

Thursday, 15th April, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to permit Municipally Owned Cemeteries, Crematoriums, and Mausoleums" was committed.

The Committee rose without Report.

The adjourned debate on the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was resumed.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved the following amendment:—

Section 13, subsec. (12SB): To amend the subsection by adding the following words: "or for any other purpose in any room in which such beverages are sold."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEA—1.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*.

NAYS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th Year of Her Majesty's Reign and intituled 'An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million eight hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act for defining certain Lands granted to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company and to the Columbia and Western Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Columbian Hospital Act, 1901'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to secure Adequate Provision for the Maintenance of the Wife and Children of a Testator" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of April 15th returning Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" and proposed amendment to the said Bill.

Resolution read a first time.

Resolution read a second time and committed forthwith.

Bill reported complete as amended.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 a.m.

## Friday, 16th April, 1920.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Salaries and Expenses (additional to \$11,600 voted), to 31st March, 1920.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Vancouver Agency, Court-house Attendants, Carpenter (additional to salary voted), \$120; Thirteen Janitors (additional to salaries voted), \$780; (additional to \$104,582 voted), to 31st March, 1921.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industries, Industrial Commissioner (additional to salary voted), \$480; Stenographer, \$780; (additional to \$27,040 voted), to 31st March, 1921.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, Comptroller-General (additional to salary voted), \$1,000; (additional to \$50,900 voted), to 31st March, 1921.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, and 16th instant were received and read a first time.

Resolutions read a second time and taken as read.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$ 4,777.01 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1919.

238,367.00 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920.

17,324,458.92 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921.

\$17,567,602.93

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. M. A. Macdonald presented the report of special Committee appointed pursuant to Resolution on the 26th March, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 15th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your special Committee, consisting of Messrs. M. A. Macdonald, W. A. McKenzie, Pauline, Duncan, and Buckham, appointed pursuant to Resolution of the Legislature, adopted the 26th day of March, 1920, made an exhaustive inquiry into the allegations of claimants as set out in said Resolution.

The claimants, represented by Mr. A. Carew-Gibson, complain that by an Act of the Legislature, chapter 60, 1913, they were deprived of a right to contest in the Courts their title to 1,222 acres of coal lands in Section 2A, Nelson District, conveyed by the said Act to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company. The greatest relief that reasonably could be asked for by the claimants would be to place them back in the position they would be in had this Act not been passed. It was therefore necessary for your Committee to go fully into the conflict between the claimants and Colliery Company, with a view to ascertaining whether or not the claimants were deprived of a legal right which they could establish in the Courts, or, at all events, have a reasonable prospect of obtaining title to the lands in question by litigation.

Your Committee is of the view that it was wrong in principle for the Legislature to intervene in 1913 and deprive the claimants of their undoubted right to contest in the Courts the validity of their claims. It does not necessarily follow, however, that at this late date, when the title to the lands in dispute have changed hands with subsequent interests intervening, that the legislation of 1913 should be lightly set aside unless it is reasonably clear that the claimants did have good ground for the claim they now make, that title to the 1,222 acres in question should be granted to them. Your Committee is of the opinion, for reasons hereinafter referred to, that, even if the Act of 1913 had not been passed and the claimants were left to pursue their rights in the Courts, they would not succeed in obtaining title to these lands. This is a legal opinion formed after hearing all the evidence adduced. Your Committee, however, do not rest their conclusions on legal grounds. We find, notwithstanding some irregularities and a failure in many instances on the part of the Department to strictly follow the spirit and letter of the various Acts applicable (for all of which the Colliery Company were not responsible), that the Colliery Company had, viewing it fairly, apart altogether from legal considerations, an undoubted right to the lands in question.

A brief résumé of the facts will, we think, make this conclusion of your Committee clear. The Colliery Company staked their claims in 1907 in Section 2A, Nelson District. For convenience they may be referred to as the Hunter locations, as they were staked by Hunter and King. It is admitted that they complied with the Act, except in one respect, which the claimants allege is of paramount importance—namely, that the actual staking of the ground was defective, if, in fact, it was staked at all. In other words, it is suggested that only a paper staking was made. The Hunter group procured licences for these claims in March, 1908, over ground that was entirely unoccupied, and at a time when there was no conflict with the claimants or with any one else. They were the first stakers in that area. It is important, in your Committee's view, to remember that the Hunter group actually received their licences in March, 1908, before the claimants staked in this territory. The claimants staked for the first time in April, 1908, and the plans setting out their stakings clearly showed that they recognized the prior locations of the Hunter group. There was then apparently no knowledge of the alleged defective staking by the Hunter group, and no intention to overlap the lands covered by their licences. In 1910 the claimants' licences lapsed through non-compliance with the Statute (in what respect is not material) and their rights expired. In the meantime, the Hunter group obtained in the usual way renewals of their licences in 1908, 1909, and 1910, maintaining throughout these years continuity of title. In 1910, after the claimants' licences based on their staking in 1908 had lapsed, they again went upon the ground and staked six claims. By this later staking they did admittedly encroach upon the lands covered by the Hunter locations, for which licences were regularly issued from year to year. The extent of the conflict was, as stated, approximately 1,222 acres.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the claimants in 1910 honestly believed that the stakings of the Hunter group were illegal, owing to the fact that after a diligent search by many

parties for their stakes alleged to have been planted in 1907 they could not be found. The claimants assumed with a good deal of reason that if the Hunter group simply located on paper, or placed their stakes at such a distance from the point they were advertised, that it was not in fact a legal location of the ground as required by the Act, they had a right to restake. It is on that point the claimants allege they should have been permitted to resort to the Courts for a decision. As already stated, the Act of 1913 took away this right. As a matter of fact, however, had the claimants been permitted to prosecute their claim in the Courts, they would not, in your Committee's view, have been successful. Further, on equitable grounds, apart altogether from legal considerations, we are of the opinion that they should not succeed. To permit them now to resort to the Courts would not, therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, be of any assistance to the claimants, apart altogether from the disturbing effects of setting aside legislation under which rights were acquired and transferred to others. Viewing it from equitable grounds alone, it must be borne in mind that the Hunter group were first on the ground, and priority of location should be the governing consideration in these cases. It was, in fact, conceded by Mr. Smith Curtis, counsel for the claimants, who very ably presented all aspects of the case to the Committee, that if the Hunter locations were staked with a reasonable degree of accuracy they would have no ground of complaint. Even though there were some subsequent irregularities, they were not of so substantial a character as to alter this situation.

Your Committee, after hearing all the evidence and weighing it carefully, has no hesitation in finding that the Hunter locations were actually staked by Mr. Hunter and Mr. King. We speak now only of stakes having been planted without regard to their location. Both Hunter and King described what they did upon the ground, and there is no reason for rejecting their affirmative testimony. They first prepared a rough plan of the lands they intended to locate before going upon the ground. They therefore simply tried to stake as nearly as they could according to this rough plan of the ground, which they carried with them. It must be admitted that the location of their stakes was a considerable distance from the points where they were advertised to be. In fact, they were unable afterwards by diligent search to locate them at all. It doesn't follow, however, from this circumstance that no stakes were planted. It only means that in a rough country, with very few original survey lines to guide them, they made the best attempt they could to place their stakes at the point where they should have been according to the description of the ground which they had in their possession. Had the claimants staked over them before the Hunter group received their licences they would be in a strong position to contest the title of the Hunter group. Had they even not allowed their original stakings of 1908 to lapse they might succeed in contesting the Hunter claims if they overlapped them. It is, however, by their locations in 1910, three years afterwards, that the claimants seek to obtain a title to the ground in dispute, and during those three years the Colliery Company regularly received renewals of their licences. The alleged defective staking by the Hunter group loses its importance as a determining factor as the years passed, particularly after they had received licences and performed the necessary statutory work in respect to their claims. It is, in your Committee's belief, not an uncommon experience for location stakes to be planted at a place only approximating the point referred to in the advertisement. The real notice to the public and to others locating the ground is contained in the notices published in the Gazette and local papers. As a matter of fact, the Act did not require locators to make statutory proof of staking until 1910, by section 3 of chapter 33.

It follows, therefore, that in the view of your Committee there was such a substantial compliance with all statutory requirements by the Hunter group that equitably their title to the land should not be disturbed, particularly after passing into the hands of other purchasers without notice of any defect of title. Your Committee is therefore of the opinion that any legislative action at this time affecting the title to the lands in question would not only be ill-advised, but even if the Act were amended to enable the claimants to pursue in the Courts the rights which they had in 1913 at the date of the passage of the Act, the results would be absolutely barren so far as the claimants are concerned. That, of course, is a legal opinion which may or may not be sound. We are, however, of the opinion (and we rest our recommendation on this point) that equitably the Hunter group, being the prior locators, were, particularly after receiving licences for several years before the claimants staked in 1910, clearly entitled to these lands.

Your Committee therefore recommends that no action be taken by the Legislature in respect to the Act of 1913 or otherwise.

We include in our report herewith a transcript of the evidence taken before us.  
Respectfully submitted.

M. A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

*Ordered,* That the report be received, taken as read.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly," Mr. *Bowser* moved the following amendment:—

Section 4: To insert the following as subsection (a), and reletter the following subsections:—  
“(a.) Every Judge of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, or of any County Court.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>		

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Walters.</i>
<i>Willson,</i>			

Mr. *Bowser* moved the following amendment:—

To add the following to section 8:—

“Provided that no person shall be appointed as Deputy Registrar of Voters unless he has served overseas in the Great War.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Bowser.</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>		

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act, 1914.’”

Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles.”

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Prohibition Act.’”

Bill (No. 102) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Audit Act.’”

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act,'" Mr. Ross moved the following amendment:—

Section 2, line 5: To insert the words "and employees under the 'Civil Service Act'" after the word "applies" in the fifth line.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, on the ground that the amendment affected the policy of the Government.

Mr. Ross appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>			

NAYS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounties Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The Report on Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

*Ordered,* That the same to referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act,'" Mr. *Bell* moved the following amendment:—

To insert the following as section 2, and renumber the following sections:—

"2. Subsection (1) of section 27 of the 'Local Improvement Act,' being chapter 49 of the Statutes of 1913, is hereby amended by inserting the word 'paving' after the word 'grading' in the second line thereof."

The amendment was carried.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Religious Institutions Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to secure Adequate Provision for the Maintenance of the Wife and Children of a Testator" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted forthwith.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

*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 1.10 p.m.

Friday, 16th April, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year 1919.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'" Mr. *Giolma* moved the following amendment:—

Section 4: To strike out the words "Lieutenant-Governor in Council," and substitute therefor the words "Lieutenant-Governor on address of Legislative Assembly."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for a Temperance Plebiscite" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounties Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act'" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" a point of order was taken, that the Bill should have been proceeded with as being a Private Bill.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate on the point of order was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria," Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment as follows:—

To insert as a new section 32A the following:—

"32A. Upon securing the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and notwithstanding the provisions of the 'Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873,' and amendments thereto, or of any other Statute, the Corporation shall have the right to supply and distribute water to users requiring the same within the territory known as the Songhees Reserves, in the City of Victoria, and for the purposes aforesaid the Corporation shall have the right to lay its

water-mains on, along, and under any public highway, road, street, or lane within the said territory, and impose and collect charges for the use of such water as the Corporation and its Water Commissioner may lawfully determine.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>			

NAYS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Rose.</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Pauline.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 122) intituled “An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Bowser* tabled copies of cables sent and received by Mr. *Bowser* dealing with the overseas votes under the provisions of the "Military Forces Voting Act," as *Ordered* by the House in a Resolution passed on the 16th of March, 1920, as follows:—

## TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLEGRAM.

London, September 16th, 1916.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria, B.C.

(Translation.) Poll vote Great Britain 5,700-31 France 2,100-40 approximately Time for collecting in France I will count (as) votes 12th October. McBRIDE.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH.

London, September 16th, 1916.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria, B.C.

(Translation.) London Times reports reverses much regret telegraph particulars also state votes referenda. McBRIDE.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLEGRAM.

September 16th, 1916.

To McBride, Fingener, London.

(Bentley Code.) soldiers votes may give us twelve to fifteen seats in the house. I want 180 to elect me Slump was general everywhere Prohibition carried here by seven thousand. BOWSER.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 23rd, 1916.

McBride, Fingener, London.

Am now elected forty six ahead of Donnelly Cable how I am running there also Ross. BOWSER.

*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 6.15 p.m.

Friday, 16th April, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return of correspondence passing between the Hon. the Minister of Mines or officials of the Department of Mines and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any official of either company, with respect to the dual control of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for a Temperance Plebiscite" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was adopted.

To be read a third time at the next sitting.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act'" was discharged.

On the point of order on second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry," Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was correctly before the House as a Public Bill, and quoted Speakers' Decisions, pages 14, 15, and 167.

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Dr. *Sutherland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Twenty-fifth Report from the Public Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 25.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 16th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommend that Rule 76 governing the advertising of intention to apply for Private Bills should be amended by striking out all words after the word "Act" in the seventeenth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "shall require

the publication of a notice clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, and when the application refers to any proposed work, indicating sufficiently the location of the work, to be signed by or on behalf of the applicant. Such notice shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette and in one daily and one weekly newspaper freely circulating in all parts of the Province. When the proposed Private Bill is of a local nature, the notice shall be furthermore published in some newspaper in the electoral district affected, or if there be no newspaper therein, then in the nearest electoral district in which a newspaper is published. Such notice shall in all cases be continued for a period of six weeks during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the petition."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Dr. K. C. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Manson, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, presented on 31st March, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Cowper, seconded by Mr. Pauline, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, presented on April 7th, be adopted.

Mr. Hancox moved,—

Whereas it is desirable that dower rights be extended to women in order to secure for them a one-third interest in the realty owned by their husbands:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the Government should immediately take into consideration the advisability of introducing legislation at the present Session to effect this reform.

With leave, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Bowser,—

Whereas until about the 6th of February, 1920, it has been competent for the public at large to prospect for coal and petroleum upon the unoccupied lands of the Crown:

And whereas on the said date a reserve was created preventing any further prospecting upon the said lands:

And whereas an application has been made to the Hon. the Minister of Lands on behalf of the D'Arcy Exploration Company, of London, England, for the reservation of an area of unoccupied public lands in the Peace River District for the purpose of prospecting for petroleum and the development of oil wells on the said area:

And whereas it appears from reliable evidence that any privileges that may be granted to the applicants will enure to the benefit of His Majesty's Imperial Government:

And whereas fuel oil is one of Great Britain's prime needs, and she has been giving great attention recently to oil development both at home and abroad:

And whereas His Majesty's Imperial Government is most anxious that favourable consideration be given to the application aforesaid:

And whereas the development following the granting of the above-mentioned application, besides fulfilling a duty towards the Mother Country on the part of this Province, would have a most beneficial effect on the northern portion of the Province, the benefit of which would enure to the general public interest and reflect itself in the prosperity of the Province at large:

Therefore this House is of the opinion that in so far as this Province is able to contribute to the pressing necessities of the British Empire the same should be considered as a patriotic duty and that such a course should be followed.

And, further, that negotiations should be forthwith undertaken by this Government with the Imperial Government or its accredited representative or representatives so that a satisfactory agreement be entered into founded upon the application aforesaid.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as interfering with the policy of the Government.



Mr. *Bell* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Smith*,—

Resolved, That under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act," as enacted by chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the second Session of the Parliament of Canada held in 1919, this Legislative Assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electoral districts of the Province of British Columbia be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say: "That the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquor into the Province may be forbidden," and that this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of State of Canada.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

Whereas during the Session of the Legislative Assembly held in the year 1916 an Act entitled the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" was enacted by this Legislature:

And whereas the enforcement of said Act was contingent upon such Act receiving the approval of a majority of the electors:

And whereas at the time of taking the vote in connection with submitting such Act for the approval of the electors there were a large number of electors serving with the military forces overseas and at other places:

And whereas in connection with the taking of the vote overseas fraudulent practices prevailed to a very large extent:

And whereas since the taking of the said vote the right to vote has been extended to women in British Columbia:

And whereas practically the whole of the electors serving overseas with the military forces have now returned:

And whereas there exists at the present time a strong feeling of uncertainty as to whether or no the majority of electors of the Province of British Columbia are in favour of the continuance of the present "Prohibition Act":

And whereas it has been deemed advisable to ascertain the wishes of the electorate in respect to the continuance of the present "Prohibition Act," and for the purpose of so ascertaining the views of the electors a Bill is now before this Legislature providing for the submission to the electorate of the question whether they are in favour of the continuance in force of the present "Prohibition Act" or of some alternate proposal:

And whereas a referendum under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act" would, if under consideration by the electors at the same time as the referendum proposed under the provisions of Bill 96 now before the Legislature, tend to confuse the issue, and in the event of the vote of the electors being adverse to the continuation of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" would be non-effective:

Therefore be it Resolved, That should a majority of the electors of the Province of British Columbia vote in favour of the continuing in force of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act," the taking of a referendum under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act" would be desirable. And that this House would at the first opportunity request His Excellency the Governor-General to submit to the electors of the Province of British Columbia the question of whether or no the importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes should be prohibited.

A debate arose, and on the motion of the Hon. the Premier the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, 17TH APRIL.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*April 16th, 1920.*

*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. 123) intituled "An Act respecting the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Was the following resolution: "That in all contracts, leases, and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued, or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith" passed by this Legislature on the 16th day of April, 1902?

2. If so, has it since been annulled?

3. If so, on what date?

4. Has the Government at any period disregarded said resolution and allowed Chinese or Japanese to be employed on concessions, licences, or contracts entered into, issued, or made on behalf of the Government?

5. If so, when, during what period, and under what conditions?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. To answer this question requires investigation more extensive than has been possible up to this time. It may be said, however, that the Government has at different times taken action to see that the spirit of the resolution is carried out.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

Saturday, 17th April, 1920.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Connell.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas there exists a widespread belief that there will be a great shortage in the supply of sugar for domestic and manufacturing purposes:

And whereas any considerable shortage of sugar would disastrously affect the fruit-growing and fruit-packing industries within the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas only the Government of the Dominion of Canada can control the import and export of sugar:

And whereas it is the duty of the Government of Canada to protect the people of all parts of Canada by ensuring (as far as it is possible so to do) a sufficiency of sugar for domestic and manufacturing purposes:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause representation to be made to His Majesty's Canadian Government of the necessity of that Government taking every possible precaution to secure to the people of all Canada a sufficiency of sugar for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

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

Whereas the practice of granting retiring allowances to Civil Servants by Order of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has hitherto prevailed:

And whereas it is desirable to discontinue such practice and substitute an equitable system of pensions or superannuation allowances on a scale to be approved of by the Legislature, and which system shall apply to all branches of the permanent Civil Service:

And whereas it is desirable that a system of pensions or allowances similar to the foregoing should be provided and made applicable to permanent employees, including policemen and firemen of municipal corporations:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislature favours a thorough inquiry into the question of superannuation and the preparation of a Bill or Bills for the beforementioned purposes, and that such Bill or Bills should be presented to this House for its consideration at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*, the Rules were suspended and the following Resolution was moved:—

That whereas R. T. Elliott in a telegram to the Hon. John Oliver has accused the Government and Members of this Legislature of actions which may be interpreted as corrupt practice:

And whereas we repudiate such insinuations and demand that they be proved or withdrawn:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Speaker issue his warrant or a subpoena to said R. T. Elliott to personally appear before the Bar of the House to answer any questions that may be put to him.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

*MacKenzie, F. J. A.,*  
*Hanes,*  
*Giolma,*

*Duncan,*  
*Jackson,*  
*Willson,*

*Mrs. Smith,*  
*Cowper,*  
*McIntosh,*

*Anderson,*  
*MacDonald, K. C.,*  
*Weart.*

## NAYS—26.

## Messieurs

<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>		

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion to adopt the Report on Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved the following amendment:—

To amend section 3 by adding after the word "municipality," in the eighth line, the words "or within the boundaries of the municipal school district where such district embraces territory not included in the municipality."

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act respecting the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited" was read a second time on the following division:—

## YEAS—33.

## Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>			

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

*Schofield,*  
*Jones,**Ross,*  
*Bowser,**Rose,*  
*McKenzie, W. A.,**Willson,*  
*Fisher.*

To be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. To whom was the contract awarded for the construction of the two flood-gates now under course of construction at Matsqui; give contract price?
2. Were there any other tenders for the work; if so, give names and amounts of same?
3. What was the time limit for completion?
4. Is there an Inspector; and, if so, who and at what salary?
5. What amount has he been paid to date and what amount has been paid on account of contract to date?
6. Is there an additional pumping plant being installed; if so, at what total cost duly installed and equipped ready for operation?

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

- "1. J. A. Mackenzie, Contractor, Vernon, B.C.; \$11,720.60.
- "2. Yes. Nickson Construction Company, Limited, Vancouver, \$11,668.96; R. C. Lowry, New Westminster, \$13,121.74; Robertson and Partners, Limited, Vancouver, \$13,193.60; Chas. T. Hamilton, Vancouver, \$17,826.83; Diffner & Olund, Gifford, B.C., \$21,000; D. K. Campbell & T. H. Boyd, Vancouver, \$21,618.41; Miller-Grant Construction Company, Vancouver, \$29,406.30.
- "3. November 1st, 1919.
- "4. Yes. E. Farr, at a salary of \$150 per month.
- "5. Paid to Inspector, \$1,225.64; paid to contractor, \$5,633.41.
- "6. Yes. Pumps and motors and control apparatus are to be supplied for \$13,546; accessories and installation is being done on a cost plus percentage basis."

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

1. Was C. H. Cookson employed as Dredging Engineer in the Public Works Department?
2. When did he enter the service?
3. Has he been superannuated?
4. What was his average salary the last three years of his service?
5. What superannuation allowance has he been given?
6. Was this amount recommended by the Civil Service Commissioner?
7. If so, how did he arrive at this amount?
8. Why was said Cookson superannuated?

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

- "1. C. H. Cookson was Designing Engineer.
- "2. November, 1897.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$191.66 per month.
- "5. \$48.15 per month.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. The superannuation allowance for Mr. Cookson was the actuarial equivalent at his age of the superannuation that would be granted to a man of sixty-five having had like service to that of Mr. Cookson, figured on the basis of as many fiftieths of the average salary of the last ten years of service as there has been years of service.
- "8. On account of ill health."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.50 p.m.

Saturday, 17th April, 1920.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bell* on the 16th inst., as follows:—

Resolved, That under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act," as enacted by chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the second Session of the Parliament of Canada held in 1919, this Legislative Assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electoral districts of the Province of British Columbia be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say: "That the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquor into the Province may be forbidden," and that this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of State of Canada.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. the Premier on the 16th inst., as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

Whereas during the Session of the Legislative Assembly held in the year 1916 an Act entitled the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" was enacted by this Legislature:

And whereas the enforcement of said Act was contingent upon such Act receiving the approval of a majority of the electors:

And whereas at the time of taking the vote in connection with submitting such Act for the approval of the electors there were a large number of electors serving with the military forces overseas and at other places:

And whereas in connection with the taking of the vote overseas fraudulent practices prevailed to a very large extent:

And whereas since the taking of the said vote the right to vote has been extended to women in British Columbia:

And whereas practically the whole of the electors serving overseas with the military forces have now returned:

And whereas there exists at the present time a strong feeling of uncertainty as to whether or no the majority of electors of the Province of British Columbia are in favour of the continuance of the present "Prohibition Act":

And whereas it has been deemed advisable to ascertain the wishes of the electorate in respect to the continuance of the present "Prohibition Act," and for the purpose of so ascertaining the views of the electors a Bill is now before this Legislature providing for the submission to the electorate of the question whether they are in favour of the continuance in force of the present "Prohibition Act" or of some alternate proposal:

And whereas a referendum under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act" would, if under consideration by the electors at the same time as the referendum proposed under the provisions of Bill 96 now before the Legislature, tend to confuse the issue, and in the event of the vote of the electors being adverse to the continuation of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" would be non-effective:

Therefore be it Resolved, That should a majority of the electors of the Province of British Columbia vote in favour of the continuing in force of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act," the taking of a referendum under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Canada Temperance Act" would be desirable. And that this House would at the first opportunity request His Excellency the Governor-General to submit to the electors of the Province of British Columbia the question of whether or no the importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes should be prohibited.

Mr. *Bell* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*, the following amendment to the amendment:—

To strike out all the words after the word "desirable" in the fourth line of the Resolution, and substitute therefor the following:—

"And that this House hereby respectfully requests His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, at the earliest possible date, after the British Columbia plebiscite has been taken as

provided by Bill No. 96, and in the event of prohibition being confirmed by said plebiscite, to submit to the electors of the Province of British Columbia the question of whether or no the importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes should be prohibited."

On the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, the debate was adjourned to a later time this sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it is just and reasonable that the sessional indemnity for the present Session be paid in full to all the Members of this House; and further that it is just and reasonable that there be paid to the personal representatives of the late Member for Atlin the full sessional indemnity which would have been payable to the late Member for Atlin had he lived to the end of the Session:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay sessional indemnities in full according to the tenor of the above recitals.

The Report on Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act respecting the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry."

The debate was adjourned to the next sitting on the following division:—

YEAS—22.

Messieurs

<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>		

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>		

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

Whereas, to secure proper development of Vancouver Island following the union of the Province of British Columbia with the Dominion, the Province granted as a bonus for the construction of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway approximately 2,100,000 acres on said Island, together with valuable coal and mineral rights in said area:

And whereas, in or about the year 1905, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company purchased the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and by chapter 33 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1912, the Government of the Province agreed to the operation of said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and taxation was fixed thereby at 1½ cents per acre upon the lands of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company:

And whereas it would appear that the regulations imposed by the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, since the purchase by the Canadian Pacific Railway, have prevented altogether the mineral development within said areas:

And whereas it is essential that the development of this area, the most accessible on the whole of the Island, be no longer prevented:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into, investigate, and report its findings with respect to the following:—

(1.) The amount paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway for purchase of the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company or the shares of the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company.

(2.) The total revenue and expenditure of said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company from said purchase to date.

(3.) The cost and value of any equipment supplied by Canadian Pacific Railway Company to Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company.

(4.) The present value of the assets of said railway company.

(5.) The value of the assets of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company apart from the railway and its equipment.

(6.) Any matters relating or incidental to the above.

And be it further Resolved, That such Address be prepared and presented by such Members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

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

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Pauline*, it was Resolved,—

That the report of the special Committee appointed pursuant to Resolution of the Legislature adopted the 26th day of March, 1920, be adopted.

Mr. *Cowper* presented the Final Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 17th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We recommend that the following documents be printed:—

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1918-19.

Report of the Minister of Finance under section 46 of the "Administration Act."

Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year 1919.

Not to be printed:—

Return of correspondence in regard to the reclamation of the Kootenay Flats.

Return of correspondence in respect of the dual control of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. COWPER, *Chairman*.

Report received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bell* (re importation of intoxicating liquors), and on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. the Premier, and on the amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. *Bell*.

With leave of the House, the amendment to the amendment was withdrawn.

Amendment carried.

Original Resolution as amended carried.



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

*C. K. Courtney*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles of the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "War Statutes Expiration Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School.
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen.
- (No. 15) An Act respecting the Adoption of Children.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Mineral Survey and Development Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation.
- (No. 18) An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation.
- (No. 19) An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act, 1915."
- (No. 22) An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 24) An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Legislative Library and Bureau of Statistics Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities.
- (No. 29) An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million eight hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 30) An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Apiaries Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Prohibition Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Hospitals Act."
- (No. 49) An Act respecting the Gorge Bridge.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913."
- (No. 51) An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia.
- (No. 52) An Act respecting the "Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908."
- (No. 53) An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses.
- (No. 54) An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia.
- (No. 55) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 56) An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt respecting the User of Sewers in Municipalities adjacent thereto and to grant Reciprocal Rights in respect of the same.
- (No. 58) An Act to authorize Albert Gerald Hodgson to practise Law.
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."
- (No. 60) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the City of Prince George.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Department of Industries Act."

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- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."  
(No. 68) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."  
(No. 69) An Act respecting the Payment of certain Moneys to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company.  
(No. 70) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."  
(No. 71) An Act to amend the "Townsite Proportionate Allotment Act."  
(No. 72) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."  
(No. 73) An Act to disincorporate the City of Sandon.  
(No. 75) An Act to amend the "Life-insurance Policies Act."  
(No. 76) An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915.  
(No. 77) An Act to amend the "Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act."  
(No. 78) An Act to amend the "Iron Bounties Act."  
(No. 79) An Act to amend the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act."  
(No. 80) An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles.  
(No. 81) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."  
(No. 82) An Act to amend the "Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act."  
(No. 83) An Act to amend the "West Vancouver Incorporation Act."  
(No. 84) An Act respecting certain Leases issued to the Fraser River Tannery, Limited.  
(No. 85) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1914."  
(No. 86) An Act to borrow the sum of Two million Dollars for the purposes therein specified.  
(No. 87) An Act to amend the "Royal Columbian Hospital Act, 1901."  
(No. 88) An Act to provide Pensions for Mothers.  
(No. 89) An Act to authorize the Pacific Highway Association to erect a Peace Memorial.  
(No. 90) An Act to amend the "Moving Pictures Act."  
(No. 91) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Fire Insurance Act."  
(No. 92) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."  
(No. 93) An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th Year of Her Majesty's Reign and intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)."  
(No. 94) An Act to repeal the "Public Utilities Act."  
(No. 95) An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Pitt Meadows.  
(No. 96) An Act to provide for a Temperance Plebiscite.  
(No. 98) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.  
(No. 99) An Act for defining certain Lands granted to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company and to the Columbia and Western Railway Company.  
(No. 100) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."  
(No. 102) An Act to amend the "Audit Act."  
(No. 103) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."  
(No. 104) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."  
(No. 105) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."  
(No. 106) An Act to amend the "Religious Institutions Act."  
(No. 107) An Act to amend the "Assignment of Book Accounts Act."  
(No. 108) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."  
(No. 109) An Act to secure Adequate Provision for the Maintenance of the Wife and Children of a Testator.  
(No. 110) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."  
(No. 111) An Act to amend the "Cemetery Companies Act."  
(No. 112) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."  
(No. 113) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."  
(No. 114) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."  
(No. 116) An Act to amend the "Weekly Half-holiday Act."  
(No. 117) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."  
(No. 118) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."  
(No. 119) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."  
(No. 120) An Act to amend the "Poll-tax Act."

(No. 121) An Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.

(No. 122) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.

(No. 123) An Act respecting the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited.

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

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

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

The Clerk of the House then read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 10) An Act to amend the “Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.”

His Honour was pleased to reserve his assent thereto.

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

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor withholds his assent to this Bill, and reserves the same until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto.”

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:**

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 115) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In relieving you from your legislative duties, it affords me pleasure to express my appreciation of the earnest and zealous manner with which you have dealt with the serious questions submitted for your consideration.

I observe that a new “Elections Act” has been passed to remedy the defects of existing legislation, and to permit of a more general exercise of the franchise by the voters of the Province.

The “Mothers' Pensions Act” and “Testator's Family Maintenance Act” are Statutes which I feel confident will tend towards the amelioration of social conditions within the Province.

I am pleased to note that under the provisions of the “British Columbia University Loan Act” the University will be placed in a satisfactory financial condition, and will before long be permanently established in suitable buildings.

The Act providing for the taking of a referendum on the question of prohibition will enable the electorate to express a definite opinion on the subject.

Among the important measures with which you have dealt, the amendment to the “Water Act” should inure to the increased production of the means of life throughout the Province, and will materially assist in furthering settlements upon the land, as well as benefiting many important industries.

Provision is made for the sale of resin from Crown lands, in the expectation of the establishment of a new industry.

An amendment to the “Taxation Act” extends the period for returned soldiers to secure a rebate of 10 per cent. on arrears of taxes, and so exempts the arrears from interest.

The Act respecting the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District provides for the reclamation of a large area of land in the Fraser Valley.

A measure which should prove beneficial concerns the consolidating and simplifying of Acts relating to Agricultural Associations to encourage co-operative organizations among the producers.

"An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" gives the Lieutenant-Governor in Council power during a period of three years to place a reserve on lands containing iron ore which have not been previously alienated, and will have the effect of preventing the withholding from development for speculative purposes important discoveries of this mineral, thus, it is hoped, hastening the establishment in British Columbia of an iron and steel industry.

The "Iron Bounties Act Amendment Act, 1920," extends the period during which my Government may pay a bounty on pig-iron produced in British Columbia, as set out in the "Iron Bounties Act, 1918," from the years 1923 to 1925.

"An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" is a measure which provides for the consolidation of arrears of rentals and reduces the annual rental and required annual expenditures for development-work on placer-mining leases. This Act, it is confidently believed, will result in the rehabilitation of the placer-mining industry.

In "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" provision is made for a change in the rule of the road; it also deals with the classification of highways and the matter of Government assistance to primary and secondary highways in municipalities or organized portions of the Province.

"An Act amending the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act'" empowers the Minister of Finance to advance moneys for the purpose of carrying on drainage undertakings in the dyking areas, these moneys to be repaid by assessment on the land benefited.

The many other important Acts passed at this Session will, I am sure, prove of advantage to the people of British Columbia.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the administration of public affairs, and in taking leave of you I desire to express the hope that the efforts you have put forth during the Session now closed will be attended by the fullest measure of success and will result in the continued progress and prosperity of the Province.

The Hon. Dr. MacLean, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

JOHN KEEN, *Speaker.*

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