sewer reconstruction, \$501.25, and maintenance, \$3,198.36; 1931–32, storm sewer reconstruction, \$1,589.22, and maintenance, \$6,673.23; 1932–33, maintenance, \$4,645.47; 1933–34, maintenance, \$2,658.86; 1934–35, maintenance, \$1,554.30; 1935–36, maintenance, \$2,006.97; 1936–37, maintenance, \$2,044.27; 1937–38, maintenance, \$2,112.07; 1938–39, maintenance, \$1,830.97; 1939–40, maintenance, \$2,026.62; 1940–41, maintenance, \$1,278.08; 1941–42, maintenance, \$2,272.90; 1942–43, maintenance, \$3,042.79; 1943–44 (to date), maintenance, \$2,002.71.”

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

1. Has the Government, through the Department of Lands, been in negotiation in respect of the purchase of the timber on Hollyburn Ridge?
2. If the answer is yes, with whom and as from what date?
3. What has been the net result up to date of these negotiations?
4. Is the Government continuing negotiations?

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

“1. This matter has been under discussion but no definite negotiations have been entered into.

“2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Friday, February 18th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. McPherson*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) 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. *Perry* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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 following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Clauses Act.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement relating to Old-age Pensions, dated the First Day of September, 1943, between the Governor-General of the Dominion of the First Part and the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the Second Part."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The National Physical Fitness Act,' being Chapter Twenty-nine of the Statutes of Canada, 1943."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to 'The Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942,' of the Dominion."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Placer-mining Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Libel and Slander Act.’”

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

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

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

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

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Teachers’ Pensions Act” for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

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

What rate of salary is paid to (a) graduate and (b) non-graduate male attendants; (c) graduate (R.N.), (d) graduate (mental), and (e) non-graduate nurses at the Provincial Mental Hospitals?

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

“(a.) Graduate male attendants: Charge attendants, \$135 a month; deputy charge attendants, \$132.50 a month. (b.) Undergraduate male attendants, \$93 to \$130 a month, according to ability to assume responsibility. (c.) Graduate nurses (R.N.): Charge nurses, \$125 a month; nurses, \$120 a month. (d.) Graduate nurses (mental): Charge nurses, \$100 a month; deputy charge nurses, \$97.50 a month; nurses, \$95 a month. (e.) Student mental nurses, \$70 to \$95 a month. (Graduation course three years.)”

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

1. Has the construction of a retaining wall at or near Mile 21 on the Island Highway, Vancouver Island, been completed yet?
2. What is the gross cost of this retaining wall?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$20,808.92.”

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 4.38 p.m.