

Thursday, 26th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. de B. Owen.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a copy of the report of R. W. Harris, Commissioner appointed to inquire into the sale of certain suburban lands in Lots 139, 140, 176, 538, 540, 206, 217, and 2027, Point Grey, New Westminster District.

Mr. Farris presented a further interim report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 26th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee appointed to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway begs to submit as further interim report the balance of 1765 pages of evidence, and recommends that same be printed for information of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at the next sitting thereof, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 26th, 1917.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 26th, 1917.

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. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 26th, 1917.

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. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
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,
April 26th, 1917.

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

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Cowper moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely: The action of the Government in limiting the scope of a certain judicial inquiry arising out of the charges made by the mover on the 17th inst., which were taken down and appear on the Votes and Proceedings of that date, by limiting the inquiry to an inquiry into a certain sum of \$25,000 when the amended figure brought before the House was \$15,000.

Mr. Speaker Weart ruled the matter disclosed to be of sufficient urgent public importance to permit the motion to be moved without notice.

The debate proceeded.

The motion was negatived.

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

1. Were any reasons given to James Craig, of Craig's Crossing, formerly road foreman in Alberni District, at the time he was notified that his services were dispensed with?
2. If yes, what were the said reasons?
3. Have any charges been made to the Department against the said James Craig?
4. If so, what were the said charges, and who were they made by, and when?
5. Have the same ever been investigated?
6. If not, why not?
7. Has the Hon. Minister advised any person in writing that the said Craig was dismissed on account of serious charges having been made?
8. If so, who?
9. Who recommended the appointment of George Parkes as successor to the said Craig, and when?
10. Who requested the person who made the recommendation to make the same?
11. Was the person who made the said recommendation an officer of any political organization at the time of making said recommendation?
12. If yes, give name of said organization and position held by him therein.

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. James Craig was not notified; his services were dispensed with.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No.

"4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 3.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. District Engineer; latter part of March.

"10. The Hon. Minister.

"11. Answered by No. 10.

"12. Answered by No. 10."

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

1. Was the Cowichan Creamery Company given a loan under the "Agricultural Associations Act"?
2. If so, when and for how much?
3. On whose recommendation was the loan given?
4. For what purpose was it made?
5. For what purposes was money used?
6. What interest is payable under the loan?
7. What interest has been paid?
8. When is the principal money due?
9. Has any money been paid on account of principal?
10. If so, how much, and what were the date or dates of payment?
11. What security has the Government got for repayment of money?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$24,000, May 9th, 1914.
- "3. Minister of Agriculture.
- "4. To erect buildings and to extend the work of the Creamery Association.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Four and a half per cent.
- "7. \$991.24 from June 5th, 1914, to May 9th, 1915, and \$1,080, one year's interest to May 9th, 1916; total, \$2,071.24.
- "8. May 9th, 1934.
- "9. \$1,530, being two years' sinking fund payments.
- "10. September 16th, 1915, \$765; October 17th, 1916, \$765.
- "11. A first mortgage on properties and assets of the company as provided by the Act."

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

1. What is the total amount of terminal bonds of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company guaranteed by Province?
2. What is total amount sold?
3. What was the sum realized thereon?
4. What balance is there still to the credit of the Minister of Finance with respect thereto?
5. What amount (if any) has been spent with respect to Victoria terminals?
6. What amount (if any) is allocated to terminals at Victoria?
7. Have any plans been prepared for Victoria terminals?
8. What is the estimated cost of terminals at Victoria?
9. What is the estimated cost to construct ready for operation the 100 miles of line on Vancouver Island authorized by chapter 3, Statutes of 1910?

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

- "1. \$10,000,000 (£2,054,794).
 - "2. £1,770,000.
 - "3. \$7,954,814.43.
 - "4. \$3,865,293.20.
 - "5. No expenditure.
 - "6. \$853,125.
 - "7. Yes; plans of acreage to be purchased on Songhees Reserve, showing yard layout and proposed buildings, but no detailed plans of buildings.
 - "8. Answered by No. 6.
 - "9. Based on original unit prices estimated cost is \$4,307,124, of which \$3,303,226 has been expended to November 30th, 1916. Estimated balance required to complete, on increased prices of to-day, is as follows: Using 70-lb. rails, \$1,613,797; using 60-lb. rails, \$1,471,397; to which may be added the sum of \$8,000 for depreciation of grade already constructed.
- "NOTE.—Answer to No. 9 is furnished by the C.N.P. Rly. Co.'s engineer."

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

1. Was the Cowichan Creamery Company given a loan under the "Dairy Associations Act"?
2. If so, when and for how much?
3. On whose recommendation was the loan given?
4. For what purpose was it made?
5. For what purposes was money used?
6. What interest is payable under the loan?
7. What interest has been paid?
8. When is the principal money due?
9. Has any money been paid on account of principal?
10. If so, how much, and what were the date or dates of payment?
11. What security has the Government got for repayment of money?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. A loan of \$1,200 on March 1st, 1898, and an additional loan of \$2,000 on March 21st, 1910.
- "3. Minister of Agriculture.
- "4. The establishment and extension of the creamery.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Five per cent. on both loans.
- "7. \$322.50 interest paid on the 1898 loan, and \$418.90 interest paid on the 1910 loan.
- "8. The 1898 loan was paid off on March 31st, 1906, and the 1910 loan was paid on June 8th, 1914.
- "9, 10, and 11. Answered by No. 8."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Order for the Consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting of the House.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the amendment of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" in the manner set forth hereunder, namely:—

"That Part V. be numbered Part VI., and section 16 be numbered section 17; and that the following be inserted as Part V., section 16:—

"PART V.

"ADMINISTRATION FUND.

"16. There is hereby appropriated out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be expended and applied by the Department of Mines for the purposes authorized by this Act."

Government House,
April 26th, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment to Bill (No. 11) 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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendment.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Ordered, That the amendment reported be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors."

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Timber Royalty Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, 27th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. L. Macrae.

Mr. *Manson* presented a petition from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, asking leave to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House on the consideration of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

Mr. *Pauline* presented the First Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 27th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has examined all the letters, papers, accounts, vouchers, books, and other documents, and taken evidence relating to the payment of \$177.75 and \$78.70, covering the September and November expense account as rendered and paid to Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth as Chairman of the Civil Service Grading Committee during the year 1909, and begs to report that no part of these expenses were charged or collected by Mr. Cotsworth for the days upon which he inspected certain lands for himself or family and which he afterwards made application to purchase.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. PAULINE, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 27th, 1917.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 27th, 1917.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the aggregate amount of Provincial moneys deposited with the Bank of Vancouver?

2. When and where were these moneys deposited?

3. What amount was deposited on each of such dates?

4. Were these moneys carried in current account or in savings account carrying interest; or, if in both, how much in each?

5. If the moneys were carried in current account, what amount was chequed out therefrom?

6. If in savings account, what amount was withdrawn therefrom?

7. Who were the general officers of the Bank of Vancouver during the currency of the account or accounts of the Province therein?

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

"1. \$125,000.

"2. February 2nd, 1911, at Vancouver, \$50,000; September 1st, 1914, at Vancouver, \$75,000.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Both deposits were carried in savings account, bearing interest.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. January 2nd, 1914, \$25,000, principal; January 2nd, 1914, \$6,151.74, interest.

"7. W. E. Jardine signed as Manager in 1913; F. Davies signed as Inspector in 1913; C. G. Pennock signed as General Manager in 1913; H. G. Collins signed as Accountant in 1913; W. E. Jardine signed as Manager in 1914. No further information with regard to officials of the bank."

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" was recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle and Horses" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, 30th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. J. Thompson.

The petition from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, asking leave to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House on the consideration of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was received and ordered printed.

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

The report of the Select Committee on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, received on April 24th, be adopted.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 30th, 1917.

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. 39) intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the question "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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 5.35 p.m.

Monday, 30th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all letters, memoranda, or applications (if any), whether marked "Personal" or otherwise, written by J. S. Cowper, sixth Member for Vancouver, to any member of the Government requesting any appointment to any position in the Civil Service of British Columbia for any member of his family.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. King, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

Mr. Farris presented a further report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 1st, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and matters appertaining thereto begs to further report as follows:—

I. BRIEF OUTLINE OF ARRANGEMENT.

The construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Vancouver to Fort George was begun in the fall of 1912 by P. Welch under a contract entered into by him with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company on September 23rd, 1912, at unit prices as therein set out and according to specifications subsequently prepared.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway was incorporated by chapter 36, Statutes of 1912, with a share capital of \$25,000,000. The Act provided that proceeds of sale of shares should be applied on the construction of the road.

The incorporation of this railway was effected pursuant to a previous agreement entered into by Foley, Welch & Stewart, a firm of railway contractors, with Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of British Columbia, on February 10th, 1912, which agreement was given the effect of a Statute as Schedule A to chapter 34 of Statutes of 1912. By this statutory agreement the firm undertook to incorporate a company to construct the railway from Vancouver to Fort George, a distance (since determined) of 476.01 miles. They gave their personal guarantee that the Company would build, equip, and operate the road, and that the same would be completed by July 1st, 1915. They also undertook to indemnify the Province from the payment of any principal or interest which the Province might be called upon to make upon its guarantee of the Company's bonds.

The Company was authorized to issue thirty-year 4-per-cent. debentures, secured by a mortgage against the Company's property (other than terminals), to a total amount of \$35,000 a mile on a mileage of 450 miles. By later enactments, 1913 and 1914, this amount was increased to \$42,000 a mile for a mileage of 480 miles, and the interest to 4½ per cent.

It was further provided by this agreement, *Schedule A*, that the Province would guarantee the payment of the bonds. As a safeguard to protect the Province on application of the proceeds, it was provided by section 9, subsections (c) and (d), that the proceeds from sale of these bonds would be paid into the bank in a special account in the name of the Finance Minister, to be paid out by the Government in monthly instalments as the construction of the road is proceeded with "in such sums as are justifiable, having regard to the proportion of work done and materials and supplies purchased as compared with the whole work done and to be done thereon pending completion of the road."

The basis of the arrangement was that the Company from the sale of its shares and backed by the guarantee of Foley, Welch & Stewart would provide the additional amount above the Provincial guarantee necessary for the completion of the road. The proceeds of the sale of bonds were made a trust fund to be paid out proportionately on progress estimates as the work progressed, so that the exhaustion of this trust would be contemporaneous with the completion of the road.

The incorporators and first directors of the Company were Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart, D'Arcy Tate, and two others, employees of the firm. Mr. Tate became vice-president and general counsel.

In the Session of 1916, by chapter 3S, provision was made for a loan to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway of \$6,000,000, in consideration of which \$2,000,000 in par value of shares of Company were transferred to the Province, and as security for the loan \$10,000,000 of par value of shares were hypothecated to the Province, and a mortgage was given covering the assets of the Company and of the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company.

II. SPECIFIC FINDINGS.

In connection with the above outlined transaction your Committee finds as follows:—

(1.) The promotion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company was brought about by an arrangement entered into in the fall of 1911 between Mr. D'Arcy Tate and Mr. J. W. Stewart, of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, whereby it was agreed that Mr. Tate should secure the charter and guarantees from the Provincial Government and a traffic arrangement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

He was to receive therefor a *commission* of one-quarter of the capital stock of the Company, amounting to \$6,250,000, and \$500,000 in cash. Mr. Tate undertook that out of this sum he was to provide incidental expenses, including campaign funds for the Conservative party, as might be necessary for the purpose. In due course the said stock was issued and delivered to Mr. Tate, and the \$500,000 was also received by him. From this fund disbursements for campaign purposes were made as arranged; but to what individuals in the Conservative party and in what amounts Mr. Tate refused to tell your Committee, and has since absented himself in the United States. Mr. W. J. Bowser, former Premier, was asked by your Committee regarding the matter, but absolutely refused to make any statement as to his knowledge of this payment of campaign funds. Mr. Thos. Taylor, former Minister of Railways, was also asked. He denied any knowledge of the transaction or that he received any of the money.

(2.) The total share capital of the Company was issued to Foley, Welch & Stewart. Shares to the amount of \$40,000 were fully paid up, and the balance, \$24,960,000, were issued to the

promoters as fully paid up without cash consideration. In the opinion of your Committee, this share issue was illegal and improper, as being contrary to the provisions of section 21 of chapter 36, Statutes of 1912.

(3.) The contract which was let by the Company for the construction of the road to P. Welch was in reality a contract to the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, the promoters and owners of the Company, and was put in the name of P. Welch to conceal the real nature of the transaction. This contract was in direct contravention of sections 110 and 118 of the "Railway Act," forbidding the directors entering into a contract with their Company or to hold office if such a contract be made. From this it follows:—

- (a.) That the contract for the construction of the road in the name of P. Welch is invalid:
- (b.) That Messrs. J. W. Stewart and Timothy Foley are disqualified as directors and have been illegally acting as such.

It appears that the other directors, E. F. White and F. Wilson, while each on salary at \$6,000 a year, were interested in sub-contracts, out of which they made substantial sums (Mr. White \$24,000 and Mr. Wilson \$14,000) without giving any apparent value therefor.

Mr. White also admitted that he paid nothing for his stock in the Company.

The contract made by the Company with Foley, Welch & Stewart in the name of P. Welch was an improper one. It enabled Foley, Welch & Stewart, acting through the Company, to fix for themselves without competition the prices they were to pay themselves in the name of P. Welch for the construction of the road. The contract was effected between J. W. Stewart, the president of the Company, a member of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, and P. Welch, also a member of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, at unit prices agreed on between themselves, which prices were fixed some months before the specifications for the road were prepared.

(4.) That the prices fixed by the contract made in this improper manner were excessive your Committee believes, for the following reasons:—

- (a.) The unit prices prevailing in this contract are greatly in excess of those in the contract made by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in the construction of its line in British Columbia:
- (b.) The opinion of the Government engineer, Mr. Gamble, in a letter written to the Hon. Sir Richard McBride on the 2nd day of December, 1912, in which he stated that the prices in this contract were very much in excess of those for similar work prevailing on the Coast:
- (c.) On a total expenditure by the Province of \$18,314,825, P. Welch, as appears by his own figures, made a profit of over \$5,000,000.

(5.) The Government has paid out the full amount of its trust funds without proper supervision or inspection of the work. Payments made to the contractor were made upon progress estimates certified to by the Company's engineer, Mr. Callaghan, who had been for some years an employee of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, and who by virtue of the irregular relations between the Company and the contracting firm, was not in a position of an independent engineer, but was in reality at all times the representative of Foley, Welch & Stewart.

No check was provided by the Government to guard against the results of such a system. The Government engineer, Mr. Gamble, had no representative upon the work. He himself visited the work very infrequently and at such times made only a casual inspection. Mr. Gamble has stated to your Committee that he accepted the progress estimates as submitted by Mr. Callaghan on the assumption that the Company was independent of the contractors, and admitted that if he had known the true relations existing between the Company and its contractors he would not have been a party to the method adopted. As to how far Mr. Gamble's explanations excuse his course your Committee offers no opinion.

(6.) The extent to which advantage has been taken of the lack of proper supervision and inspection your Committee is not able to fully ascertain. To do so would require a physical inspection of the work by a large staff of engineers. That the system adopted did result in serious abuses appears clearly from the following instances presented to your Committee where the Company's engineer improperly allowed overpayments by the Government to the Company:—

- (a.) The sum of \$150,000 approximately was overpaid by wrongfully classifying "excavating" as "excavation in foundations":

- (b.) The sum of \$120,000 approximately was overpaid in payments for ballasting by paying for surfacing in addition to ballasting;
- (c.) The sum of \$20,000 approximately was overpaid by allowing payments for "merchantable lengths" for timber instead of paying for timber "in place" in trestles;
- (d.) The sum of \$25,000 approximately was overpaid by paying for "false-work" for Howe-truss bridge contrary to specifications;
- (e.) The sum of \$90,000 approximately was overpaid on wrongful classification by allowing approximately 10 per cent. of solid rock on approximately 1,000,000 yards of clay;
- (f.) Cull ties were not paid for by the contractor, P. Welch, but were paid for in full by the Company.

(7.) The bonds of the Company guaranteed by the Province have been sold to the amount of \$20,160,000, and there was realized from the sale of these bonds the sum of \$18,314,825, which was paid into the bank in the name of the Minister of Finance as a trust fund under the provisions of said Schedule A. The total proceeds of this trust fund have been paid over by the Government to the Company. *This payment by the Government was illegal and improper for the following reasons:—*

- (a.) The payments were made upon the basis of the prices improperly fixed by Foley, Welch & Stewart in the manner above described;
- (b.) The payments were made on the progress estimates prepared by the Company's engineer without proper independent check or inspection upon the part of the Government engineer;
- (c.) The Government has paid out to the Company the full guarantee of \$42,000 a mile for a total mileage of 480 miles, or 3.09 miles in excess of the total mileage; this item of overpayment amounts to \$163,800;
- (d.) The Government has paid the full subsidy of \$42,000 a mile on 284 miles not ballasted and upon which no track has been laid or bridges built; and it has paid the full subsidy of \$42,000 on *fifty-one miles* on which no construction-work has been done whatever;
- (e.) The Government overpaid the Company \$5,705,316.50 in contravention of Statute. This overpayment is in addition to any overpayments for excessive profits or upon wrongful classifications. The essential clause in the agreement between the Government and Foley, Welch & Stewart for the protection of the Province is subsection (d) of section 9 of Schedule A. The clear purpose of this was to ensure payment from time to time as the work progressed by Foley, Welch & Stewart of the additional moneys required, so that the exhaustion of the trust fund provided by the Province would be contemporaneous with the completion of the road. Instead of this being done the guarantee has been paid in full while the road is far from completed. It is estimated that on the basis of the contract price it will require to complete approximately \$13,000,000. Instead of Foley, Welch & Stewart putting up their share as the work progressed, the amount paid the Company by the Government exceeds by over \$5,000,000 the actual cost to them of the work done. The estimated overpayment is based on the original estimate of total cost of \$27,811,927, but, as the present estimate of total cost is substantially larger, it follows that the overpayment really exceeds \$5,704,316.50 by a considerable amount.

The provision of subsection (d) as to the conditions upon which the trust funds could be paid out has been ignored and violated from the beginning. The *full responsibility* for this must rest upon the Government. The Orders in Council authorizing the payments were passed without any reference to the proportion of work done or any consideration as to the failure of Foley, Welch & Stewart to contribute their share.

The justification upon the part of the Government offered for this, that the payments were so made to relieve the bread-line conditions in Vancouver in the winter of 1914, cannot be supported. The practice was indulged in from the first payment in the fall of 1912, and was done in pursuance of the practice which it is stated had been previously carried on in connection with the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway under a similar contract. Instead of ensuring more work being done

upon the road, the practice adopted tended to have the opposite effect, inasmuch as it enabled Foley, Welch & Stewart to withdraw from the work some millions which could not have been withdrawn had the Government adhered to the provisions of the Statute.

(8.) The bond for \$250,000 furnished by Foley, Welch & Stewart as a guarantee for the performance of their contract was allowed to lapse by the previous Government and is now of no value.

(9.) There is due the Government \$85,521.93 as the balance of the moneys deducted by the Company's fiscal agent in London on the sale of the guaranteed bonds.

(10.) Foley, Welch & Stewart have defaulted in their covenant to pay the interest on the bonds. The Province has been compelled to pay \$1,053,827 defaulted interest, and is faced with similar payments of nearly \$1,000,000 a year. Foley, Welch & Stewart have defaulted in their covenant to complete the road, and state their inability to carry out their contract. As to the firm's inability to complete, your Committee makes no finding, as Mr. Welch failed to return as promised for further examination.

(11.) The Province has no security for its bonded guarantee against the terminals of the Company or against the lands held in the name of the Development Company, or against the assets of the Equipment Company. The Development Company has sold to the Railway Company about 250 acres of land for over \$800,000, for which it holds the Company's note. This land is a part of some 1,100 acres purchased by the Development Company for approximately \$200,000.

(12.) The contention put forward on behalf of Mr. P. Welch that the contractors had lost money is not well founded. Upon the basis of their own figures they made a net profit of \$5,170,577. A portion of this money was undoubtedly reinvested in the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company and Equipment Company, but this in no sense is properly chargeable against the construction of the road. The promoters expected a harvest of large profits from their townsites and other lands. Mr. Tate stated that upon an investment of \$2,000,000 they expected to make \$10,000,000. If such speculations have not proved as successful as hoped for, this makes the venture none the more a legitimate part of the railway enterprise.

(13.) Following upon the disbursement of the full proceeds of the guaranteed bonds, the Province in the Session of 1916 made provision for a further loan to the Company of \$6,000,000. This legislation was enacted without further guarantees being taken from Foley, Welch & Stewart as to the overpayments already made. There has been no further guarantee secured from the firm as to the time of completion or as to the balance of the money necessary to complete the road.

(14.) Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, a Member of the Legislature (about the time or shortly after the Session of 1914, when the additional guarantees were made to the Company), was given a share in a sub-contract through the intervention of Mr. P. Welch. Mr. Macgowan was in no true sense a partner with the sub-contractors in whose contract he shared. He gave no consideration to his associates either in time, money, or otherwise. He received as his share \$9,000 paid him by P. Welch in several different cheques from August, 1914, to January, 1915.

(15.) Your Committee has found its recent investigations hampered by its inability to secure certain private ledgers of Mr. P. Welch kept in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway matters, by the precipitous departure to the United States of Mr. P. Welch, Mr. E. F. White, and Mr. Donald McLeod, confidential representative of Mr. J. W. Stewart, also by the refusal to testify and disappearance of Mr. D'Arcy Tate, and the refusals to testify of Mr. Thomas and Mr. W. J. Bowser, M.L.A. The departure of Welch, White, and Tate was in defiance of the orders of the Committee. Your Committee feels that, in view of the absence of material witnesses and the inability of your Committee to act after the expiry of the Legislature, further investigations should be by another form of tribunal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the question "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. Bell, the debate was adjourned to 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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,005,035.30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 31st March, 1918.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 31st March, 1918.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 31st March, 1918.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$798,472.64 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 31st March, 1918.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$169,552.73 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Redemption of Debentures, to 31st March, 1918.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lieutenant-Governor's Office, to 31st March, 1918.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Premier's Office, to 31st March, 1918.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$228,318 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, to 31st March, 1918.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,592 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Mines, to 31st March, 1918.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,962 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Finance, to 31st March, 1918.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,752 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Agriculture, to 31st March, 1918.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$218,652 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Lands, to 31st March, 1918.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,244 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Public Works, to 31st March, 1918.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Railways, to 31st March, 1918.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$455,152 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Attorney-General's Department, to 31st March, 1918.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$237,024 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Government Agencies, to 31st March, 1918.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 31st March, 1918.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,184 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), County Gaols, to 31st March, 1918.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Sessional Salaries, to 31st March, 1918.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Indemnity to Members, to 31st March, 1918.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Mileage, to 31st March, 1918.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Registration of Voters, to 31st March, 1918.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses of Elections, to 31st March, 1918.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses incurred in connection with inquiries by Select Standing Committees, to 31st March, 1918.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund, to 31st March, 1918.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1918.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Mine-rescue Stations, to 31st March, 1918.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Fisheries, to 31st March, 1918.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$157,875 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1918.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Colony Farm, Essondale, to 31st March, 1918.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Nursery, Essondale, to 31st March, 1918.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$123,578 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1918.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1918.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1918.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1918.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Industrial School for Boys, to 31st March, 1918.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Industrial School for Girls, to 31st March, 1918.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$275,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1918.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, "Infants Act" (including statutory grants), to 31st March, 1918.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of destitute poor and sick, to 31st March, 1918.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Alert Bay, to 31st March, 1918.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Atlin, to 31st March, 1918.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Bella Coola, to 31st March, 1918.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Chase, to 31st March, 1918.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Chilcotin, to 31st March, 1918.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Clayoquot, to 31st March, 1918.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Clinton, to 31st March, 1918.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Denman and Hornby Islands, to 31st March 1918.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Edgewood, to 31st March, 1918.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Gulf Islands, to 31st March, 1918.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Kitwanga, to 31st March, 1918.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Masset, to 31st March, 1918.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Nass, to 31st March, 1918.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, 150-Mile House, to 31st March, 1918.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Parksville, to 31st March, 1918.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Pouce Coupe, to 31st March, 1918.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Port Simpson, to 31st March, 1918.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Quatsino, to 31st March, 1918.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Quesnel, to 31st March, 1918.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Rock Bay, to 31st March, 1918.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Vananda, to 31st March, 1918.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Vanderhoof, to 31st March, 1918.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Resident Physician, Windermere District, to 31st March, 1918.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Summoning and paying Witnesses, to 31st March, 1918.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Paying Grand and Petit Jurors, to 31st March, 1918.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Prosecution and Interpreters, to 31st March, 1918.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Expenses of Inquests, to 31st March, 1918.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Rewards, to 31st March, 1918.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Keep of Prisoners, to 31st March, 1918.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Special Constables, to 31st March, 1918.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Transport of Police Officers, Constables, and Prisoners, to 31st March, 1918.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Medical Officers at Gaols (fixed allowances), to 31st March, 1918.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Inspection of Licensed Premises (allowances to Deputies), to 31st March, 1918.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Allowance to Sheriffs (fixed allowances), to 31st March, 1918.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1918.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Miscellaneous, to 31st March, 1918.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Education Office, to 31st March, 1918.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1918.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1918.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Provincial Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1918.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Education of Deaf and Dumb and Blind, to 31st March, 1918.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1918.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1918.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$905,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Per Capita Grant to City, Municipality, and Rural School Districts, to 31st March, 1918.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Salaries of Teachers in Assisted Schools, to 31st March, 1918.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Salaries of Teachers of Schools in Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt, to 31st March, 1918.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Grant to Libraries, to 31st March, 1918.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Conveying Children to Central School, to 31st March, 1918.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Manual Training Equipment, to 31st March, 1918.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1918.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, Charges on Remittances, to 31st March, 1918.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1918.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Administration, Temporary

Employment and Outside Service, Destruction of Noxious Weeds, Departmental Exhibits, and miscellaneous expenditure, to 31st March, 1918.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Board of Horticulture (expenses of members attending meetings), to 31st March, 1918.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Compensation to owners of cattle slaughtered for tuberculosis, to 31st March, 1918.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Fruit-packing Schools, to 31st March, 1918.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of Agricultural Associations, to 31st March, 1918.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Bee-keepers' Association, to 31st March, 1918.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Dairymen's Association, to 31st March, 1918.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Entomological Society, to 31st March, 1918.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Fruit-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1918.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Goat-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1918.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Poultry Association, to 31st March, 1918.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of B.C. Stock-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1918.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of Flockmasters' Association, to 31st March, 1918.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of Farmers' Institutes (including educational work), to 31st March, 1918.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), In aid of Women's Institutes (including educational work), to 31st March, 1918.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Inspection of nursery-stock, trees, plants, etc., to 31st March, 1918.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Suppression of diseases affecting fruits, vegetables, plants, etc., to 31st March, 1918.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Towards cost of operating Dry Farming Experimental Plots, to 31st March, 1918.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture (other than Salaries), Travelling expenses of officers on duty, to 31st March, 1918.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services, Commission, Courts of Appeal, Travelling Expenses and Miscellaneous, to 31st March, 1918.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. D. McKenzie-Naughton.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Special grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1918.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Grants to Refuge Homes, Aid Societies, etc. (subject to Government Inspection), to 31st March, 1918.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1918.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Fumigation Station, Victoria, to 31st March, 1918.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Furniture, Government Offices throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1918.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaols and Lock-ups throughout the Province (maintenance and repairs), to 31st March, 1918.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Improvement of Government Grounds, Victoria, to 31st March, 1918.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Improvement of Government Grounds throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1918.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), King Edward Sanatorium, Tranquille (conditional grant), to 31st March, 1918.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1918.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Nursery, Essondale, clearing and breaking new land, to 31st March, 1918.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Colony Farm, Essondale, general repairs, to 31st March, 1918.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1918.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Government Buildings, London, England (completion, furniture, and maintenance), to 31st March, 1918.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Normal School, Vancouver (maintenance), to 31st March, 1918.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Normal School, Victoria (maintenance), to 31st March, 1918.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$106,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public Schools throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1918.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to buildings, furniture, fuel, light, etc., Government House, Victoria (including upkeep of garden), to 31st March, 1918.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1918.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Parliament Buildings, to 31st March, 1918.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Alberni District, to 31st March, 1918.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Atlin District, to 31st March, 1918.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cariboo District, to 31st March, 1918.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Chilliwack District, to 31st March, 1918.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Columbia District, to 31st March, 1918.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Comox District, to 31st March, 1918.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cowichan District, to 31st March, 1918.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cranbrook District, to 31st March, 1918.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Delta District, to 31st March, 1918.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Dewdney District, to 31st March, 1918.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Esquimalt District, to 31st March, 1918.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Fernie District, to 31st March, 1918.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Fort George District, to 31st March, 1918.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Grand Forks District, to 31st March, 1918.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Greenwood District, to 31st March, 1918.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), The Islands District, to 31st March, 1918.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Kamloops District, to 31st March, 1918.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Kaslo District, to 31st March, 1918.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Lillooet District, to 31st March, 1918.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nanaimo District, to 31st March, 1918.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nelson District, to 31st March, 1918.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Newcastle District, to 31st March, 1918.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), New Westminster District, to 31st March, 1918.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), North Okanagan District, to 31st March, 1918.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), North Vancouver District, to 31st March, 1918.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Omineca District, to 31st March, 1918.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Prince Rupert District, to 31st March, 1918.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Revelstoke District, to 31st March, 1918.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Richmond District, to 31st March, 1918.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Rossland District, to 31st March, 1918.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Similkameen District, to 31st March, 1918.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Slocan District, to 31st March, 1918.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), South Okanagan District, to 31st March, 1918.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), South Vancouver District, to 31st March, 1918.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail District, to 31st March, 1918.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District, to 31st March, 1918.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Keith Road, North Vancouver, to 31st March, 1918.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Kingsway-Burnaby Municipality (re-vote), to 31st March, 1918.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Roads, Point Grey, to 31st March, 1918.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road construction, interned aliens, to 31st March, 1918.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, Strathcona Park, to 31st March, 1918.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Observatory Road (completion), to 31st March, 1918.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Main Road, Saanich, paving, to 31st March, 1918.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Assistance towards Dyke, Nicomen Island (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), City of Fernie, grant towards river protection, to 31st March, 1918.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Location of roads, to 31st March, 1918.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Protection of River-banks, to 31st March, 1918.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road Machinery, to 31st March, 1918.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Wharves generally, to 31st March, 1918.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Wharf, Prince Rupert (salaries and maintenance), to 31st March, 1918.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Bridges generally, to 31st March, 1918.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), District Engineers (salaries and expenses), to 31st March, 1918.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Barnston Island, to 31st March, 1918.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Canoe River, to 31st March, 1918.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Columbia River, Briscoe, to 31st March, 1918.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Columbia River, Goldstream, to 31st March, 1918.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Columbia River, Waterloo (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Francois Lake, to 31st March, 1918.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Alexandria, to 31st March, 1918.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Cariboo Station (establishing), to 31st March, 1918.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Macalister, to 31st March, 1918.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Agassiz, to 31st March, 1918.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Big Bar, to 31st March, 1918.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Chillivack-Harrison, to 31st March, 1918.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Dunster, to 31st March, 1918.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at High Bar, to 31st March, 1918.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Lytton (above), to 31st March, 1918.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at McBride (establishing), to 31st March, 1918.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Mission, to 31st March, 1918.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Quesnel, to 31st March, 1918.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Soda Creek, to 31st March, 1918.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Twenty-mile Post, above Lillooet, to 31st March, 1918.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Fraser River at Ladner-Woodward, to 31st March, 1918.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), East Summerland, to 31st March, 1918.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries); Hall's Landing, to 31st March, 1918.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Kelowna-Westbank, to 31st March, 1918.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Kootenay River, Lewis, to 31st March, 1918.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Kootenay River, Reclamation Farm, to 31st March, 1918.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Nechako River, Fort Fraser, to 31st March, 1918.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Nechako River, No. 3 Indian Reserve, to 31st March, 1918.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Bester, Mosquito Flat, to 31st March, 1918.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Birch Island, to 31st March, 1918.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Chinook Cove, to 31st March, 1918.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, near Hefferly Station, to 31st March, 1918.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Jones, to 31st March, 1918.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Little Fort, to 31st March, 1918.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, near McClure Station, to 31st March, 1918.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), North Thompson River, Upper Crossing, to 31st March, 1918.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Shuswap Lake, Sorrento, Scotch Creek, to 31st March, 1918.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), South Thompson, Ducks, to 31st March, 1918.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), South Thompson, Pritchard, to 31st March, 1918.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Stuart River, Fort St. James, to 31st March, 1918.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Stuart River, Sturgeon Point (establishing), to 31st March, 1918.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Breckenridge, to 31st March, 1918.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Copper City, to 31st March, 1918.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Hazelton, to 31st March, 1918.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Kitwanga, to 31st March, 1918.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Meanskinisht-Cedarvale, to 31st March, 1918.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Pacific, to 31st March, 1918.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Terrace, to 31st March, 1918.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Skeena River, Usk, to 31st March, 1918.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Takla Lake, to 31st March, 1918.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Upper Nass River, Grease Harbour, to 31st March, 1918.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), West Arm, Kootenay Lake, at Nelson, to 31st March, 1918.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Bridge Tenders), Canoe Pass, to 31st March, 1918.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Bridge Tenders), Eburne, to 31st March, 1918.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Bridge Tenders), Kamloops, to 31st March, 1918.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Bridge Tenders), Pitt River, to 31st March, 1918.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Steamboats), North-East Arm Arrow Lake, to 31st March, 1918.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Steamboats), Dog Lake, Similkameen, to 31st March, 1918.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Steamboats), Shuswap Lake (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Steamboats), The Islands (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Boiler Inspection (maintenance, wages, repairs, etc., launch "Adanac"), to 31st March, 1918.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Extra Janitors and janitors' supplies, to 31st March, 1918.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Fuel, light, power, and water, to 31st March, 1918.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Garage, Victoria (chauffeurs' wages and expenses, supplies and repairs), to 31st March, 1918.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Special Guard, Parliament Buildings, to 31st March, 1918.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Telephone Service, to 31st March, 1918.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Advertising, to 31st March, 1918.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Burial of Indigent Persons, to 31st March, 1918.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), "Civil Service Act" to 31st March, 1918.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Collecting Archives, to 31st March, 1918.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Postage, to 31st March, 1918.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Provincial Board of Health (other than salaries), to 31st March, 1918.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Premiums on Guarantee Bonds, to 31st March, 1918.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Royal Commissions, to 31st March, 1918.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Stationery, to 31st March, 1918.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, to 31st March, 1918.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grants to Civil Servants and Employees on Military Duty, to 31st March, 1918.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1918.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to City of Phoenix, to 31st March, 1918.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1918.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to Governors of the University of British Columbia (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to Victorian Order of Nurses (Province), to 31st March, 1918.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grants for Patriotic Purposes, to 31st March, 1918.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to Pacific North-west Tourist Association, to 31st March, 1918.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,426 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Superannuation, to 31st March, 1918.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Department of Mines), Coal Miners' Examinations (allowances to Examiners and Secretaries), to 31st March, 1918.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Department of Mines), Grant to Vancouver Chamber of Mines (conditional), to 31st March, 1918.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Destruction of Wolves, Cougars, Coyotes, etc. (bounties and salaries), to 31st March, 1918.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Game Protection (including temporary salaries, travelling expenses, and incidentals of office), to 31st March, 1918.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Departmental Libraries, to 31st March, 1918.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Legislative Library, to 31st March, 1918.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Travelling Libraries, to 31st March, 1918.

277. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Motor Traffic Regulation (plates, badges, express, etc.), to 31st March, 1918.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Special Surveys, to 31st March, 1918.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Grant to Canadian Bar Association, to 31st March, 1918.

280. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), "Workmen's Compensation Act," salaries of Commissioners, to 31st March, 1918.

281. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), "Moving Pictures Act" (supplies), to 31st March, 1918.

282. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Department of Railways), Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster (salaries, maintenance, repairs, and betterments), to 31st March, 1918.

283. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Department of Railways), Songhees Terminal improvements, to 31st March, 1918.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Agent-General's Office, London), Salary of Agent-General, including clerical assistance, advertising, etc., 12 months, to 31st March, 1918.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Immigration and Publicity), Miscellaneous requirements, to 31st March, 1918.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Pauline* presented the Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

May 1st, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That we have examined all letters, papers, vouchers, and documents relating to the payment of \$7,920 to Andrew Laidlaw as a refund of money paid on account of lands, and have examined all witnesses in this connection, and find that the sum of \$6,480 has been refunded to the assigns of Mr. Andrew Laidlaw on application to purchase lands, contrary to Statute. The evidence shows that the Deputy Minister of Lands showed carelessness and was not sufficiently informed upon the condition of applications in his Department, being confused in this case by a double set of applications covering the same lands; and the evidence also discloses that the Government Agent at Ashcroft did not exercise sufficient care in following out the instructions received from the Deputy Minister of Lands and does not appear to have checked his office records with the returned certificates before paying the money out. We point out, however, that in this case there is no suggestion of improper use of funds and that the Province still retains the lands affected by the refunds, as well as the benefit of surveys on said lands, and the deposit on 6,400 acres of lands not dealt with being \$3,200, and benefits of the survey on these last-mentioned lands as well.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. PAULINE, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Mr. *Farris* presented a further report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 2nd, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee inquiring into the Pacific Great Eastern Railway *et al.* begs leave to report Exhibits, which have been produced before your Committee, numbered, viz., 3, 6, 7, 36, 74, 145, 149, 191, 194, and 206, and we recommend that the same be printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

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 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Freight, express, and cartage, to 31st March, 1918.

287. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Interest on Suitors' Fund and Official Guardian Deposits, to 31st March, 1918.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Refunds, to 31st March, 1918.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Rents, to 31st March, 1918.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Telegrams, to 31st March, 1918.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1918.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Miscellaneous, not detailed in Estimates, to 31st March, 1918.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Forest Branch), Forest Protection Fund (estimated amount of Government contribution under "Forest Act"), to 31st March, 1918.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Forest Branch), Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1918.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Forest Branch), Miscellaneous (including transport, salaries of temporary staff, upkeep of boats, incidental expenses, etc.), to 31st March, 1918.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Lands Branch), Administration of "Soldiers' Homestead Act," 1916, to 31st March, 1918.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Lands Branch), Salaries and expenses of Pre-emption Inspectors, to 31st March, 1918.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Surveyor-General's Branch), Lithograph Maps (including purchase of non-departmental maps), to 31st March, 1918.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Surveyor-General's Branch), Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1918.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Surveyor-General's Branch), Surveys throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1918.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Surveyor-General's Branch), Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1918.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Board of Investigation (including salaries and travelling expenses), to 31st March, 1918.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Collecting rainfall and climate statistics (including observers' salaries), to 31st March, 1918.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Expert assistance, to 31st March, 1918.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Public irrigation corporations—surveys and investigations (including salaries and travelling expenses), to 31st March, 1918.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Surveys (general), to 31st March, 1918.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Temporary assistance (including salaries, office engineers, and draughtsmen), to 31st March, 1918.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Grant to Irrigation Convention at Kamloops, to 31st March, 1918.

309. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Well Drilling, to 31st March, 1918.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands (Water Rights Branch), Contingencies, to 31st March, 1918.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,424.66 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 31st March, 1917.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses of Elections, to 31st March, 1917.

23A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses incurred in connection with inquiries by Select Standing Committees, to 31st March, 1917.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund, to 31st March, 1917.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Mental Hospital, Essondale, salaries of employees, to 31st March, 1917.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Colony Farm, Essondale, part payment account purchase portion of Lots 170 and 305, Group 1, New Westminster District, and interest, to 31st March, 1917.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Mental Hospital, New Westminster, salaries of employees, to 31st March, 1917.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1917.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Colony Farm, Essondale, dyking, to 31st March, 1917.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Normal School, Vancouver (maintenance), to 31st March, 1917.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Revelstoke District, to 31st March, 1917.

184A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Claim of Armstrong, Morrison & Co., Ltd., interest on deferred payments, contract Pitt River Bridge, to 31st March, 1917.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), Kootenay River, Reclamation Farm, to 31st March, 1917.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Subsidies and Maintenance, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges—Ferries), West Arm, Kootenay Lake, at Nelson, to 31st March, 1917.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Extra Janitors and janitors' supplies, to 31st March, 1917.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Miscellaneous), Special Guard, Parliament Buildings, to 31st March, 1917.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Postage, to 31st March, 1917.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Royal Commissions, to 31st March, 1917.

269A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Grant to Corporation of Delta towards cost of repairs to Sunbury Wharf, to 31st March, 1917.

269B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Gratuity to the widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, to 31st March, 1917.

269C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Funeral expenses of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, to 31st March, 1917.

269D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$605 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Provincial Secretary's Department), Gratuity to the widow of the late J. P. McLeod, to 31st March, 1917.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Destruction of Wolves, Cougars, Coyotes, etc. (bounties and salaries), to 31st March, 1917.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Attorney-General's Department), Legislative Library, to 31st March, 1917.

283. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Agent-General's Office, London), Salary of Agent-General, including clerical assistance, advertising, etc., to 31st March, 1917.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,335.76 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Refunds, to 31st March, 1917.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (General), Rents, to 31st March, 1917.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Manson*,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, presented to the House on the 25th day of April, 1917, be adopted.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Keen*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on 1st and 2nd 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:—

\$ 80,145.42 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917.

9,594,359.67 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

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The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 42) 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 forthwith.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle and Horses" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Ross*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Ross*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an *Order of the House* be granted for a Return of all correspondence between William Manson, formerly Superintendent of the Agricultural Credit Commission, and the Minister of Agriculture or any other member of the Government in regard to the relinquishing by him of the position of Superintendent of the Agricultural Credit Commission and payment of his salary.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* then presented a Return of the correspondence ordered by the preceding Resolution.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

HALF-PAST FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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 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. 42) 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."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Keen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the petition of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Mr. *Manson* presented a report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM.

May 3rd, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That we recommend that the following reports be printed, namely:—

- (1.) Report of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the year 1916.
- (2.) The Twelfth Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden.
- (3.) The Twelfth Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Industrial School for Boys.
- (4.) The Third Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Home for Girls.
- (5.) The First Report of the Shipping Credit Commission.
- (6.) Report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company on the investigations into the financial relations of the Government with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

We recommend that the following returns be not printed, namely:—

- (1.) Return of the Minister of Lands *in re* correspondence of J. S. Cowper.
- (2.) Return of the Minister of Lands of the Report of R. W. Harris *re* Point Grey property.
- (3.) Return of the Attorney-General *in re* correspondence with Andrew Blygh.

Your Committee further recommends that Orders in Council and Proclamations of a general and public nature be printed with the annual Statutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Macdonald* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence and documents in the possession of the Government relating to the dismissal of Deputy Game Warden James Stewart, of Mission, and to the application for employment and the appointment of F. W. Hughes, who was appointed to succeed the said James Stewart.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
May 3rd, 1917.

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. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Friday, 4th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. *Cobwell*.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of the Minister of Lands for the Province for the Year ending 31st December, 1916.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Hanes*, seconded by Mr. *Yorston*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas on March 30th Mr. P. Welch, when giving evidence before the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Committee, assured the Committee that it was understood that if there were any further questions to ask him that he would come back; and whereas Mr. P. Welch did not again appear before the said Committee after telegrams were sent to him requesting him to appear: Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Speaker do issue his warrant to compel said P. Welch to appear at the Bar of this House forthwith to answer any questions and to answer for his conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. *Ross* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That R. D. Thomas, committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House by virtue of an Order of the House made on the 18th April, 1917, be discharged from custody, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms release the said R. D. Thomas as provided by the Rules of the House.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Pauline*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented and received on 2nd instant, was adopted.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 4th, 1917.

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. 45) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

May 4th, 1917.

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 amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many Government Agencies were there in the Cariboo Land District in the years 1910 and 1911?
2. What was the number of men employed on the staff of said Agencies during same period?
3. What was the total amount of salary paid to said staff per month?
4. How many applications were received at said Agencies for: (a) Pre-emption records; (b) to purchase land; (c) to lease land; (d) Crown grants to lands; (e) coal licences; (f) timber leases; (g) water licences during said period?
5. How many Government Agencies were there in the Cariboo Land District in the years 1915 and 1916?
6. What was the number of men employed on the staff of said Agencies during same period?
7. What was the total amount of salary paid to said staff per month?
8. How many applications were received at said Agencies for: (a) Pre-emption records; (b) to purchase land; (c) to lease land; (d) Crown grants to lands; (e) coal licences; (f) timber leases; (g) water licences during said period?

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

“1. One Land Agency, at Barkerville.

“2. Eleven persons as maximum. Three employed full twelve months; remainder employed from one month to ten months.

“3. \$790 as maximum amount for one month.

“4. (a) 217; (b) 1,814 certificates of purchase issued; (c) 61 applications to lease unsurveyed land; (d) 47; (e) 189; (f) none; (g) 2.

“5. Two Land Agencies, Fort George and Quesnel.

“6. Twenty-three as maximum. Eight employed full twelve months; remainder from two to nine months.

“7. \$2,349.32 maximum for one month.

“8. (a) 699; (b) 225 certificates of purchase issued; (c) 37 applications to lease unsurveyed land; (d) none; (e) 88; (f) none; (g) 24.

“NOTE.—Answers relating to staff of Agencies are for fiscal years 1910-11 and 1915-16. Answers relating to returns of work are for calendar years 1910 and 1915.”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trust Companies Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act Relief Act.’”

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Keen,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>			

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Rose.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906.’”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 7th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. W. *Flinton*.

On the motion of Mr. *Walters*, Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act respecting Liens of Wage-earners” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 7th, 1917.

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. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fort George Incorporation Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘War Relief Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Thompson* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, presented to the House on the 25th day of April, 1917, be adopted.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Ross* on the 4th instant, as follows:—

That R. D. Thomas, committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House by virtue of an Order of the House made on the 18th April, 1917, be discharged from custody, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms release the said R. D. Thomas as provided by the Rules of the House.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Nelson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, presented and received on the 3rd instant, be adopted.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 24th day of November, 1916.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *MacIntosh*,—

Whereas W. J. Bowser, a witness before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and who on the 24th day of April, 1917, did refuse to answer questions put to him by the Committee (which questions were asked in accordance with permission given to the Committee by a Resolution of the House on 16th April, 1917), that the Speaker do issue a subpoena to the said W. J. Bowser to personally appear at the Bar of the House, or rise in his place, forthwith to answer the said questions and to answer for his said conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Nelson*, seconded by Mr. *K. C. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the citizens of certain portions of British Columbia, situated along or adjacent to transportation routes of the inland lake and river services, are frequently put to great inconvenience and loss through the failure of transportation companies to meet their requirements:

And whereas this inconvenience and loss is causing many of those engaged in agricultural pursuits to give up their farms and move to other places:

And whereas the development of industries necessary to increased production is thus seriously retarded in these districts:

And whereas the operations of the aforesaid companies are apparently not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada and our citizens are consequently debarred from an appeal to them:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to forward through the proper channels to the Dominion Government the prayer of this House that the powers now vested in the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada be enlarged so as to include control of the inland lake and river services.

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

1. How many persons are employed on the Quilchena Experimental Farm?
2. What is the salary of the Superintendent in Charge?
3. What is the aggregate pay-roll?
4. What was the cost of operating for 1915 and 1916?
5. What amount of profit was shown on working (if any) in these years?
6. How much was realized on the sale of products?

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

“ 1. One.

“ 2. \$100 per month.

“ 3. \$100 per month at present.

“ 4. For the year ending March 31st, 1915, \$4,591.39; for the year ending March 31st, 1916, \$3,259.68; for the year ending March 31st, 1917, \$3,740.84. These figures do not include the salary and travelling expenses of Professor W. J. Elliott, who until March 31st, 1917, directed the work on the Dry-farming Stations conducted by the Province.

“ 5. None.

“ 6. For the two years ending December 31st, 1916, receipts were \$179.14.”

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act Relief Act’” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes.”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vital Statistics Act.’”

Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy.”

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906.’”

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act respecting Dentistry” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trust Companies Act’” was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act’” was again committed. Progress reported.

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 5.50 p.m.