

Thursday, 11th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dean *Quinton*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 11th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of copies of resolutions presented to the Premier and Members of the Executive by a large gathering of War Veterans, Patriotic and other Associations at the Parliament Buildings, April 10th, 1918.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the following papers:—

Copy of Sanitary Regulations governing Watersheds, under section 15 of the "Health Act."

Copy of Regulations *re* Logging Operations within the Health District established at Lynn Creek, under section 15 of the "Health Act."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Nelson* on 3rd April, as follows:—

Whereas the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., have recently imposed a new and much higher schedule of rates for the treatment of lead and zinc ores carrying silver:

And whereas the mine operators claim that said schedule is unfair and excessive, and that the effect will be to greatly curtail shipments, and in many cases cause the closing-down of mines:

And whereas the management of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company state that this schedule is based on the actual cost plus a minimum of profit:

And whereas the Associated Boards of Trade, in convention at Nelson, appointed a committee to investigate the matters referred to:

And whereas the Federal Government has recognized said committee and are assisting in said investigation to the extent of appointing a metallurgist to act in conjunction with them:

And whereas the mining interests of this Province are seriously affected by this unsettled condition:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be passed instructing the Standing Committee on Mining to take up the several allegations made and report its findings to the House forthwith.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "Resolved" in the last paragraph of the Resolution, and add the following words: "That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of a Royal Commission under the 'Public Inquiries Act' to investigate all these circumstances should be considered at earliest moment by the Government of this Province."

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

To strike out all the words after the word "House" in the second line, and substitute in lieu thereof the words "the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should forthwith appoint a competent person to act with the Committee of Inquiry being conducted at the suggestion of the Associated Boards of Trade of South-eastern British Columbia; which person shall report all the facts and evidence to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. And if it should appear that the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada is working an injustice upon the mining operators of Eastern British Columbia, or that further inquiry is necessary, that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should appoint a Royal Commission under the 'Public Inquiries Act,' or take such other means as they consider efficient for the immediate relief of said operators."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out of the original Resolution stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative.

Question proposed on the amendment to the amendment—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out of the amendment stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be added to the amendment stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Amendment as amended carried.

Question proposed on the original Resolution—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Resolution as amended carried.

The Hon. the Premier moved, "That the House proceed to the Orders of the Day, beginning with Committee of Supply."

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled that under Rule 44 a motion to proceed to the Orders of the Day took preference over all motions and was not debatable or open to amendment.

That the motion should not have coupled with it any addition, and that the words "beginning with Committee of Supply" were out of order. (*See joint effect of Rules 40 and 44.*)

Resolved, That the House proceed to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 11th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. *Ross* moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, relating to the disposition of aliens.

Nine Members rose in their places to support the motion.

Objection being taken that the motion could not be made during a debate and while an amendment was under consideration,

Mr. Speaker *Keen* decided that Rules 31, 32, 33, and 46 governed and that the motion could be made at this time.

On the question of urgency, Mr. Speaker ruled that no sufficient urgency was disclosed or shown by the Resolution, and notice could be given for to-morrow evening's session.

Mr. *Ross* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Willson,</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

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

Mr. *Jones* moved in amendment, seconded by Dr. *Rose*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That," and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"That whereas the promises of economy and retrenchment made on behalf of the Government during the election campaign leading up to the general election of 1916 have not been adhered to, but, on the contrary, the fixed charges of the Government have been increased and new offices have been created at high salaries and filled by the appointments of political friends of the Government without regard to efficiency or any comprehensive scheme of Civil Service reform, and without any consideration for the returned soldiers:

"And whereas, notwithstanding the passage of an Act providing for Civil Service reform by the present Administration, which was assented to on the 19th day of May, 1917, to come into force when proclaimed by Order in Council, no steps have been taken up to this time to make such legislation operative, and in the meantime the Government is filling vacancies in the Civil Service without regard to the requirements of said Act and without consideration of the special clauses of said legislation favouring returned soldiers:

"And whereas the public welfare of the Province of British Columbia can best be served by the active development of the natural resources of the Province in mineral, lumber, agriculture, and fishing, but the Estimates for the ensuing year do not disclose the adoption of any comprehensive scheme to secure such objects:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly has no confidence in the Hon. the Premier as Leader of the Government or in the present Administration."

On objection taken, Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order, no notice having been given of same. (*See* May, 12th edition, 258 and 476, and Speakers' Decisions, 152.)

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1918.

Debate on main question resumed.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,409,678.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1919.

The Committee reported the Resolution.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.35 a.m.

Friday, 12th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 11th, 1918.

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. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" 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. *Sloan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 1918.

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. 69) intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province," 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. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Has R. E. Beattie, of Cranbrook, been using the Government road-tractor on his farm?
2. If so, how long has he been using it, and for what purposes?
3. What arrangement was made with said Beattie for the use of said tractor?
4. In what work was this tractor formerly used by the Government?
5. When did the Government cease using it, and why?
6. What was the value of said tractor?

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

"1. No. The Government has not a road-tractor at Cranbrook.

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Were there not more than five escapes from the Girls' Industrial School since the new Superintendent took office?

2. If so, how many?

3. Have these escaped girls all been returned to the school, and are they now there?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Annie Marie Cappello, Annie Wigman, Jessie Leon Drew, and Maud Charlton escaped March 15th, 1918, about 6.30 p.m. Birdie Willard and Ettie Alderman escaped about 6.45 p.m., March 17th, 1918. Jessie Leon Drew, Maud Charlton, Rose Frances French, Christiana Dave, Winnie Charlie, Kate Phillips, Ethel Hutchison, Anita Anderson, Gertie Bentley, and Frances Hazel Webster escaped on Monday evening, March 18th, 1918.

"3. All these girls were returned to the school but Annie Wigman, Annie Marie Cappello, Rose Frances French, Jessie Leon Drew, and Maud Charlton, who are now in Oakalla Prison Farm."

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

1. Has J. A. Arnold, Police Magistrate, of Cranbrook, been dismissed from office?

2. If so, when, and for what reason?

3. How long has said Arnold held this position?

4. Who has been appointed his successor?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. March 27th, 1918; in the public interest.

"3. Since May 4th, 1914.

"4. John Leask."

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

1. Was one Wm. White Superintendent of Roads in the Kamloops District when the present Government took office?

2. If so, how long had he been in the Service, and what salary was he receiving?

3. Was he dismissed from that office?

4. If so, when, and for what reason?

5. What was the age of said White when dismissed?

6. Has one D. Dagleish been appointed to do the work formerly done by said White?

7. If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?

8. Is said White now in the employ of the Government?

9. If so, in what position, and at what salary?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 23 years employed; 12½ years as Road Foreman and 10½ years as Road Superintendent; as latter paid \$5.50 per day.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. December, 1916; work closed down. He was reappointed General Foreman in April at a salary of \$125.
- "5. No record in Department.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. March 20th, 1918; salary \$150.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Local Foreman; \$3.50 per day."

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

1. Has J. F. Bridges, a millman in the vicinity of Cranbrook, been using one of the Government cars?
2. If so, for how long has he been using it, and for what purposes?
3. What arrangement was made with said Bridges for the use of this car?
4. By what official of the Government was this car formerly used?
5. What is the make of said car, and its value?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1."

Dr. Rose asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Are not the townsites at Britannia and Ocean Falls subject to section 68 of the "Land Act" and therefore subject to being subdivided and thus opened?
2. If so, why was not a demand made on the owners of these townsites to have them subdivided?
3. Did the Hon. the Minister of Lands in the election campaign of 1916 promise the public that if the Liberal Party were returned to power these closed towns would be opened?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. This is a matter of opinion.
- "2. It has already been intimated that this whole question is under careful consideration.
- "3. The Minister of Lands assured the public in the election campaign of 1916 that any abuses in connection with this question or any other question affecting the public interests would receive consideration and thereafter necessary action by the Government were the Liberal Party returned to power."

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pool-rooms Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of: (a) Particulars of all returned soldiers appointed to office, either to a temporary or permanent position, since the commencement of the present war up to November 24th, 1916, and since November 24th, 1916; (b) particulars of the salaries paid in each case; (c) particulars of those now employed by the different departments; (d) particulars of what service each appointee has seen, and whether overseas or otherwise; (e) particulars of all such appointees who have been dismissed or services dispensed with, and the reasons for same.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Jackson presented the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 12th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'" All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Saturday, 13th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 13th, 1918.

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 amend the 'Pound District 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.

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

1. Has John Hosie, formerly an employee in the Legislative Library, been dismissed?
2. If so, for what reason?
3. How long was the said Hosie in the Government service?
4. What notice (if any) was given to the said Hosie?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. On the ground that it was necessary to reduce the expenses of the Library Branch.
- "3. Since December 9th, 1912.
- "4. Notice was sent on March 28th, effective March 31st, 1918."

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

1. Has James D. Fraser, an employee in the Provincial Library, recently been dismissed?
2. If so, for what reason?
3. How long has said Fraser been employed by the Government?
4. Is the Government aware that the said Fraser is a veteran of the Fenian Raid?
5. What was the age of said Fraser when dismissed?
6. What salary was he in receipt of?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. On the ground that it was necessary to reduce the expenses of the Library Branch.
- "3. Ten years.
- "4. Nothing on the file to show.
- "5. Sixty-eight or sixty-nine years.
- "6. \$95 per month."

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

1. Was one Charles M. Field, of Revelstoke, formerly a Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal for West Kootenay District?
2. Was he dismissed by the Government?
3. If so, when, and why?
4. How long had he held that office?
5. Had there ever been any successful appeals from his decisions?
6. Who was appointed as his successor?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. December 29th, 1916; for greater efficiency of the Service.
- "4. Since 1904.
- "5. No information here.
- "6. H. N. Coursier."

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

1. What is the policy of the Government regarding the payment of monthly salaries to Stipendiary Magistrates?
2. Why did the following Stipendiary Magistrates receive salaries from the Government as shown by disbursement of Vote No. 16, Public Accounts for year ending 31st March, 1917: J. A. Forin, Nelson, \$500; G. Jay, Victoria, \$500; J. S. Chute, New Westminster, \$250; H. O. Alexander, Vancouver, \$500; A. S. Hood, Rivers Inlet, \$332; W. J. Quinlan, Ocean Falls, \$210.48?

3. Do these persons still continue to draw salaries from the Government?

4. Is it possible for Stipendiary Magistrates at other centres to obtain salaries from the Government?

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

"1. Not to pay salary to Stipendiary Magistrates except where such Magistrates act as Magistrates of Small Debts Courts.

"2. His Honour Judge Forin received as Stipendiary Magistrate's salary \$500 under an arrangement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, entered into in the year 1900, and which is referred to in a Return appearing in Sessional Papers (Dominion), 1900, page 487. The Minister of Justice recommended payment to County Court Judges as Stipendiary Magistrates be continued by the Provincial Government in addition to the salary paid such County Court Judges by the Dominion.

"George Jay, Police Magistrate, City of Victoria, and Stipendiary Magistrate, received \$500 for the year ending March 31st, 1917, as Magistrate of the Small Debts Court.

"J. S. Clute, New Westminster, Stipendiary Magistrate, received \$250 for the year ending March 31st, 1918, as Magistrate of the Small Debts Court.

"H. O. Alexander, Vancouver, Stipendiary Magistrate, received \$500 for the year ending March 31st, 1917, as Magistrate of the Small Debts Court.

"A. S. Hood, Rivers Inlet, Stipendiary Magistrate, received \$332, salary and expenses, for acting as Stipendiary Magistrate, Rivers Inlet, during the year 1916-1917.

"W. J. Quinlan, Ocean Falls, Stipendiary Magistrate, received \$210.48 salary as Stipendiary Magistrate from July 19th, 1916, to March 31st, 1917.

"3. Yes.

"4. No."

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

1. Are all the Civil Servants in Victoria contributing one day's pay towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund?

2. If not, who is not contributing, giving particulars in each case of their names and salaries?

3. When was this system of contributing first adopted?

4. How much has been contributed to date?

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

"Some Civil Servants contribute to the Canadian Patriotic Fund by way of deductions from their monthly cheques and some pay directly to the fund; consequently, am unable to answer the question."

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

1. What was total cost of bridge across the North Thompson River near Barriere?

2. What was the total cost of following items: (a) Timber, lumber, and piling; (b) iron-work; (c) painting; (d) labour?

3. What was the estimated cost made by Department before construction?

4. When was construction commenced and when completed?

5. What is total length of this bridge, the number of spans and the length of each, with a description of type?

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

"1. \$34,190.31.

"2. (a.) Timber, \$2,494.47; lumber, \$4,292.91; piling, \$841.20. (b.) Ironwork, \$4,365.24; painting, *nil*; labour, \$15,355.65.

"3. Estimated cost, \$25,622. Nothing included in this estimate for haulage of material to bridge-site.

"4. Construction commenced November, 1912; completed August, 1914.

"5. About 430 feet deck measurement, made up as follows: One bay of approach; one Howe-truss span of 125 feet; one swing span of 135 feet; one Howe-truss span of 125 feet; and one bay of approach."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is the "Civil Service Act" in force at the present time?
2. Has the Government appointed a Civil Service Commissioner as provided by section 3 of the said Act?
3. If not, why not?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Matter was under negotiation by late Premier with a view to bringing this Act into force at an early date, and has not yet been taken up by this Government."

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

On March 7th the Hon. Minister, in reply to a question, promised to obtain a copy of the report made by the Engineer of the Dominion Government (if available) on a recent survey and examination of the old Yale-Cariboo Trail as it refers to the road between Yale and Spences Bridge: Can the Minister report any progress?

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

"The Department of Public Works at Ottawa advises that only a few short and isolated traverses were made along the road in connection with township subdivision; copies of the field-notes of these traverses can be supplied if they would be of service."

The Hon. the Premier presented a Memorandum referring to an Order of the House for a Return of: (a) All persons in the Permanent or Temporary Service who have resigned, been dismissed, or had their services dispensed with since 24th November, 1916; (b) dates of their leaving the Service; (c) their age and length of time in the Service; (d) reasons for their dismissals or their services being dispensed with; (e) salaries paid them at their time of quitting the Service; (f) list of those appointed in each case to take their places, their age and residence in each case, and the salaries they are now receiving; (g) also names, ages, residences, when appointed, and salaries now paid of all other persons appointed temporarily or permanently to the Service since the 24th day of November, 1916, as follows:—

"I desire to state that the work of securing the information asked involves a great deal of correspondence with outside offices, departments, and individuals, and while this work has been commenced it will take an indefinite period to even partially complete the record. A portion of the particulars required could probably be obtained after several weeks' work, but months must elapse before many of the details asked for are at hand.

"Departments and offices do not, as a rule, keep particulars of persons engaged for short periods, and the Civil Service Commission is not concerned with such cases beyond certifying to salary vouchers. A comprehensive search of the records of the Audit Office would no doubt produce certain particulars, but details of ages and residences are not obtainable from any source, in the absence of knowledge as to the present whereabouts of the persons concerned.

"Owing to reorganization of departments, etc., the reasons for changes in the staffs cannot now be accurately given. For these and other reasons I am of the opinion that it is not possible to supply the information asked for."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker that the "Previous Question" had been moved, and that on objection taken he had ruled the motion to be in order, and that an appeal to the Chair had been taken.

Mr. Speaker *Keen*: "I think the 'Closure of Debate' Rule, being Rules Nos. 34 and 35, apply only when the Speaker is in the Chair or the Deputy Speaker is the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman of Ways and Means has no authority to receive and put the motion.

"Rules 34 and 35 must be construed together.

"If Rule 34 stands alone, the motion, I think, could only be moved in the House, but by construing the Rules together it also applies to Committees of the Whole and on the stages of Bills."

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained?"

The House divided as follows:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Nelson.</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	

The Chair was not sustained.

House again in Committee.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1919.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1919.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1919.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,979 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,492 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,793 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

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

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Saturday, 13th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Manson* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 12th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Report of the Department of Railways for the year 1917.

Report of the Land Settlement Board for the year 1917.

Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year 1917.

Report of the Provincial Museum and Natural History for the year 1917.

We beg to further report as follows:—

That the following documents be not printed, namely:—

Report of the Commissioner on the Vancouver Island Riots of 1913 and 1914.

The Return of Spruce Permits issued under Order in Council, March 19th, 1918.

Report of the Commissioner on the Fort George Election Inquiry.

The Copy of Order in Council relating to cutting of Spruce Timber.

We beg to further report as follows:—

That the following report should be printed in pamphlet form for distribution, namely:—

Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year 1917.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Miscellaneous Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1919.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1919.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Joint-stock Companies and Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,722 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1919.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,405 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Prohibition Act," to 31st March, 1919.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1919.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,273 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1919.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,777 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Nelson, to 31st March, 1919.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,882 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1919.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,449 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1919.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,302 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1919.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, Victoria, to 31st March, 1919.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,670 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Chilliwack, to 31st March, 1919.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Ladysmith, to 31st March, 1919.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Merritt, to 31st March, 1919.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,936 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Nelson, to 31st March, 1919.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,674 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1919.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1919.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,309 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1919.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,166 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1919.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,988 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1919.

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. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Monday, 15th April, 1918.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Captain *Campbell*.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of: (a) Full particulars of the travelling expenses of each Minister of the Crown since the 1st day of January, 1910, up to and inclusive of the 23rd day of November, 1916, and also since the 24th day of November, 1916; (b) particulars of the public business of each Minister on each trip; (c) times and dates covering each trip when each Minister was absent from Victoria; (d) expenses of the Minister's Secretary or other officials who accompanied each Minister.

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$306,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1919.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,366 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Kamloops Gaol, to 31st March, 1919.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1919.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Industrial Schools, Boys' School, to 31st March, 1919.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Industrial Schools, Girls' School, to 31st March, 1919.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Summoning and paying witnesses, to 31st March, 1919.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Grand and Petit Jurors (including drawing panels, etc.), to 31st March, 1919.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Prosecutions and Interpreters, to 31st March, 1919.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Expenses of inquest, to 31st March, 1919.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Rewards, to 31st March, 1919.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Allowance to Sheriffs (fixed allowance), to 31st March, 1919.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1919.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Motor-traffic regulation (plates, badges, etc.), to 31st March, 1919.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Destruction of wolves, cougars, coyotes, owls, etc., and game protection, including salaries, travelling expenses, and incidentals of office, to 31st March, 1919.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1919.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Special surveys, to 31st March, 1919.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Grant to Canadian Bar Association, to 31st March, 1919.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Stipendiary Magistrates, to 31st March, 1919.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Criminal Identification Bureau, to 31st March, 1919.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Miscellaneous, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1919.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,534 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,556 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1919.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1919.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1919.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1919.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,065 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria, to 31st March, 1919.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Education of deaf, dumb, and blind, to 31st March, 1919.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$510,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to cities, to 31st March, 1919.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$335,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to municipalities, to 31st March, 1919.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, *Per capita* grant to rural school districts, to 31st March, 1919.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$345,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Salaries of teachers in assisted schools, to 31st March, 1919.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What sums of money have been paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board to A. D. MacFarlane, Barrister, of Victoria, B.C.?

2. For what services were such payments, if any, made?

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

"1. Have no information.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What sums of money, if any, have been paid by the Crown to R. T. Elliott, K.C., H. A. McLean, K.C., or the firm of Elliott, McLean & Shandley for legal services or otherwise since November 24th, 1916?

2. For what services were such payments, if any, made?

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

"1. R. T. Elliott, K.C., none. H. A. Maclean, K.C., none. Elliott, Maclean & Shandley, the following: February 17th, 1917, *Rex vs. Jones*, application for reprieve, January 16th, 1917, \$20; June 1st, 1917, *re* Mossom M. Boyd Estate, appeal to Supreme Court of Canada, including costs of Ottawa agents, July, 1916, to April, 1917, \$208.75; April 3rd, 1917, *Rex vs. Brew et al.*, December 15th to 24th, \$10; November 6th, 1917, Victoria Fall Assizes, counsel fees, \$250.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What was the cost of operation of the Vancouver and Victoria Land Registry Offices respectively between January 1st, 1917, and December 31st, 1917?

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

"Vancouver Land Registry Office: Salaries, 1917, \$36,744; stationery, books and binding, 1917, \$416; total, \$37,160. Victoria Land Registry Office: Salaries, 1917, \$37,310; stationery, books and binding, 1917, \$832; total \$38,142."

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

1. What sums of money, if any, have been paid to S. S. Taylor, K.C., of Vancouver, for legal services or otherwise since November 24th, 1916?

2. For what services were such payments, if any, made?

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

"1. To S. S. Taylor, K.C., none. To Messrs. Taylor, Harvey, Stockton & Smith, \$3,632.50, for legal services rendered in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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.

Monday, 15th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Salaries of teachers in E. and N. Railway Belt, to 31st March, 1919.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Grants to libraries, to 31st March, 1919.
66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Grant in aid of manual training equipment, to 31st March, 1919.
67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Erection of new buildings and maintenance and repairs of school buildings, to 31st March, 1919.
68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Examination of teachers, to 31st March, 1919.
69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Examination *re* High School Entrance, to 31st March, 1919.
70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Conveying children to central schools, to 31st March, 1919.
71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Miscellaneous, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1919.
72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1919.
73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,051 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.
74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, to 31st March, 1919.
75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1919.
76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1919.
77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bureau of Information, to 31st March, 1919.
78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,095 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office, London, England, to 31st March, 1919.
79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,954 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1919.
80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Anyox Agency, to 31st March, 1919.
81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,556 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Ashcroft Agency, to 31st March, 1919.
82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,492 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Atlin Agency, to 31st March, 1919.
83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.
84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,455 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Clinton Agency, to 31st March, 1919.
85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,798 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, Assessors, etc., Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, Assessors, etc., Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,579 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,104 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fairview Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,389 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,580 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Fort George Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,422 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,119 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Grand Forks Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,675 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Greenwood Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,755 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Hazelton Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,885 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Kaslo Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,036 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Lillooet Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,787 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,822 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., New Denver Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,927 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Nicola Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,433 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., 150-Mile House Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,973 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Princeton Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Queen Charlotte Islands Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,322 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Rossland Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,345 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Trout Lake Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Vancouver Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,079 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1919.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,544 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1919.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,776 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Yale Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1919.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1919.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Printing Public Accounts, to 31st March, 1919.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Interest on suitors' funds and Official Guardian deposits, to 31st March, 1919.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Delinquent extra municipal school taxes, to 31st March, 1919.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Operation of the "Amusements Tax Act" (salaries and expenses), to 31st March, 1919.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$866 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Premium on fire insurance, Fairview Works, to 31st March, 1919.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous not detailed in Estimates, to 31st March, 1919.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,175 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1919.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1918.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

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

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.20 a.m.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Payment of Two hundred thousand Dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in respect of their Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at Fort George," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 15th, 1918.

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. 74) intituled "An Act to authorize the Payment of Two hundred thousand Dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in respect of their Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at Fort George," 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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 16th, 1918

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. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School 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. *Sloan* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

That it is in the public interest that an arrangement should be made by the Department of Mines with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, whereby the minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt on Vancouver Island may be more satisfactorily administered than under the present dual method of company regulations and the "Mineral Act," and that legislation be introduced ratifying such agreement, or otherwise remedying existing difficulties.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Farris* moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*,—

Whereas by section 873A of the Criminal Code of Canada provision is made dispensing with the necessity of Grand Juries in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan:

And whereas the said Provinces are thereby enabled to effect a substantial saving without impairment of public service:

And whereas in the opinion of this Legislature a similar provision would prove beneficial in the Province of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature request the Dominion Government to amend the said section of the Criminal Code to include the Province of British Columbia.

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>			

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>			

A point of order was raised by Mr. *Weart*, who claimed that he had not voted and was not obliged to vote, although he remained in his seat.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the objection well taken. The old practice, "That a Member must vote if he remains in his seat when the question is put," having been changed in the English Rules, and there being no Rule of the House on the point. (*See May*, 12th edition, page 329.)

Mr. *Ross* moved, seconded by Dr. *Rose*,—

That this House regrets the inability of the Government to approve the Resolutions of a gathering of War Veterans, Patriotic and other Associations, as follows:—

Inasmuch as the delegates of the returned soldiers who went to Ottawa recently to confer with Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues on matters of vital importance in this crucial time of the Empire's history have come away from that conference in several instances disappointed men.

Their disappointment will be shared by many and the feeling is widespread that promises made to the ear are being broken to the hope. It was known to the Government that the returned men had considered questions with regard to "enemy aliens," with respect to the conscription of men of alien races, and other matters of equal importance. The Government recognized the fact that the War Veterans were men who would debate these questions with tact, judgment, and experience, and, more than that, their sufferings and their sacrifices would give them a status for the expression of opinion which could not be ignored, but deserved and demanded consideration, and the Government, as was to be expected, very rightly asked the War Veterans to bring the result of their deliberations before them.

This has been done, and the result has been that for the present, at any rate, the War Veterans must bear the disappointment that "the Government is unable to accept their proposals."

There is not a returned man who is not alive to the difficulties and dangers of the complicated questions which now confront the Governments in all parts of the Empire. However, it was decided at a meeting of all returned men, held in this city on April 6th, that a public demonstration is necessary, and that all bodies interested in the enemy alien question should be asked to take part in the demonstration, and also to adopt the resolution as set forth. The resolution presented to Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues is as follows:—

"Whereas there are in Canada a great number of people of alien origin: Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the aliens of enemy origin in our midst should be employed in work of national importance in industries essential to the winning of the war, under proper surveillance, and their employer, for the time being, made responsible for them; and that their earnings, over and above an amount equal to the pay and allowance of a Canadian soldier, be taken by the Government for war purposes, or, failing their being employed, that such alien enemies be interned.

"Further, that measures be taken at once to make the 'Military Service Act' applicable to all allied aliens in the same manner and to the same extent as to the citizens of Canada, either by negotiating the necessary treaties or conventions with the remaining allied countries upon similar lines or the same as those provided for in the conventions recently adopted by the United States of America and Great Britain, or, failing the obtaining of such treaties or conventions, that such allied aliens be forthwith given the option of enlisting voluntarily in the Canadian Forces, or being deported to their country of origin as is being done under the Alien Stracker Bill just passed by an overwhelming majority in the House of Representatives at Washington.

"Further, that no steps should be taken to call out the second or other class under the 'Military Service Act,' or to return to France married men of the First Contingent, C.E.F., until the question of the disposition of the aliens has been settled in a manner satisfactory to the citizens of Canada; and that we urge the Government to take up and deal with these questions without further delay."

We respectfully beg to submit the following in addition to the foregoing:—

"(1.) That no enemy alien shall any longer hold public office, and that all questions having to do with the alien be taken out of the hands of the Provincial authorities and taken under Federal direction.

"(2.) That the Canadian Government establish an Alien Registration Bureau, the same as obtains in Great Britain, in which every neutral, allied, and enemy alien shall be registered, so as to be used to the best advantage in the national service; and, moreover, that all aliens be compelled to wear a badge or token, prominently displayed, designating that he is an alien in his class.

"(3.) That all enemy alien newspapers or periodicals should be suppressed, or, failing, it should be insisted that all editorials be printed in English.

"(4.) That no person of alien birth, whether naturalized or not, shall be permitted to have in his possession firearms of any description."

"Whereas greater production of food is of vital importance; and whereas, especially in the Western Provinces, the farmers are labouring under a great disadvantage owing to the unreliable condition of alien labour; and whereas much hardship has resulted from frequent breaches of contract during harvest time: Therefore be it *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this conference of returned soldiers of Canada, assembled, that a law be passed punishing with a heavy fine such breaking of contracts where it is shown that the employer has fulfilled his contract."

"That whereas the present Provincial Government, under the leadership of the late Premier, passed a 'Civil Service Act,' making it obligatory for all Civil Servants to obtain positions through competitive examinations, and also containing a special clause concerning the applications of returned disabled soldiers; and whereas, although this Act is now on the statute-books of the Province of British Columbia, but is non-operative until a Commissioner or Controller be appointed: Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this delegation here assembled now ask the Hon. John Oliver, in his position as Premier of British Columbia, to immediately put this Act into force."

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

Mr. *Weart* moved, seconded by Mr. *McGeer*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, That the Committee rise and report, recommending the introduction of legislation this Session or the 1919 Session providing for Old-age Pensions."

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 16th, 1918.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 16th, 1918.

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 'British Columbia Prohibition 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 Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase."

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was committed.
Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1919.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,482 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,144 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$132,876 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,816 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1919.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General, Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1919.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1919.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Forest Protection Fund ("Forest Act"), to 31st March, 1919.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Lumber trade extension, to 31st March, 1919.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Rainfall and climatic statistics, to 31st March, 1919.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Expenses *re* public irrigation corporations, to 31st March, 1919.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, General water surveys, to 31st March, 1919.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Well-drilling, salaries and expenses, to 31st March, 1919.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Conservation Fund, to 31st March, 1919.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Lithograph maps, to 31st March, 1919.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Land surveys, to 31st March, 1919.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1919.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, General investigations, to 31st March, 1919.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Miscellaneous, Irrigation Convention, Nelson, to 31st March, 1919.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1919.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Office, to 31st March, 1919.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1919.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,866 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1919.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1919.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,949 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Factories Act," to 31st March, 1919.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,868 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1919.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,999 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1919.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,427,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1919.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124,433 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridges, to 31st March, 1919.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1918.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.50 a.m.