

Wednesday, December 17th, 1924.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Third Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1924.

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

Order for Private Bills called.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 17th, 1924.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting therein the following as subsection (3) to section 9 of the Bill:—

"(3.) Items 5 and 6 of the Second Schedule of the 'Land Registry Act' shall not apply in respect of the registration of title on the exchange of any lands in carrying out the scheme for the replotting and resubdivision of the said district pursuant to this section."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 an amendment to Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole forthwith having in charge Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey."

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

What attempts (if any) have been made by the Coast Range Steel Company to revive their overtures to this Government regarding the granting of a subsidy to, or the guaranteeing of the bonds of, the Company by the Government?

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

"No overtures regarding the granting of a subsidy or a Government guarantee of company bonds have been received from the Coast Range Steel Company since the passage of the 'Iron Bounties Act Amendment Act, 1923' (chapter 3, British Columbia Statutes, 1923)."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17th, 1924.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named."

The debate continued and the House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

Neclands	Schofield	Hinchliffe	Stoan
Browne	Coventry	Stoddart	Creery
Bruhn	Peck	Bryan	Walkem
Catherwood	Davie	Wrinch	Harrison
Manson, Michael	Cochrane	Colley	Leary
Lyons	McKenzie, W. A.	Smith, Mrs.	Odlum
Hayward	Jones	MacLean	Woodward
Twigg	Pooley	Oliver	Barrow

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

Uphill	Munn	Manson, A. M.	Kergin
Burde	Rothwell	McRae	Sutherland
Lister	Mackenzie, I. A.	Paterson	Patullo

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from William R. Moulton, Walter Inward, James W. Berry, and others, praying for immediate measures to be taken to relieve unemployment.

The Rules were suspended and the petition read and received.

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

That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 28th November and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 15th instant be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be read a second time and taken as read.

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

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act,'" Dr. *Rothwell* moved,—

That the report of the Committee be amended by inserting the following as section 7 of the Bill and renumbering the following sections:—

"7. Section 27 of said chapter 146 is repealed."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

Neclands	Wrinch	Walkem	Woodward
Browne	Colley	McRae	Paterson
McKenzie, W. A.	Rothwell	Odlum	Barrow
Jones	Manson, A. M.		

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Creery</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>
<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>		

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Munn</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Peck</i>

Mr. *McRae* moved in amendment,—

That the Order for the consideration of the Report be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted and the Committee instructed to insert in the Bill a section stipulating that beer by the glass shall be dispensed only in Government dispensaries operated by the Liquor Control Board.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Odlum</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>			

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Creery</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Munn</i>
<i>Peck</i>	<i>Perry</i>

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting Boundaries of the City of Nanaimo."

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to authorize the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of Point Grey, and in the Event of the said Agreement not being entered into to provide for the Redefining of the Territorial Limits of the said Corporation to eliminate certain Lands therefrom."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Goat-breeders' Protection Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to extend the Boundaries of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Water District" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1924.

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

1. What firm has been awarded the contract for constructing the Fraser Canyon Highway?
2. What is the amount of the successful tender?
3. What is the total mileage to be constructed under the said tender?
4. What further mileage will require to be constructed (if any)?
5. What is the estimated cost of building the Fraser Canyon Road?

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

"1 and 2. See Return made to the House, Votes and Proceedings No. 30, December 10th, 1924.

"3. (1) 13.3 miles; (2A) 22 miles; (3) 24 miles.

"4. Section of approximately 21 miles of old road will require to be reconstructed and diversions made between Boothroyd and Lytton; 14 miles of old road between Hope and Yale will require to be reconstructed and diversions made and level crossings eliminated.

"5. Approximately \$1,601,000."

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

1. What is the total amount of the assessment of the Cottingham Townsite situated near the Village of Pouce Coupe?

2. Are any taxes in arrears for land in said townsite?

3. If so, to what extent, and covering what period?

4. Who owns the said townsite?

5. In whose employ is the owner at the present time?

6. Was he ever in the Government employ?

7. If so, when did he leave the Government service?

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

"1. \$13,650.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$105.90 for years 1923 and 1924.

"4. L. W. Cottingham, George F. Hart, J. N. and Rose Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, J. H. Fynn, Ruby Fisher, A. J. Duthie, C. E. McWha, and the Government of British Columbia.

"5. No information.

"6. Yes.

"7. October 31st, 1924."

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

1. What amount of money was expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in Rossland-Trail Electoral District during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

2. What amount of money was expended in 1924: (a) On that portion of the Rossland-Cascade Road in Rossland-Trail Electoral Division; (b) on that portion of the Rossland-Cascade Road in Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District?

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

"1. March, \$241.10; April, \$3,460.04; May, \$1,216.27; June, \$2,088; July, \$173.15; August, \$426.59; September, \$296.25; October, \$245.50.

"2. (a) \$4,413.19; (b) \$3,485.92."

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

What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Rossland-Trail Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

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

"See answer to questions standing in name of Mr. *Schofield*, above."

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

1. Was a tax sale of farm lands held in or about the month of November, 1924, at Pouce Coupe?

2. If yes, on what date, and how many parcels of land were sold?

3. What were the names of the purchasers, and what was the amount paid for each parcel?

4. What notice was given of the sale?

5. What hour was appointed for the sale to take place?

6. What time did the sale actually take place?

7. Was the sale open to the public?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. November 12th, 1924; two parcels.

"3. Frederick Adam, one parcel, \$108.85; Havelock Devinney, one parcel, \$85.25.

"4. Usual notice by advertisement in the British Columbia Gazette and a newspaper, in addition to which notices were posted up for thirty days at Dawson Creek, Rolla, Pouce Coupe Post-office, and the Government office at Pouce Coupe.

"5. 10 a.m.

"6. 12.15 p.m.

"7. Yes."

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

What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Prince Rupert Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

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

"March, \$616; April, \$196; May, \$1,132; June, \$1,388; July, \$975; August, \$438; September, \$1,031; October, \$351. For road expenditures from Loan Acts see Votes and Proceedings No. 19, November 28th."

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

What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Fernie Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

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

“ March, \$1,070.10; April, \$5,516.29; May, \$13,523.41; June, \$5,591.93; July, \$4,792.57; August, \$4,433.35; September, \$595.75; October, \$1,161.15. For road expenditures *re* Loan Acts see Votes and Proceedings No. 19, November 28th.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17th, 1924.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hayward* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hinchliffe*,—

Whereas there were in British Columbia, according to the last Dominion census, 23,532 Chinese and 15,006 Japanese:

And whereas statistics show that there is a very large natural increase of Orientals in British Columbia, multiplying each succeeding year to an alarming extent:

And whereas the standard of living of the average Oriental is far below that of the white man, thus enabling him to live comfortably on a much lower wage than our white men:

And whereas the Orientals have invaded many fields of industrial and commercial activities to the serious detriment of our white citizens:

And whereas considerable unemployment always exists in British Columbia, partly due to the fact that large numbers of Orientals are filling situations in our industrial and commercial life which could (as well be, if not better) filled by our white citizens:

And whereas the Orientals are fast invading the commercial areas of many municipalities and districts of British Columbia, carrying on commercial and industrial pursuits:

And whereas many of our white merchants are being forced out of business by such commercial and industrial invasion:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House go on record as being utterly opposed to the further influx of Orientals into this Province. ^

Be it further Resolved, That this House is also of the opinion that the field of industrial and commercial activities of all Orientals now in British Columbia should be restricted by legislation. *added to* ^

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause a copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa, for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*,—

That the Resolution be amended as follows:—

By striking out in the eleventh line thereof the words “as well be, if not,” and inserting the word “be” in lieu thereof; and by adding after the word “Province,” in the seventeenth line thereof, the words “And, further, that this House places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the ‘Immigration Act of Canada’ as is necessary to completely prohibit Asiatic immigration into Canada”; and by inserting after the word “in,” in the nineteenth line thereof, the words “Canada, and particularly”; and by adding the following as a ninth paragraph:—

“Be it further Resolved, That the Government of the Dominion of Canada be respectfully requested to grant adherence on the part of Canada to no treaty or binding international obligation in any form whatsoever having the effect of limiting the authority or power of Provincial Legislatures in respect of the regulation of social and industrial activities within the

Provinces; and, further, that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be respectfully requested to forthwith take the action necessary to bring about the denunciation of any and all treaties in so far as the terms and provisions of the same have the effect of depriving the Dominion of Canada of the power of regulation, control, and prohibition of Asiatic immigration."

The amendment was carried.

The Resolution as amended was carried on the following vote:—

YEAS—43.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Leary</i>
<i>Brahn</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Odlum</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Creery</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	

The following Members were absent on the motion being put: Messieurs *Wallinger, Peck,* and *Perry.*

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Thursday, December 18th, 1924.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Public Bills in the hands of Private Members called.

The Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Water District" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Barbers of the Province of British Columbia" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* the Order for Committee on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Watercourses Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe* the Order for Committee on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What sum of money has been expended for immigration purposes since April 1st, 1924?
2. How many settlers have been brought into the Province during the above period, specifying them as domestics, farm-help, artisans, and others?

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

"1. \$17,000: Salvation Army, \$3,000; 500,000 copies of booklets for distribution at British Empire Exhibition, \$12,500; sundries, \$1,500.

"2. Salvation Army placed 149 settlers between April 1st and September 30th: 44 youths, farm-help; 105 young women, domestic service."

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

1. How many schools are there in the inspectorate supervised by Gordon H. Gower?
2. How many teachers were there in this inspectorate in the years 1922, 1923, and 1924?
3. How much has the Government appropriated in teachers' salaries in this inspectorate during the years 1922, 1923, and 1924?
4. How much has been appropriated for other expenses in the said inspectorate during the said period?

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

"1. 101.

"2. 1922, 93; 1923, 102; 1924, 117.

"3. 1922-24, inclusive, \$300,664.40.

"4. \$23,672.43."

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

1. In what newspapers were tax sales advertised this year?
2. What was the amount paid to each newspaper for the same?
3. How much was obtained from the sale in each district?

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

"1, 2, and 3. Details not yet complete."

Mr. *Lyons* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

How many schools were there in the district from Prince Rupert to the Alberta boundary along the Canadian National Railway and north and south adjacent to that line in each year from the year 1912 to the present time?

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

“1912–13, 10; 1913–14, 14; 1914–15, 21; 1915–16, 28; 1916–17, 32; 1917–18, 34; 1918–19, 42; 1919–20, 54; 1920–21, 61; 1921–22, 78; 1922–23, 86; 1923–24, 89.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.25 p.m.

Thursday, December 18th, 1924.

QUARTER TO THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, 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:—

\$	98,951 47	for the financial year ended March 31st, 1924.
	709,106 50	for the financial year ending March 31st, 1925.
	18,193,697 94	for the financial year ending March 31st, 1926.

\$19,001,755 91

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Local Improvement Act’” was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Barbers of the Province of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named" was again committed.

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in Committee and that an appeal had been taken from his ruling.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on appeal to the House.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" Mr. *Pooley* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Neelands* on 20th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Senate of Canada is a non-elective legislative body:

And whereas the said Senate has from time to time defeated legislation which has been passed by the House of Commons:

And whereas it is contrary to the principles of democracy that a non-elective body should be permitted to reject legislation passed by the duly elected representatives of the people:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly humbly petition the Government of Canada to take such steps as are necessary at the next session of Parliament to abolish the Canadian Senate.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*.—

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

"Whereas the Senate of Canada is a legislative body appointed by the Governor-General in Council and not directly responsible to the people of Canada:

"And whereas one of the principal objects of the creation of the Senate was to safeguard the rights and interests of individual Provinces or groups of Provinces against legislation discriminating against or affecting those rights and interests, but not to defeat the will of the people as expressed by their representatives in Parliament:

"And whereas the Senate has repeatedly rejected measures approved of by the House of Commons notwithstanding that such measures in no way infringed on the rights or interests of any single Province or group of Provinces:

"And whereas such action is contrary to, and, if persisted in, will in a great measure destroy the principle of, responsible government in Canada:

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That this Legislature place itself on record as favourable to an amendment to the 'British North America Act' curtailing the power of the Senate to thus defeat the will of the people, either by altering the Constitution of that body or by limiting its power to reject measures approved of by the House of Commons.

"And be it further Resolved, That this Legislature place itself on record as opposed to the appointment of Senators for life."

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

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

1. Was one by the name of Burke run down by a motor-car in Vancouver on November 1st, 1923?
2. If so, who was in charge of the car at the time he was run down?
3. Was this person charged before any Police or other Magistrate in connection with said occurrence? If so, what was: (a) The offence charged; (b) the name of the Magistrate and his Court?
4. Was this person as a result committed for trial, giving date?
5. Was bail granted, giving amount?
6. Has said trial been proceeded with; and, if not, why not?

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

"1 to 6. No information in the Department. Any prosecution would be for the city police to deal with and would only come to the attention of the Department if accused were committed to stand trial in a higher Court, and this has not been done."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 18th, 1924.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Bryan* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 18th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held two meetings, but as no matters had been referred to it our duties were very light. We would suggest that the Printing Committee at the next Session of the House be given more scope than at present allowed.

We recommend that the Government Printing Office be utilized to the fullest possible extent by all departments for their stationery and printing requirements.

We would also recommend that the Rules and Orders and Speakers' Decisions of the Legislature be revised to date and printed for distribution amongst the Members of the House. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. BRYAN, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Neelands* on 20th November, as follows:—

Whereas the Senate of Canada is a non-elective legislative body:

And whereas the said Senate has from time to time defeated legislation which has been passed by the House of Commons:

And whereas it is contrary to the principles of democracy that a non-elective body should be permitted to reject legislation passed by the duly elected representatives of the people:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly humbly petition the Government of Canada to take such steps as are necessary at the next session of Parliament to abolish the Canadian Senate.

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

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Manson* on the 18th instant, as follows:—

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

"Whereas the Senate of Canada is a legislative body appointed by the Governor-General in Council and not directly responsible to the people of Canada:

"And whereas one of the principal objects of the creation of the Senate was to safeguard the rights and interests of individual Provinces or groups of Provinces against legislation discriminating against or affecting those rights and interests, but not to defeat the will of the people as expressed by their representatives in Parliament:

"And whereas the Senate has repeatedly rejected measures approved of by the House of Commons notwithstanding that such measures in no way infringed on the rights or interests of any single Province or group of Provinces:

"And whereas such action is contrary to, and, if persisted in, will in a great measure destroy the principle of, responsible government in Canada:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature place itself on record as favourable to an amendment to the 'British North America Act' curtailing the power of the Senate to thus defeat the will of the people, either by altering the Constitution of that body or by limiting its power to reject measures approved of by the House of Commons.

"And be it further Resolved, That this Legislature place itself on record as opposed to the appointment of Senators for life."

The amendment was carried.

The Resolution as amended was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Odlum</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Peck</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Patullo</i>
<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>		

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Stoddart</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Creery</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>		

PAIRS :

Messieurs

*Davie**Sloan*

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

Whereas it the announced policy of the Federal Liberal Party in Canada that an “adequate system of insurance against dependence in old age should be provided in so far as is practical and having regard for Canada’s financial position”:

And whereas it is accepted as between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments that the Dominion has jurisdiction in respect of questions having to do with health insurance, unemployment, and old-age pensions, and the Provinces in respect of such other social legislation as may be in the public interest:

And whereas the Government of the Province of British Columbia passed the “Mothers’ Pensions Act” in the year 1920, and has since been administering it at a cost of approximately \$500,000 per annum:

And whereas State responsibility in the matter of the proper maintenance of aged citizens has been recognized by Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and a number of the nations of the Continent of Europe:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House puts itself on record as approving the principle of old-age pensions and as being favourable to the enactment of legislation by the Dominion Government bringing the same into effect in Canada at an early date.

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

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

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

Whereas the present system of the production of commodities occasions a permanent margin of unemployed workers:

And whereas the natural resources of this Province are being exploited for profit without regard to the necessities of our citizens:

And whereas the control of these natural resources in many cases is in the hands of alien capitalists employing underpaid and Oriental labour:

And whereas many of His Majesty’s lieges are thereby deprived of the right to earn the means of subsistence for themselves and their families:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the first charge on industry should be the maintenance of the unemployed workers.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 3rd instant, as follows:—

That the Resolution moved by Mr. *Browne* on the 2nd instant be amended as follows:—

That all the words of the Preamble and the Resolution after the first word “Whereas” be deleted, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

“The unemployment situation in this Province at the present time is serious, many men who are unable to obtain work being compelled to accept assistance for themselves and their dependents from charitable organizations:

“And whereas for some years past there have been recurrences of periods of widespread unemployment:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge the Government to take such immediate steps as may be necessary for the relief of unemployment, and to use every effort to devise and adopt such general policy in regard to labour, industries, and capital as will tend to reduce the possibility of acute unemployment problems arising in the future."

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*,—

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

"this Province has an unemployment problem:

"And whereas it is desirable that our employers of labour should do their utmost to give employment to men and women of the white race:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House record its opinion that all employers of labour within this Province should employ members of the white race exclusively."

The amendment moved by the Hon. Mr. *Manson* was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

Mr. *Twigg* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

Whereas dissatisfaction with the "Workmen's Compensation Act," the rules and regulations thereunder, and the administration thereof has been expressed by certain trades and labour organizations:

And whereas claims of hardship and injustice arising under the provisions and administration of the said Act have been made:

And whereas it is desirable, as far as possible, to remove all causes of possible friction between the Workmen's Compensation Board and workmen:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. *Paterson*, *Rothwell*, *Leary*, *Neelands*, and *Hinchliffe*, be appointed, with power to inquire into the provisions of the said Act and the administration thereof, and all things pertaining thereto, and without in any way limiting its powers. The proposed Committee is hereby instructed to inquire into the provisions of the Act which relate to appeal by workmen from the decision of the Workmen's Compensation Board or its officials, rate of compensation paid, nature of employments which may be brought under the Act by the Board, the investment of its funds, the regulations in force, and the methods and principles of assessment.

And it is further Resolved, That the proposed Committee do have power to call for books, papers, and persons, and to make recommendations, and that it do report its findings and recommendations to the House.

A debate arose.

With the leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Creery*, seconded by Mr. *Stoddart*, it was Resolved,—

That a Return of copy of correspondence between the Government and lumbermen in connection with their application for changes in the "Royalty Act" be laid before the House

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cochrane*,—

Whereas it is highly desirable that the Members of the Legislature be fully advised as to the expenditure of all public funds:

And whereas it is impossible under the present practice for the Members of the Legislature properly to check all the items of expenditure appearing in the Public Accounts during the Session:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable in future that the Public Accounts be distributed amongst the Members of the Legislature at least thirty days before the opening of the Session of the Legislature.

A debate arose.

With the leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

Whereas the late John McKie, of Grand Forks, B.C., was duly elected as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:

And whereas the late John McKie was killed in an explosion on the Kettle Valley Railway before the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and was not sworn in as a Member of the Legislature:

And whereas there is reason to believe that the late John McKie was killed while travelling in the performance of his duties as Member-elect for the constituency of Grand Forks-Greenwood:

And whereas under the circumstances it seems to be just and reasonable that the sessional indemnity to which the late John McKie would have been entitled, had he lived to be present and take part in the present Session of the Legislature, should be paid to his widow, Mrs. Jemima McKie, of Grand Forks, B.C.:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay the full sessional indemnity to the widow of the late John McKie, according to the tenor of the above recitals.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallinger*, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving the total amounts paid since April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, by: (1) The Department of Agriculture; (2) the Department of Education; (3) the Department of Mines; (4) the Department of Public Works; (5) the Department of the Provincial Secretary; (6) the Department of the Attorney-General; (7) the office of the Hon. the Premier, to the following newspapers: Victoria Daily Times, Victoria Daily Colonist, Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Star, and The Vancouver Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return pursuant to above Order of the House as it relates to the Department of Mines.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return pursuant to above Order of the House as it relates to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Pooley* on the 18th instant on the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act,'" as follows:—

"On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled 'An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act,'" objection was taken by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition that it was not in order to amend a Private Bill by means of a Public Bill.

"The Bill 66, section 3, evidently varies the taxation imposed under a municipal by-law passed in 1911. This fact alone would indicate that the Rules of Procedure relating to Private Bills should be observed.

"There is recorded a decision of Mr. Speaker Higgins (page 17, Speakers' Decisions) of a very similar case in which a Bill introduced as a Public Bill to validate certain municipal by-laws was held to be a Private Bill.

"I must hold, as did Mr. Speaker Higgins, that the second reading of the Bill cannot be proceeded with."

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Catherwood*:—

1. What was the net deficit on railway operations, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., for years ended June 30th, 1923, and ended June 30th, 1924? Give each year separate.

2. What was the total freight revenue received by Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., Squamish Division, for years ended June 30th, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924? Give each year separate.

3. What was the total freight revenue received by Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., North Vancouver Division, for years ended June 30th, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924? Give each year separate.

4. What were the operating expenses, operating revenues, and the operating deficit on Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., Squamish Division, for months of July, August, September, and October in the years 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924? Give each month separate.
5. What were the operating expenses, operating revenues, and the operating deficit on Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., North Vancouver Division, for the months of July, August, September, and October in the years 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924? Give each month separate.
6. What is the operating loss from time Government took over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in 1918 to October 31st, 1924, Squamish Division?
7. What is the operating loss from the time Government took over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in 1918 to October 31st, 1924, North Vancouver Division?
8. How many offices are maintained by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. at Vancouver: (a) Where located; (b) rental paid per month; (c) number of officials and employees in each office, their titles and salary paid?
9. How many agents or ticket-sellers are employed on North Shore Division, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, at present time?
10. How many agents are employed on Squamish Division, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, at present time? Name stations where employed and salary rate per month.
11. How many dispatchers employed at Squamish, Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
12. Did M. H. McLeod, Consulting Engineer, Canadian National Railways, make a report on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway? If so, what did he recommend, and what saving in operation did he estimate if his plan was followed?
13. Is Wm. Rae, employed by the Department of Railways as an Inspector of Rolling-stock, in the employ of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in addition to his duties under the Railway Department? If employed by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, what salary is he paid: (a) By the Railway Department; (b) by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co.?

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Attorney-General's Department purchase during the year 1924?
2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased, from whom was each purchased, and where is such firm doing business?
3. What price was paid for each?
4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in the possession of the Attorney-General's Department as at November 1st, 1924?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. Fourteen.

"2 and 3. Hudson, purchased from A. W. Carter, Victoria, price \$2,398.41; Dodge, purchased from Humphries Motors, Ltd., Victoria, price \$1,477.92; McLaughlin, purchased from Weeks Motor Sales, Ltd., Nanaimo, price \$1,844; Stutz, purchased from F. Elliott, Vancouver, price \$1,125; Ford, purchased from Fraser Motors, Ltd., New Westminster, price \$632; Ford, purchased from Ford Motor Co., Ltd., Vancouver, price \$628; Ford, purchased from McPherson's Garage, Grand Forks, price \$667.45; Star, purchased from Kootenay Garage, Nelson, price \$915; Dodge, purchased from McPherson's Garage, Grand Forks, price \$1,460.77; Star, purchased from Marsh Motor Co., Kamloops, price \$862.52; Dodge, purchased from The Kamloops Motor Co., Kamloops, price \$1,424; Ford, purchased from J. Watkins, agent Ford Motor Co., Vernon, price \$636; Chevrolet, purchased from D. Corless, Prince George, price \$864.70; Ford, purchased from Wm. S. Henry, Smithers, price \$710. (Except in two cases old cars were turned in in part-payment of above.)

"4. Fifty-one."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

Friday, December 19th, 1924.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House of the 18th instant, of brief of Timber Industries Council on timber royalties.

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

Order for Private Bills called.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named," the Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved the following amendments to section 9:—

To insert the word "so" between the words "and" and "from" in line 4, subclause (b).

To insert the words "without the Province" between the words "properties" and "of" in line 3, subsection (1).

To strike out the word "hereunder" between the words "Churches" and "and" in line 3, subsection (1).

To insert the words "and additional" between the words "amendments" and "if" in line 5, subsection (1).

The amendments were carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in further amendment to section 9 as follows:—

To insert the words "and allocations" between the word "adjustment" in line 6 and the word "of" in line 7, subsection (1).

To add the words "so as to afford proper protection to the rights of minorities" at the end of subsection (1).

The amendments were negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in further amendment to section 9:—

To add the following as subsection (3):—

"(3.) To fix the fees, salaries, and remuneration of all persons so retained, engaged, appointed, or employed, and, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to fix the remuneration of the members of the Commission; and by its said report to recommend to the Legislature what provision (if any) should be made for the payment of such fees, salaries, and remuneration, and the other expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, and what church or churches should be made liable for such payment."

The amendment was carried.

The Report as amended was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House of the 18th instant, showing sums paid to certain newspapers by the Provincial Secretary's Department.

TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

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

W. H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."

(No. 2) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."

(No. 3) An Act to amend the "Landlord and Tenant Act."

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Plans Cancellation Act."

- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Escheats Act."
 (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
 (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act."
 (No. 9) An Act to define the Boundary between The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.
 (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
 (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Conditional Sales Act."
 (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Bulk Sales Act."
 (No. 14) An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings.
 (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
 (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Engineering Act."
 (No. 19) An Act to incorporate the Barbers of the Province of British Columbia.
 (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
 (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Electrical Energy Inspection Act."
 (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Boiler Inspection Act."
 (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Railway Act."
 (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
 (No. 27) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
 (No. 28) An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Water District.
 (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Trade Licences Act."
 (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
 (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
 (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
 (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
 (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act."
 (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Co-operative Associations Act."
 (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Government Liquor Act."
 (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
 (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act."
 (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."
 (No. 46) An Act to extend the Boundaries of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.
 (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Mothers' Pensions Act."
 (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
 (No. 49) An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance.
 (No. 50) An Act for the Relief of the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited.
 (No. 51) An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey.
 (No. 53) An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Vernon.
 (No. 55) An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named.
 (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
 (No. 57) An Act respecting Boundaries of the City of Nanaimo.
 (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Goat-breeders' Protection Act."
 (No. 59) An Act to authorize the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of Point Grey, and in the Event of the said Agreement not being entered into to provide for the Redefining of the Territorial Limits of the said Corporation to eliminate certain Lands therefrom.
 (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Noxious Weeds Act."
 (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
 (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
 (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you from your legislative duties, I wish to express my appreciation of the earnest consideration you have given to the important subjects which have been submitted for your consideration.

It is expected that the amendments to the "Forest Act" dealing with the royalty on timber will stabilize the industry and prove of benefit to the people of the Province.

The reduction of the periods of horse-racing in the Province will, it is hoped, have a beneficial effect.

The amendments to the "Government Liquor Act," altering the method of distributing the profits under the Act, should prove a satisfactory adjustment.

The policy of my Government in carrying on such public works as can be performed during the winter months, for the purpose of reducing distress resulting from the lack of employment, has my warmest commendation.

I thank you for the supplies so generously granted for the Public Service, and in relieving you from your legislative duties, I trust that the blessing of Providence will rest upon your labours and that the results will inure to the benefit of all the people of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

J. A. BUCKHAM, *Speaker*.

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