

Tuesday, March 15th, 1949.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *G. L. Gillard*.

Mr. *Stevenson* presented a Report of the Special Committee, appointed on the 21st day of February, 1949, to look into certain matters relative to the John Hart Highway.

On the motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the said report be received and read and that the same be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.

The following report was received and read accordingly:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 15th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

On February 21st, 1949, the Legislature, on the motion of the Hon. *E. C. Carson*, seconded by the Hon. *G. S. Wismer*, established a Special Committee of the Legislature to inquire into and report upon the following matters:—

- (1) The awarding of the contracts for Sections A, B, C, and D of the John Hart Highway;
- (2) The claims that have been made upon the Government by the Companies who were awarded contracts for the above-mentioned sections of the road;
- (3) The circumstances under which Campbell Construction Company, Limited, discontinued the work upon Section A of the said highway.

An organizational meeting of the Committee was held and Mr. *L. F. Stevenson*, M.L.A., was elected Chairman; Mr. *T. King*, M.L.A., Secretary; and a plan of procedure adopted.

The Department of Public Works, through the Chief Engineer, Mr. Anderson, presented to the Committee a complete narrative report on the John Hart Highway relative to Sections A, B, C, and D. The Contractors submitted a complete and comprehensive report on their claims against the Department of Public Works of the Province of British Columbia.

For the information of the Legislature the Committee desires to outline in this report full information relative to the calling of tenders, the Department of Public Works' estimate of costs, the Contractors' bids, and the awarding of contracts.

Tenders were called for the construction of Sections A and B on April 16th, 1945, and tenders closed on Sections A and B on June 27th, 1945.

Three tenders were received on Section A as follows:—

- (1) Campbell Construction Co., Limited, New Westminster, B.C., \$1,823,555.
- (2) General Construction Company and Dawson Wade Company (jointly), \$1,897,506.50.
- (3) W. C. Arnett & Company, Vancouver, B.C., \$2,275,626.

The Department's estimate for the same units tendered upon by the Contractors was \$2,431,104, to which figure the sum of \$163,582 had to be added to all tenders to cover cost of materials to be supplied by the Government.

On Section B, five tenders were received as follows:—

- (1) Fred Mannix & Company, Calgary, Alberta, \$1,308,940.
- (2) Emil Anderson, Fort William, Ontario, \$1,604,046.
- (3) General Construction Company and Dawson, Wade Company (jointly), \$1,945,762.
- (4) Western Construction and Lumber Company and New Westminster Construction Company (jointly), \$2,137,080.
- (5) W. C. Arnett & Company, Vancouver, B.C., \$2,383,120.

The Department's estimate, based on the same units tendered upon by the Contractors, was \$1,888,921, to which the sum of \$28,295 had to be added to cover the cost of materials to be supplied by the Government.

The Provincial Highway Board examined all tenders and inquired into the financial position and record of performance of all Companies and recommended that the lowest tender be accepted in each case, namely, Section A, Campbell Construction Company, and Section B, Fred Mannix & Company, Limited.

The Companies were advised of the acceptance of their tenders on June 28th, 1945.

Before the tenders were accepted and contracts signed, the Chief Engineer pointed out to both Contractors that their prices, under existing conditions, appeared to be much too low, and he also inquired as to whether they were fully conversant with the specifications and contract agreement. He also asked if they had examined the work and were familiar with conditions. They assured Mr. Carruthers that they had examined the work and were familiar with conditions.

The Fred Mannix Company deposited with the Government the sum of \$196,500 as a guarantee for the performance of their contract.

The Campbell Construction Company deposited with the Government the sum of \$273,500 as a guarantee for the performance of their contract.

Work was commenced promptly by both Contractors.

On July 6th, 1945, Fred Mannix & Company and the Campbell Construction Company, Limited, jointly advised the Honourable Minister of Public Works that they had decided to carry out construction of Sections A and B under a joint operation.

There was no objection to this arrangement on the Government's part, but the operation was not recognized by the Department of Public Works as a joint contract.

Tenders for the Prince George–Summit Lake Section, known as Section C, were called on October 8th, 1945, returnable on October 29th, 1945, and four tenders were received as follows:—

- (1) Campbell Construction Company and Fred Mannix Company (jointly), \$418,085.50.
- (2) Dawson, Wade & Company, Limited, \$425,032.76.
- (3) General Construction Company, Limited, \$427,100.
- (4) W. C. Arnett & Company, Limited, \$437,047.

The Department's estimate, based on the same units tendered upon by the Contractors, amounted to \$483,379.

The sum of \$166,500 was required to be added to all tenders for materials to be purchased by the Government and engineering, and estimated cost of gravel haul (\$100,000).

Tenders for the East Pine–Progress Section, known as Section D, were called on October 17th, 1945, returnable on October 31st, 1945. Three tenders were received as follows:—

- (1) Campbell Construction Company and Fred Mannix Company (jointly), \$174,173.50.
- (2) Dawson, Wade & Company, Limited, \$181,740.20.

(3) General Construction Company, Limited, \$183,711.60.

The Department's estimate for the same units tendered upon by the Contractors amounted to \$234,037.70, to which had to be added the sum of \$20,600 for the purchase of materials to be supplied by the Government. These figures make no provision for engineering and contingencies.

This contract did not provide for gravelling, as the source of gravel supply was not definitely known at the time tenders were called. Later on, when pits were designated, a unit price was obtained from the Contractor which was accepted and added to the schedule of prices. The current Departmental rates for haul being paid at that time were also added to the schedule of prices. The final cost of gravel (\$140,924.25) and haul (\$78,086.05) was \$219,010.30.

The contracts for Sections C and D were, on the recommendation of the Highway Board to the Minister, awarded to the lowest tender in each case, namely, the Campbell-Mannix Companies for both Sections C and D.

Both these sections have been completed in accordance with the terms of the contract agreement and the final estimates paid and guarantee deposit and retention moneys refunded to the Contractors.

The Contractors made a submission to the Committee to the effect that in their work on Sections A, B, C, and D they had expended the sum of \$8,113,036.84 and that their revenue was \$5,042,576.62. The Contractors submitted a signed statement by the chartered accountants, Riddell, Stead, Graham and Hutchison, to the following effect:—

“Under date of February 8th, 1949, we reported on our examination of the Joint Venture books and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1948, and attached thereto as part of such report a Statement of Operations on the Peace River Highway Project showing an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$3,070,460.22 for the period June 30th, 1945, to December 31st, 1948.”

In addition, we have reviewed the Statements of Revenue and Expenditures drawn up to reflect by Sections the result of Project operations to December 31st, 1948, as summarized hereunder:—

| | Section A. | Section B. | Section C. | Section D. | Total. |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Expenditures..... | \$2,226,455.53 | \$4,375,258.40 | \$1,139,379.48 | \$371,943.43 | \$8,113,036.84 |
| Revenue..... | 1,011,338.00 | 2,779,052.46 | 787,754.81 | 464,481.35 | 5,042,576.62 |
| Excess of expenditures over revenue to December 31st, 1948..... | \$1,215,117.53 | \$1,596,205.94 | \$351,624.67 | \$92,487.92* | \$3,070,460.22 |

* The sum of \$92,487.92 on Section D indicates a surplus of revenue over expenditure.

The Committee made an exhaustive examination of all matters relating to the John Hart Highway and were supplied with the fullest information by both the Department of Public Works, the Department of the Attorney-General, and the Contractors. Whenever the Committee was in doubt or questioned a submission of the Contractors, they called in Mr. Mannix and his accountant and received a full and satisfactory answer to all questions.

It was established that Sections C and D had been completed to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and that a “Certificate of Completion” had been issued and the funds in the form of a deposit and hold-backs had been restored to the Contractor. The Committee concludes that notwithstanding that the sums of the Contractors disclose expenditures over and above revenues amounting to \$259,136.75 that no consideration should be given to a claim for further monetary payment.

The Committee next gave consideration to Section A. This contract covered approximately 94 miles of construction. The Committee does not question the fact

that the Contractor lost a great deal of money, but the contract was not completed. The Department of Public Works estimates that the equivalent of 40 of the 94 miles were completed when the Contractors ceased operations. In view of the fact that the Contractor did not complete the work contracted for, it was the opinion of the Committee that consideration could not justly be given to the losses of the Contractor. Consideration was given, however, to the retentions and hold-backs by the Department of Public Works which they were entitled to hold but which, in fact, can be considered as Contractors' money.

The Contractors submitted a statement claiming that the Department of Public Works was withholding payment of Contractors' money to the amount of \$727,678.38. The Committee carefully reviewed the Contractors' claim and could not agree with this figure. A careful study was made of the entire situation, concluding with what the Committee maintain to be a just and reasonable conclusion on this matter. In view of all circumstances, the Committee is of the opinion that on Section A the contracting company is entitled to a return of \$515,042.30. The Committee's contention is based upon the following breakdown:—

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| Allowance for camp buildings..... | \$25,000.00 |
| Supplies and equipment at inventory value..... | 76,208.10 |
| Credit for tote road, Mile 20 to Mile 68, 48 miles at \$1,000 | 48,000.00 |
| Credit for tote road from Azouzetta Lake to Parsnip River, 26 miles at \$1,000..... | 26,000.00 |
| Guarantee deposit refund..... | 198,500.00 |
| Retention refund..... | 80,705.52 |
| Judge's award on retention held..... | 8,003.88 |
| Progress estimate No. 22 held..... | 41,619.46 |
| Judge's award on estimate No. 22..... | 11,005.34 |
| | \$515,042.30 |

From the foregoing it will be seen that the only other section requiring consideration was B of the John Hart Highway contracts. On this section the Committee felt that some consideration should be given. In the Contractors' presentation they maintained that the conditions found on the job were not as had been anticipated by either themselves or the Department of Public Works and that the classifications and quantities were not such as had been anticipated, necessitating alterations in construction procedure and the type of equipment used. Moreover, that unusually bad weather, which could not have been foreseen, added to costs, and that owing to the length of time required to complete the contract, due to circumstances over which the Contractors had no control, costs spiralled to an amazing extent. The Contractors pointed out that they could not have foreseen what actually occurred. The correctness of this view was confirmed by the Department of Public Works in that there was such a marked difference between the quantities and classifications as originally estimated by the Department and that which was found to be the situation upon completion of the contract. Conditions were such that, upon the representation of the Contractors and investigation by the Department of Public Works engineer, it was necessary to establish an entirely new classification of materials required to be handled.

With the assistance of the Department of Public Works the Committee was able to obtain a breakdown showing the unit basis of work required to be done and upon which the contractor based his original bid and the final quantity and classifications which were encountered in the actual construction of Section B. This breakdown is as follows:—

| Description of Work. | Unit. | Contract Quantity. | Final Quantity. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Clearing | Acre | 575 | 835.7 |
| 2. Grubbing | Acre | 520 | 835.7 |
| 3. Grading— | | | |
| Class A | Cu. yds. | 1,290,000 | 1,439,205 |
| Class B | Cu. yds. | 110,200 | 419,508 |
| Class C | Cu. yds. | 244,900 | 589,320 |
| Class D | Cu. yds. | 297,000 | 433,532 |
| Class E | Cu. yds. | * | 115,621 |
| 4. Overhaul on grading | Cu. yd. mi. | 43,300 | 45,348 |
| 5. Foundation excavation— | | | |
| Class A | Cu. yds. | 2,000 | 6,890 |
| Class B | Cu. yds. | 200 | 946 |
| Class C | Cu. yds. | 200 | 1,991 |
| Class D | Cu. yds. | 100 | 1,167 |
| 6. Dry masonry wall | Cu. yds. | | |
| 7. Riprap— | | | |
| (a) Hand laid | Cu. yds. | 800 | 4,200 |
| (b) Random | Cu. yds. | | 7,267 |
| 8. Stone paving | | | |
| 9. Creosoted wood-stave pipe— | | | |
| (b) 24-inch | Lin. ft. | 5,300 | 8,392 |
| (c) 30-inch | Lin. ft. | 500 | 648 |
| (d) 36-inch | Lin. ft. | | 56 |
| 10. Timber bridges— | | | |
| Timber in place | M.F.B.M. | 376 | 448.628 |
| Iron in place | Lb. | 18,000 | 18,692 |
| Piling delivered | Lin. ft. | 9,900 | 19,411 |
| 11. Crushed gravel | Cu. yds. | 180,626 | 181,017 |
| 12. Select subgrade material | Cu. yds. | 44,000 | 85,861 |

* Price subsequently fixed.

In view of all circumstances which conclusively demonstrated that neither the Department of Public Works nor the Contractor could foresee, the Committee feel that consideration should be given to the Contractors' claim for an additional monetary recompense on this Section. Admitting that Contractor had been warned that in the estimation of the Department their unit price bid was low, had actual experience in the field been in accordance with quantities and classifications which both the Department and the Contractors thought that they were faced with, the job could have been completed with only a nominal loss to the Contractor, but as actual construction proved, as shown by the Contractors and verified by the Department of Public Works, exceedingly heavy over-runs it of necessity meant to the Contractor, who felt he was honour bound to complete his contract, a very heavy spiralling of loss.

The Committee therefore gave consideration to this factor and upon being assured by the Minister of Public Works and the Chief Engineer that construction of Section B was completed, the job well done, and that there was value in excess of the moneys paid by the Government, the Committee deemed it only just that consideration should be given to the Contractors' claim for work carried out in excess of original contract quantities.

The Committee concluded that the Contractor had signed a contract in which was set forth a unit price for which they would do work on the various classifications which can be encountered in road-construction. The Committee also took cognizance of the fact that additional moneys were paid to the Contractor as a result of the award made by Justice Sidney Smith under an empowering resolution of the Legislature. In this regard it must be noted that Justice Smith was not permitted to make any increase in the contract price over 30 per cent. Contractor on Section B stated that 30 per cent. was not sufficient to cover their increased costs. The Department of Public Works admitted the correctness of this statement and evidence was produced to the Committee that all the Contractors who were covered by the Smith Award also admitted the correctness of this contention. However, the Committee did not feel that they could consider any claim against the Government up to the time covering the work done and recompensed under the terms of the original contract and added to by the Smith Award.

The Committee did feel, however, that consideration should be given to the situation as it developed following the Smith Award and therefore on the basis of classifications and quantities supplied the Committee by the Department of Public Works were unanimous in their conclusion that the Contractors should be given consideration for the work carried out by them over and above the original contract quantities at unit prices considered fair and reasonable in 1947 by the Department of Public Works. This means that, in the view of the Committee, on Section B the Contractors should be paid an additional sum amounting to \$1,229,274.51 for all work in excess of the original contract quantities. The breakdown of the Committee's recommendation is as follows:—

| Description of Work. | Amount at Revised Rate. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Clearing | \$91,245.00 |
| 2. Grubbing | 110,495.00 |
| 3. Grading— | |
| Class A | 104,233.50 |
| Class B | 216,515.60 |
| Class C | 241,094.00 |
| Class D | 307,197.00 |
| Class E | 80,934.70 |
| 4. Overhaul on grading | 614.40 |
| 5. Foundation excavation— | |
| Class A | 6,846.00 |
| Class B | 1,044.40 |
| Class C | 2,507.40 |
| Class D | 4,801.50 |
| 6. Dry masonry wall | |
| 7. Riprap— | |
| (a) Hand laid | 15,300.00 |
| (b) Random | 7,267.00 |
| 8. Stone paving | |
| 9. Creosoted wood-stave pipe— | |
| (b) 24-inch | 4,019.60 |
| (c) 30-inch | 236.80 |
| (d) 36-inch | 89.60 |
| 10. Timber bridges— | |
| Timber in place | 8,715.36 |
| Iron in place | 138.40 |
| Piling delivered | 4,755.50 |

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 11. Crushed gravel | \$293.25 |
| 12. Select subgrade material | 20,930.50 |
| | \$1,229,274.51 |

Evidence was produced to the Committee by the Department of Public Works and the Department of the Attorney-General demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Committee that, in the event of no satisfactory conclusion being arrived at between the Government and the Contractors relative to the Contractors' claims for an adjustment in the contract price, it could well result in four or five years of litigation and a serious disruption of the two Departments. The legal costs to the Government would be exceptionally high and the intangible costs, due to the disruption of the two Departments, certainly not in the best interests of Government administration.

Evidence was produced to show that, in the view of the Department of the Attorney-General, the Government had a good case and were prepared to fight to the highest Courts if same were necessary. However, the Committee viewed the fact that in certain aspects the Committee felt that consideration should be given to the Contractors' claims and that it would be to the best interests of all not to have protracted litigation and the disruption of Government Departments. The Committee was of the opinion that a basis of settlement could be found, just to the Legislature as custodian of the taxpayers' money, responsible in seeing that a dollar's value is received for one dollar spent by the Government.

The Committee desires to express its appreciation of the great help given it by the Department of Public Works and the Department of the Attorney-General and to state its thanks to the Contractors for the completeness with which they made their submission and their co-operation in supplying any information and records requested by the Committee.

In conclusion, the Committee commends to the attention of the Legislature that the Contractors claim an expenditure over revenue of \$3,070,460.22. In support of their claim one Court case is pending and others are in the offing. The Committee does not recognize the validity of the Contractors' claim of loss but after exhaustive research and analysis do feel that the best interests of all concerned would be served by arriving at a just and reasonable settlement. The Committee therefore recommends to the Legislature the following proposals as a reasonable basis for settlement of the claims of the Contractors:—

- (1) That Sections C and D of the John Hart Highway have been completed, the Certificate of Completion granted, moneys paid and accepted, and that no revision should be made of the contracts of such Sections.
- (2) That on Section A no consideration should be given to any additional payment to the Contractors on behalf of work done but that the sum of \$515,042.30 of retaining moneys and value of supplies seized by the Government should be paid.
- (3) That on Section B of the John Hart Highway the Contractors should be paid an additional \$1,229,274.51 for work performed over and above the original contract quantities at unit prices considered by the Department of Public Works to be fair and reasonable for such classes of work in 1947.
- (4) That the settlement proposed above be complete and final and be made on the understanding that the present legal proceedings be withdrawn and that no new claims of fresh proceedings be made or instituted in respect of these contracts, or in respect of work done by the Contractors on the John Hart Highway.

- (5) That in view of the Department of Public Works' experience on the John Hart Highway, the Department should take under advisement the policy of not granting long-term contracts on road-construction.

L. F. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

TOM KING, *Secretary.*

H. E. WINCH.

A. J. McDONELL.

JOHN H. CATES.

H. GARGRAVE.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1950.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Exhibition Association—Grant, to 31st March, 1950.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association—Grant, to 31st March, 1950.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Pacific National Exhibition—Grant, to 31st March, 1950.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale—Grant, to 31st March, 1950.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1950.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1950.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1950.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1950.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dominion-Provincial Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1950.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Administration, to 31st March, 1950.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,705 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1950.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$182,710 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1950.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,868 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1950.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,125 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Office of Trade Commissioner, to 31st March, 1950.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,130 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Regional Development Division, to 31st March, 1950.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—Rural Housing Advisory Committee for British Columbia and Community Planning Association, to 31st March, 1950.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1950.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, General Office, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

That on Wednesday, March 16th, and all following days of the Session there will be three distinct sittings in each day, one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15th, 1949.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,670 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1950.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Children's Homes, Convalescent Homes, and Homes for the Aged, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,450,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, *Per Diem* Grants under Section 4 of the "Hospital Act," to 31st March, 1950.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1950.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1950.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1950.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1950.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1950.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1950.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1950.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1950.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1950.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1950.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, To provide Assistance to B.C. Provincial Government Employees' Benefit Society, to 31st March, 1950.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable and other Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,070 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1950.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1950.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals and Clinics, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1950.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals and Clinics, Psychopathic Division, under Director of Mental Hygiene and Psychiatry, to 31st March, 1950.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$482,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals and Clinics, Crease Clinic (Clinic of Psychological Medicine), to 31st March, 1950.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,110,238 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals and Clinics, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1950.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals and Clinics, Mental Health Care (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$413,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1949.

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. 47) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income of certain Corporations," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 14th, 1949.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax 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.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *G. Penfold*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Accounting Division, to 31st March, 1950.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$203,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, General Services, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.38 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, seconded by Mr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Report of the Special Committee, appointed on the 21st day of February, 1949, to look into certain matters relative to the John Hart Highway, and received and read the 15th day of March, 1949, be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reviewing the Acts of the Province generally referred to as "professional Acts" and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or any professional society for the purpose of: (1) Ascertaining the powers and duties contained therein; (2) determining whether the exercise of such powers and the discharge of such duties by professional societies is in the public interest; (3) determining whether the affairs of such societies are carried on in the public interest; (4) considering the possibility of securing uniformity in the provisions and administration of professional Acts; and (5) making such recommendations as the Committee of the Whole may deem to be expedient and advisable.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas many citizens of British Columbia feel that there is a need for revision of the "Liquor Act" in order to achieve temperance in the consumption of spirituous liquors and that the same should be consumed in public places under pleasant surroundings and conditions:

And whereas many other citizens feel that no change should be made in the "Liquor Act," as any alterations might result in a greater tendency to consume spirituous liquors:

And whereas it is in the best interest of citizens of the Province that the "Liquor Act" and regulations made thereunder should be of such a nature as to encourage temperance and see that the consumption of liquor in public places is under circumstances and conditions most conducive to a reasonable and civilized manner:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends to the Government the advisability of considering the holding of an inquiry to investigate liquor distribution and consumption methods in various parts of the world, the views of the people of British Columbia, the situation relative to the operations of the present British Columbia "Liquor Act," and to make recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council relative to any changes deemed advisable in the "Liquor Act" in the public interest for the purpose of encouraging temperance and having liquor consumption in public places under proper conditions and environment.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

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| <i>Quinn</i> | <i>Rowland</i> | <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> |
| <i>Brett</i> | <i>Guthrie</i> | <i>Harding</i> | <i>Gargrave</i> |
| <i>Turner</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | | |

NAYS—37.

Messieurs

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| <i>Browne-Clayton</i> | <i>McDonnell</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | <i>Beard</i> |
| <i>Hogg</i> | <i>Morrow</i> | <i>Carson, R. H.</i> | <i>Hope</i> |
| <i>Ash</i> | <i>Green</i> | <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Rolston, Mrs.</i> |
| <i>MacDougall</i> | <i>McInnis</i> | <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>Weir</i> |
| <i>Smith</i> | <i>Love</i> | <i>Johnson, B. I.</i> | <i>Straith</i> |
| <i>Stevenson</i> | <i>Mowat</i> | <i>Wismer</i> | <i>Eyres</i> |
| <i>Corsbie</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Pearson</i> | <i>Carson, E. C.</i> |
| <i>Laird</i> | <i>King</i> | <i>Ritchie</i> | <i>MacDonald</i> |
| <i>Johnson, W. J.</i> | <i>Hodges, Mrs.</i> | <i>Cates</i> | <i>Putnam</i> |
| <i>Welch</i> | | | |

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$290,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Cancer Control (including Grants, etc.), to 31st March, 1950.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Public Health Service, Metropolitan Areas, to 31st March, 1950.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Grants in Aid of Arthritis Control, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1949.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Grants in Aid of Paraplegic Control, to 31st March, 1950.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Crippled Children (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Professional Training (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Public Health Research (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Health Survey (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, General Public Health (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$97,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the Expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Public Health Nursing, to 31st March, 1950.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$233,882 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Health Units, to 31st March, 1950.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$174,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Laboratories, to 31st March, 1950.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$148,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1950.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$153,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to March 31st, 1950.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Venereal Disease Control (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Central Office, District Nursing, and Social Service, to 31st March, 1950.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Travelling Clinics, to 31st March, 1950.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Survey Clinics, to 31st March, 1950.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,726,297 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, In-patient Care and Stationary Clinics, to 31st March, 1950.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Tuberculosis Control (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1950.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Office of the Deputy Minister, to 31st March, 1950.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Director of Welfare and Family Division, to 31st March, 1950.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Field Service, to 31st March, 1950.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Medical Services, to 31st March, 1950.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1950.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, "Residence and Responsibility Act"—Administration, to 31st March, 1950.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Welfare Visitor for the Deaf—Salary and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,686,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Social Allowances (including Grants), to 31st March, 1950.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Supplementary Mothers' Allowances, to 31st March, 1950.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Administration, Hospitalization, Social Allowances, etc., *re* Japanese Indigents, to 31st March, 1950.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$617,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Hospital Insurance Premiums for Social Assistance Cases under Section 7 of "Hospital Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1950.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$790,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Medical Services and Drugs, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$513,710 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Child Welfare Division, to 31st March, 1950.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Provincial Home Kamloops, to 31st March, 1950.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$123,843 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Boys, to 31st March, 1950.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,382 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Girls, to 31st March, 1950.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,370,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Old-age Pensioners' Cost-of-living Bonus, to 31st March, 1950.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1950.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Analytical and Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1950.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March, 1950.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist Bona-fide Prospectors, to 31st March, 1950.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grub-staking Prospectors, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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. *Carson*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler Inspection Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electrical Energy Inspection Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act relating to the City of Chilliwack and The Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and to certain Dyking-works within the Township of Chilliwack."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

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

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 16th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902,'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee recommends that the fees paid be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 16th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to impose certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550 in the City of North Vancouver which front on Grand Boulevard in said City" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$300, being one-half of the double fees paid, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What has been the capital cost of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Province to date?
2. What is the cost of interest payments per annum at this time?
3. How much total interest has been paid on the railway to date?
4. What was the cost of construction per mile?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, Minister of Finance (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister of Railways), replied as follows:—

"1. The capital cost to the Province by way of advances to the railway from either borrowings or Consolidated Revenue Fund was \$42,333,550.66 (March 31st, 1948).

"2. The railway company is indebted to the Province for annual interest on the aforesaid capital sum, \$2,963,940.84 (March 31st, 1948).

"3. The total amount of interest due and payable by the railway company to the Province is \$67,742,066.33 (March 31st, 1948).

"4. Approximately \$80,000 per mile.

"NOTE.—On March 31st, 1948, there remained due and payable to the public securities issued by the Province amounting to \$23,803,752.92, requiring an annual interest payment of \$881,799.15."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. B. Price.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. McInnis,—

Whereas the housing situation in British Columbia continues to deteriorate:

And whereas the Dominion Government has indicated its willingness to call a Dominion-Provincial-municipal conference on housing when requested to do so:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government consideration of the urgency of consultation with the Dominion Government and the cities and municipalities with a view to considering practical measures leading to a generous programme of low-rental housing.

And be it further Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government the advisability of studying the principle of a rent reduction fund as a means of housing the low-income groups.

And be it still further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Provincial Government should advise the Federal Government of the immediate need of a Dominion-Provincial conference on housing matters.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

The Hon. Mr. Strath rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Corsbie:—

Whereas there is a serious shortage of veterinarians practising in the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the growth and development of the Province will require increased veterinary services:

And whereas training facilities in Canada for veterinarians are very limited:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends to the consideration of the Government the establishing of training facilities for veterinarians at the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order under Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public money.

On appeal, the Chair was sustained.

The Hon. Mr. Strath rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Corsbie:—

Whereas a serious shortage of dentists exists in the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas this shortage of dentists is resulting in large sections of the Province being denied dental services:

And whereas lack of dental care seriously affects the general health of the people:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends to the consideration of the Government action designed to assure earliest possible provision of adequate dental services, particularly in rural areas.

And be it further Resolved, That this House commends to the consideration of the Government encouragement of the early establishment of dental-training facilities at the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order under Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public money.

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

Whereas the International Joint Commission was established pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909:

And whereas in 1912 the Commission established its procedure so as to enable representation by three Canadians and three Americans:

And whereas there is at present a vacancy on the Canadian representation on the Commission:

And whereas President Truman has asked engineers of the International Joint Commission to make an immediate survey of the plan to boost the output of power on the Columbia River by constructing a dam below Arrow Lakes in British Columbia to impound 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 acre-feet of water:

And whereas British Columbia is vitally concerned with the aforementioned proposal and the economy of the southern part of the Province is intricately bound with the Columbia River and feeder lakes as regards power, irrigation, and fisheries development:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Provincial Government should immediately urge upon the Federal Government the appointment of a competent representative from British Columbia to fill the vacancy on the International Joint Commission.

And be it further Resolved, That the House urges the Provincial Government to negotiate with the Federal Government to consider the establishment of a joint Federal-Provincial Columbia and Fraser River Authority to undertake over-all British Columbia planning for power, irrigation, fisheries, conservation, and such matters incidental to, and dependent upon, the water resources of the Province.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Interprovincial Committee on Mining, to 31st March, 1950.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1950.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Administration, to 31st March, 1950.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1950.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1950.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 16th, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Racing Breeders' Society" and, on the grounds that the results of the incorporation of such a company would not be in the public interest, recommends that the said Bill be not further proceeded with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Is the Women's Gaol at Prince George to be established on a permanent basis?
2. Has any consideration been given to improving such facilities as work-rooms and gymnasium?
3. Will a suitable building be provided to house the matron and staff?

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

"1, 2, and 3. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.44 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th, 1949.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$927,670 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1950.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$399,923 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1950.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1950.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,336,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1950.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,307,029 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1950.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Patrols, Grants, Expenses, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research Branch—Salaries, Equipment, Expenses, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1950.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1950.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Engineering Associations, to 31st March, 1950.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1950.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1950.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward Pumping Charges, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arbitration Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to promote the Industrial Development of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17th, 1949.

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. 66) intituled "An Act to promote the Industrial Development of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 16th, 1949.

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. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th, 1949.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,185 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, General Administration, to 31st March, 1950.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$185,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$156,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1950.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Utilization Research and Survey, to 31st March, 1950.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1950.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1950.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Land and Forests, Fraser River Basin Board, to 31st March, 1950.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1950.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Southern Okanagan Lands Project), to 31st March, 1950.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Control, to 31st March, 1950.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1950.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1950.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Publicity, to 31st March, 1950.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Sales Commissions, to 31st March, 1950.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Incidentals and Contingencies, Lands, to 31st March, 1950.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$879,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$418,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1950.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$419,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1950.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Management, to 31st March, 1950.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1950.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Public Relations (Forest), to 31st March, 1950.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Ranger School, to 31st March, 1950.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund to the Government of the United Kingdom, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.21 p.m.

Friday, March 18th, 1949.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. A. J. Waters*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$445,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1950.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1950.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1950.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1950.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$423,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1950.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Hospital Insurance Service, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1949.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 120 of the "Public Schools Act," being chapter 297 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," is amended by adding the following as subsection (2a):—

"(2a) If special aid to rural areas is authorized by the Legislative Assembly the Minister of Finance shall also pay, in quarterly instalments, at the aforesaid times to the Board of School Trustees of those school districts referred to in subsections (1) and (2) such amounts as are determined by the Minister of Education, but no special aid under this subsection shall be paid until the estimates of each school district for the year for which the special aid is authorized have first been submitted to and approved by the Superintendent of Education."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 amendment to Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10th, 1949.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2 is repealed and the following is substituted:—

"2. Section 33 of the 'Forest Act,' being chapter 128 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948,' is amended by adding to subsection (20) the following as clauses (c), (d), and (e):—

“(c) Alternatively to clauses (a) and (b) and except as provided in subsection (21) there shall be due and payable to the Crown on all timber on Crown lands in the licence area not held under other tenure, stumpage, inclusive of royalty, as and when the timber is cut, in such sum per unit of measurement as is appraised and assessed by the Forest Service; and the appraisal shall allow as a cost of logging such costs of management, protection, and silvicultural treatment of the licence area as the Minister deems to be just and proper charges, but in other respects the method of appraisal shall be the method currently in use by the Forest Service at the time the appraisal is made:

“(d) A licensee shall elect at the time the licence is issued whether clauses (a) and (b) or clause (c) shall apply to his licence, and thereafter the method of appraisal shall not be changed except with the permission of the Minister, and permission shall not be granted unless compensation is paid to the Crown for any advantages previously enjoyed by reason of the method of appraisal first elected, and the compensation shall be in such sum as the Forest Service determines:

“(e) In the case of a licence issued and in effect at the time when this clause is enacted, the licensee, within twelve months after the date of such enactment, may elect to use the method of appraisal provided in clause (c); and if he does not make an election within the said period of twelve months, his management licence shall continue to be governed by clauses (a) and (b), subject to the further right of election conferred by clause (d).”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 amendment to Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’”

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Have any discussions taken place with the Federal Government with a view to their taking over management of the Mount Robson Park?
2. If so, has any progress resulted?
3. Failing satisfactory arrangements with the Federal Government, will development of the park be undertaken by the Province without further delay?

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

“1. Yes; by correspondence.

“2. No.

“3. Park development plans for 1949 do not provide for work on Mount Robson Park.”

Mr. *Rowland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Are plans in hand to have a land-clearing unit operating in any or all of the following places this year: Burns Lake, Palling, or Francois Lake districts?

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

“The land-clearing outfit operating in the Omineca and Skeena areas will be available to farmers in the Burns Lake, Palling, and Francois Lake districts as soon as the itinerary now being followed has been completed. It is doubtful if this will be possible in 1949. Weather conditions, however, will be a determining factor.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

Following the answer to Question 2 (b) by Mr. *H. E. Winch* of the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests on Friday, March 4th, 1949 (page 44):—

1. How much Government money was expended on the plantation?
2. What arrangements, if any, have been made to share the results of such experiment?

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

“1. \$4,614.51 on a experiment over a total area of 545 acres.

“2. Experience gained from this and other early plantations is now used by us in our present reforestation techniques, and our knowledge and experience thus gained is available to any other parties interested.”

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What was the total log export for British Columbia during the year 1948?
2. What portion of this export was made under legislation passed during this Parliament?

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

“1. 163,614,289 F.B.M.

“2. 25,453,887 F.B.M.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.04 p.m.

Monday, March 21st, 1949.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. J. Wickens*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Settlement of Claims of Contractors on the Construction of the John Hart Highway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1949.

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. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Settlement of Claims of Contractors on the Construction of the John Hart Highway," 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. *MacDougall* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 21st, 1949.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has held three meetings.

Certain items of the Public Accounts were examined and answers to the satisfaction of your Committee given by various Departmental heads of Government.

The King's Printer was questioned as to the feasibility of making greater use of the Government printing service, and your Committee recommends that consideration should be given to this, more particularly with regard to text-books in use in the Province.

In accordance with the provisions of the "Public Documents Disposal Act," approval was given to the destruction of various documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. REG. MACDOUGALL, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Calendar Year 1948.

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

1. What amount has been spent to date on the reconstruction of the Port Clements-Tlell Road?

2. What is the estimated cost to complete same?

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

"1. \$174,424.32 to February 28th, 1949.

"2. \$63,000."

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

Have any payments been made to contractors under the Smith award subsequent to April 28th, 1948?

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

"Yes."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.35 p.m.

Monday, March 21st, 1949.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1950.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1950.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1950.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1950.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Board, to 31st March, 1950.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1950.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the following notice of questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Guthrie* was withdrawn:—

1. What percentage of pupils, out of the original enrolment in Grade IX four years previous, completed Grade XII in the years (a) 1946, (b) 1947, and (c) 1948?
2. What was the average age of graduates from Grade XII in 1948?
3. At what age did the greatest number of undergraduate pupils leave high school in 1948?
4. From what grade did the greatest number of undergraduate pupils leave high school in 1948?

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following question:—

What explanation is there of the difference in the amounts paid out by the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau under general advertising from April 1st, 1947, to March 31st, 1948, to the following British Columbia newspapers: Vancouver News-Herald, \$3,878.64; Vancouver Daily Province, \$100.80; Vancouver Sun, \$144.86; Victoria Daily Times, \$138.60?

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

“The News-Herald account was for advertising placed in its special industrial editions; the Vancouver Daily Province and the Vancouver Sun received similar Government advertising which was channeled through advertising agencies; the Victoria Daily Times did not publish a special industrial edition.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.