

Monday, November 27th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*—Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Columbian Hospital Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to empower the Board of School Trustees of the Trail-Tadanac Municipal School District to levy certain Taxes."

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899.'"

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boom-chain Brands Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act.'"

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement to be entered into between the Commissioners of the Surrey Dyking District and The Corporation of the District of Surrey."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Eyres*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 27th, 1939.

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 'Magistrates Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 27th, 1939.

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

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

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

That on Tuesday, the 28th instant, and all following days of this Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, as follows: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Eyres*:—

1. What was the cost of the hospital at Kelowna?
2. What was the cost of the hospital at Prince Rupert?
3. What was the cost of the new wing on St. Paul's Hospital at Vancouver?
4. How much did the Government contribute in each case?

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

1. How many married people with their families are on relief in the Province of British Columbia at the present time?
2. How many single men are on relief?
3. How many single girls are on relief?
4. How many farmers are in receipt of relief at the present time?

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

- "1. 8,482 employable heads of families, 22,506 dependents; 2,137 unemployable heads of families, 4,334 dependents (October).
- "2. 5,191 employable, 2,662 unemployable (October).
- "3. 424 employable, 1,589 unemployable (women) (October).
- "4. 1,751 heads with 5,940 dependents, 358 individual persons (July)."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. From what company is the tabulating-machine mentioned in Vote 177 rented?
2. For how many years has the said machine been in use by the Government?
3. Is there a contract covering the rental of the machine?
4. If so, for what period of time has it yet to run?

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

- "1. The International Business Machine Co., Ltd., 36-38 Kings Street East, Toronto, Ont.
- "2. Four years.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Can be terminated on three months' written notice."

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

1. For what length of time was Dr. H. M. Cassidy employed by the Government?
2. In what capacity?
3. What is the total amount of salary and travelling expenses paid to him during this period?

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

- "1. July 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1939.
- "2. Director of Social Welfare.
- "3. See Public Accounts."

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

1. What was the total cost of: (a) Preparing the report of British Columbia's case for submission to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, presided over by the Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C.; (b) presenting the said case to the said Commission?
2. Was any person or persons, other than department officials, employed in the presentation of the said case, including British Columbia's claims for special consideration?
3. If yes: (a) Who was so employed; (b) what salary, fee, or stipend was paid to such person or persons; and (c) what amount was paid to each such person, if there were more than one?
4. Have all accounts been paid, and if not, to whom are sums owing?

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

- "1. (a) and (b) \$51,691.33.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. (a) Dr. W. A. Carrothers; Messrs. Farris, Farris, McAlpine, Stultz, Bull and Farris. (b) and (c) Dr. W. A. Carrothers, \$10,000 (including preparation); Messrs. Farris, Farris, McAlpine, Stultz, Bull and Farris, \$30,560.50.
- "4. Yes."

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

1. What was the *per diem* educational cost per pupil under the Abbotsford-Sumas-Matsqui Educational Area in 1938?

2. What percentage of such cost is borne by the Department?

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

"1. The cost per pupil for the calendar year 1938, as based upon the October enrolment, was \$49.12, or an average of 25.6 cents for each prescribed school-day.

"2. 56.4 per cent."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, November 27th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th instant be received and read a first time.

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

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

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(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:—

\$288,186.04 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1939.

963,554.28 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1940.

29,268,790.90 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1941.

\$30,520,531.22

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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 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 introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, seconded by Mr. *Forester*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 3 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, seconded by Mr. *Forester*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 4 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, seconded by Mr. *Forester*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 5 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boom-chain Brands Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement to be entered into between the Commissioners of the Surrey Dyking District and The Corporation of the District of Surrey" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Columbian Hospital Act.'"

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 27th, 1939.

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. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, the Order for the report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers" was discharged and the Bill recommitted, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to empower the Board of School Trustees of the Trail-Tadanac Municipal School District to levy certain Taxes" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inferior Courts Practitioners Act'" be now read a second time.

The motion was negatived.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospitals Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Order being called for the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act,'" on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* the Order for the second reading of the said Bill was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

Guthrie
Cameron

Shepherd
Jamieson, Mrs.

Winch, E. E.
Uphill

Steeves, Mrs.
Winch, H. E.

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

McGrath
Braden
Johnston
Finland
Eyres
Macintosh
King
Bull

Straith
Paton
Maitland
Putnam
Kenney
Burns
Leary
Gillis

Smith, Mrs.
Perry
MacDonald
Hart
Pattullo
Wismer
Weir
Henniger

Strachan
Forester
Connelly
Murray
Tupper
Carson
Asselstine
Gray

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Pearson
Bryan
LeBourdais

Hunter
Telford
Anscomb

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 11.33 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Adjutant *Charles Watt* (Salvation Army).

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 27th instant, with reference to Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" as follows:—

Honourable Members.—The Honourable the Premier has raised a point of order with reference to Bill No. 44, standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable member for Comox.

Section 2 of the Bill provides that if more than twenty persons are employed in any mine below ground accommodation shall be provided to enable the employees to wash themselves and dry and change their clothes, and that such accommodation shall not be in the engine-room or boiler-house.

The question is whether this would result in an impost within the meaning of Standing Order 67.

I have carefully considered the suggestion of the Honourable Leader of the Opposition that the word "impost" is used in Standing Order 67 in the sense of a "tax." Murray's Dictionary defines impost as "a tax, duty, imposition, tribute; specifically, a customs duty levied on merchandise." The legal dictionary, "Words and Phrases Judicially Noted," which will be found in the Provincial Library, says: "'Impost' is a duty on imported goods and merchandise. In a larger sense, it is any tax or imposition."

"Tax," on the other hand, has a much more restricted meaning. It is defined in Murray's Dictionary as "a compulsory contribution to the support of government."

I feel bound to give effect to the wider meaning of the word "impost": (1.) Because if the Legislature had intended it only in the sense of governmental revenue, the word "tax" would have been sufficient to express that intention. (2.) The Legislature could not have used the word in the restricted sense of a customs duty levied on merchandise, because the Provincial Legislature has no jurisdiction in that field. (3.) I am bound by previous Speakers' decisions in this House; e.g., the decision of Mr. Speaker Perry, B.C. Journals, 1936, 1st Session, 125.

To provide the accommodation required by the Bill would undoubtedly involve a charge upon a section of the people. I think it is immaterial whether this charge would fall upon the employer or upon the employee.

I have no choice, therefore, but to rule the Bill out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

The House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>

Mr. *Kenney* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 28th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have examined the Public Accounts as submitted to this Committee, have held three sessions and inquired into the various matters pertaining to these accounts.

Information has been sought and given in respect of same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Putnam* presented the First and Second Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 28th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated November 13th, 1939, "to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the Fertilizers and Agricultural Poisons Board, and the Feeds Standards Board, with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province and to report its findings to this House," held three sittings.

The Agricultural Production Committee presented statements covering its activities and those of the British Columbia Department of Agriculture directed toward increased production of commodities that will be required in large quantities during the war and subsequently. Your Committee was impressed with the comprehensive information presented.

The Fertilizers and Agricultural Poisons Board submitted information covering precautionary measures taken with respect to manufacture of commercial fertilizer mixes for sale within the Province and measures regulating the export of commercial fertilizers. Your Committee is convinced that the Fertilizers and Agricultural Poisons Board is acting in accordance with a programme that will be advantageous to agriculture yet not detrimental to the fertilizer trade.

Senior officials of the Provincial Department of Agriculture were heard on matters relating to production, transportation, and marketing of foodstuffs, as well as certified and registered seeds. It is the opinion of your Committee that the several branches of the agricultural industry in this Province are being directed along lines that will ensure adequate production of essential foodstuffs during the war period, and that future normal requirements of agricultural commodities are being kept in mind so that marketing complications may be avoided after the conclusion of hostilities.

Your Committee feels that its deliberations during the present Legislative Session have been more than usually instructive and informative.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 28th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, authorized by amending Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated November 24th, "that this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an examination of the operation of Canadian Freight Association Tariff No. 145 and to report its findings and recommendation to this Legislature," reports as follows:—

The tariff in question was brought into effect on March 10th, 1933, and has been amended by several subsequent supplements.

The purpose of the tariff is to permit feed-grains being transported from Prairie production points to British Columbia coastal areas.

Cereal grains of specified feed-grades, as well as mill-feeds, are carried under this special freight tariff when covered by certificate signed by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia.

Evidence submitted indicates that individual farmers and farmers' organizations are taking advantage of the special feed-grain freight rates in increasing numbers.

The existence of the special freight rate available under Canadian Freight Association Tariff No. 145 has been well advertised throughout those sections of British Columbia in which these rates apply.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Nanaimo."

On the motion of Mr. *Burns*—Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boom-chain Brands Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Columbian Hospital Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,' and the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Eyres*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Paton*, the Order for the second reading was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 28th, 1939.

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

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 28th, 1939.

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. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Eyres* was withdrawn:—

That a Return be made of the report presented by the Hon. the Minister of Lands on oil surveys in the Peace River District in 1920.

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

1. Was \$1,000 appropriated by the Department of Public Works last year to connect the Gray Creek Road up with the Crawford Bay District?
2. If yes, how much money was so spent?
3. If the full amount was not so spent, where was the balance of the said sum expended?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$355.25 (exclusive of equipment rentals) was found sufficient.
- "3. Supplementary to several important undertakings elsewhere in the Riding."

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

1. How many engineers are employed by the Public Works Department in the Kamloops District and where are they located?
2. How much money was spent during the year 1938 on the Cherry Creek section of the Fraser Canyon Highway?
3. From whom was the lumber for culverts and bridges in the Kamloops District purchased by the Public Works Department in 1938?

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

"1. Four: One District Engineer in charge of all work in the ridings of Kamloops, Yale, North and South Okanagan, Similkameen, Grand Forks-Greenwood, Revelstoke, and Salmon Arm; one Locating Engineer for all major locations undertaken in Traffic District No. 2, i.e., the Interior of British Columbia; one Assistant District Engineer who supervises all construction and maintenance in Kamloops District, under the District Engineer; and one Resident Engineer on Kamloops-Cache Creek project.

"2. Reconstruction and standardization, \$13,814.80; bituminous surfacing, \$6,727.56.

"3. Kamloops Lumber Company, Kamloops; Inland Building Supplies, Kamloops; Paul Lake Sawmill, Kamloops; Smith-Gilmour Lumber Company, Kamloops; Vancouver Creosoting Company, Vancouver; Permanent Timber Products, Vancouver; also small quantities from sundry settlers in Kamloops District."

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 5.05 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mrs. *Smith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 27th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the list of documents set out in the letter of the Attorney-General under "The Public Documents Disposal Act" be received and, with the exception of Documents in support of Applications for Naturalization, 1897 to 1914, County Court, Cumberland, which are recommended for retention in the meantime, they be referred to the Provincial Archivist for retention or disposal.

Your Committee, under instructions from the House, investigated the matter of supplies furnished the members by the King's Printer, and finds that the existing method of supplying such varying quantity of stationery as is required by each individual member is satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HELEN D. SMITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, 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. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Nanaimo."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>			

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Bryan

Hunter

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith.

The Committee rose without report.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 28th, 1939.

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. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 28th, 1939.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.42 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Cameron* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, stated the matter, and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the statement did not disclose a definite matter of urgent public importance.

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

The House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>			

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Bryan

Hunter

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 27th instant, with reference to Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act':—

Honourable Members,—A point of order has been raised with reference to Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Section 34 of the "Forest Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 102, provides in part that lessees of timber, holding under renewal leases, may apply to have any area of not less than six hundred and forty acres eliminated from the lease, and thereupon the annual renewal fee shall be proportionately reduced. Section 42 of the Act has a similar provision with respect to special timber licences issued in lieu of timber leases.

Sections 2 and 3 of the Bill provide in effect that no part of the area shall be eliminated from the lease or licence unless such part is in a state of reproduction satisfactory to the Chief Forester or has been logged in such a manner that, in the opinion of that official, satisfactory reproduction will ensue. If the Chief Forester were to give an adverse report, the lessee or licensee would be obliged to continue payment of annual renewal fees on logged-over land. This would impose a financial burden on the operator not contemplated by the present Act.

In the hands of a private member the Bill violates the provisions of Standing Order 67.

The Bill is also out of order on the ground that it imposes duties on a servant of the Crown. (See numerous authorities in B.C. Speakers' Decisions, Vols. 1, 2.)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 27th instant, with reference to Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'":—

Honourable Members,—A point of order has been raised with reference to Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

When the point of order was raised, the honourable member for Burnaby pointed out that during the 1938 Session I had recommended that a similar Bill—namely, Bill No. 18—be allowed to proceed.

I have compared the two Bills and would have felt inclined to make the same recommendation now were it not that Bill No. 73 contains a clause which was not in the Bill of last Session. The clause to which I refer is subparagraph (c) of section 3 of the Bill. This clause imposes upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the duty of approving of the terms and conditions governing the work of nurses-in-training. The Bill does not stipulate the manner in which regulations governing the work of nurses-in-training shall be determined or prepared, so that the approving of the conditions would not be a mere formal act but would involve a determination of policy, as well as the preparation of regulations necessary to carry it out.

The above subparagraph (c) therefore confers wide powers and imposes duties upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and is out of order in the hands of a private member, failing the consent of the Crown.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Nanaimo" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 29th, 1939.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2: To strike out the words "in a municipality" at the end of the definition of "limited passenger-vehicle," and to substitute therefor the words "exclusively in one municipality."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 proposed amendment to Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.
Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment and the Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers" be referred to the Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.
Bill considered as amended, to be read a third time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act.'"

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Macintosh* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas there is considerable dissatisfaction throughout the Province with the treatment extended to workmen afflicted by silicosis; and

Whereas it is expedient that such treatment and compensation should be placed upon a satisfactory basis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed at this Session to inquire into the basis of compensation to workmen exposed to infection by silicosis.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Shepherd* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That Chapter VIII., section 68 (1), of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended to read as follows:—

"At the commencement of each Session a Special Committee consisting of five members shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the following Select Standing Committees of the House:—

- " 1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills.
- " 2. On Public Accounts and Printing.
- " 3. On Railways.
- " 4. On Mining.
- " 5. On Agriculture.
- " 6. On Municipal Matters.
- " 7. On Forestry and Fisheries.
- " 8. On Labour and Social Welfare.
- " 9. On Public Utilities."

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Shepherd* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas during the past few weeks there has been a considerable increase in the retail price of feed-wheat and mill-feeds:

And whereas according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the supplies of feed-grains in Canada for 1939-40 are greater than a year ago:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the price of feed-grains, and to investigate, in particular, any increase in price of recent weeks and the reasons thereof; and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* on the 22nd instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "whereas" in the third line, and substitute therefor the following:—

"By special and competitive local and joint freight tariff on feed-barley, feed-oats, feed-screenings, feed-wheat, fire-burnt grain, grain products, and grain by-products farmers of the lower mainland and Vancouver Island are now enabled to secure feed-grain supplies from Prairie producers and grain by-products from Prairie millers at a reduction in transportation costs:

"And whereas through Farmers' Institutes, co-operative associations, and agricultural organizations car-load purchasing is feasible, practical, and economical:

"And whereas many farmers' organizations are already taking advantage of this method of securing feed-grains and grain by-products at cost:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an examination of the operation of Canadian Freight Association Tariff No. 145 and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature."

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

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

1. Was the \$10,000 paid to Dr. W. A. Carrothers in connection with the submission of British Columbia's case to the Rowell Commission in addition to any salary paid during the year to Dr. Carrothers?

2. If yes, what salary or remuneration was paid to Dr. Carrothers in addition to the said \$10,000.

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. \$3,249.96."

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 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Shepherd* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas during the past few weeks there has been a considerable increase in the retail price of feed-wheat and mill-feeds:

And whereas according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the supplies of feed-grains in Canada for 1939-40 are greater than a year ago:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the price of feed-grains, and to investigate, in particular, any increase in price of recent weeks and the reasons thereof; and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* on the 22nd instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "whereas" in the third line, and substitute therefor the following:—

"By special and competitive local and joint freight tariff on feed-barley, feed-oats, feed-screenings, feed-wheat, fire-burnt grain, grain products, and grain by-products farmers of the lower mainland and Vancouver Island are now enabled to secure feed-grain supplies from Prairie producers and grain by-products from Prairie millers at a reduction in transportation costs:

"And whereas through Farmers' Institutes, co-operative associations, and agricultural organizations car-load purchasing is feasible, practical, and economical:

"And whereas many farmers' organizations are already taking advantage of this method of securing feed-grains and grain by-products at cost:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an examination of the operation of Canadian Freight Association Tariff No. 145 and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature."

The debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 22nd instant, as follows:—

That a Return be filed with the Legislature of the two reports of Mr. H. M. Cassidy, former Director of Social Welfare, entitled "Report of the Director of Social Welfare, July 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1939," and "Reorganization of British Columbia Health and Welfare Services—A Report with Recommendations."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>		

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Putnam</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the problem of health has become one of the most pressing and important matters of all civilized peoples:

And whereas health is a question of the greatest importance in the public mind:

And whereas governments must be at all times prepared and willing to take action tending to develop measures which offer some opportunity of remedying human pain and suffering:

And whereas in British Columbia there are to be found some of the greatest facilities, as yet undeveloped and unused, for the alleviation of pain and suffering:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that every possible use should be made of the health-giving resources of the Province, and therefore recommends to the Government the advisability of appointing a Committee of Inquiry to investigate the health-giving possibilities of the Province and its resources with a view to advising and recommending to the Government the best means of fully utilizing the advantages of the Province.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Bruhn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macintosh*,—

That whereas it is of vital importance to the Dominion of Canada for tourist, military, and other purposes that the Trans-Canada Highway be immediately adequately and properly constructed, reconstructed, and maintained:

And whereas this can only be expeditiously carried out by the Federal Government as a solely national responsibility:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urges the Federal Government to take over the entire construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the Trans-Canada Highway through the Province of British Columbia as an immediate national undertaking.

A debate arose.

Mr. Carson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Tupper,—

That all the words after the word "whereas" in the first line be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"Motor traffic is every day of increasing importance:

"And whereas it is essential for the general well-being of Canada that all the Provinces of Canada should be connected by highway transportation:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature the Dominion of Canada should construct, reconstruct, and maintain highways across British Columbia, both in the north and in the south of the Province, to connect with the main highways of the other Provinces."

Motion as amended agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Burns</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>		

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Thursday, November 30th, 1939.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Jamieson*:—

Whereas the old-age pension at an accepted age should be regarded as an inalienable right:

And whereas the insistence that children support parents when they are unwilling to do so tends to create feelings of injustice and bitterness between children and parents:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Dominion Government to strike out clause (iv.) of section 17 of the "Old Age Pensions Act," chapter 156, "Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927," and amending Acts.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order under Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public money.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Jamieson*:—

Whereas the recipients of old-age pensions and mothers' allowances are frequently in need of medical treatment:

And whereas the pensions and allowances are inadequate to meet the costs of such treatment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature the provision of medical needs of old-age pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances is a matter fully worthy of the immediate and sympathetic consideration of this Government.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order on the same grounds as applied to the previous motion.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

Question proposed—" Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? "

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Connolly</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Leary</i>		

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Gray</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas coal is a major natural resource of British Columbia, and the industry, therefore, of vital importance:

And whereas the Hon. M. A. Macdonald in his report as Commissioner on matters relating to the coal industry says that "the coal industry has suffered because of high costs and prices and uneconomic competition by fuel-oil":

And whereas British Columbia's supply of, and price of, petroleum products depends on control and dictation from outside British Columbia:

And whereas it is in the interests of British Columbia that the coal-mining industry should be revived and revitalized, and that every endeavour should be made to enable British Columbia to supply its own petroleum requirements:

And whereas the Hon. M. A. Macdonald reports that "Modern opinion writes the uses of coal as limited only by our scientific knowledge; it presents one of the most fruitful fields for research. In British Columbia, abundantly endowed with coal, research is almost non-existent. Neither in the large coal-mines, in the Mines Department, nor in the Provincial University is any concerted effort made in this direction":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommend to the Government the advisability of initiating action to consider and examine the various processes for the production of oil from coal and certain other materials indigenous to this Province; and to report on their economic possibilities.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "importance" in the second line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"And whereas the Fuel Research Laboratories of the Dominion are engaged in investigations and researches into fuels and are giving benefits thereof to the Province of British Columbia:

"And whereas it is advisable to avoid duplication of expense and effort:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature commends the Federal Government for the work it has done through the Dominion Fuel Board and the Research Department of the Department of Mines and Resources in connection with Canadian coals, including coals from British Columbia, and recommends continued co-operation of the Department of Mines of the Province of British Columbia with the Federal Government."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shepherd*,—

That a Return be filed with the Legislature of reports by Dr. *Byrne*, Dr. *Ryan*, Dr. *Sauriol*, and Dr. *Benwell*, as made to and filed with the Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital following their return from visiting other mental institutions. (*Vide Votes and Proceedings*, No. 8, page 3, November 9th, 1939.)

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the "Report of the Advisory Committee on Labour Conditions in Hospitals, 1938," filed with this Legislature on November 7th, 1939, did state:—

1. Page 9: ". . . with a unanimity and with a decisiveness that the Committee cannot record too emphatically, the nurses have asserted that the number of hours of work required of them in the majority of hospitals in this Province is intolerably long."

2. Page 22: "Throughout the survey the Committee has found that there is a general acceptance of the fact that an improvement in conditions of work for nurses is long overdue. The superintendents, business managers, the members of hospitals boards of administration, and the Executive of the Hospital Association of British Columbia stated that they were convinced that the hours of work for nurses should be shortened."

3. Page 27: "The Hospital Association and many groups of nurses in individual hospitals have strongly urged that the Committee recommend that the straight eight-hour day actually be incorporated in legislation."

And whereas the report did on pages A, B, and C recommend (in part):—

4. "That the Board of Industrial Relations should issue an order for graduate nurses in hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions where nursing care is given, to provide for the following:—

5. *Hours of Work.*

(1.) That no nurse would work longer than an average of eight hours per day, nor more than an average of six days in a week, and that the regulations of such average hours of work should be made as follows:—

(a.) That the hours of work would not exceed ninety-six (96) hours in two consecutive weeks.

(b.) That one full day each week or two full days in a period of two consecutive weeks would be given off duty.

6. *Salaries.*

(2.) (a.) Full time: That the minimum salary be \$40 in two consecutive weeks. A nurse would be considered to be on full time if her hours of work were 80 or more in two consecutive weeks.

(b.) Part time: That not less than 50 cents an hour would be paid for part-time work. A nurse would be considered to be on part time if her hours of work were less than eight hours in two consecutive weeks.

7.

Deductions.

Hospitals would be permitted to deduct from the salaries of nurses for board and lodging as follows: 20 cents for each meal when provided; \$2 per week for lodging when provided. No deductions would be made for accidental breakages. No deductions would be made for laundering of uniforms.

Ward Assistants: (a) Ward assistants should be classified as employees coming within the scope of Order No. 52 of the Board of Industrial Relations.

8.

Student Nurses and Training Schools.

That nursing should be designated as a trade according to the meaning of section 2 of the 'Trade-schools Regulation Act,' and that under the authority of that Act 'Special Regulations governing Training Schools for Nurses' should be enacted by Order in Council to provide as follows: Recommendations contained in clauses (a) to (k), subsections 7 and 8, on pages C, D, and E."

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the "Report of the Advisory Committee on Labour Conditions in Hospitals, 1938," should be referred to the Board of Industrial Relations for consideration and early action for the purpose of establishing regulations governing hours of work, wages, and working conditions of nurses and other employees in public and private hospitals.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order on the grounds that it purports to dictate Government policy, involves expenditure of public money, and is contrary to Standing Orders 66 and 67.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas by referendum vote of the electorate of this Province a considerable majority voted in favor of "a comprehensive Health Insurance plan progressively applied":

And whereas effective action to implement the expressed will of the people has not been undertaken:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should immediately take steps to make Health Insurance operative in this Province.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order under Standing Order 67, as it would involve an impost upon a large section of the people.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the efficiency of government rests upon two factors, the consent of the governed and good management:

And whereas the canons of good management require the systematic organization of all activities in the hands of a qualified personnel that is completely free from partisan appointment and control:

And whereas appointing officers and elected members may be placed in invidious positions by the demands of partisan followers:

And whereas careful attention should be given to developing the best and soundest practices of government in order to obtain modern types of management in the Provincial administration best fitted for the stern situations the Province is bound to meet:

And whereas under Legislative procedure Select and Standing Committees have no status between Sessions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to permit the appointment of a Select Committee, representative of all political parties in the Legislature, for the purpose, during the coming year, of making a study of the efficiency, utility, and administration of the "Civil Service Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 39, with a view to advising this Legislature at its next Session of any alterations or amendments that would aid in placing the Provincial Civil Service on the highest possible standard of service and efficiency.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order on the ground generally that if no alterations or amendments were found to be necessary the inquiry would be fruitless.

Mr. E. E. Winch moved, seconded by Mrs. Steeves,—

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of this Province, on November 19th, 1925 (*vide Journals*, 55th volume, page 42), did appoint a Select Committee of the House for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon "matters and things relating to the subject of insanity, especially as they affect the Province of British Columbia, as the said Committee may deem pertinent to their inquiry":

And whereas the members of the above Select Committee were, on December 30th, 1925 (under Order in Council, dated December 30th, 1925), appointed Commissioners under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act," and the said Commissioners did submit an interim report, March 3rd, 1927 (*vide Journals*, 56th volume, page 179), and a final report on March 13th, 1928 (*vide Journals*, 57th volume, page 162), which reports did, among other things, recommend:—

"The establishment of a psychopathic hospital in the largest centre of population.

"The establishment of special classes for mentally deficient children in all school centres having a school population of 500 or more. . . .

"The establishment, as required, and near the principal centres of population, of vocational schools specially adapted to the training for remunerative occupation of suitable graduates from the special classes; with Provincial grants for their establishment and maintenance.

"There should be facilities for isolating patients who are suffering from tuberculosis."

And whereas these recommendations have not been made fully effective:

And whereas the annual reports of the Mental Hospitals for the years 1928 (Sessional Papers XI., 1929, volume 2) and 1938 (Sessional Papers VI., 1938, volume 2) showed a patient population of 2,269 and 3,487 respectively, being an increase of 53.68 per cent.:

And whereas on Thursday, November 3rd, 1938, this House was informed (*vide Journals*, 68th volume, page 13) that the number of mental patients in residence at the Provincial Mental Hospitals was greatly in excess of the intended bed capacity:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, representative of all political groups, be appointed to investigate and report upon "all such matters and things relating to the subject of insanity, subnormality, or mental deficiency, especially as they affect the Province of British Columbia, as the said Committee may deem pertinent to their inquiry," and report thereon to this Legislature.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Weir moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "the Government of the Province is well aware of the need for an extension of the mental hygiene programme, as well as the advisability of developing and improving similar services:

"And whereas the problem of the treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder is constantly and earnestly receiving the attention of departmental officials:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves of the further development of a mental hygiene programme to such extent as financial and other considerations may from time to time permit."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. E. E. Winch moved, seconded by Mrs. Jamieson,—

This House is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that action should be taken to abolish capital punishment.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Weir,—

To strike out all the words after the words "opinion that" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Whereas widespread disagreement regarding the desirability or otherwise of abolishing capital punishment exists, and for many years has existed, both in the Provincial Legislature and the Federal House of Commons:

“And whereas penologists, who have made an extensive study of this question, are far from unanimous in recommending the retention or abolition of capital punishment:

“And whereas the present does not appear the most opportune time for bringing this matter to the attention of the Dominion Government:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That consideration of this question by the Legislature be postponed.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed to inquire into the purchase of supplies for use in Government institutions, with particular reference to the quantities of British Columbia products and the ratio of same to the total purchases of such, or similar, goods.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas modern industrial conditions render it not only desirable but necessary that wage-earners should be given the opportunity to enjoy an annual holiday period free from economic worry:

And whereas many leading nations, including Great Britain, New Zealand, and Australia, have recognized this necessity and have taken steps to ensure that wage-earners should be allowed annual holidays with pay:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of recommending to the Government that legislation for the providing of annual holidays with pay to wage-earners be considered.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order under Standing Order 67.

On the motion of Mr. *Bull*, seconded by Mr. *Putnam*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion is our paramount aim:

And whereas, however, there has been a state of unemployment in the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada for many years:

And whereas this state is likely to be even worse when war activities cease at the conclusion of hostilities:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House request the Dominion Government to give serious consideration to this problem; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Dominion Government and all Provincial Governments.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton* was withdrawn:—

To move for a Return for the report of Commissioner E. A. Dickie covering his investigation into Zeballos Gold Peak Gold Mines, Ltd.

On the motion of Mr. *Macintosh*, seconded by Mr. *Finland*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas this Government has informed the Dominion Government that it is prepared and anxious to co-operate to the fullest extent with Dominion authority in the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion:

And whereas a number of young British Columbians have at their own expense gone to Great Britain and enlisted in the military, naval, and air services of the Empire and are taking part in this war and fighting as Canadians:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Federal Government that such men, though serving with the immediate forces of Great Britain, be accorded the same pensions and treatment as may be accorded to the Canadian Active Service Forces.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a number of reports of the University of British Columbia.

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

1. Did the Government or the Liquor Control Board purchase a warehouse located at the corner of Wharf and Fort Streets, Victoria?

2. (a.) If yes, what was the price paid? (b.) What terms were secured for deferred payments? (c.) What rate of interest is payable on deferred payments?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) \$95,000; (b) payable \$600 per month, which amount is equivalent to the amount of rental paid heretofore; (c) no interest is payable.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Thursday, November 30th, 1939.

EIGHTEEN MINUTES PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the “Supreme Court Act.”
- (No. 2) An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province.
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the “Coal and Petroleum Act.”
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the “Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.”
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the “Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.”
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the “South Westminster Dyking District Aid Act.”
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the “Delta Drainage Act, 1936.”
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the “Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934.”
- (No. 10) An Act respecting Survivorship in Common Disaster.
- (No. 11) An Act to amend “The Cultus Lake Park Act.”
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the “Provincial Infirmaries Act.”
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the “Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.”
- (No. 14) An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers.
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the “Innkeepers Act.”
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the “Tuberculosis Institutions Act.”
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the “Fisheries Act.”
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the “Food Products Minimum Loss Act.”
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the “Libel and Slander Act.”
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the “Fire Marshal Act.”
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the “Game Act.”
- (No. 23) An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the “Greater Vancouver Water District Act.”
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the “New Westminster Parks Act, 1908.”
- (No. 26) An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors on Active Service.
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the “Poll Tax Act.”
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the “Taxation Act.”
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the “Succession Duty Act.”
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the “Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.”

- (No. 34) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Enderby.
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 37) An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P.
- (No. 40) An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to empower the Board of School Trustees of the Trail-Tadanac Municipal School District to levy certain Taxes.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Boom-chain Brands Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Dentistry Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "New Westminster Relief Act, 1899."
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Sheep Protection Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands.
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Naturopathic Physicians Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to authorize an Agreement to be entered into between the Commissioners of the Surrey Dyking District and The Corporation of the District of Surrey.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Royal Columbian Hospital Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Barbers Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 82) An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 85) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Nanaimo.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."
- (No. 91) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Weekly Half-holiday Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle 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 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. 75) 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 your labours, I desire to express the hope that the numerous measures which have received your consideration will make for improvement in the various spheres to which they relate, and for the general welfare of our people.

It is to be hoped that the appropriation made to prospect for oil in the Peace River country may lead to final discovery of oil in quantity, and thus add another great resource to our economic life.

Although the war is but three months old, there is ample evidence of the privation and frightfulness yet to be encountered before the war is over and it behooves all of us to be prepared to do everything within our power to assist in bringing the war to successful conclusion.

I thank you for the generous supply granted for the public service.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours and accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Weir, 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.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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