

## Wednesday, 30th March, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by Dr. *Sutherland*,—

That the report of the Select Committee dealing with the proposed Bills of the chiropractors and drugless healers, presented to the House on March 30th, be adopted.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of South Vancouver Administration Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 30th, 1921.*

*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. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pearson* on 30th instant, as follows:—

That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived for the municipal franchises and powers of the electors of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver to be restored to the electors, subject to such financial control and supervision as the Government thinks proper.

With leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn on the introduction of Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act.'"

Mr. *Burde* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

Has the Department of Labour any information or intimation that any or all other Provinces of the Dominion of Canada have in contemplation the early enactment of an eight-hour-day law?

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

"Bill (No. 82) intituled 'The Maximum Work Hour Day Act,' which provides that normal working days shall not exceed eight hours a day, was introduced in the Ontario Legislature and received first reading on February 9th, 1921. No other definite information."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What is the complete amount, to date, of the loans passed by the Department of Industries?

2. Of this amount, how much has actually been paid out by the Department?
3. Are any of these loans now in default, either on account of payment or account of principal or interest?
4. If so, what are the particulars of the amount in default in each case?

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

" 1. \$1,099,143.48.

" 2. \$958,530.22.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. Barclay Sound Fisheries: Principal, \$1,358.37. Coote & Reynolds: Principal, \$1,000; interest, \$251.77. Brin du Chatelet: Principal, \$500. Electrical Manufacturing Company: Principal, \$700; interest, \$307.02. Erskine & May: Principal, \$2,500; interest, \$96.04. Finlayson, H. L.: Principal, \$1,000; interest, \$30.45. Hiker Manufacturing Company: Principal, \$1,000; interest, \$341.43. Heaton Machine Works: Principal, \$500. Jorgensen & Anthony: Principal, \$500; interest, \$29.14. Laidlaw Shingle Company, Ltd.: Principal, \$2,900; interest, \$163.51. Johnson, H. L.: Principal, \$77; interest, \$2.09. Peerless Products, Ltd.: Principal, \$500. Pacific Guano Company: Principal, \$1,000; interest, \$127.21. Sunset Woodworkers: Principal, \$1,119.13; interest, \$41.36. Green River Lumber Company: Interest, \$246.46. Vnall, Frank & Son: Principal, \$500. Victory Attachable Rubber Soles & Heels: Principal, \$250; interest, \$49.13. Wakefield, E. J.: Interest, \$71.49. Total: Principal, \$15,404.50; interest, \$1,775.10."

Mr. *Esling* moved, seconded by Mr. *McRae*.—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing:—

1. When the Government took over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on April 23rd, 1918, what was the net expenditure for which the Government became liable, not including any moneys then paid or thereafter payable for release of contractors from railway-construction?
2. What sums have been received on account of such release, and into what accounts have they been paid?
3. What further sums are still payable on account of such release, and when are they due?
4. What is the estimated cost of actual construction by the Government up to December 31st, 1920, and how much of this has been to date actually paid, and out of what funds, to what contractors, and how much to each?
5. What is the most recent date up to which estimates of actual construction during the year 1921 have been received; what is the total amount thereof; how much of this amount has been passed and how much paid on account, and to what contractors and out of what funds?
6. Was the statement made in the House on behalf of the Government, on or about March 25th, 1920, that the special loan of \$4,000,000 for this railway passed by the House would complete the railway from Squamish to Prince George and furnish necessary equipment?
7. Was this statement based on an estimate furnished by the Chief Engineer of the Railway Department, and were the details of items and costs set out; and what is the date of such estimate?
8. By how much is such estimate now expected to be exceeded, and what is the date of the last estimate?
9. Has the advice or estimate of any other railway engineer of experience and high repute in his profession been sought or had with regard to construction costs?
10. What special reason (if any) is there for believing that the present estimate of cost of completion will be found sufficient?
11. If it is sufficient and the line completed during 1921, what will be the maximum cost of construction and equipment of line from Squamish to Prince George, and the actual mileage and average cost per mile?
12. What additional sum is estimated to cover interest paid and payable since the Government took over the railway up to end of 1921, and what during same period will be the total approximate deficit on operating account?

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

Mr. *Esling* moved, seconded by Mr. *McRae*.—

Whereas the Public Accounts contain no information as to the construction and operating costs and earnings of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway since the Government acquired it three years ago:

And whereas that railway is neither more nor less than a highway owned and constructed by the Province, the full financial details regarding it should be given in the Public Accounts, the same as for all other Provincial highways, and be subject to the scrutiny of the Public Accounts Committee and of the Railway Committee:

And whereas all the accounts, vouchers, etc., of this undertaking are kept in the City of Vancouver instead of being in the Railway Department in the Parliament Buildings, whereby the Members of the Legislature are unable to get full information as to financial affairs of the railway by inquiry at such Department:

And whereas it appears that, besides the millions of dollars voted for this railway prior to 1920, a loan of \$4,000,000 more was voted in the Session of 1920 upon the assurance that that loan would complete and equip the railway from Squamish to Prince George during that year:

And whereas at the present Session of the House it was declared that a further loan and sum of \$4,000,000 was needed for the aforesaid purpose, and a "Loan Act" for that amount and purpose has been passed:

And whereas in neither the Session of last year nor at the present one has the Government produced or made any detailed statement or detailed estimate of past costs or of future costs, beyond the bald statement that the total cost of the line completed and equipped to Prince George will be at least \$40,000,000, and the Legislature has been given no data or proper grounds for believing that the moneys just voted will be sufficient under present construction contracts and supervision to finish the work; notwithstanding that this last amount when spent will bring the cost of the line up to fully 65 or 70 per cent. beyond what the railway should cost or is worth; in fact, to nearly \$100,000 per mile, preventing for a generation to come the railway earning enough to pay full interest charges:

And whereas it is highly in the public interest and in the furtherance of a businesslike Government that all expenditures made and to be made under Government ownership of the railway and all negotiations and financial transactions in connection with same should be subject to public scrutiny:

Therefore be it Resolved, That all accounts, vouchers, contracts, etc., which are now kept in the City of Vancouver be prepared and placed on file in the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, in order that Members of the Legislature may be in a position to acquire full information as to the financial affairs and management of the railway.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

86A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Mothers' Pensions Act, 1920," to 31st March, 1922.

107A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Rural district school taxes, section 26, "Public Schools Act Amendment Act," chapter 74, 1918, to 31st March, 1922.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,442 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1922.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Office, to 31st March, 1922.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,316 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lands Branch—General Administration, to 31st March, 1922.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,744 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1922.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,092 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1922.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$220,686 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Branch, to 31st March, 1922.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1922.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1922.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1922.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lumber trade extension, to 31st March, 1922.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance, growth studies and cruising, to 31st March, 1922.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Insect damage: investigation and control, to 31st March, 1922.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grazing: range improvement, to 31st March, 1922.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water surveys, to 31st March, 1922.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, British Columbia Hydrometric Survey, to 31st March, 1922.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Rainfall and climatic statistics, to 31st March, 1922.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Irrigation Convention, to 31st March, 1922.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land surveys, to 31st March, 1922.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1922.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lithograph maps, to 31st March, 1922.

The Committee continued to sit after midnight.

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THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1922.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General investigations, to 31st March, 1922.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1922.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Oil investigations, to 31st March, 1922.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Municipal taxes under "Townsite Proportionate Allotment Act, 1918," to 31st March, 1922.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918," to 31st March, 1922.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act," to 31st March, 1922.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Revenue Act Amendment Act, 1920," to 31st March, 1922.

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

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" Mr. *Jackson* moved in amendment that section 9 of the Bill be struck out, and the following sections renumbered.

The amendment was lost.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

On consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land," the Hon. Mr. *Farris* moved to amend section 253, subsection (2), line 8, by inserting after the word "law" the words "and to provide that registered judgments shall form a charge on all such estates or interests of the judgment debtor registered under the regulations so made."

The amendment was carried.  
Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to Trust Companies," Mr. *Whiteside* moved to amend as follows:—

Section 56, subsec. (1), line 2: To strike out the words "or accumulated profits."  
Section 57, line 2: To insert after the word "moneys" the words "except the accumulated profits."

The amendments were negatived.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* moved the following amendments:—

Insert the following as section 10, and renumber the following sections:—  
"10. Sections 74 and 75 of said chapter 206 are repealed, and the following is substituted for said section 74:—

"'74. The provisions of the "Taxation Act" and Acts in amendment thereof with respect to the date of completion of assessment roll, due date, assessment, levy, collection, delinquency, and enforcement of payment of taxes and interest and penalty thereon shall, as far as practicable, apply to the taxes imposed under this Act in the same manner as if the said provisions were incorporated in and made part of this Act.'"

The amendments carried.  
Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 30th, 1921.*

*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. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies" was adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed.  
 Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" was committed.  
 Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Mosquito-control Act'" was committed.  
 Report adopted.  
 Reported complete without amendment.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fernie and Elk River Railway Company" was 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 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.15 a.m.

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Thursday, 31st March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

- 1 Has it been reported to the Hon. the Attorney-General that a member of the Judiciary has referred to certain indebtedness of the Sheriff of Victoria to one Williams as a "public scandal"?
- 2 If so, does the Hon. the Attorney-General propose to inquire or has he inquired with regard to the alleged "public scandal"?
3. If facts disclosed on inquiry warrant the phrase "public scandal," will the Hon. the Attorney-General take action?

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

"1. No. On January 5th, 1918, R. T. Williams, of Victoria, wrote to the late Hon. H. C. Brewster, stating that 'The Court remarked that it was a public scandal that I was not paid long ago.' On the examination of Richards before the Registrar at Victoria on December 5th, 1917, a letter from Justin Gilbert, official stenographer to J. R. Green, of counsel for Williams on that examination, dated July 17th, 1917, was produced and read into the record. The letter is as follows: 'John R. Green, Esq., 208 Belmont Bldg., Victoria. Dear Sir,—Replying to your favour of yesterday, it is a matter of great astonishment to me that any one should claim that Judge Clement made use of any such expression as you suggest. An expression of that kind would be very striking and would not escape me. I am confident nothing of that kind occurred at the trial from beginning to end. I gave you a true and accurate report of what did occur. There was no episode during the trial at which such language could have been used.—Yours truly, Justin Gilbert.' Richards has denied that the Hon. Mr. Justice Clement ever made any such statement.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

The Hon. Mr. *Farris* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act Further Powers Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 31st, 1921.*

*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. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act Further Powers Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, seconded by Mr. *Burde*, the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was discharged.

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

That Bill No. 12 be recommitted for the purpose of inserting therein certain amendments to provide for the licensing of certain persons to sell beer not containing alcohol in excess of two and one-half per centum in weight.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>
<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	

## NAYS—34.

## Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>
<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. M. A. Macdonald on 30th instant, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Committee dealing with the proposed Bills of the chiropractors and drugless healers, presented to the House on March 30th, be adopted.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to disincorporate The Corporation of the City of Phoenix."'

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act.'"

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, to 31st March, 1922.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industries, to 31st March, 1922.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,565 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1922.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1922.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1922.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1922.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1922.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to Western Branch Canadian Mining Institute, to 31st March, 1922.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to Vancouver Chamber of Mines (conditional), to 31st March, 1922.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants to Mining Conventions, to 31st March, 1922.



204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1922.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1922.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* explosives to assist *bona-fide* mineral prospectors, to 31st March, 1922.

206A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,950.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act, 1916," to 31st March, 1922.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 29th, 1921.*

*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. 73) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 31st, 1921.*

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

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

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 31st, 1921.*

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 31st, 1921.*

*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. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Thursday, 31st March, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to disincorporate The Corporation of the City of Phoenix" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act'" was committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act Further Powers Act.'"  
Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Fernie and Elk River Railway Company" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* 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 amendments to Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 31st, 1921.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Insert the following as sections 3, 4, and 5, and renumber the following sections:—

"3. Section 10 of said chapter 44, as re-enacted by section 2 of the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1919,' and amended by section 2 of the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1920,' is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"(2.) The eight officials who shall receive a salary under this section shall be determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The salary of each official shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars per annum. The official occupying the position of Premier shall be paid a salary of nine thousand dollars per annum, but shall not receive any further salary as head of any Department. Every person appointed a member of the Executive Council without portfolio shall be paid the expenses incurred by him in travelling or otherwise in the discharge of his official duties. All salaries and expenses payable under this section shall, in the absence of any special appropriation of the Legislature available for that purpose, be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.'

"4. Section 28 of said chapter 44 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

“(2.) The fact that any person who has been appointed a member of the Executive Council without portfolio has been paid or is entitled to payment of the expenses incurred by him in travelling or otherwise in the discharge of his official duties shall not make ineligible that person as a member of the Legislative Assembly, nor disqualify him to sit and vote in the Legislative Assembly, whether he is elected while holding such office or otherwise.”

"5. Section 66 of said chapter 44, as re-enacted by section 8 of the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1916,' is amended by striking out the words 'sixteen hundred' in the third line, and substituting therefor the words 'two thousand'; and by adding to said section the following subsection:—

“(3.) In each session of the Legislative Assembly there shall be payable to the member occupying the recognized position of Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly a sessional allowance of two thousand dollars in addition to the allowance fixed by subsection (1).”

Section 3, line 4: Strike out the word "sixteen," and substitute therefor the word "twenty."

Add at the end of said Bill the following section:—

"7. The amendments of said chapter 44 enacted by this Act shall relate back to and take effect from the first day of February, 1921."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the amendments to Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first time.

Amendments read a second time, and *Ordered* referred to the Committee of the Whole House having in charge the Bill.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Esling*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,852 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Anyox Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,583 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Ashcroft Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,475 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Atlin Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,722.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,133 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Clinton Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,315 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,039.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,015 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,445 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fairview Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,714 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,757 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,923.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort George Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,848.60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,294 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grand Forks Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Greenwood Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,286 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,574 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kaslo Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,650.75 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Lillooet Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.
135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,796 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Merritt Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,157 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,984 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,162.94 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Denver Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.
140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, 150-Mile House Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pouce Coupe Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,836 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Princeton Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,441.25 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Queen Charlotte Islands Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.
146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,247 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,054 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Rossland Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Smithers Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,228.75 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,739.20 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Trout Lake Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.
151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$109,556 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vancouver Agency, to 31st March, 1922.
152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,728 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1922.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,744 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1922.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,405 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Yale Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1922.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1922.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Sundry Agencies and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on suitors' funds and Official Guardian deposits, to 31st March, 1922.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent extra-municipal school taxes, to 31st March, 1922.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$917 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Premium on fire insurance, Fairview Works, to 31st March, 1922.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1922.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1922.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1922.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1922.

206b. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,424.02 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act, 1917," to 31st March, 1922.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,924 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1922.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1922.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1922.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1922.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1922.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1922.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,928 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Factories Act," to 31st March, 1922.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,241,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1922.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$261,556 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridge-tenders, to 31st March, 1922.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1922.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1922.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1922.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1922.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Libraries Act," to 31st March, 1922.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,668 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1922.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$258,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1922.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$327,336 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1922.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$96,532 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Colony Farm and Nursery, Essondale, to 31st March, 1922.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,058 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Home (Saanch), Colquitz, to 31st March, 1922.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,145 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1922.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1922.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1922.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Refuge Homes, Aid Societies, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In aid of destitute poor and sick, to 31st March, 1922.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1922.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of indigent persons, to 31st March, 1922.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$217,411.48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1922.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1922.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1922.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Royal Commissions, to 31st March, 1922.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1922.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1922.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant for patriotic purposes, Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation, to 31st March, 1922.

The Committee continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 1ST APRIL.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Gratuities under section 45, "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1922.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13, Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1922.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial School and Subnormal Boys' School: Salaries, maintenance, furnishing, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$355,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium: Salaries, maintenance, repairs to buildings, etc., and liquidation of outstanding accounts, to 31st March, 1922.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies and incidentals, to 31st March, 1922.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1922.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.50 a.m.

Friday, 1st April, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

1. Was one H. Meurling appointed before the war an engineer to examine into, survey, and make a report upon the feasibility of reclaiming the meadows of Kootenay Valley from 49th parallel on the south and Kootenay Lake on the north?

2. If so, is the said Meurling's report available to the public?

3. If so, what was Meurling's estimated cost of reclamation?

4. Has the Government any correspondence with the Dominion Government at Ottawa or the United States Government at Washington, D.C., on above matter; and, if so, are copies of said correspondence available?



5. Is the Government taking any steps to further this reclamation scheme?

6. Has the Government been informed that the United States Government is prepared, in conjunction with the British Columbia Government, to have proper surveys, reports, etc., made at an early date?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Report is on files of the Department.

“3. Estimated total cost of works on West Arm in 1913 was \$2,349,171.

“4. Yes. Correspondence on files of the Department.

“5. This matter was taken up with the Dominion Government and through the Dominion Government with the United States authorities. The arrangement made with the Dominion Government was that, if the Dominion and United States authorities would appoint accredited representatives, the Provincial Government would undertake to appoint representatives to jointly look into the whole undertaking and make report as to the feasibility of this project.

“6. Information on file would lead to the conclusion that the United States authorities view the matter sympathetically, but were unable to do anything until an appropriation was made therefor.”

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company keep a staff employed at Squamish?

2. If so, what are the different positions, giving particulars?

3. What are the various monthly charges, for salaries and other outgoings, to keep up this staff at Squamish?

4. Do the directors of the railway intend to abolish or reduce the staff at Vancouver and handle the company from Squamish?

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

“1. Yes.

“2 and 3. Superintendent, \$300 per month; Chief Clerk, \$200 per month; one Clerk, \$170 per month; one Clerk, \$140 per month; Chief Dispatcher, \$250 per month; Dispatcher, \$202 per month; General Foreman, \$275 per month; Storekeeper, \$150 per month; Time-keeper and Labour Distribution Clerk, \$105 per month. Monthly outgoings for upkeep of office, \$100.

“4. This question has not been decided.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act’” was again committed.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘War Relief Act Further Powers Act’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Poll-tax Act.’”

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.”

Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Taxation Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to validate and confirm certain Orders in Council and Provisions relating to the Employment of Persons on Crown Property."

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on mortgage, to 31st March, 1922.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Songhees Reserve, to 31st March, 1922.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Johnson Street Bridge (re-vote), to 31st March, 1922.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Industrial Schools and Boys' Subnormal School—Buildings, grounds, equipment, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$237,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Mental Hospitals—Buildings, grounds, equipment, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Tranquille Sanatorium—Buildings, grounds, equipment, etc., to 31st March, 1922.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Deaf, Dumb, and Blind School, Point Grey, to 31st March, 1922.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Government Buildings, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1922.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1921.*

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1921.*

*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. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 1st April, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*, Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That a Select Committee of the House, composed of Messrs. *Jackson*, *Whiteside*, *I. A. MacKenzie*, *Hanes*, and *Esling*, be appointed to inquire into all the matters, contracts, loans, advances, accounts, construction, and equipment appertaining or in any way relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway since the passing of the Act on April 23rd, 1918 (chapter 66), vesting the said railway in the Government of the Province, and to report their findings to the House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Perry* presented the report of the Select Committee to inquire into the claims of Major *Retallack*, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 1st, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Perry*, *Lister*, *Burde*, *Buckham*, *Kergin*, and *Jackson*, appointed to inquire into the claims of Major *Retallack* in respect of the determination of his office as Public Utilities Commissioner, duly proceeded to investigate the matter in question and received all evidence tendered.

Major *Retallack* was ably represented by counsel in the person of Mr. Douglas Armour, K.C. Evidence was given by Major *Retallack* himself and by Mr. W. H. Burgess, a former employee of his and who succeeded him in the office and business conducted by the Major prior to his accepting the office of Public Utilities Commissioner. The evidence taken was voluminous and exhaustive and covered approximately 350 folios, and from this evidence the following salient facts are disclosed:—

Major *Retallack* at the time of his appointment as Public Utilities Commissioner was a member of the recently organized body of Provincial engineers, authorized to practise as a mining engineer, but his principal occupation was limited to conducting a certain group of mining claims in the Kaslo District of British Columbia, of which he was principal owner and from which he received a fixed salary, as managing director, of \$3,000 per annum. He also enjoyed a retainer from the firm of Beer, Sondheimer & Co. of \$1,000 per annum, and was entitled to collect from that firm a fee of 50 cents per ton on all zinc ore purchased by them from time to time. This latter arrangement was advanced by Major *Retallack* as a permanent contract arrangement of a practically perpetual nature, but the evidence disclosed the fact that the contract, such as it was, rested upon an exchange of correspondence between himself and the Beer, Sondheimer firm, and the arrangement was terminable by them at any time on one month's notice. An unquestionably large income was derived by Major *Retallack* from the Beer, Sondheimer arrangement out of the purchase of zinc ores over a period of years; but it must be borne in mind that war conditions stimulated extraordinary activity in the matter of trading in zinc, and the fact is that since the war that industry has languished until at present the trading has decreased to

extinction, and any claim for compensation by reason of surrendering the Beer, Sondheimer contract is altogether without foundation, save only in respect of the possibility of that firm finding it profitable to continue the retaining of a correspondent in this Province, as they have continued to do up to the present time, although the only services rendered are in the nature of occasional reports on the general mining situation here.

It is also evident to your Committee that notwithstanding the fact that Major Retallack had during the many years prior to 1919 been in receipt of extremely large revenues and profits, yet at the time of his appointment to the office of Public Utilities Commissioner his affairs were by no means in a prosperous condition. His earnings had been as follows: In 1908, \$18,800; 1909, \$28,775; 1910, \$25,997; and in 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914 an average of \$12,000. But in April, 1919, his financial affairs appear to have been at a low ebb, and in point of fact he was indebted to his principal associate in business to the extent of \$26,000, and to secure this indebtedness he, shortly after his appointment, pledged his entire mining interests in security for the payment of such debt.

Major Retallack's claim for compensation is extravagant and unwarranted. For instance, he submits a right to claim full payment of full salary for the full unexpired period of ten years from the date of his appointment, notwithstanding the fact that the Legislature in its wisdom saw fit to abolish the department over which he presided. He advanced the claim for the payment of alleged loss arising out of the hurried disposal of his property at Kaslo at what he claims to be a sacrifice price, although the evidence is that his house property was disposed of precipitately, yet had returned to him its fair market value. He made a free-will gift of a lot and boat-house to a public institution at his home town, yet would charge the Government with the value of that property. He claims indemnity for moneys expended on improving a leasehold property in the City of Vancouver, to which he had removed on his appointment, and would charge in this connection a sum of money amounting to approximately \$80 per month, spread over the full term of his three years' lease, although the rental which he paid for this property was only \$75 per month. Furthermore, although a single man, he elected to encumber himself with an elaborate household establishment and now would charge the Province with that extreme expenditure; again, he seriously claims compensation in the sum of \$1,000 because he deliberately burned an accumulation of old office records. He advances a claim for \$5,000 as representing his loss of having to devote a year to the Commissioner's duties instead of rehabilitating himself in his former business. This claim is even more incomprehensible than most of the others. It would clearly appear from all the evidence that all business in the Kaslo District from which Major Retallack could count upon for a revenue, or even employment, was rapidly disintegrating, and from his own evidence the prospects of employment were distant and altogether on the horizon. The prospective openings which he advances as reasonably entitled to consider as a sacrifice were centred in such places as Northern Alberta, Stewart, in Northern British Columbia, and Mexico, and apparently anywhere but at Kaslo; so to your Committee it would appear that no application of industry on the Major's part could revive the prospects of any opening in his former district of Kaslo at all commensurate with the palmy conditions of earlier years.

Your Committee find that although the office of Commissioner was abolished by the Legislature, provision was made for carrying on indefinitely the work of the Commissionership. By the repealing Statute, supplemented by Order in Council, Major Retallack was retained in all the vocations of his former office and at his former salary for an indeterminate period, which might, and in all probability would, have lasted many months and possibly up to the present, but the Major adopted an extreme pose in this connection and refused to accept this continuation of office. Provision was made for payment to him of a bonus of three months' salary. This was also declined, but eventually was accepted.

In fairness to Major Retallack, your Committee would note his contention that the original Statute having provided for a ten-year of office, he interpreted this as a definite guarantee of ten years' employment at the salary of \$7,500 per annum. This contention your Committee regard as altogether unsound, and no such interpretation of the situation as good sense could suggest, in view of the fact that all employment by the Crown is terminable without notice and without any legal claim to compensation, and undoubtedly one accepting a position in the Civil Service or under a statutory office, subject to the chance of the office being abolished in time by Statute, must have taken this into consideration on applying for such appointment to such office, or, if not, then should have done so. Your Committee recognize a reasonable expectation on his

part that the office of Commissioner would continue for a longer period than it actually did. On the other hand, your Committee are clearly of the opinion that even the one year's tenure of office redounded to the direct financial advantage of Major Retallack, and his future position is enhanced by virtue of having occupied that responsible position. Inevitably, prevailing adverse financial and industrial conditions would have overtaken the Major, irrespective of his being appointed Commissioner.

Major Retallack has already received a bonus of three months' salary. He might have earned many months' additional before the work of the office had been cleaned up. Your Committee would, however, recommend, in the spirit of that generous attitude towards the whole situation, that a further bonus payment of three months' salary be paid to Major Retallack.

HARRY G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Dr. K. C. MacDonald presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 1st, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee met on several different occasions representatives of the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institute, representatives of the British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, and representatives of the United Farmers of British Columbia, and received from them a very great number of resolutions with regard to the problems of the agriculturist. The resolutions were all varying in importance; some were local, some Provincial in character. They were ably and fairly presented to your Committee, but it is to be regretted that the representatives of those bodies were not able to present their resolutions to your Committee at an earlier stage in the Session, in order to give members of the Committee a fuller opportunity to consider their merits.

Your Committee took cognizance of the fact that there appeared to be some increase in agricultural productions within the Province, but drew attention to the fact that the Province imported \$26,816,469 of agricultural products during the last statistical year. Your Committee is firmly of the opinion that concentrated and co-operative effort on the part of the Departments of Agriculture, Lands, and Works would very rapidly increase the agricultural population of the Province and the agricultural production, and within a decade turn the balance of trade in the matter of agricultural products from an adverse one to a favourable one, in so far as the Province is concerned.

Your Committee heartily approves of the provision made at this Session of the Legislature for the providing of stumping powder to the *bona-fide* farmer at a reduced cost, as recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture of last year.

Your Committee further approves of the steps taken in the gathering of accurate information with regard to the Oriental problem from an agricultural standpoint, as recommended by your Committee a year ago, and of the provision in the Estimates of the requisite money for this purpose. Strong representations were made to your Committee as to the increasing seriousness of this problem, and your Committee is of the opinion that some one with a thorough understanding of the problem as it affects this Province should attend at the forthcoming Imperial Conference in June of this year, especially in view of the expiry of the existing treaty with Japan.

Your Committee respectfully suggests to Members of the House and of the Government, as a legitimate line along which increased expenditure may be made, the following:—

- (a.) In view of the fact that the "district representative" system of agricultural instruction has been demonstrated to be the most effective means of increasing production through improved methods, that a sufficient number of men with the necessary theoretical and practical training be secured to serve the farming communities of the Province:
- (b.) The tabulation and distribution, through the Land Settlement Board and through Government Agents, of more accurate information as to agricultural lands available for pre-emption or purchase, with a view to immediate development, within reasonable distance of transportation:

(c.) The continuance and extension of the system of aiding medical practitioners, nurses, and hospitals in rural communities:

(d.) The purchase of land clearing equipment for the purpose of stumping and ploughing lands in selected areas where the agriculturists have prepared their land for stumping. This scheme to be launched as an experimental one and if found successful, as your Committee believes it will, to be extended as rapidly as the circumstances will warrant.

Your Committee would emphasize the necessity of roads through agricultural districts, capable of carrying motor trucks of reasonable weight and load, and the closest scrutiny and supervision in the matter of road repair and road building with a view to economy, and to this end would recommend the employment of permanent roadmen where feasible, and that a limit be placed on the weight of load that motor and other trucks may carry.

Your Committee recommends a revision of the present system of taxing farmers, with a view to offering more inducement for land settlement, and would point out that the personal property imposed on farmers tends to discourage the purchase of improved machinery and the keeping of more live-stock.

Your Committee believes that Provincial Assessors should be thoroughly experienced men, and that their assessments should be made in the field.

Your Committee believes that the problem of unoccupied or sparsely inhabited Indian reservations surrounded by white settlement should be speedily dealt with, with a view to making such reservation available for settlement, bearing in mind the necessity for fair and equitable dealing with the Indian natives.

Your Committee thoroughly approves of the action of the Government in endeavouring to procure a reduction of freight rates by the Railway Commission, the recent increase having in very many cases resulted in the closing of mills and other industries and in serious interference with the marketing of agricultural products, and would suggest that similar action be taken with regard to recent increases in express rates.

Your Committee suggests, in view of an apparent division of opinion among farmers as to the advisability of making the provisions of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" applicable to farm help, that the Commissioners of the Workmen's Compensation Board be requested to consider the matter and make data available for submission to agricultural bodies for their consideration.

And your Committee respectfully requests that its report may be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.

K. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. What has been the cost of the *Agricultural Journal* each year during its existence and total cost to date?
2. Is the *Agricultural Journal* printed in the Government Printing Office?
3. If so, on what basis is cost computed?
4. Is it correct that the late editor informed Farmers' Institutes of District No. 1 at annual convention in January, 1921, that cost of *Journal* was based on mechanical pay-roll and cost of paper only?
5. Is a modern system of accurate cost-finding in use in the King's Printer's Department?
6. Is any part of the cost of the *Journal* borne by the people of British Columbia, apart from funds derived under the "Agricultural Instruction Act"?
7. Does the Minister propose to continue this *Journal*?
8. Are articles appearing in the *Journal* subject to edit by the Department before publication?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. 1916-17, \$2,168.82; 1917-18, \$3,897.14; 1918-19, \$6,731.47; 1919-20, \$8,625.42; 1920-21, \$9,519.99. Total cost to date, \$30,942.84.

"2. Yes.

"3. Printing Office not administered by Department of Agriculture.

"4. Minutes of meeting of Vancouver Island District Farmers' Institutes record such a statement.

" 5. Answered by No. 3.

" 6. No.

" 7. Yes.

" 8. Yes."

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Government notified the Provincial Civil Servants' Association that the statutory increases in salaries will not be forthcoming for the fiscal year 1921-22?

2. If so, are any Civil Servants to receive increase of salary?

3. If yes, who are they; what are their present salaries; what are their increases to be; at what date did each enter the Civil Service; what was the initial salary in each case; why are they to receive an increase; and which are returned soldiers?

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

" Information required should be asked for in the form of a Return as the information will be of considerable volume."

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

1. How many Road Foremen are employed in Newcastle District?

2. Have any returned soldiers made application for these jobs?

3. If so, how many?

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

" 1. Four.

" 2. Yes.

" 3. Three."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Esling* on 30th March.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *King*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second motion moved by Mr. *Esling* on 30th March.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Constitution Act ' " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act ' " was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act ' " was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Poll-tax Act ' " was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled " An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified " was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation" was committed.  
Reported complete with amendments.  
Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to validate and confirm certain Orders in Council and Provisions relating to the Employment of Persons on Crown Property" was read a second time and committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was read a second time and committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"  
Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Farris* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1921.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Bill read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Farris* 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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1921.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Pacific North-west Tourist Association, to 31st March, 1922.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Government Buildings, Pouce Coupe, to 31st March, 1922.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Government Buildings, Williams Lake, to 31st March, 1922.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Lock-ups Alice Arm, Hanceville, and Kimberly, to 31st March, 1922.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Lock-ups and quarters at other points if required, to 31st March, 1922.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Salaries of members, Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1922.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, General Office, to 31st March, 1922.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1922.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,247,081.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1922.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$773,884 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds due 15th July, 1921, and 15th January, 1922, to 31st March, 1922.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, to 31st March, 1921.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, to 31st March, 1921.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1921.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1921.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1921.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular cattle, to 31st March, 1921.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1921.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1921.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1921.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Prohibition Act," to 31st March, 1921.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1921.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1921.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Nelson, to 31st March, 1921.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1921.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1921.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1921.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Ladysmith, to 31st March, 1921.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1921.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1921.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,375 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1921.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1921.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1921.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1921.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1921.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria, to 31st March, 1921.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School buildings, to 31st March, 1921.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying children to central schools, to 31st March, 1921.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1921.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,810.26 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office, London, England, to 31st March, 1921.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1921.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1921.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1921.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,675 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1921.
128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency to 31st March, 1921.
129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1921.
134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1921.
140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Smithers Agency, to 31st March, 1921.
144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1921.
146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1921.
148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1921.
150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$676.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Operation of the "Amusements Tax Act," to 31st March, 1921.
165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including General Offices and Branches), to 31st March, 1921.
174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Surveys, to 31st March, 1921.
- 183A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, E. L. T. Taylor—Refund of amount paid on Certificate of Purchase No. 1706, Alberni, in name of James W. Westerman, to 31st March, 1921.
- 183B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, John Svoboda—Refund of amount paid on Certificate of Purchase No. 2705, Nelson, in name of Frederick Adam, to 31st March, 1921.
- 183C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,881.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Captain E. R. Clutterbuck—Repurchase of Lot 164, Sayward District, Crown-granted in error, October 20th, 1910, to 31st March, 1921.
193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,493.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Vancouver Employment Office, to 31st March, 1921.
213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1921.
214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1921.

The Committee continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Colony Farm and Nursery, Essondale, to 31st March, 1921.
216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Home, Colquitz, to 31st March, 1921.
224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1921.
244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1921.
247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1921.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1921.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridge-tenders, to 31st March, 1921.

252A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Matsqui Drainage, to 31st March, 1921.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1921.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure, Warden's Residence, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1921.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 a.m.

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## Saturday, 2nd April, 1921.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Is the Empire Lumber Company assessed and taxed on account of its under-surface rights in the Cowichan Lake District?

2. If so, what is the mode of assessment and rate of taxation?

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

"1 and 2. The Department has no power to assess under-surface rights on mineral claims until they have been Crown-granted. The Empire Lumber Company holds no Crown-granted mineral claims in the district mentioned."

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

1. Was there not a minute of judgment filed by His Honour Judge Clement on February 28th, 1918, in the Supreme Court of British Columbia (in *re Williams vs. Richards*), in which he states that "the attitude and conduct of the defendant (Richards) in this case has become, to my mind, a public scandal"?

2. If so, does the Hon. the Attorney-General propose to inquire or has he inquired with regard to the alleged public scandal?

3. If the facts disclosed on inquiry warrant the phrase "public scandal," will the Hon. the Attorney-General take action?

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

"1. So I am informed.

"2. Inquiries made lead to the conclusion the matter is not one for the Department.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What fire insurance does Gillespie, Receiver of South Vancouver, carry?

2. What properties does the insurance cover?

3. With what firm was this insurance placed by the said Gillespie?

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

"1. There is no record in the Department as to the fire insurance carried by the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.

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

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

1. What was the net debt of the Province when the Government assumed office in November, 1916?

2. What are the particulars and details of the liabilities and deficits, approximating \$3,000,000, referred to in answer No. 2 on page 1 of the Votes and Proceedings of the 22nd March, 1921?

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

"1. \$19,777,909.

"2. Deficit, 1916-17, \$2,173,534; interest on Pacific Great Eastern Railway bonds, \$737,809.47; shortage in sinking funds which had to be made good, \$426,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.40 p.m.

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Saturday, 2nd April, 1921.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Mines, the Rules were suspended and the following motion to amend Rule 76 was adopted:—

To amend Rule 76 of the Rules and Orders of this House by striking out all the words after the word "Act" in the seventeenth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "shall require the publication of a notice clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, and when the application refers to any proposed work, indicating sufficiently the location of the work, to be signed by or on behalf of the applicant. Such notice shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette and in one daily and one weekly newspaper freely circulating in all parts of the Province. When the proposed Private Bill is of a local nature, the notice shall be furthermore published in some newspaper in the electoral district affected, or if there be no newspaper therein, then in the nearest electoral district in which a newspaper is published. Such notice shall in all cases be continued for a period of six weeks during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the petition."

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year 1920.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on March 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and April 1st and 2nd 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:—

    \$ 127,822.29 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920.

    564,081.42 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921.

    19,934,724.29 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1922.

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\$20,626,628.00

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 84) 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. 84) 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.

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

1. That the promoters of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act,'" being a Bill which has originated in this House in the present Session of the Legislature, shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of the Legislature.

2. That the promoters of said Bill shall give notice in writing to the Clerk of the Legislature to-day of their intention to suspend further proceedings thereon.

3. That the fees deposited with respect to said Bill shall remain on deposit until the next Session of the Legislature.

4. That the said Bill be laid on the table of the House by the Clerk of the Legislature upon the opening of the next Session of the Legislature.

5. That in respect of the said Bill so laid upon the table the same shall be deemed to have been read a first time, to have been reported by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, and to have been ordered for second reading upon the second day of the next Session of the Legislature.

6. That no further fees be charged in respect of the said Bill.

7. That all Standing Rules and Orders affecting the said Bill be suspended in so far as the same may be necessary to make the foregoing operative and effective.

"VICTORIA, April 2nd, 1921.

"The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B.C.

"We hereby give you notice of our intention to suspend further proceedings with the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act' (consolidated) until the next sitting of the House.

"R. H. GALE, Mayor of the City of Vancouver."

*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.



Saturday, 2nd April, 1921.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Pauline* presented the final report from the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 2nd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We recommend that the Report of the Department of Agriculture be printed; and that the following be not printed: Report of the Civil Service Commission.

F. A. PAULINE, *Chairman*.

On the motion of Mr. *Pauline*, seconded by Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—  
That the final report of the Printing Committee be adopted.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, seconded by Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—  
That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture be adopted.

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

*John Keen*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles of the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Execution Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Department of Industries Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the Law relating to the Devolution of Estates in Land, and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Transfer of Land, and providing for the Registration of Titles to Land.
- (No. 8) An Act relating to Trust Companies.
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Assignment of Book Accounts Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend and consolidate the "Companies Act," and certain other Enactments relating to Companies.
- (No. 17) An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry.
- (No. 19) An Act relating to certain Obligations of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond in respect of the Maintenance of the Eburne Bridges crossing the North Arm of the Fraser River.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."

- (No. 22) An Act respecting certain Loans to Municipalities in connection with Relief of Unemployment.
- (No. 25) An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of February, 1921, between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King.
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Better Housing Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 34) An Act concerning the Employment of Women during the Night.
- (No. 35) An Act limiting the Hours of Work in Industrial Undertakings.
- (No. 36) An Act fixing the Minimum Age for Admission of Children to Industrial Employment.
- (No. 37) An Act concerning the Night-work of Young Persons employed in Industry.
- (No. 38) An Act concerning the Employment of Women before and after Childbirth.
- (No. 39) An Act respecting the Mission Municipal School District.
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 41) An Act respecting The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Employment Agencies Act Repeal Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Brand Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to authorize the Leasing of Warehouses on the Government Wharf at Prince Rupert.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Mothers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to permit Municipally Owned Cemeteries, Crematoriums, and Mausoleums.
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915."
- (No. 53) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 55) An Act to incorporate the Fernie and Elk River Railway Company.
- (No. 57) An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby.
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Testator's Family Maintenance Act."
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Special Surveys Act."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 63) An Act for the Protection of Breeders of Goats.
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Pharmacy Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act, 1915."
- (No. 67) An Act to repeal the "Mosquito-control Act."
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Poll-tax Act."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Attachment of Debts Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Court Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 74) An Act to disincorporate The Corporation of the City of Phoenix.
- (No. 75) An Act respecting Superannuation.
- (No. 76) An Act to validate and confirm certain Orders in Council and Provisions relating to the Employment of Persons on Crown Property.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "War Relief Act Further Powers Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."

(No. 83) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."

(No. 85) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

(No. 86) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."

(No. 87) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement 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. 84) 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 of the onerous duties of this first Session of the Fifteenth Legislature, it pleases me to express my appreciation of the careful attention you have given to the various matters submitted for your deliberation.

Among important measures dealt with by you, the "Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" meets fairly the wishes of the electorate as expressed in the referendum held last year.

The "Act to ratify the Agreement between the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society and His Majesty the King," for taking over and maintaining the Tranquille Sanatorium as a Provincial institution, marks an important advance in the care of tubercular patients and provides for a greater measure of success in the prevention of this dread disease.

Enactments relating to night employment of women, and limiting the hours of work in industrial undertakings, and fixing the minimum age for admission of children to industrial employment will meet with general approval.

The "Act respecting Superannuation" inaugurates a new departure in providing for the care of public servants who reach the age of retirement.

Amendments to and consolidation of the "Companies Act" will render this measure more effective for the control of corporations.

I thank you for the ample provision you have made for the maintenance of public works and institutions throughout the Province, and trust that the legislation you have enacted during the Session now closing will result in material advancement of industrial, economic, and social conditions in British Columbia.

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

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

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