

Friday, February 10th, 1928.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1929;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1928;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1927, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 10th, 1928.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Mines, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair."

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" and amendments thereto introduced by Message on February 9th, were read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Twigg, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What is the total investment of the Government in the Merville Soldier Settlement area, including cost of lands, development, maintenance, with interest up to January 1st, 1928?
2. What has been the total acreage sold in this area to settlers?
3. What was the value of the lands sold?
4. What has been the total sum of money received from the sale of these lands?
5. What sum of money has been rebated from the value of lands sold either by arrangement or agreement?
6. What are the arrears of payment due on sales as at January 1st, 1928, including principal and interest?
7. What percentage of rebate was allowed from purchase price?
8. What further rebates were allowed settlers in this area?
9. How many of the original settlers are living on this area?

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

- "1. \$688,046.56.
- "2. 5,609 acres.
- "3. After deducting all rebates, \$94,994.38.
- "4. \$21,256.09.
- "5. 1923 reappraisal rebates, \$70,499.71; returned soldier rebates, \$34,792.23; total, \$105,191.94.
- "6. Arrears, principal, \$2,147.03; arrears, interest, \$1,091.68; total, \$3,238.71.
- "7. 35 per cent. from 1926 purchase price.
- "8. In 1927, 35 per cent. rebate, \$29,993.97; interest cancelled, \$33,686.69; total, \$63,680.66.
- "9. Fifty-eight originals; ninety-nine in all."

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

1. What sum of money has the Government invested in the Christian Ranch, near Kelowna, with accrued interest to January 1st, 1928?
2. What is the total acreage in this area?
3. What acreage (if any) has been sold?
4. What arrangements has the Government made in looking after this property?
5. What rent (if any) does the Government receive per annum?
6. Has the Government taken steps to secure water for irrigation purposes? If so, what has been done?

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

- "1. \$56,193.35.
- "2. 440 acres.
- "3. None.
- "4. Leased to Meldrum & Scott.
- "5. \$800 per annum.
- "6. No."

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

1. What is the total investment of the Government in the Creston Soldier Settlement area, including cost of lands, development, maintenance, with interest up to January 1st, 1928?
2. What has been the total acreage sold in this area to settlers?
3. What was the value of the lands sold?
4. What has been the total sum of money received from the sale of these lands?
5. What sum of money has been rebated from the value of lands sold either by arrangement or agreement?
6. What are the arrears of payment due on sales as at January 1st, 1928, including principal and interest?
7. What percentage of rebate was allowed from purchase price?
8. What further rebates were allowed settlers in this area?
9. How many of the original settlers are living on this area?

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

- "1. \$834,906.58.
- "2. 1,179 acres.
- "3. Net value after deducting rebates, \$65,122.15.
- "4. \$28,164.55.
- "5. Returned soldier rebates, \$9,500; rebates, principal, \$39,984.65; rebates, interest, \$20,709.67; total, \$70,194.32.
- "6. Principal, arrears, \$2,215.91; interest, arrears, \$1,299.98; total, \$3,515.89.
- "7. 50 per cent.
- "8. Answered by No. 5.
- "9. Twenty-two originals; forty-eight purchasers in all."

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 4.05 p.m.

Monday, February 13th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
January 31st, 1928.*

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 'Municipalities Aid 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of Dr. *Wrinch*, the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture was adopted.

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. *Manson*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Jones*:—

1. Give details or analysis of the public debt of the Province, amounting to \$81,318,061?
2. Give details or analysis of the revenue-producing debt of the Province, amounting to \$17,378,892?
3. What payments have been made on (a) principal and (b) interest on each account of the revenue-producing debt from January 1st, 1927, to January 1st, 1928?
4. What are the arrears of payments due (a) principal and (b) interest on each account included in the revenue-producing debt as at January 1st, 1928?
5. What are the total fixed and statutory fixed charges against revenue of the Province for year ending March 31st, 1927?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Wallinger*:—

1. What road-construction work was undertaken and prosecuted during 1926-27 and to December 31st last under the provisions of the "Mines Development Act"?
2. What mining districts are served thereby?

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" with amendments thereto introduced by Message on February 9th, was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. What was the total timber cut in British Columbia in 1926 in board-feet: (a) In areas controlled by Province; (b) in areas not controlled by Province?
2. What percentage was exported under (a)? What percentage was exported under (b)?

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

"1. (a) 2,624,896 M.B.M.; (b) 293,223 M.B.M.

"2. (a) 8.5 per cent.; (b) no record."

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

- What was the log-scale in board-feet in British Columbia: (a) Between 1912 and 1916; (b) between 1917 and 1921; (c) between 1922 and 1926?

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

"(a) 5,747,372 M.B.M.; (b) 9,003,274 M.B.M.; (c) 12,499,979 M.B.M."

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

- What was the value of forestry production in British Columbia: (a) Between 1912 and 1916; (b) between 1917 and 1921; (c) between 1922 and 1926?

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

"(a) No record for 1912; 1913-16, inclusive, \$127,008,000; (b) \$330,347,000; (c) \$393,595,000."

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

1. What sum of money has been advanced by the Government to the Grand Forks Irrigation District up to February 1st, 1928?
2. What is the acreage in the said irrigation district?
3. What sum of money has been repaid on loan advanced: (a) Capital; (b) interest?
4. What amount of interest was carried forward under the moratorium?
5. What was the total sum due the Government by the Grand Forks Irrigation District, February 1st, 1928?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. \$267,192.67.
- "2. 4,365.48.
- "3. (a) \$6,385.63; (b) \$12,117.82.
- "4. \$57,118.88.
- "5. \$41,468.23 due February 15th, 1928."

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

1. How many lots in the Southern Okanagan Land Project have been planted in fruit-trees and cultivated by the Government?
2. What is the total acreage of these lots?
3. What has been the total cost of cultivation, irrigation, and caring for these lots up to January 1st, 1928?
4. What sum of money has been incurred in the purchase, planting, and replanting of fruit-trees?
5. What has been the total number of fruit-trees planted on these lots since first planting was undertaken by the Government?
6. How many of these lots have been sold: (a) The acreage; (b) the price received?
7. What has been the total sum expended on these lots during 1927, including salary of Superintendent?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Forty.
- "2. 439.85 acres.
- "3. \$148,262.14 to November 30th, 1927, including irrigation rates.
- "4. \$42,598.79.
- "5. 57,859.
- "6. One. (a) 9.55 acres; (b) \$2,472.55.
- "7. \$13,787.53 to November 30th, 1927."

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

1. What road-construction work was undertaken and prosecuted during 1926-27 and to December 31st last under the provisions of the "Mines Development Act"?
2. What mining districts are served thereby?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1. Road-construction, 1926-27, see Public Works Annual Report. From April 1st to December 31st, 1927, see Return tabled herewith.
- "2. Districts in which roads are located as answered by No. 1."

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

1. For what period was Major Swan employed in making an investigation into the irrigation difficulties in the Okanagan Valley?
2. What remuneration has been granted Major Swan for his services in making this investigation and report?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Major Swan was appointed a Commissioner under the 'Public Inquiries Act' by Order in Council approved July 26th, 1927, and filed his report on December 23rd, 1927.
- "2. \$4,830, and \$989.28 for travelling expenses."

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

1. What has been the total sum of money expended on the Southern Okanagan Land Project up to January 1st, 1928, including purchase of land, developments, irrigation system, and cultivation, together with interest on all moneys invested?
2. What is the total acreage under the irrigation system?
3. What was the acreage irrigated in 1927?
4. What has been the total acreage of lands sold?
5. What was the value of lands sold?
6. What amount of cash has been received from lands sold to January 1st, 1928?
7. What amount of cash has been received from sale of town lots at Oliver and Osoyoos to January 1st, 1928?
8. What has been the total amount of rebates given the purchasers of lands in the project, principal and interest, up to January 1st, 1928?
9. What rebates of irrigation rates have been given the water-users in this project up to January 1st, 1928?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Principal, \$3,309,737.70; interest, approximately \$1,222,000.
- "2. Approximately 13,000 acres.
- "3. 2,353.42 acres.
- "4. Net acreage sold, 2,534.80 acres; net acreage leased, 645.38 acres.
- "5. \$460,988.15.
- "6. \$145,103.89.
- "7. \$22,010.18.
- "8. \$10,330.54.
- "9. None."

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

1. Has Mrs. William Rutherford, of Willow Point, near Nelson, been in receipt of any salary or emolument from any department of the Provincial Government during the past two years?
2. Is she now in receipt of such salary or emolument?
3. In what capacity is she employed?
4. Since when does such employment date?
5. What is the total sum paid to her to date?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
 - "2. No.
 - "3 and 4. Answered by No. 2.
 - "5. Allowance from Provincial Board of Health for services while organizing Public Health Nursing Service in district near Nelson (six days), \$25; travelling expenses paid by Provincial Board of Health, \$192.40; travelling expenses paid by Department of Agriculture, \$473.40.
- "N.B.—This question should have been addressed to the Minister of Agriculture."

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

What was the water-borne export of lumber in British Columbia: (a) Between 1912 and 1916; (b) between 1917 and 1921; (c) between 1922 and 1926?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"(a) No record for 1912; 1913-16, inclusive, 191,295 M.B.M.; (b) 576,221 M.B.M.; (c) 2,616,419 M.B.M."

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

What was the value of pulp production in British Columbia: (a) Between 1912 and 1916; (b) between 1917 and 1921; (c) between 1922 and 1926?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"(a) No record for 1912; 1913-16, inclusive, \$12,450,000; (b) \$65,017,000; (c) \$72,327,000."

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

1. What was the lumbering production in British Columbia between 1907 and 1916?
2. What was the lumbering production in British Columbia between 1917 and 1926?

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

"1. 9,936,266 M.B.M.

"2. 13,854,774 M.B.M.

"NOTE.—These figures secured from Dominion Government statistics."

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

1. What was the total sum of money known as arrears of assessed taxes written off as "uncollectable" for each financial year ending March 31st, 1926 and 1927?
2. What is the amount of arrears of assessed taxes from April 1st, 1927, to January 1st, 1928?
3. Was a tax sale held in financial year ending March 31st, 1927? If so, what was the cost of advertising such tax sale?
4. What were the net receipts of such sale?
5. Has a tax sale been held since April 1st, 1927? If so, what was the cost of advertising such sale?

6. What were the receipts of such sale?

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

"1. (a) Year ending March 31st, 1926, \$97,727.81; (b) year ending March 31st, 1927, \$258,874.86. Included in the above are: (1) Adjustments under 'Soldiers' Homestead Act'; (2) adjustments under 'Proportional Allotment Act'; (3) forfeiture on account of tax sale. Our irrecoverable taxes are not in excess of 5 per cent. of the annual levy.

"2. \$874,503.19.

"3. Yes; \$15,792.09.

"4. \$68,589.52.

"5. Yes; \$14,616.16.

"6. \$34,153.29.

"NOTE.—In connection with tax sales the amount of taxes received is no indication of the amount of taxes actually paid in as a result of such sale being advertised, as many taxpayers redeem their lands when they find that a tax sale is imminent."

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

1. Have surveys been made for the proposed highway connecting Golden and Revelstoke?
2. If so, what were the costs of same and of incidental engineering, and what is the estimated cost of such road?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to undertake construction of this road; and, if so, when?
4. Had any offer been made by the Dominion Government to aid in said construction?
5. If no, has any request been made to the Dominion Government for aid?

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

"1. Yes; preliminary reconnaissance survey made.

"2. Survey and incidental engineering costs, \$1,038. Estimate based on final location not yet made.

"3. Yes; this season.

"4 and 5. This matter taken up with Dominion Government and it is expected that latter will aid to extent of building section through Glacier Park."

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

1. What amount of money was appropriated for the Kimberley District for road-work last year?
2. On what roads was this money expended?

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

"We cannot answer these questions without having the boundaries of 'Kimberley District' defined."

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

1. Has the road connecting Hardy Bay and Port Alice, Quatsino Sound, been fully completed?
2. What work in connection therewith was done during the just past season?
3. Was such work or any part of it done by contract?
4. If yes, who were the tenderers and the bid of each?
5. What is the total expenditure on this road to December 31st last?
6. What is the estimated final total cost?
7. Did contract contain any provisions regulating or prohibiting subletting?
8. Was any portion of the work sublet?
9. If yes, to what part, to whom, and at what spread in prices?

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

"1. No. Work is proceeding on Hardy Bay-Coal Harbour Road.

"2. General construction, \$17,705.30.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. From 1916-17 to date, \$162,310.56; from 1900 to 1916, \$28,735.30. Road subsequently relocated to overcome impossible grades.

"6. \$12,000.

"7 to 9. Answered by Nos. 3 and 4."

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

1. Has the French Complex Ore Reduction Company ceased to function?
2. If so, what measure of success has attended its operations, and in what way have the mining interests of the Province been stimulated thereby?
3. What has been the total amount of Provincial monetary aid given such company?
4. As guarantors of the bonds of the said company, has the Province been obliged to implement such guarantee, either as to principal or interest?
5. If yes, in what total amount?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Effect of company's work cannot be measured, but undoubtedly it stimulated interest generally in the mining industry of the Kootenays.

"3. Province guaranteed securities of French Complex Ore Reduction Company, Limited, to extent of \$40,000 under authority 'Complex Ore Process Aid Act,' 1916, and guaranteed securities of said company to extent of further \$25,000 under authority 'Complex Ore Process Further Aid Act,' 1918.

"4. Yes.

"5. \$46,814. This sum is made up of \$25,000 retired, being second issue Government guaranteed securities, with \$5,138 interest on same; and \$16,676 interest on \$40,000 original issue Government guaranteed securities. Interest on latter amount continues."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, praying that the petition of the Provisional Liquidator of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill be not granted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to include the Inhabitants of The Corporation of The District of South Vancouver and the Corporation of Point Grey, and the Respective Areas thereof, within the City of Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Gray, Odium, McRae, Creevy, Neelands, Walkem, and I. A. Mackenzie*.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Manson* on the motion moved by Mr. *Davie* on February 8th, as follows:—

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS.—On the debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Davie* on the 8th instant *re* old-age pensions, the operative part which reads as follows:—

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly, endeavouring to represent the just cause of the aged persons of this Province and of their dependents, humbly petition the Canadian Government to alter the said Act so as to provide: (a) That the dwelling-house of any pensioner shall not be subjected to the repayment of any amounts paid to such pensioner by said pension authority; (b) reduction of the pension age from 70 to 65 years; (c) that an applicant for a pension shall be entitled to same regardless of such applicant's income up to an amount of at least \$365 per annum; and (d) exemption of the estate of a pensioner from repayments to the pension authority of amounts paid by way of pension in all such cases where such pensioner leaves him surviving any dependent.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada the foregoing Preamble and Resolution."

"A point of order was raised by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, as to whether the motion was in order.

"Standing Rule 118 of the House provides that 'No Resolution leading up to the expression of an express or abstract opinion of the House recommending the expenditure of the public money shall be put from the chair, unless recommended by the Crown.'

"Under the legislation, Dominion and Provincial, *re* old-age pensions now in force, both Governments are committed to the expenditure of public money and the Resolution in question would necessarily, if carried out, lead to further expenditure of public money.

"This Legislature has always carefully guarded the prerogative of the Crown to recommend the expenditure of public money. (*See* Speakers' Decisions, pages 107, 137, 138, 139, 140, and House Journals, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925.)

"The motion is out of order and I so rule."

Mr. *Davie* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Crcery</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

NAYS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Ncclands</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Munn</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bryan</i>

Mr. Woodward moved, seconded by Mr. Uphill,—

Whereas the Dominion of Canada is rich in the natural raw products required to make a rich, happy, and prosperous people:

And whereas our minerals are the subject of much inquiry by outside capitalists who are looking for safe investments:

And whereas we have five Provinces in this great Dominion of Canada containing from 10 to 20 per cent. of the total coal wealth of the entire world:

And whereas coal-mines in Canada now operating and shipping coal are very much handicapped in finding profitable markets for their coal in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, which are the centre of population in Canada, because of their long railroad-haul:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, now in Session, believes it would be in the interest of the Dominion of Canada to grant and pay a subsidy to the railroad for the carrying of coal from each Province, on a graduated scale to be regulated by the Railroad Commission as per the distance of each Province from the markets of Ontario and Quebec.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

And, further, that copies of same be sent to each and every Provincial Government.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Public Schools" was discharged and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

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

1. Did a fire occur in the vicinity of the Coalmont Collieries, Limited, during the year 1925 or 1926?

2. If so, what was the total cost of fighting said fire?

3. Were the forestry officials able to determine how said fire originated?

4. Of the total cost of fighting fire (if any), what portion was: (a) Borne by the Government; (b) what portion by the Coalmont Collieries, Limited?

5. Did said fire (if any) destroy any timber on Government land? If so, to what extent?

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

"1. Yes; 1926.

"2. Three fires; total cost, \$7,581.61.

"3. First fire presumed to start from neglected camp fire; other two from sparks from first fire.

"4. (a) \$1,213.23; (b) \$6,368.38.

"5. Yes; about 30 acres."

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

1. What is the mileage of the Skeena Highway from Hazelton to Terrace, and how much has been constructed?

2. What mileage was constructed and finished in 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927 respectively?

3. How many miles remain to be constructed?

4. How many miles have been surveyed ready for construction?

5. What is the estimate of rock-work to be done?

6. How much money has been spent on this road to January 1st, 1928?

7. What further sum will be required to finish the road?

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

"1. Approximately 86 miles. (See answer to No. 2.)

"2. 1924, nil; 1925, 5 miles; 1926, 7 miles; 1927, 6 miles.

"3. 52 miles new construction; 18 miles reconstruction.

"4. 58 miles.

"5. Approximately 90,000 cubic yards.

"6. \$86,584.

"7. Estimates based on final location not completed."

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

1. Has any relocation-work been carried out on the Nelson-Castlegar Road?

2. If so, when? What date was the work started and on what date did it end?

3. What is the total cost?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Between 1919 and 1926.

"3. \$80,023; distances aggregating 8½ miles."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1928.

QUARTER-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:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1928.

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. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water 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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15th, 1928.

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 provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," 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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on February 8th, as follows:—

Whereas the forest wealth of British Columbia is one of our greatest natural resources:

And whereas in the past few years there has been a great increase in the demand for our forest products:

And whereas it would appear that the next decade will bring an even greater demand for our forest products:

And whereas it is of paramount importance to conserve this valuable asset as far as possible:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Forestry be directed to investigate, during the present Session, this important problem, hear all necessary evidence, and report to the House their findings in regard to forest conservation.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on February 9th, as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "That," in the first line thereof, be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: "the Hon. the Minister of Lands be requested to submit to this House, at the very earliest moment possible, a report in writing, giving full details of the steps (if any) that have been taken by the Government to conserve the forest wealth of this Province, and the results that have accrued, in order that this Legislature may direct the Standing Committee on Forestry to investigate this important subject, if, after due consideration of the report of the Minister of Lands, such a course be deemed advisable."

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived.

Main motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Woodward* on February 14th relating to railway subsidies for the carriage of coal.

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

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

1. What are the total number of farmers situate in the Sayward Valley?
2. What is the total area of land available for agricultural production in this valley?
3. What is the total mileage now under cultivation?

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

- "1. Approximately fifty-seven.
- "2. In the Salmon River, White River, and Menekay River Valleys, 30,000 acres, of which 4,658 acres are occupied.
- "3. Approximately 700 acres."

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

1. Have all District Mining Engineers received instructions to compare statements contained in prospectus of mining companies, operating or proposing to operate in their respective districts, with the facts as shown by an examination of their properties?

2. If so, is this examination made before any stock is put on the market, as a protection against wildcatting?

3. If not, why not?

4. In the case of the "Dunwell" shut-down, was the District Engineer in possession of the facts before the discontinuance of work?

5. If not, why not?

6. How long before the shut-down occurred had an examination of the mine been made by the District Engineer?

7. Does the Minister intend to instruct all District Engineers to verify reports of directors of those companies that are raising funds from the public for development purposes?

8. May it therefore be taken for granted that all the British Columbia mining companies looking for public financial support have the endorsement of the Mining Department?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Mines Department has no authority to regulate stock issues of companies incorporated under ‘Companies Act,’ but Mining Engineers lose no time in checking statements of prospectuses either from their knowledge of properties or by early examination of same.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. Latest reports submitted by Resident Mining Engineer, No. 1 Mineral Survey District, respecting ‘Dunwell Mines, Limited,’ were published in the Report of Minister of Mines, 1926, page 89, and ‘Preliminary Review and Summary of Mining Operations for the Year 1927,’ page 11.

“5. Answered by No. 4.

“6. Approximately four months.

“7. Answered by No. 1.

“8. No. Mines Department is acting as required by sections 16 and 17, ‘Mineral Survey and Development Act.’”

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

1. What additional lands have been reserved for the use and benefit of Indian tribes of British Columbia, and conveyed for such purpose to the Government of the Dominion as guardians of the Indians, as a result of action upon the findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, 1913-16?

2. What is the total acreage of such new reserves or additions to existing reserves?

3. What is the total value of such additional lands for Indian reserves?

4. What reserves as appearing in the schedule of Indian reserves at January 1st, 1913, have been extinguished or reduced in areas as a result of action upon the findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, 1913-16?

5. What is the total acreage of such cut-offs or reductions?

6. What is the total value of such lands?

7. What is the total area of Indian reserves disposed of by Interim Reports 1 to 92, both inclusive, of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, 1913-16?

8. What was the total sum of moneys received for such lands so disposed of by Interim Reports 1 to 92, both inclusive, of the said Royal Commission?

9. What was the total amount received by the Province through the sale of such Indian lands?

10. Have any portions of said lands which have reverted to the Province been disposed of? If yes, what portion, to whom, and on what terms and price?

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

“1. 74,883 acres, approximately, additional lands reserved; none conveyed yet; matter is under consideration.

“2. 74,883 acres approximately, subject to survey.

“3. Not available.

“4. Forty-nine cut-offs were made, consisting of extinguished reserves and reductions.

“5. 45,815 acres approximately, subject to survey.

“6. Not available.

“7. Interim Reports 1 to 92 deal with the adjustment of various matters of small area and rights-of-way for railways, roads, and power-lines, and confirmation and establishment of sundry reserves; total area not available.

“8. \$2,059.85.

“9. Answered by No. 8.

“10. Under the agreement cut-offs are to be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction, the net proceeds to be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion; none have yet been disposed of.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, praying that the petition of the Provisional Liquidator of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill be not granted, was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Farm Loans," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16th, 1928.

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. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Farm Loans," 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. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What sum of money has been expended in removing snow from highways from October 1st, 1927, to January 31st, 1928?
2. In which electoral ridings was such work done, and what amount was expended in each riding?

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

"1. \$22,708.92.

"2. Nanaimo, \$357.75; Cowichan-Newcastle, \$973.66; Esquimalt, \$1,571.56; Islands, \$69; Comox, \$735.10; Powell River Division of Mackenzie, \$131; Alberni, \$1,035.92; Chilliwack, \$1,166.21; Delta, \$221.25; Dewdney, \$935.25; Burnaby, \$40.50; South Vancouver, \$299.32; Richmond-Point Grey, \$98; Yale, \$581.70; Salmon Arm, \$396.25; Kamloops, \$1,563.68; Grand Forks-Greenwood, \$710; Similkameen, \$850; South Okanagan, \$50; Rossland-Trail, \$1,114.02; Nelson, \$200; Creston, \$1,165; Cranbrook, \$609; Fernie, \$1,548; Columbia, \$656; Atlin, \$1,850.25; Skeena, \$93.50; Mackenzie, \$15; Omineca, \$122; Fort George, \$380; Cariboo, \$2,320; Lillooet, \$800; North Vancouver, \$50."

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

Referring to answers given on page 8, Votes and Proceedings No. 8 (present Session):—

1. How many of the 3,208 applicants referred to therein have been receiving assistance under: (a) The "Mothers' Pensions Act"; (b) the fund in aid of the destitute poor and sick?
2. What amount will be saved in relation to these two funds?

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

"1. (a) None; (b) fifty-one accepted applications, others pending.

"2. At present there are no means of estimating future savings. To date savings aggregate \$808.50 per month."

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

1. What portion of Vote 176, 1927-28 Estimates (Registration of Voters), has been expended from April 1st, 1927, up to January 31st, 1928?
2. What amount (if any) has been expended in each electoral riding?
3. What is the name and address of each Deputy Registrar of Voters to whom money was paid, with amount in each case?
4. Under what terms and conditions were Deputy Registrars employed?
5. Upon whose recommendation were Deputy Registrars appointed?
6. What number (if any) are still employed in this work, and in which ridings are they employed?

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

"1. \$12,007.64, including salaries, temporary assistance, office supplies, etc.

"2. Electoral district and amount as follows: Alberni, \$4.16; Atlin, \$31.70; Burnaby, \$73.20; Cariboo, *nil*; Chilliwack, \$11.49; Columbia, \$10.40; Comox, \$22.68; Cowichan-Newcastle, \$228.23; Cranbrook, \$34; Creston, \$218.04; Delta, \$48.21; Dewdney, \$37.12; Esquimalt, *nil*; Fernie, \$94.20; Fort George, \$29.76; Grand Forks-Greenwood, \$64.74; The Islands, \$192.17; Kamloops, \$119.97; Kaslo-Slocan, \$8.16; Lillooet, \$25.60; Mackenzie, \$86.40; Nanaimo, \$38.15; Nelson, \$51.10; New Westminster, \$931.08; North Okanagan, \$354.83; North Vancouver, \$376.12; Omineca, \$137.83; Prince Rupert, \$90; Revelstoke, \$1.60; Richmond-Point Grey, \$97.50; Rossland-Trail, \$6.62; Saanich, \$305.15; Salmon Arm, \$55.34; Similkameen, \$17.16; Skeena, \$29.32; South Okanagan, \$370.85; South Vancouver, \$351.54; Vancouver, \$4,934.12 (includes amounts for Richmond-Point Grey which could not be segregated); Victoria, \$2,513.98 (includes some items for Esquimalt and postages on forms, etc., sent to various Registrars); Yale, \$5.12; total, \$12,007.64.

"3. W. W. Walkem, Ladysmith (Cowichan-Newcastle Electoral District); R. Mabon, Victoria (Victoria, Esquimalt, and Saanich Electoral Districts). W. W. Walkem receives 5 cents for each name on that portion of the Cowichan-Newcastle Voters' List formerly comprised in the old Newcastle Electoral District, plus \$120 per annum to cover office-rent, etc. R. Mabon is a temporary clerk assisting the Registrar of Voters, and as such receives \$100 per month when employed. He receives no additional remuneration as Deputy Registrar of Voters.

"4. With the two exceptions noted above, Deputy Registrars are unpaid and are appointed for the convenience of the public.

"5. Deputy Registrars of Voters are appointed upon the recommendation of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, where geographical conditions, pressure of work on the Registrar, and other circumstances warrant.

"6. Fourteen. Atlin, Cowichan-Newcastle, Cranbrook, Delta, Dewdney, Esquimalt, Fort George, Grand Forks-Greenwood, Kaslo-Slocan, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Okanagan, Rossland-Trail, Saanich, Similkameen, and Victoria. (For convenience, in several cases a Deputy Registrar acts for more than one district.)"

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

1. Has the B.C. Electric Railway Company contributed or agreed to contribute anything towards the cost of the bridge or fill at Ruskin, on the Stave River?
2. If so, to what amount and under what conditions?

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

"1 and 2. Under negotiation."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What were the amounts of statutory grants and aids in relief of municipalities in each of the years 1916-17 to 1926-27?
2. What was the percentage of increase in the year 1926-27 as against 1916-17 (if any)?

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

“ 1. Grants to municipalities as follows:—

	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.
Administration of Infants and Mothers' Pensions Acts;						
Children's Protection Act.....	\$11,562.70	\$13,239.41	\$9,301.97	\$29,789.88	\$30,750.85	\$36,076.00
Mothers' pensions.....					247,563.20	390,309.60
Education.....	773,718.75	\$10,246.08	\$61,921.95	921,197.06	991,723.35	1,087,278.83
Grants to libraries.....	221.39	170.82	415.88	292.11	602.11	1,278.33
Conveying children to school.....	1,584.55	1,975.49	4,373.85	8,060.88	11,716.87	24,125.45
Grants in aid of manual training.....	4,974.72	2,499.59	446.14	1,659.12	201.26	607.65
School buildings.....	47,236.25	85,383.39	28,356.43	16,066.90	243,498.16	238,595.25
Grants in aid of industrial education.....	5,503.20	12,000.00	10,499.20	905.68	46,306.54	35,783.73
Municipalities Aid Act, motor-vehicle share.....						201,654.86
Grants to hospitals.....	242,278.35	295,794.35	431,238.29	398,615.28	341,472.90	355,233.75
Assistance in building hospitals.....	134,250.00					
Grants to Refuge Homes and Aid Societies.....	16,950.00	14,100.00	14,600.00	6,500.00	5,600.00	5,000.00
Grants to cities.....	16,000.00	17,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	13,000.00
Grants to Tourist Associations.....			10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Grants to unemployment relief.....					90,380.00	200,516.63
Proportion of liquor profits.....						800,000.00
Johnson Street Bridge.....						200,000.00
Miscellaneous.....					4,435.27	3,735.63
	\$1,254,279.91	\$1,252,409.13	\$1,388,653.71	\$1,401,586.91	\$2,041,750.51	\$3,603,195.71

	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	Percentage in Increase since 1916-17.
Administration of Infants and Mothers' Pensions Acts; Children's Protection Act.....	\$34,208.00	\$33,950.20	\$23,060.93	\$27,598.04	\$25,747.60	126%
Mothers' pensions.....	331,380.90	338,586.40	382,460.87	427,614.84	466,854.19	Total increase.
Education.....	1,162,709.42	1,204,687.92	1,242,923.80	1,291,674.66	1,347,859.89	74%
Grants to libraries.....	637.37	731.03	1,769.65	977.81	1,190.29	438%
Conveying children to school.....	27,891.61	25,440.66	28,977.79	27,814.98	34,461.91	2,075%
Grants in aid of manual training.....	536.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
School buildings.....	161,521.28	136,302.64	155,100.23	81,981.83	117,444.40	148%
Grants in aid of industrial education.....	40,639.90	49,364.80	32,869.44	15,633.30	43,262.47	686%
Municipalities Aid Act, motor-vehicle share.....	293,666.91	308,736.98	318,208.40	391,813.17	463,334.30	Total increase.
Pari-mutuel tax.....	192,796.19	223,593.08	309,107.21	167,315.48	178,029.82	Total increase.
Grants to hospitals.....	364,226.75	553,016.22	568,197.71	620,974.48	826,412.81	241%
Grants to Refuge Homes and Aid Societies.....	5,000.00	4,660.00	9,900.00	8,950.00	6,450.00	62% decrease.
Grants to cities.....	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	19% decrease.
Grants to Tourist Associations.....	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grants to unemployment relief.....	42,025.48	.....	144,141.33	8,321.76	.....	.....
Roads in municipalities.....	131,550.88	70,205.42	.....	2,906.80	.....	.....
Proportion of liquor profits to hospitals.....	178,152.80	171,440.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Proportion of liquor profits to municipalities.....	927,227.77	1,009,836.14	806,895.85	809,030.00	915,893.45	Total increase.
Agricultural education.....	.....	.....	.....	4,722.43	5,165.12	Total increase.
	\$3,917,171.51	\$4,143,551.49	\$4,036,613.21	\$3,900,329.58	\$4,445,106.25	254%

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

With reference to questions answered on February 7th instant (as recorded on page 7 of the Votes and Proceedings):—

1. How many advertisements authorized by the Government were published in "Canada," London, during the years 1926 and 1927?
2. On what dates of issue respectively?
3. What space was occupied by such advertisements respectively?
4. What rate was charged?
5. What circulation is claimed by such "Canada"?
6. By whom was "copy" for such advertisements prepared, and by whom were such advertisements authorized?

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

"1. (a) 14; (b) 12.

"2 and 3. (a.) 1926: April 30th; May 29th; June 26th; July 31st; August —; September —; October —; November 13th; November 27th; December —. 1927: January —; February —; May 28th; June —. One-quarter page each. (b.) 1927: July 9th, ½ page; July 16th, ½ page; July 23rd, ¼ page; July 30th, ¼ page; August 6th, 1 page; August 13th, ¼ page; August 20th, ½ page; September 3rd, ½ page; November 26th and December 3rd, voucher copies not yet received; December 10th, ½ page; December 17th, ¼ page.

"4. (a) £5 each; (b) \$28 each.

"5. Information not available.

"6. (a) Agent-General; (b) Bureau of Provincial Information."

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

1. Was a survey involving a new location of the Allenby-Copper Mountain Road, in the Similkameen Riding, made during the year 1927?
2. If so, by whom; and what is the estimated cost of reconstructing this road according to the Engineer's figures and plans?
3. What mileage is included in such survey?
4. What width of road is provided for?
5. Is it the intention of the Department to proceed with this work during the year 1928?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. R. A. Barton, under supervision of District Engineer; estimated cost, \$44,000.

"3. 5.5 miles.

"4. 12 feet, with passing-points where necessary.

"5. Now under consideration."

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

1. On what date did the Government officially take over the road connecting Coalmont and Blakeburn, in the Similkameen Riding?
2. What sum of money was expended on this road during the year 1927?
3. Was a survey involving a new location of the Coalmont-Blakeburn Road made during the year 1927?
4. If so, by whom; and what is the estimated cost of reconstructing the above road and what mileage does it include?
5. What width of road is provided for in such estimates?
6. Is it the intention of the Department to proceed with this work during the year 1928?

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

"1. Prior to 1916. (Records do not show date or whether whole road or only a portion was included originally.)

"2. \$784.24 (includes cost of survey, \$167.10).

"3. Yes; a reconnaissance survey.

"4. R. A. Barton; estimated cost of reconstruction and new construction is \$22,500 for approximately 4 miles.

"5. 12 feet, with passing-points where necessary.

"6. Matter now under consideration."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What is the proposed expenditure for roads, streets, and trails in the various electoral ridings for the years 1928 and 1929?

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

“The usual Return will be submitted in due course.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Friday, February 17th, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1921’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Aid Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trust Companies Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Milk Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Courts Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Perry* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 16th, 1928.

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 with amendments.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to perpetuate certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in said City."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. What is the cost of the Golden-Yoho Park Road from the day of its commencement to December 31st, 1927, between the points of Golden and Leancoil?

2. What is the total mileage of this portion of the road?

3. What is the total cost of the preliminary survey or resurvey of this portion of the road?

4. What was the total cost of the final survey of this portion of the road?

5. What portion of this road was let out on contract? Who were the contractors? What were their bids? What was the mileage of each contract and what was the final cost of each contract?

6. What were the names of the sub-contractors (if any) employed on such contract?

7. What was the mileage allotted to each sub-contractor? What was the amount paid?

8. Were any contracts let for bridges on any portion of this road? If so, what bridges? What was the contract price (if any) and what was the final total amount paid to each contractor?

9. What bridges (if any) on said road were built under Government supervision and what was the cost of each?

10. What is the total cost of Government supervision, including Resident Engineer and assistants (if any), on this road during construction of this road?

11. What are the names of the Government Engineer and assistants employed thereon (if any)? What wages and expenses were allowed to each?

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

" 1. \$380,326.44.

" 2. 17.02 miles.

" 3. \$757.30.

" 4. \$7,478.81.

" 5. Grading of the whole road was let out by contract. One bridge (Mount Hunter) and some surfacing were not done by contract. Contractor, bids, mileage, and final cost as follows:—

W. P. Tierney, \$14,075.51; 0-2; \$14,039.05.

W. P. Tierney, \$55,998.30; 2-4.25; \$54,079.97.

F. J. Dawson, \$62,362.31; 4.25-6.33; \$66,739.65.

M. P. Cotton & Co., \$62,276.50; 6.33-9.5; \$59,706.

Dawson, Wade & Co., \$78,859.20; 9.5-17.02; \$78,797.77.

Dawson, Wade & Co., \$2,975; 2-4.25; \$2,975.

Dawson, Wade & Co., \$18,215; 2-9.5; \$18,215.

" 6. No information.

" 7. Answered by No. 6.

" 8. Yes; two large bridges, both over Kicking Horse River and Canadian Pacific Railway, also some small structures included in road contracts at unit prices. Contract price for the two large bridges, \$13,276.04; final total amount paid, \$15,476.44.

" 9. All bridges built under Government supervision. Following bridges built by contract: Yoho Bridge, cost \$14,204.04; Park Bridge, cost \$15,191.07; Hardy Bridge, cost \$1,430.30; Fire Bridge, cost \$701.74. One bridge (Mount Hunter) built by day-labour, cost \$4,385.27.

" 10. \$31,348.35.

" 11. District Engineer, J. C. Brady; Assistant District Engineer, G. C. Tassie, to March, 1925; Assistant District Engineer, H. W. Stevens, to completion. (Above, having general supervision, wages and expenses not allocated to any one particular work.) Resident Engineers: Duncan McMillan, wages and expenses, \$910.75, preliminary survey; H. C. Whitaker, wages and expenses, \$2,690.79, final location; H. W. Stevens, wages and expenses, \$1,321.15, Tierney contract; G. B. Whitehead, wages and expenses, \$4,756.92, Cotton and Dawson-Wade contracts. Bridge Inspector: Dan Sutherland, wages and expenses, \$837.65, bridge contracts."

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

1. What rate of wages was paid per day in 1927 to (a) labourers, (b) cooks, and (c) teamsters engaged in road-works and road camps in the Electoral Districts of Cranbrook, Skeena, and Atlin?

2. What deductions were made from such wages per day for board (if any)?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Cranbrook District: Labourers, cooks, and teamsters, \$3.75 per day. All men in camp pay board accounts *pro rata*, including cook. Department pays cooks' wages. Average cost is 30 cents per meal; large gangs, 25 cents per meal. Atlin District, Nass River: Labourers and cooks, \$4.50; teamsters, \$5. North Atlin District: Labourers, cooks, and teamsters, \$6. Skeena District: Labourers, cooks, and teamsters, \$3.75. Board deductions vary from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day, according to locality of work."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the estimated value of all road machinery in each of the following electoral ridings: Yale, Grand Forks-Greenwood, North Okanagan, South Okanagan, and Similkameen?

2. What road machinery was purchased for use in each of the above-mentioned ridings during the year 1927, with details?

3. What was the total cost in each riding in 1927?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. See latest available returns, pages 48 and 49 of Report of Minister of Public Works for the year 1926-27.

"2 and 3. Yale District: 2 revolving scrapers, 2 railroad-ploughs, 1 power-grader, 1 No. 8 road-grader, 1 Byers truckcrane, 2 5-ton Holt tractors, 2 Federal trucks, 4 Ford trucks, 1 2½-ton White truck; total cost, \$41,112.28. Grand Forks-Greenwood District: 1 2-ton tractor; cost \$2,235. North Okanagan District: 1 caterpillar power-grader, 1 5-ton Holt tractor, 1 crawler traction for power-grader, 1 Chevrolet truck, 1 International truck; total cost, \$13,148.25. South Okanagan District: 1 caterpillar power-grader, 1 5-ton Holt tractor, 1 Federal truck, 1 hoist; total cost, \$12,919. Similkameen District: 1 2-ton Cletrac, 3 Chevrolet trucks, 1 caterpillar power-grader; total cost, \$10,390."

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

1. Was one J. B. McKenzie general road foreman for Revelstoke District in 1924?

2. Is he so employed now?

3. If not, was he discharged, and why?

4. Is he now or has he since been in the employ of the Government?

5. If so, where and in what capacity?

6. What salary is he or was he paid?

7. Was one H. McKinnon appointed to take his place?

8. If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed?

9. Is he a civil engineer?

10. If not, what experience (if any) had he for the position?

11. What salary is he being paid per month?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. No.

"4. Transferred to Cariboo Highway, Toll Section.

"5. General foreman.

"6. \$180 per month.

"7. Yes.

"8. Appointment made having regard to his general ability, knowledge of the district, and personal character.

"9. No; position does not require appointee to be a registered professional civil engineer.

"10. See answer to No. 8.

"11. \$225."

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

1. What was the total sum received by the School Board of the Municipality of Richmond for school purposes in 1927?
2. What was the allocation of this sum?
3. How many Japanese children attended school in Richmond during 1927?
4. Was any special grant given to Richmond to help educate the Japanese children?

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

"1. \$38,682.75.

"2. Grants for teachers' salaries, \$20,272.40; school buildings, \$16,047.52; conveying children to school, \$2,362.83.

"3. 414.

"4. In view of the special school problem that the School Board had to meet in Richmond Municipality the Department made a grant to the Board of 50 per cent. of the cost of the new high-school building instead of the usual one-third."

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 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 20th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electrical Energy Inspection Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, the following motion was withdrawn:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill be submitted to the House at this Session of the Legislature providing for the amendment of the "Provincial Elections Act," so as: (a) To do away entirely with absentee voters' ballots and votes; (b) to allow any elector to vote at any polling division within the riding upon whose list of voters his name appears; (c) to make provision for the taking of an advanced poll for certain classes of voters and under proper restrictions.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What is the total amount expended upon the Cariboo Road since reconstruction was first started by this Government, including costs of surveys?
2. Is the road completed to Spences Bridge?
3. If not, when will it be completed and open for traffic?
4. What is the estimated cost of completion?

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

- "1. From 1924 to date, road inclusive of surveys, \$2,133,671.22; major bridges, \$180,553.69; surfacing, \$68,680.
- "2. No.
- "3. September 1st, 1928.
- "4. Estimated, \$315,000."

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

1. How many miles of the Cariboo Highway have been graded from Lytton eastward?
2. How many miles have been surfaced and completed?
3. How many miles of the Cariboo Highway have been graded from Spences Bridge westward?
4. How many miles have been surfaced and completed?
5. What has been the total cost of the work referred to in the above four questions as at January 31st, 1928?
6. How many miles of the Cariboo Road remain to be completed between Lytton and Spences Bridge?
7. What is the estimated cost to complete this work?
8. What is the total sum of money expended on survey and engineering-work on the road between Lytton and Spences Bridge since January 1st, 1920, up to December 31st, 1927?

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

- "1. Section, Lytton to Spences Bridge: From Lytton eastward approximately 9 miles graded and from Spences Bridge westward approximately 7 miles graded.
- "2. None.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. None.
- "5. Approximately \$430,000; final estimates not receivable until completion of work.
- "6. Approximately 8 miles.
- "7. \$315,000.
- "8. \$42,585.74 for supervision of Resident Engineer's parties in field. On revisions and final locations, exclusive of preliminary survey and railway crossings in 1919-20, approximately \$5,000."

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

1. What was the Department's estimate for the work known as the Tilton Creek Diversion on the Cariboo Highway?
2. How many yards of material was included in such estimate?
3. What was the nature of material?
4. What time was required by contractor to complete work?
5. What distance, approximately, did material have to be moved to make the fill?
6. Did the contractor sublet any portion of the work? If so, how much, and what price per yard was paid sub-contractors?
7. Did Department grant permission, either verbal or written, to contractor to sublet work?

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

- "1. \$29,024.85, exclusive of contingencies, etc.
- "2. 34,447 cubic yards classified material and 100 cubic yards dry-stone wall.
- "3. Classified materials; solid rock, loose rock, hard-pan, and earth.
- "4. May 1st, 1925, to November 15th, 1925.
- "5. To the east fill, distance of 1,550 feet; to the west fill, distance of 1,150 feet.
- "6. No information.
- "7. No."

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

1. What sum of money was expended during the year 1927 clearing rocks and slides off the Cariboo Highway between Hope and Lytton?
2. What sum of money was expended during the year 1927 on that portion of the Cariboo Highway known as Jackass Mountain?
3. What is the total sum of money expended for all purposes on the Cariboo Highway between Hope and Lytton as at December 31st, 1927?

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

- " 1. \$23,733.
 " 2. \$27,996.
 " 3. \$2,030,889.35."

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

1. What is the cost entailed in the construction of the Agassiz-Rosedale ferry-boat used as a ferry in the years 1926 and 1927?
2. What were the operating expenses: (a) For the year 1926; (b) for the year 1927?
3. What was the amount of receipts from tolls: (a) For the year 1926; (b) for the year 1927?
4. What was the number of farm-wagons other than motor-trucks using the ferry in 1927?

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

- " 1. Original cost of construction, \$28,475.
 " 2 and 3. Agassiz-Rosedale Ferry, Profit and Loss Statement, as follows:—

	Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1926.	Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1927.
Receipts	\$3,091.15	\$5,325.90
Operating expenses—		
Wages	\$6,049.03	\$8,891.65
Fuel	1,875.19	5,323.09
Overhaul, engines and hull	1,953.62	3,352.88
Miscellaneous supplies	545.36	623.79
Sundry expenses	279.73	376.17
Relief ferry	562.50	942.50
Repairs to landings	3,770.66	796.61
Allowance for depreciation	6,000.00	6,000.00
Financial expense—		
Interest at 5 per cent. on capital investment of \$28,475	1,423.75	1,423.75
Deficit	19,368.69	22,404.54
	<u>\$22,459.84</u>	<u>\$27,730.44</u>
	\$22,459.84	\$27,730.44

" 4. 194."

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

1. How many Government Liquor Stores are there now in the Province?
2. Is this an increase or decrease over last year?
3. If increase, in what place and on what demand?
4. Has the sale of liquor increased or decreased under Government sale as compared with sales under prohibition?
5. How does the sale of liquor last year through the Government Liquor Stores compare with the sale for the last full year of prohibition?

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

- " 1. Seventy.
 " 2. Decrease, Sidney and Alice Arm Stores not presently being in operation.
 " 3. Answered by No. 2.
 " 4. See Reports of Prohibition Commissioner and Reports of Liquor Control Board.
 " 5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Is the Government bridge crossing the Shuswap River at Mara safe for general traffic?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to build a new bridge at this point this year?

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

- “1. Yes, except for extraordinary traffic.
- “2. Yes.”

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

1. Is the freight-rates case of the Province of British Columbia still being pressed?
2. If yes, who is acting as counsel for the Province?
3. What steps are now being taken?

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

- “1. Notice of appeal has been lodged from decision of the Railway Board, but decision as to whether appeal will be proceeded with has not yet been made.
- “2. Counsel for Province is not retained at present pending decision as to course to pursue.
- “3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.”

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

1. How many acres of land have reverted to the Government for non-payment of irrigation-taxes in the various water districts under the Conservation Fund?
2. What is the value of these reverted lands?
3. Has any acreage been resold? If so, how much?
4. What sum of money (if any) has been paid to the Government?

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

- “1. *Nil*. It is understood that certain areas have reverted to the districts. They have not yet been conveyed to the Crown and no list is available.
- “2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What number of ties have been purchased for the section of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between Quesnel and Prince George?
2. In what year were these purchased?
3. What was the cost per tie?
4. Have they been all delivered, accepted, and paid for?
5. What number have been laid in track and what disposition has been made of the balance?
6. What number of feet, board measure, of timber was purchased for bridges and trestles for this same section?
7. In what year was it delivered?
8. What portion of this total amount of timber has been actually used in erecting trestles and bridges?
9. What disposition has been made of the balance?
10. What was the total cost of this timber delivered on site?

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

- “1. The Northern Construction Company was given the contract covering the whole of the line under construction. It is impossible to state the number purchased for any one section.
- “2. Not possible to segregate date of purchase for any one section.
- “3. Various prices, 55 cents, 60 cents, and 70 cents.
- “4. Yes.
- “5. 106,500 laid in track. Small quantities sold at different times to settlers. Balance still on ground.
- “6. Answer to No. 1 applies.
- “7. Answered by No. 2.
- “8. 2,500,000 F.B.M.
- “9. Bridge-timber still on ground, with exception of a small quantity sold to Department of Public Works.
- “10. Cost \$45 per M.”

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

Referring to the answers to questions *re* British Columbia Indian reserves appearing in No. 17 of the Votes and Proceedings, pages 2 and 3:—

1. By whom were the findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, 1913-16, reviewed and varied?

2. By what authority?

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

"1. Reported upon by W. E. Ditchburn for the Dominion Government and Major J. W. Clark for the Provincial Government, and varied by Orders in Council.

"2. 'Indian Affairs Settlement Act,' being chapter 32 of the Statutes for British Columbia for 1919."

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

1. Did the Government use the road running through the town of Lytton as part of the Cariboo Highway?

2. If not, was a road constructed in a new location? If so, why, and what was the cost thereof?

3. What sum of money was expended on the main street of Lytton during the year 1927?

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

"1. Yes. This is a public highway and will continue as such.

"2. See answer to question No. 1. The road referred to does not replace that set out in question 1.

"3. \$848.83."

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

1. What amount of money was spent by the Government on (a) roads and (b) bridges in the Mara District, dated from December 1st, 1926, to December 1st, 1927?

2. Give names of all employees, together with dates and amounts paid to each?

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

"1 and 2. Unable to answer these questions unless 'Mara District' boundaries are defined, as classification of expenditures are kept according to electoral district boundaries."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21st, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Sixth Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

Report of the Public Library Commission for the Fifteen Months ended December 31st, 1927.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Dr. *Wrinch* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 21st, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

That we have heard various delegations, also the Committee of Control, regarding amendments to the "Produce Marketing Act."

Your Committee, after considering all amendments submitted, recommends there be incorporated into the "Produce Marketing Act" various amendments as per copy attached to this report.

Re extension of the operation of the "Produce Marketing Act," the following resolution was passed:—

That this Committee recommends that the boundaries of the district in which the Interior Tree-fruit and Vegetable Committee now operates under the "Produce Marketing Act" be enlarged so as to embrace the whole mainland of the Province at a point south of the 53rd parallel of latitude, but for the purpose only of controlling the marketing of vegetables.

And that such Committee shall have power to delegate to a local committee such of its own powers as may be thought advisable for the purpose of controlling the marketing of vegetables grown in any district desiring to have a local committee, provided that the actions of the local committee shall be subject to approval of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. WRINCH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. What was the total production in the basic industries of the Province in the year 1916?
2. What was the production in 1925?
3. What was the production in 1926?
4. What was the percentage of increase in 1926 over 1916 (if any)?

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

"1. \$124,539,897.

"2. \$231,006,988.

"3. \$250,720,160.

"4. 101.3 per cent."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many industrial firms were carrying on business in the Province in 1917?
2. How many in 1923?
3. How many in 1927?

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

- "1. 4,002.
- "2. 6,524.
- "3. 8,243."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

What was the amount of the industrial pay-roll of the Province of British Columbia (exclusive of agricultural, professional, and office pay-roll) in each of the years 1917, 1920, 1923, 1926, and 1927?

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

"1917, \$78,000,000; 1920, \$124,000,000; 1923, \$148,000,000; 1926, \$175,000,000; 1927, statistics not yet available."

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

What were the total sums collected in the Cranbrook District from: (a) Mines; (b) Liquor Store; (c) automobile licences; (d) hunting licences?

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

"Revenue collections are not segregated as to electoral divisions, and to endeavour to do so would entail a tremendous amount of work, as one assessment district sometimes covers several police, electoral, mining, and land districts."

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

1. What amount of income-tax was collected from Vancouver Assessment District for the year ending March 31st, 1927?
2. What amount was collected in the City of Vancouver for the gasoline-tax for the year ending March 31st, 1927?
3. What amount was collected from Vancouver Assessment District under the gross-turnover tax for the year ending March 31st, 1927?

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

"1 to 3. These receipts are not segregated as to cities and districts and collections in Vancouver include companies operating throughout the Province whose head offices are in Vancouver."

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

1. How many wooden bridges and culverts have been constructed on Cariboo Highway between Hope and Lytton?
2. How many feet of timber, board measure, was used in constructing said bridges and culverts?
3. How many feet of timber, board measure, was used in constructing crib-work on said road?
4. How many lineal feet of round timber was used in constructing crib-work on said road?
5. What is the total estimated cost of all timber used in construction of said bridges, culverts, and crib-work?
6. What is the total estimated cost of labour in constructing said bridges, culverts, and crib-work?

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

- "1. 45 bridges, 12 culverts.
- "2. 1,900,000 F.B.M., estimated.
- "3. 179,032 F.B.M., estimated.
- "4. 87,600 lineal feet, estimated.
- "5. \$106,600, estimated.
- "6. \$100,200, estimated."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 1928.

QUARTER-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:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 22nd, 1928.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend Bill as follows:—

Strike out section 2 of said Bill, and substitute the following:—

"2. The 'Provincial Parks Act,' being chapter 189 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924,' is amended by inserting therein the following section:—

"19A. Where any area of lands has been reserved for a Provincial park under this Act, and where no Provincial Park Board has been appointed for the management thereof, or where the appointments to the Board having the management thereof have lapsed or have been cancelled by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may exercise in respect of that park any or all of the powers given to a Provincial Park Board under this Act, and may in addition make regulations:—

"(a.) For the lease for any term of years of such parcels of land in the park as he deems advisable in the public interests, for public purposes, for the construction of buildings for ordinary habitation, for purposes of trade and industry, and for the accommodation of persons resorting to the park: Provided that such regulations shall remain in force until the day immediately succeeding the day of prorogation of the session of the Legislature next after the date of such regulation, and no longer, unless during that session such regulations are approved by resolution of the Legislature."

Add to said Bill the following section:—

"3. The reserve of lands for the Provincial park known as Mount Assiniboine Park, made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by Order approved the sixth day of February, 1922, is hereby cancelled."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Report adopted.

Amendments introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

1. Has any work been done or survey made, whether preliminary or otherwise, towards the construction of a road between the new power-station now being erected at Bridge River and Seton Lake?

2. If so, what is the extent thereof?

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

"1 and 2. No."

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

1. What public appointments have been made by your Department in the Constituency of North Vancouver since January, 1927?

2. How many such appointees have been returned soldiers?

3. Give names of such returned soldiers?

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

"1. George H. Ward, Bowen Island (Provincial Constable without salary until February 1st, 1928); Roy Agler Sargent, Police Magistrate, Small Debts Magistrate, and Judge of the Juvenile Court, District of North Vancouver; Donald George Tate, J.P., North Vancouver.

"2. No official information.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What convictions (if any) were obtained at Bella Coola in the years 1926 and 1927 on charges of shooting moose or being in possession of moose-meat?

2. If any, who were so convicted?

3. Was a fine imposed in any such cases?

4. If so, how much?

5. Was such fine paid?

6. If so, what amount was paid?

7. If not paid, give reasons for non-payment and authority?

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

"1. 1926, one; possession of moose-meat during close season.

"2. John Wesley Hober.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$250.

"5. Original fine of \$250 was reduced by Order in Council No. 28, approved on January 14th, 1927, to \$25. Fine of \$25 was paid to the Government Agent, Prince Rupert, B.C., on January 28th, 1927. Under Order in Council No. 151, approved February 14th, 1927, the whole fine of \$250 was remitted and Order in Council No. 28 rescinded.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. What public appointments have been made by your Department in the Constituency of North Vancouver since January, 1927?

2. How many such appointees have been returned soldiers?

3. Give names of such returned soldiers?

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

"1. None.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

Have any arrangements been entered into between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Alberta *re* the proposed new road through Crowsnest; and, if so, what are the arrangements?

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

“This matter is now under consideration.”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to pave the West Saanich Road to the Mill Bay Ferry-slip at Verdier Avenue?

2. What steps have been taken in this connection?

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

“1 and 2. Under control of municipality.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Thursday, February 23rd, 1928.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Annual Report of the King's Printer, together with the Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1927.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

With the leave of the House, Mr. *Lyons* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

Whereas in addition to quotations from other documents the following letter was read in this House in the course of the debate by Mr. Pooley:—

“LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

“VICTORIA, B.C., 12th November, 1924.

“F. J. C. King, Esq.,

Hollyburn Post-office, West Vancouver, B.C.

“DEAR MR. KING,—Since coming to Victoria I have made some inquiries in connection with your case. It turns out to be a purely administrative matter and one coming within the jurisdiction of the North Vancouver Constituency. According to the rules amongst ourselves I cannot interfere. I would only be justified in doing so if a matter of principle were at stake. I am afraid that nothing can be done in your behalf, unless you can prevail upon Mr. Bryan to reconsider his recommendation. It is an accepted principle that each member knows more about the internal affairs of his own constituency than any one else can hope to know, and consequently we in Vancouver must defer to Mr. Bryan in this action.

“Yours sincerely,

“VICTOR W. ODLUM.

“Mr. Bryan tells me that he will not oppose you anywhere else but that he cannot support you in North Vancouver.”

And whereas it would appear from the said letter and documents that certain members of this Legislature who are supporters of the Government have used their influence in regard to dismissals from or appointments to the Provincial Police Force:

And whereas it is essential for the impartial administration of justice that the Provincial Police Force should be absolutely free from political influence of every kind:

Therefore be it Resolved, That all the words of the original Resolution after the word "That" be deleted, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof: "this Legislature regrets that the administration of the Provincial Police Force has not been kept entirely free from political influence."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Munn</i>			

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Davie</i>
<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Perry</i>

Debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,710,078.94 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1929.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Dr. *Wrinch*, the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture was adopted.

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 Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*—Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hair-dressers of British Columbia."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electrical Energy Inspection Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Lands purchase during the year 1927?
2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased, from whom was each purchased, and where is such firm doing business?
3. What price was paid for each?
4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Department of Lands as at December 31st, 1927?
5. How many gas- or oil-burning boats or launches are in possession of the Department of Lands as at December 31st, 1927?
6. What is the total estimated value of such boats and launches?

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

- "1. Forty-one motor-cars, thirty-three of which were replacements, and two light trucks.
- "2. One Dodge, three Stars, fourteen Chevrolets, twenty-three Fords, one Ford truck, and one Chevrolet truck; bought from local agents in each case.
- "3. Dodge, \$1,503; Stars, average price \$912; Chevrolet cars, average price \$848; Ford cars, average price \$658.
- "4. 105.
- "5. Thirty-nine.
- "6. \$110,847, approximately."

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

1. What is the total sum of money expended for land surveys since January 1st, 1917, up to December 31st, 1927?
2. What is the total sum of money expended on photo-topographical surveys since January 1st, 1917, up to December 31st, 1927?
3. What is the total sum of money expended on water surveys since January 1st, 1917, up to December 31st, 1927?

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

- "1. \$1,390,727.43.
- "2. \$272,656.47.
- "3. \$240,434.72."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.