

Wednesday, November 19th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion of Mr. W. A. McKenzie, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*November 19th, 1924.*

*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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electrical Energy Inspection Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*November 19th, 1924.*

*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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler Inspection 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.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* withdrew his objection on a point of order to the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on the 17th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return to be made forthwith, showing: (a) What accounts are outstanding in respect of the Sumas reclamation-works; (b) what is the total amount of such outstanding accounts; (c) what are the claims of the contractors in connection therewith; (d) which of such accounts (if any) are disputed by the Government; (e) what is the amount of such (if any) disputed accounts; (f) showing who the contractors are whose accounts (if any) are disputed.

Resolution agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following motion by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* was withdrawn:—

Whereas in Canada in the years following the Armistice all ex-service men's associations made repeated requests for the establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate all phases of re-establishment:

And whereas in response to that demand the present Federal Government instituted the Ralston Commission:

And whereas the said Commission visited and heard evidence in all the Provinces of Canada:

And whereas, as a result of the comprehensive reports and recommendations of said Commission and of the recommendations of Special Parliamentary Committees representing all parties in the House of Commons, legislation was introduced in and approved by the House of Commons for the more complete solution of the problems of re-establishment:

And whereas such legislation was either completely annihilated or was so severely mutilated by the Senate of Canada as to make it very largely impractical and of little effect:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly, endeavouring to represent the cause of our ex-service men and their dependents, humbly petition the Government of Canada to take such steps as are necessary at the next session of Parliament to so curtail the powers of the Canadian Senate as to make it impossible for an appointive body to thwart legislation in the interests of ex-service men and their dependents already approved by the elected representatives of the people in the House of Commons.

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

With the leave of the House, the following motion by Mr. *Hinchliffe* was withdrawn:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all the correspondence which has taken place since January 1st, 1924, between the Government, or any department or official thereof, and any British capitalist, or group of British capitalists, in regard to the purchase by such capitalist or capitalists of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Perry*,—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

Whereas the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was undertaken primarily to afford a rail connection between the City of Vancouver and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at or near the City of Prince George (chap. 34, Schedule A, and chap. 36, sec. 3 (a), 1912):

And whereas by chapter 34, Statutes of 1912, the Government of British Columbia was authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000:

And whereas it was the intent of the Legislature to aid the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in extending its line of railway to the eastern boundary of British Columbia by authorizing the Government (in addition to the guarantees previously authorized) to guarantee bonds of the Railway Company to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia (chap. 65, 1914, sec. 2 (c)):

And whereas it was the intent of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to extend its line of railway to the eastern boundary of the Province within or near to the "Dominion Peace River Block" (chap. 36, sec. 3 (b), 1912):

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company failed to complete their undertaking:

And whereas, in order to protect its bond guarantees, the Government of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, acquired the ownership of all the capital shares and other assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, and the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company (chap. 66, 1918):

And whereas the aggregate cost (*including guarantees*) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000:

And whereas the annual payment out by the Province on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum:

And whereas such payments out on account of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia:

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province:

And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time:

And whereas it is not expedient to add to the monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure the completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province:

And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province, and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets by a railway company, on such conditions as would result in its completion from the City of Vancouver via North Vancouver, Squamish, and Prince George to the eastern boundary of the Province and its continued maintenance and operation, and which would also relieve the Province of a substantial portion of the burden now being carried, would meet with the approval of this House.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill authorizing the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and other assets upon such terms and conditions as are in the said Bill contained, and that the said Bill do contain provision for aiding the completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province at or near the Dominion Peace River Block, and that such aid should be by means of grants of Crown lands adjacent to the said line of railway.

And be it further Resolved, That such Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be prepared by such Members as are of the Executive Council, and that it be presented to His Honour by the Premier.

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

Mr. Hinchliffe moved, seconded by Mr. Wallinger,—

That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. Perry, McRae, Wrinch, Browne, and Twigg, be appointed to inquire into any or all of the operations of the Provincial Bureau of Information, and the management thereof, from its inception to the present time; and, without in any way restricting the extent of the inquiry, the said Committee is hereby directed to inquire more particularly into the methods used by the officials of the Bureau in carrying out their work; the results of the work of the Bureau; whether such results were satisfactory; if not

satisfactory, the reasons therefor; the relations of the officials of the Bureau to and their dealings with the Government and with Cabinet Ministers; the difficulties that the said officials had to grapple with; the assistance such officers received from the Government and from heads of departments; and the uses to which moneys voted for the work of the Bureau have been put.

And it is also Resolved, That the said Committee do report its findings to this House.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended September 30th, 1924.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives Department for the Year ended September 30th, 1924.

Annual Report of the Provincial Home, Kamloops, for the Year ended March 31st, 1924.

Mr. *Perry* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 19th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in reference to the undermentioned petition, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee recommends that the same be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

No. 4—Corporation of the City of Vernon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. What police force first investigated the Janet Smith case?
2. Did that police force call in the assistance of the Provincial police?
3. If so, how long after the death of this young lady?
4. What other police forces were assisting the local and Provincial police (if any)?
5. What Coroner held the first inquest and what Coroner the second or reopened inquest?
6. Was he or were they in the employ of the Provincial Government?
7. Is the original Coroner still in the employ of the Provincial Government?

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

"1. Point Grey Municipal Police.

"2. No. The Provincial Police were instructed verbally by the Attorney-General's Department on or about July 29th, 1924, to investigate thoroughly and in co-operation with or independently of the local police, information having been received that a thorough investigation had not been made by the local police.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. None.

"5. Dr. W. D. Brydone-Jack presided as Coroner at both inquests.

"6. No. Coroners are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council pursuant to the 'Coroners Act.' They receive no salary but merely the fees prescribed by the Schedule to the Act.

"7. Dr. Brydone-Jack still has authority to act as Coroner."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was any work done during the year 1924 on the Brookmere-Hastings Ranch Road or on the North Fork of Otter Creek-Thalia Road, in the Yale Electoral Riding?
2. If so, who was the foreman in charge of the work, and how many men did he employ?
3. What amount of money was expended on this work during each of the months following: May, June, July, August, September, and October?
4. On what date did work commence, and on what date was the work discontinued?
5. What is the estimated cost of constructing this road by way of Hastings Ranch?

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

"1. Work done on the Brookmere-Hastings Ranch Road; none on North Fork of Otter Creek-Thalia Road.

"2. R. J. Curnow employed 15 men in June, 22 in July, and 19 in August; H. Leaming employed 9 men in June, 13 in July, and 30 in August; W. Lewis employed 16 men in July.

"3. May, \$684.59; June, \$2,133.09; July, \$5,336.59; August, \$2,590.96; September and October, nil.

"4. Work commenced June 19th and appropriation spent and work discontinued August 21st.

"5. \$20,000."

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

1. Have tenders been called for the construction of the Fraser Canyon Highway or any part thereof?
2. If so, give the name of tenderer and amount of each tender?
3. Have contracts been let; and, if so, who is the successful contractor?
4. When is it the intention of the Government to commence this work?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Section, Yale to site of Old Alexandria Bridge, 13½ miles: W. P. Tierney & Company, \$143,308.50; A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$142,570.25; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$150,462; Northern Construction Company, Ltd., & J. W. Stewart, \$161,541.75. Section, site of Old Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd Indian Reserve on the line above Hell's Gate, 21¾ miles: A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$375,584; W. P. Tierney & Company, \$389,661; Cotton & Company, Ltd., \$397,956; Northern Construction Company & J. W. Stewart, \$414,194; Armstrong, Morrison & Company, Ltd., and Stuart Cameron Associated, \$441,398.40. Section, Lytton to Spences Bridge, 24 miles: A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$197,030; W. P. Tierney & Company, Ltd., \$213,640; Cotton Company,

Ltd., \$219,560; Northern Construction Company & J. W. Stewart, \$225,165; The Tomlinson Construction Company, Ltd., \$225,625.50; Campbell Construction Company, Ltd., \$238,380.

"3. Yes. Section, Yale to site of Old Alexandria Bridge, to W. P. Tierney & Company; section, site of Old Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd Indian Reserve, to A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd.; section, Lytton to Spences Bridge, to A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd.

"4. Immediately."X

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

1. On what date was W. Hepburn appointed Censor of Moving Pictures?
2. What age was said W. Hepburn at date of appointment?
3. Has he been placed on the superannuation list? If so, what monthly retiring allowance is he in receipt of?
4. Who has been appointed Censor of Moving Pictures in place of W. Hepburn?
5. On what date was such appointment made?
6. What monthly salary is he in receipt of?

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

- "1. September 5th, 1917.
- "2. 59 years; 66 years on superannuation.
- "3. Not yet.
- "4. Joseph Walters.
- "5. October 25th, 1924, to take effect as of November 1st, 1924.
- "6. \$200 per month; predecessor receiving \$235 per month at time of retirement."

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

1. Have the contractors for the Sumas Reclamation Project carried on negotiations for settlement of certain claims with the Minister of Agriculture?
2. If so, and failing decision on these claims, did the contractors appeal said claims to the Executive Council?
3. Were the claims referred to a committee of Government engineers?
4. If so, what was the composition of the committee, and what is the nature of their report?
5. Has the Government acted on this report? If not, why not?
6. Is this report available to Members of the House? If not, why not?

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

- "1. Contractors have made representations in support of claims which they have submitted for consideration.
- "2. Contractors have made representations to the Executive Council in support of their claims.
- "3. The advice of Government engineers and of legal counsel has been obtained in respect to some of the claims submitted.
- "4. The Public Works Engineer, the Department of Railways Engineer, the Deputy Attorney-General, and the Legislative Counsel; no report has been submitted.
- "5. Advice received has been acted upon in part and the remainder is under consideration.
- "6. There is no report."

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

1. What sum of money represents the Government's investment in the Christian Ranch, including interest to November 1st, 1924?
2. What rental has the Government received for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, respectively?
3. Is the ranch rented at present? If so, what is the rental per annum?
4. What does the Government intend to do with this property?

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

- "1. \$58,888.49.
- "2. August to August: 1920-21, \$1,000; 1921-22, \$1,500; 1922-23, \$1,500; 1923-24, \$1,500.
- "3. Yes. New lease recently signed providing for rental at \$800 per annum (highest tender).
- "4. To rent for another year at least."

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

1. Is one J. Stewart Inspector of Factories?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and what is his salary?
3. Did he during the month of September last visit Vernon?
4. If so, was he on official business, and how long did he remain there?
5. If so, what factories did he inspect during the time he was at Vernon?
6. How long did he remain at Vernon?
7. Did he charge up the expenses of the Vernon trip to the Government?
8. If so, what was the amount charged for such expenses?
9. Did he receive his salary in full for the month of September?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June 9th, 1917; \$2,820 per annum.

"3. As to first two weeks of September, no; as to last two weeks, no information as Inspector was on annual leave of absence.

"4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Answered by No. 3.

"9. Yes."

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

1. Is one J. Stewart Inspector of Factories?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and what is his salary?
3. Did he during the month of August last visit Nelson?
4. If so, was he on official business, and how long did he remain there?
5. If so, what factories did he inspect during the time he was at Nelson?
6. How long did he remain at Nelson?
7. Did he charge up the expenses of the Nelson trip to the Government?
8. If so, what was the amount charged for such expenses?
9. Did he receive his salary in full for the month of August?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June 9th, 1917; \$2,820 per annum.

"3. No.

"4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Answered by No. 3.

"9. Yes."

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

1. What sum of money has the Government invested in the Creston Soldier Settlement Area, with interest up to November 1st, 1924?
2. What acreage has been sold?
3. How many settlers have signed agreements of sale with the Land Settlement Board?
4. What is the total value of these agreements of sale?
5. Have the lands of the Creston Area been revalued?
6. What amount of cash has the Government received from the sale of lands in this area?

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

"1. Invested in Creston Area: March 31st, 1924, \$622,449.96; March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, \$854.56; total, \$623,304.52.

"2. 1,413 acres.

"3. Eighty settlers signed agreements, of which sixty-one are still on *bona-fide* list.

"4. Total value of sixty-one agreements .....	\$156,599 81
<i>Less</i> soldiers' rebates .....	13,500 00

Net .....	\$143,099 81
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"5. No.

"6. As at March 31st, 1924, \$15,615.66; March 31st to November 1st, 1924, \$2,493.51; total to date, \$18,109.17."

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

1. What are the number of Orientals employed in British Columbia industries in 1922, 1923, and 1924, respectively?
2. What is the number by which they were materially decreased as cited in the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech?
3. What were the measures taken by the Government to bring about such material reduction?

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

"1 and 2. See page G 13, Department of Labour Report for the year ended December 31st, 1923, under the caption 'The Percentage of Oriental Workers.' Figures for 1924 will not be available until the end of the year.

"3. Letters have been written to several large employers of labour in the Province, including railway companies; employment officials have been instructed to work towards the gradual elimination of Orientals in industry and to impress upon employers the advisability of this course; no opportunity has been lost by members of the Government, on the platform and in conversation, to urge that Orientals be replaced by whites. As a direct result of the activities of the Department of Labour, 2,070 Orientals were replaced by whites on railroad-work alone in 1922. Representations were also made by the Attorney-General to the Minister of Fisheries of Canada that fishing licences should be issued in decreasing numbers to Orientals, and this has been done."

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

1. What is the total acreage now possible of being irrigated under the Southern Okanagan Project?
2. What was the acreage irrigated during the season of 1924?
3. What was the rate charged per acre?
4. Does this rate cover sinking fund operation and maintenance?
5. If not, how is it proposed to meet the same?
6. What amount of irrigation-taxes were paid for the season 1924?
7. What are the total arrears of rates for the years 1922, 1923, and 1924, respectively?

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

"1. 4,136 acres. Main canal now completed. It will be possible to irrigate the remaining area on completion of laterals and distribution as required.

"2. 1,635 acres.

"3. \$6 per acre.

"4. See Journals, 1922, page 72.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. \$2,691.

"7. 1922, \$1,916; 1923, \$3,739; 1924, \$1,490, which does not include payments which became due on November 15th."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money was expended on the Harrison Mills-Agassiz Road, in the Yale Electoral Riding, during the present year?
2. On what date was construction commenced?
3. On what date did construction cease?
4. How many camps were constructed to accommodate the men employed on such work?
5. What amount of money was expended on camp-construction?
6. What was the original estimated cost of completing the road between Harrison Mills and Agassiz?

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

"1. Harrison-Agassiz Road, \$9,098.60.

"2. May 14th.

"3. August 1st.

"4. One.

"5. \$115.20.

"6. \$35,000."



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

1. What sum of money represents the Government's investment in the Merville Soldier Settlement Area, including interest to November 1st, 1924?
2. How many settlers have signed agreements of sale with the Land Settlement Board?
3. What is the total acreage and value represented in these agreements of sale?
4. How many settlers are residing on their own land?
5. Have all the lands taken up been revalued? If not, why not?
6. What amount of cash has been received from the sale of lands in this area?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Amount invested as at March 31st, 1924, \$647,865.29; amount invested March 31st to November 1st, 1924, \$2,495.91; total, \$650,361.20.

"2. 129 settlers signed agreements, of which 101 are still on *bona-fide* list.

"3. Total acreage (101 agreements), 6,213.61.

Total value (101 agreements) .....	\$192,612 95
Less soldiers' rebates .....	36,752 23

Net .....	\$155,860 72
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"4. All settlers establish residence and remain on farms except for periodical absences when employed with teams, etc., in neighbouring lumber camps or on road-work.

"5. All lands upon which improvements had been done and which were taken up by the original returned soldier settlers and sold to them on special terms were reappraised, excepting in a very few instances where such reappraisal was not asked for by settler or considered necessary. Lands taken up by other settlers and sold to them on usual Board terms were not revalued for the reason that most of such land was in an unimproved state and sold at a very reasonable figure.

"6. \$7,875.20."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to build a traffic bridge across the Fraser River at Quesnel during the year 1925?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"This is under consideration."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were any engineers employed during the year 1924 investigating the feasibility of constructing a bridge across the West Arm of Kootenay Lake near Nelson?

2. If so, on what dates was this work carried out?

3. If so, did the engineer make an estimate of the cost of a steel bridge at the above-mentioned place?

4. If so, what did the engineer estimate the cost would be, and what time would be required to do the work?

5. What is the name of the engineer who did this work?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. No.

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

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

1. Who is the police constable at Coalmont?

2. When was he appointed to such position?

3. What monthly salary is he in receipt of?

4. How many arrests has he made during the time he has been located at Coalmont?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. Charles Henry Martin.

"2. Transferred to Coalmont on June 1st, 1922.

"3. \$120 per month.

"4. Sixteen arrests."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were tenders called on a building to be used as a heating plant at Essondale?
2. If so, what tenders were received, and what was the amount of each tender?
3. Which tender was accepted?
4. What materials are to be used in the main walls of the building?
5. Was the contract awarded for a lump sum? If not, on what terms was it awarded?
6. Did the Government save the sales-tax on this building? If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. McDougall-McNeill, Ltd., \$132,800; Aivazoff & Moncrieff, \$138,095; Dominion Construction Company, \$136,073; Poole Construction Company, Ltd., \$139,456; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., \$143,815; Adkison & Dill, \$148,000.

"3. Lowest tender accepted, McDougall-McNeill, Ltd.

"4. Steel frame and concrete filling.

"5. Yes.

"6. No. Under new Dominion regulations the sales-tax is included in the manufacturer's price for supplies."

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

1. How many persons have been treated for venereal diseases at the Government free clinics since January 1st, 1924?
2. How many were males?
3. How many were females?
4. What employments did the persons so treated follow, giving the numbers reported as following each employment?

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

"1. Victoria Clinic, 328; Vancouver Clinic, 1,939; total, 2,267.

"2. Males: Victoria Clinic, 226; Vancouver Clinic, 1,701.

"3. Females: Victoria Clinic, 102; Vancouver Clinic, 238.

"4. Not considered in public interest to give this information."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 20th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

Mr. *Perry* presented the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 20th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have been complied with.

No. 5—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Cochrane*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Vernon" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Water District" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*November 20th, 1924.*

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on the 19th instant, as follows:—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

Whereas the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was undertaken primarily to afford a rail connection between the City of Vancouver and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at or near the City of Prince George (chap. 34, Schedule A, and chap. 36, sec. 3 (a), 1912):

And whereas by chapter 34, Statutes of 1912, the Government of British Columbia was authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000:

And whereas it was the intent of the Legislature to aid the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in extending its line of railway to the eastern boundary of British Columbia by authorizing the Government (in addition to the guarantees previously authorized) to guarantee bonds of the Railway Company to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia (chap. 65, 1914, sec. 2 (c)):

And whereas it was the intent of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to extend its line of railway to the eastern boundary of the Province within or near to the "Dominion Peace River Block" (chap. 36, sec. 3 (b), 1912):

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company failed to complete their undertaking:

And whereas, in order to protect its bond guarantees, the Government of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, acquired the ownership of all the capital shares and other assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the Pacific Great

Eastern Equipment Company, and the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company (chap. 66, 1918) :

And whereas the aggregate cost (*including guarantees*) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000 :

And whereas the annual payment out by the Province on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum :

And whereas such payments out on account of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia :

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time :

And whereas it is not expedient to add to the monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure the completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province, and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable :

Therefore be it Resolved, That the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets by a railway company, on such conditions as would result in its completion from the City of Vancouver via North Vancouver, Squamish, and Prince George to the eastern boundary of the Province and its continued maintenance and operation, and which would also relieve the Province of a substantial portion of the burden now being carried, would meet with the approval of this House.

And be it further Resolved, That such Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill authorizing the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and other assets upon such terms and conditions as are in the said Bill contained, and that the said Bill do contain provision for aiding the completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province at or near the Dominion Peace River Block, and that such aid should be by means of grants of Crown lands adjacent to the said line of railway.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the prepared by such Members as are of the Executive Council, and that it be presented to His Honour by the Premier.

Mr. Pooley moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hinchliffe,—

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

"The Government of the Province of British Columbia on the 10th day of February, 1912, entered into an agreement in writing with Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart providing for the construction of a line of railway from the City of Vancouver to Prince George :

"And whereas the said agreement was subsequently submitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Government then in power for ratification as appears by chapter 34 of the Statutes of 1912 :

"And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company was incorporated to carry out the provisions of said agreement :

"And whereas under chapter 34 the Government of British Columbia were authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000 :

"And whereas chapter 65 of the Statutes of 1914 provided for the guaranteeing of the Railway Company's bonds to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway constructed between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province :

"And whereas, questions having arisen in the year 1918 as to whether the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company had or had not failed to carry out their undertaking, the then Government of the day of the Province of British Columbia decided to take over the said railway and its assets, and for that purpose entered into an agreement in writing dated February 22nd, 1918, with Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart:

"And whereas the said agreement was subsequently submitted to this Legislature for ratification and the same was ratified as appears by chapter 66 of the Statutes of 1918:

"And whereas the aggregate cost (including guarantees) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000:

"And whereas the annual payment out by the Province of British Columbia on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum:

"And whereas such annual payments impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia:

"And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time:

"And whereas it is not expedient to add to the further monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable:

"And whereas it is in the best interests of the Province of British Columbia that it should be relieved of the aforementioned obligations, and with this end in view that negotiations for a sale of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets should be entered into:

"And whereas it is most essential that the intending purchasers should be thoroughly responsible and financially able to maintain and operate said railway and of completing the same from North Vancouver to Prince George and thence to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas it is essential that the utmost publicity be given to the proposed sale so as to ensure that the most advantageous terms may be obtained:

"And whereas, owing to the extreme importance of this matter, it is desirable, without reference to any constitutional question, that a full and complete discussion be had of the general outline of the terms and conditions under which this Legislature will be prepared to ratify any agreement which this Government might enter into in the premises:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House do go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of fully discussing:—

"(a.) Any and all matters pertaining to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its assets, including the contemplated completion of the same and the extension thereof to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"(b.) The estimated cost of such completion and route or routes which it is proposed to follow:

"(c.) On what basis, under what general terms and conditions, and to what persons or corporations this Legislature might be prepared to subsequently ratify any agreement which this Government might enter into providing for the sale of the said undertaking and its assets, as well as the completion of the same from North Vancouver to Prince George and its continuation to the eastern boundary of the Province, and to bring in a Resolution covering the same.

"Further be it Resolved, That it be a matter of instruction to such Committee of the Whole that any and all Resolutions passed by such Committee covering any suggested terms of sale, completion, or extension of said railway shall contain a clause providing that any and all agreements entered into by this Government with any person or corporation having any of the above

objects in view shall, together with the terms and conditions thereof, first be submitted to this House for approval and ratification before the same shall become in any way effective or in any way binding on this Province."

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

Mr. *Neelands* moved, seconded by Mr. *Browne*,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (1) The names of the members of the Export Advisory Committee representing the manufacturers at the present time; (2) the names of the members of the Export Advisory Committee representing the loggers at the present time; (3) for the year ended March 31st, 1924, the names of those persons or corporations to whom leave was granted by said committee to export logs, and in each case the amount exported, the port of destination, the classification of logs, and the dates; (4) the same information for the period March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924; (5) the names of those persons or corporations to whom permission to export was refused by said committee during the year ended March 31st, 1924, giving dates of such refusals in each case; (6) the same information for the period March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What Ministers of the Crown visited Nelson to take part in the by-election held during the month of August, 1924?
2. What was the amount of travelling expenses of each Minister during the trip to Nelson, and were these expenses charged up to the various departments?

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

"1. Honourables John Oliver, William Sloan, John Hart, A. M. Manson, and W. H. Sutherland.

"2. Hon. W. H. Sutherland, \$20."

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

"Minister's Office, \$681; General Office, \$168.55; total, \$849.55."

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

1. Upon what date was Mr. W. H. Cullin retired from the position of King's Printer?
2. By whom was he succeeded?
3. Was the position advertised?
4. By what means was the present incumbent chosen?
5. If chosen from outside the Service, was there no one in the Printing Department considered competent to fill the position?

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

- "1. March 31st, 1924.
- "2. C. F. Banfield.
- "3. Under Act not necessary to advertise.
- "4. Selected by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary.
- "5. Considering all circumstances, the above was considered the most suitable person for the position."

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

1. Has the Department used any of the funds of the Bureau of Information covering the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1923, as well as for the current year, for the benefit of any other departments?
2. If so, what departments, and for what purpose?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Creery* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount of gasoline-tax collected each year since the law came into effect?

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

"To October 31st, 1924, \$366,385.91."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. On what date did the provisions of the gasoline and fuel-oil tax come into effect?
2. What amount of money has been collected from each tax from date of coming into effect up to October 31st, 1924?

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

- "1. January 1st, 1924.
- "2. Gasoline-tax, \$366,385.91."

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

1. Is it the practice of the Liquor Board or the Vendors to sell liquor for cash?
2. Has any liquor been sold by any of the Vendors at any time on credit, or partly on credit and partly for cash? If yes, when, and to whom?
3. Are there any sums now owing to the Liquor Board for liquor delivered and not fully paid for? If yes, how much, and to whom?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. No."

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

“Minister of Mines, \$390; officials of Department, \$12,082.16; total, \$12,472.16.”

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

1. Is there a man named John Fisher employed in the Treasury Department?
2. If so, in what capacity is he employed?
3. Was this gentleman formerly employed in the North Okanagan Electoral District?
4. Is his name on the North Okanagan voters' list?
5. Did the said John Fisher go to North Okanagan immediately prior to September 24th, 1924?
6. Was the said John Fisher in North Okanagan on election-day, September 24th, 1924?
7. Did the said John Fisher return to Victoria immediately after said election?
8. If so, on what date did he leave North Okanagan?
9. What Government business was he engaged in in North Okanagan?
10. Did the Government pay the expenses of the said John Fisher's visit to North Okanagan?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Statistical Clerk.
- “3. Yes.
- “4. No information.
- “5. Yes.
- “6. No information.
- “7. Reported for duty September 26th.
- “8. Answered by No. 6.
- “9. None.
- “10. No.”

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

“Travelling expenses of officials of the Department of Education, including School Inspectors, etc., from April 1st, 1924, to October 31st, 1924, \$12,593.25.”

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

1. Has permission been given to any person or corporation to export logs without reference to the Export Advisory Committee during the following periods: (a) For the year ended March 31st, 1924; (b) from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924?
2. If so, to whom, stating amounts and dates in each case during above periods (a) and (b)?

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

- “1. No.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

“The Minister, \$1,811.65; officials of the Department, \$27,435.66.”



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

1. Was an examination for scalers held in Vancouver on March 25th and 26th, 1924?
2. Did any applicants present themselves from Victoria and Nanaimo?
3. Were any facilities afforded for holding an examination for candidates for scalers' licences at Victoria and Nanaimo?
4. What was total cost of advertising the examination?
5. In what papers and to what amount was this notice inserted?
6. How many men took this examination?
7. How many received certificates?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes. Two at Nanaimo; one at Victoria.
- "3. Not sufficient applicants from Victoria and Nanaimo to justify separate examination.
- "4. \$45.30.
- "5. Victoria Times, one insertion, \$2.60; Victoria Colonist, one insertion, \$2.70; Vancouver Province, two insertions, \$12.40; Vancouver World, two insertions, \$14.80; Vancouver Sun, two insertions, \$12.80.
- "6. Fifty.
- "7. Twenty-one."

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

1. What was the amount paid for construction of the launch "B.C. Forester"?
2. Where and by whom was this launch constructed?
3. When were tenders called for, and what firms were asked to submit prices?
4. By what date were such tenders to be in?
5. What defects (if any) have been reported in this launch?
6. What amounts have been expended for repairs, replacements, etc., from the time the launch was delivered up to September 30th, 1924?
7. What was the amount of the tender accepted?
8. What were the amounts of the other tenders respectively?
9. What firms carried out the repairs and replacement-work?

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

- "1. \$7,866 (exclusive of engine); \$274.48 extras not included in specifications.
- "2. Forest Branch Marine Station, Thurston Bay, by Department.
- "3. April 25th, 1923. Tenders were advertised for in Vancouver, Victoria, and Prince Rupert for six consecutive issues.
- "4. May 12th, 1923.
- "5. None. (The launch does not develop the speed which was anticipated, but this is due to design and not to construction.)
- "6. Repairs, replacements, and alterations, \$653.52.
- "7. Tenders received considered too high. Estimate of Forest Branch Marine Station, \$7,500.
- "8. Exclusive of engine: \$9,788; \$9,989; \$11,450; \$11,645; \$11,750; \$13,250.
- "9. Vancouver Machinery Depot; Prince Rupert Dry Dock; Forest Branch Marine Station."

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

1. Was any literature printed by the Printing Department for use in the recent general election?
2. Was any speech or speeches made by any candidate reprinted for circulation?
3. If yes, who?

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

- "1. No; but doubtless many pamphlets, reports, etc., printed in the Printing Department were used in the recent election.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were tenders called for excavation-work in connection with a tunnel connecting the heating plant at Essondale with the Mental Hospital and other buildings?
2. If so, who tendered, what was the amount of each tender, and which tender was accepted?
3. By whom were the plans and specifications prepared?
4. Under what terms and conditions was the contract awarded?
5. What were the estimated quantities to be excavated?
6. What was the estimated cost of this work?
7. What has the work cost up to November 1st?
8. Has the work been completed? If not, what is the estimated cost to complete?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. McDougall-McNeill, Ltd., \$57,870; Nickson Construction Company, Ltd., \$57,940; Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$59,900. McDougall-McNeill, Ltd., tender accepted.

"3. Chief Inspector of Boilers and Machinery and Supervising Architect.

"4. Straight contract according to plans and specifications.

"5. No estimates of excavation made; not necessary.

"6. \$55,000.

"7. Progress payments to November 1st, \$22,100.

"8. No; \$35,770."

Mr. Hinchliffe asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"Amount charged to Minister, nil; amount charged to officials, \$1,341.53 for Engineer and Inspectors of Equipment."

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

1. What Ministers of the Crown visited North Okanagan to take part in the by-election held during the month of September, 1924?

2. What was the amount of travelling expenses of each Minister during the trip to North Okanagan, and were these expenses charged up to the various departments?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Honourables J. D. MacLean, E. D. Barrow, A. M. Manson, and W. H. Sutherland.

"2. Hon. J. D. MacLean, \$122.45."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 21st, 1924.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented a Return pursuant to an Order of the House dated November 19th, relating to the Sumas reclamation-work.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*November 21st, 1924.*

*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. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences 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.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. Did a fire of some magnitude take place near Alberni during the last fire season?
2. Were any complaints received against the manner in which such fire was fought?
3. If yes, who made the same, and what was the nature thereof?
4. If said complaints have been made, what comments (if any) has the Minister to make thereon?
5. How near did the fire approach to the city limits?
6. What was the name of the Fire Warden in charge?
7. What was the cost entailed by the Department in fighting said fire?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Fire entered limits of City of Port Alberni.
- "6. G. L. Davies.
- "7. \$6,043.27."

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

"Minister, \$1,108.87; officials of Department, including District Engineers, Boiler Inspectors, and Electrical Energy Inspection, \$13,882.04."

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

1. What was the average cost per mile of the Pacific Highway between New Westminster and Blaine?
2. What was the total cost of the work?
3. What was the average cost per mile of the highway between Victoria and Sydney?
4. What was the total cost of this highway?

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

"1. \$55,600, including preparation of sub-grade and all grading-works, constructing fills at Serpentine and Nikomekl.

"2. \$1,045,788.

"3 and 4. Part of highway built by the municipality, towards which the Government contributed \$100,000; 3.73 miles built by Government cost \$127,288.01."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

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

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

"1. Forty-five motor-cars, thirty-five of which were replacements.

"2. Forty-one Fords from Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., through their local agents at point of delivery; one Star from Ball-Campbell Co., Ltd., Vancouver; one Star from Ever Ready Garage & Service Company, Vancouver; one Chevrolet from Begg Motor Company, Ltd., Victoria; one Dodge from A. J. Smith Garage, Kelowna.

"3. 33 Ford runabouts at \$490 each, plus freight .....	\$20,144 00
2 Ford light deliveries at \$515 each, plus freight .....	1,277 00
6 Ford touring at \$530 each, plus freight .....	3,907 00
2 Stars at \$836 each .....	1,672 00
1 Chevrolet at \$841 .....	841 00
1 Dodge at \$1,403 .....	1,403 00

Making a total of .....	\$29,244 00
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Less allowance on old cars .....	6,720 00
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Making a net cost of .....	\$22,524 00
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"4. Seventy-seven cars; three trucks."

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

1. What was amount standing to credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund on October 31st, 1924?
2. Is the Government using this fund?
3. If yes, what rate of interest is credited to this fund by the Government for the use of same?
4. If this fund were invested in first-class long-term securities, could not a higher rate of interest be obtained than that being paid by the Government?

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

- "1. October 1st, 1924, \$915,003.22.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Five per cent. per annum, credited half-yearly.
- "4. Fund is invested in manner provided in 'Superannuation Act.'"

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

1. Who was the Forest Ranger for Southern Vancouver Island on February 28th last?
2. Upon what date did he resign?
3. By whom was he succeeded, and where did his successor formerly live?
4. Was his successor a local man or not? If not, why not?
5. Were any men with local knowledge of the district given any opportunity to apply? If not, why not?
6. Was any public notice given of the vacancy?

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

- "1. William Carey.
- "2. February 13th, 1924; effective March 15th, 1924.
- "3. Norman Pearson, Capilano, B.C.
- "4. Resident within forest district.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Examinations for Forest Ranger positions are advertised and held in each forest district from time to time, and vacancies are filled from the list of successful candidates."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What sum of money has been expended on the Nelson-Ymir Road during the present year?
2. What did the work consist of?

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

- "1 and 2. \$5,288.15, gravelling and maintenance; \$13,155.56, revision of Ymir-Boulder section not included in previous contracts."

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

1. What is the present salary of the Purchasing Agent?
2. Has his salary been increased?
3. If yes, what was the reason therefor?
4. Is there an Assistant Purchasing Agent?
5. If yes, has his salary been increased, when, and what was the amount?
6. Were other Civil Servants similarly increased?
7. What is respective length of service of Purchasing Agent and assistant?

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

- "1. \$5,400.
- "2. Question indefinite.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Question indefinite.
- "6. Answered by Nos. 2 and 5.
- "7. Purchasing Agent entered the service January 14th, 1918; Assistant Purchasing Agent, June 20th, 1919."

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

1. Does the Government operate a ferry on the Fraser River between Mission and Matsqui?
2. How many trips does this ferry make each day?
3. Did this ferry make any extra regular trips during May, June, and July of this year? If so, on what date did they start to make these extra trips, and on what date were they discontinued?
4. Were the crew in charge of said ferry allowed any additional salary for this extra service? If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Average of sixteen.
- "3. Returns show extra trips made during June, July, and August.
- "4. Have not received extra remuneration; matter under consideration."

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

1. Has an appointment been recently made to the position of Government Agent at Prince Rupert?
2. To whom was this position offered?
3. To whom was this position given?
4. Was the person appointed the same person to whom the position was originally offered?
5. Give name and previous position of the person so appointed?
6. Was there no official in the Government Agent's office at Prince Rupert who was sufficiently capable of taking the position?
7. Was there no Government Agent at any other point who could have been promoted to Prince Rupert?
8. What salary does present incumbent receive?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No one.
- "3. N. A. Watt.
- "4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Secretary.
- "6. Under all circumstances the best man available was appointed.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. \$175 per month."

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

What are the amounts of the taxes collected for the Shawnigan Lake Assessment District for the years 1923 and 1924?

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

"There is no assessment district of this name. The area surrounding Shawnigan Lake lies within Victoria Assessment District. The taxes collected in 1923 amounted to \$11,629.68 and in 1924 to \$10,267.92, approximately."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

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

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

- "1. Cars, 9; trucks, 21; tractors, 16.
- "2 and 3. Tractors: Wehr Fordson from the Ford Motor Company, Vancouver, four at \$2,185 each; Holt from the National Machinery Company, Vancouver, four at, each, \$2,535,

\$2,685, \$2,581, and \$2,581; Cletrac from Brown & Fraser, Vancouver, eight at, each, \$1,764, \$1,750 (4), \$1,765, \$1,795, and \$1,738. Automobiles: Chevrolet from Weeks, Ltd., Nanaimo, at \$642.70; Dodge from A. J. Smith Garage Company, Ltd., Kelowna, \$1,429.46; Ford from E. Hall, Prince George, \$637; Chevrolet from R. Corless, Prince George, \$872.70; Ford from Grande Prairie Garage Company, Alta., \$651; McLaughlin from F. E. Henderson, Kamloops, \$1,150; Maxwell from Kerr, Ltd., Kelowna, \$1,400; Chevrolet from McInnis Garage, Penticton, \$910; Chevrolet from R. Corless, Prince George, \$920. Trucks: Dodge Graham from Humphries Motor Co., Victoria, \$2,809; Chevrolet from A. C. Hamilton, Golden, \$890; Ford from Ford Service Garage, Kelowna, \$626.82; Federal from Federal Motor Company, Vancouver, \$5,430.54; Federal from Federal Motor Company, Vancouver, \$5,540.80; two Internationals from Mark Dumond, Vancouver, at \$2,623 and \$2,698; Ford from Mark Dumond, Vancouver, \$827; nine Fords from the Ford Motor Company, Vancouver, five at \$826, two at \$742, one at \$823, and one at \$819; International from Mark Dumond, Vancouver, \$2,623; Ford from Fernie Garage, Fernie, \$819; International from Mark Dumond, Ashcroft, \$2,623; Ford from Ford Service Garage, Kelowna, \$626.82.

"4. Cars, 34; trucks, 118; tractors, 40."

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

1. What moneys have been spent by the Department up to November 1st, 1924, on the Bitter Creek Bridge, Bear River, in the Stewart area, Atlin Riding?
2. When were such moneys spent?
3. Who did the work?
4. What is the nature of the bridge?
5. Was the work done by contract? If yes, who tendered on the work and what was the amount of each tender?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1 and 2. 1917-18, \$2,400; 1922-23, \$720; 1923-24, \$335.89; 1924-25 (to date), \$148.50.  
 "3. Day-labour.  
 "4. 70-foot king truss with two approach spans 30 feet long.  
 "5. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Have new safes been recently installed in the Treasury Department?
2. Through what firm were these purchased?
3. What is the name of the maker?
4. What was the country of origin?
5. What necessity was there for the purchase of these safes?
6. What was the total cost of these safes, including and showing freight, duty (if any), and installation?
7. Who installed them?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes; one, and two vault doors.  
 "2. Goldie & McCulloch Co., Ltd., Galt, Ontario.  
 "3. Answered by No. 2.  
 "4. Canada.  
 "5. Safety and dual control of securities and additional space.  
 "6. \$8,203.75 f.o.b. Victoria; \$147.50 haulage here; installation not yet complete.  
 "7. Public Works Department."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

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

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

- "1. Seven cars; no trucks; no tractors.
- "2. Ford; Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd.
- "3. \$715.75; \$628; \$661; \$630; \$636; \$750; \$655.
- "4. Twenty-five cars; one truck; no tractors."

*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 6 p.m.

## Monday, November 24th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a petition from J. McKinnon, W. Oakley, W. J. Williamson and others, objecting to certain provisions of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Associated Growers of British Columbia."

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Women's and Girls' Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What number of students are in attendance at the University of British Columbia from the respective electoral districts of the Province?

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

"Alberni, 2; Atlin, 2; Burnaby, 13; Chilliwack, 25; Comox, 9; Cowichan-Newcastle, 10; Cranbrook, 9; Delta, 12; Dewdney, 19; Esquimalt, 3; Fernie, 4; Fort George, 3; Grand Forks-Greenwood, 5; Kamloops, 20; Kaslo-Slocan, 6; Lillooet, 2; Nanaimo, 7; Nelson, 8; New Westminster, 78; North Okanagan, 22; North Vancouver, 56; Prince Rupert, 5; Revelstoke, 8; Point Grey, 11; Rossland-Trail, 10; Similkameen, 12; South Okanagan, 20; South Vancouver, 1; Vancouver City, 848; Victoria City, 38; Yale, 8. These figures are for the academic year 1923-24."



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

1. What amount of money has been received by the Government since April 1st, 1924, as income-tax?

2. What amount has been received as personal-property tax since April 1st, 1924?

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

"1. \$2,955,944.26.

"2. \$396,824.21."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of the six concrete piers and one abutment, including excavation, in connection with the Revelstoke Bridge?

2. What sum of money has been expended on the Revelstoke Bridge, including approaches, to date?

3. Has the bridge been completed? If not, what is the estimated cost to complete?

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

"1. \$109,376.40.

"2. Substructure, \$109,376.40; superstructure steel and erection, \$87,868.76; approach, \$19,500; asphaltic surface, \$17,030.17; extra work not included in specifications, \$3,274.19; designing, supervision, etc., \$33,853.88; total, \$270,903.40.

"3. Bridge is completed."

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

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

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

"March, \$3,581.04; April, \$6,641.41; May, \$11,798.35; June, \$15,958.35; July, \$1,414.52; August, \$2,046.74; September, \$1,387.53; October, \$1,820.41."

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

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

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

"March, \$6,819.64; April, \$13,353.96; May, \$17,412.33; June, \$27,092.45; July, \$19,564.81; August, \$9,238.87; September, \$11,179.97; October, \$15,721."

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

1. Are any steps taken to prevent patients attending the Government Venereal Clinics from following their ordinary occupations while suffering from venereal disease when those occupations are such as to bring those patients in close touch with the persons or clothing or food of the general public?

2. If yes, what are the steps taken?

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

"1. Full instructions are at once given as to precautions to be observed in regard to personal contact with others. Also as to possibility of infection from common use of clothing and towels. Food-handlers directed to change occupations. Personal cleanliness to be rigidly observed.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

"The Minister, \$1,375.80; other officials, \$32,365.85."

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

1. Were tenders called for the painting of the Pitt River Bridge?
2. How many tenders were received, and who was the successful tenderer?
3. What was the amount of the successful tender?

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

“1, 2, and 3. No.”

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Acute Mental Hospital building at Essondale been completed?
2. If so, what was the total cost of the building?
3. What sum of money has been paid J. E. Henderson for services as clerk of the works from commencement of construction until completion of building?
4. Has he been paid in full? If not, what amount is still due him?
5. What sum of money has been paid W. Hood for services as clerk of the works from date of commencement of construction until completion of building?
6. Has he been paid in full for his services? If not, what amount is still due him?
7. What sum of money has been expended on fittings and furnishings in connection with the Acute Mental Hospital?

8. Have all necessary fittings and furnishings been purchased? If not, what sum of money will be required to complete same?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Building contract, \$578,731.81; heating and ventilating contract, \$53,222.04; electric motor and transformers, \$3,164; supervision, including Boys' Training School, \$12,230.67; incidentals, \$2,517.72; total, \$649,866.24.

“3. \$5,200; this includes services as clerk of works on erection of Boys' Training School.

“4. Yes.

“5. \$4,000.

“6. Yes.

“7. \$69,504.64.

“8. No; \$6,000.”

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

1. What use is being made of the main building of the old Drill Hall on Menzies Street, Victoria?
2. Has it been proposed to remove the Printing Department to such building?
3. Was such proposal reported upon? If so, by whom?
4. What was the nature of such report—adverse or otherwise?
5. Is the present accommodation of the Printing Department adequate to take care of all Government work?
6. If not, has any printing, binding, or other Government work been sent to outside firms?
7. If yes, to what extent, and to what firms?
8. And what was the particular work in each case?

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

“1. At present used by the Provincial Police.

“2. Yes.

“3. Not formally; the matter was fully considered and discussed by the Minister, the King's Printer, representatives of the Public Works Department, and others.

“4. The cost of remodelling the building and removing the plant was considered too great to warrant action at that time.

“5. Yes, for present requirements, except that the Provincial voters' lists could not be printed in the time available.

“6. During the current fiscal year no Government work, excepting the voters' lists, has been sent to outside firms, so far as the Department is aware. For previous years see Public Accounts.

“7. Voters' lists. See Votes and Proceedings No. 8, page 4, and No. 9, page 3.

“8. Answered by No. 7.”

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

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

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

“ March, \$4,453.10; April, \$11,539.27; May, \$18,290.58; June, \$22,625.35; July, \$6,898.88; August, \$2,808.57; September, \$2,672.28; October, \$4,175.26.”

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

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

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

“ March, \$1,797.65; April, \$8,019.99; May, \$10,217.24; June, \$11,797.29; July, \$3,243.64; August, \$1,842.81; September, \$2,151.90; October, \$1,640.49.”

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

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

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

“ March, \$1,387.26; April, \$9,162.05; May, \$9,010; June, \$11,782.76; July, \$2,147.22; August, \$2,151.02; September, \$1,915.63; October, \$2,369.41.”

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

1. What acreage is involved in the Sumas Reclamation Scheme?
2. What was the first estimated cost of reclamation made by the present Government engineers?
3. Was a subsequent estimate made? If so, what was the amount?
4. Did the Government have a Supervising Engineer over the work during construction? If so, who, and what amount was paid for his services?
5. When was the work undertaken?
6. Over what acreage will the cost be distributed, and what will be the cost per acre?
7. What will be the cost per acre annually for maintaining dykes, dredges, pumps, etc., including electric power?
8. How many acres of reclaimed land were sold by the Government during 1924, and at what price?
9. What sums (if any) have the Government received from rentals?

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

“ 1. Approximately 30,000 acres.  
 “ 2. Engineer's original estimate was \$1,500,000. Shortly afterwards on receipt of tender it was found that the lowest tender was 20 per cent. higher than Engineer's estimate, bringing the estimated cost up to \$1,800,000, which latter amount was subsequently regarded as the probable cost.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. Chief Engineer for Sumas Dyking District, F. N. Sinclair, from commencement of work to July 31st, 1923, \$416.67 per month. Engineer G. P. Moe, from August 1st, 1923, to present date, \$350 per month.

“ 5. April, 1920.

“ 6. Approximately 29,000 acres. From \$10 to \$125 per acre, according to elevation and benefits derived.

“ 7. From 20 cents to \$2.50 per acre, according to elevation and benefits derived.

“ 8. None. Land has not yet been put on the market for sale.

“ 9. Cash \$118 for small portion which was rented on share of crop basis for the purpose of getting same seeded to tame grasses and clover.”

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

1. What are the names of the women constituting the local Advisory Committee in Victoria in connection with the administration of the Mothers' Pensions Fund?
2. Is it the case that complaints are constantly being made on grounds of heartlessness, lack of sympathy, and harshness shown by members of this committee?
3. Will the Minister disband this committee and allow the local Council of Women to nominate new members for such committee?

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

"1. No Advisory Committee since December, 1921.

"2. No.

"3. Committee not considered necessary."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act.'" "

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act.'" "

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on the 19th instant, as follows:—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

Whereas the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was undertaken primarily to afford a rail connection between the City of Vancouver and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at or near the City of Prince George (chap. 34, Schedule A, and chap. 36, sec. 3 (a), 1912):

And whereas by chapter 34, Statutes of 1912, the Government of British Columbia was authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000:

And whereas it was the intent of the Legislature to aid the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in extending its line of railway to the eastern boundary of British Columbia by authorizing the Government (in addition to the guarantees previously authorized) to guarantee bonds of the Railway Company to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia (chap. 65, 1914, sec. 2 (c)):

And whereas it was the intent of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to extend its line of railway to the eastern boundary of the Province within or near to the "Dominion Peace River Block" (chap. 36, sec. 3 (b), 1912):

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company failed to complete their undertaking:

And whereas, in order to protect its bond guarantees, the Government of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, acquired the ownership of all the capital shares and other assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the Pacific Great

Eastern Equipment Company, and the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company (chap. 66, 1918) :

And whereas the aggregate cost (*including guarantees*) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000 :

And whereas the annual payment out by the Province on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum :

And whereas such payments out on account of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia :

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time :

And whereas it is not expedient to add to the monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure the completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province, and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable :

Therefore be it Resolved, That the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets by a railway company, on such conditions as would result in its completion from the City of Vancouver via North Vancouver, Squamish, and Prince George to the eastern boundary of the Province and its continued maintenance and operation, and which would also relieve the Province of a substantial portion of the burden now being carried, would meet with the approval of this House.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill authorizing the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and other assets upon such terms and conditions as are in the said Bill contained, and that the said Bill do contain provision for aiding the completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province at or near the Dominion Peace River Block, and that such aid should be by means of grants of Crown lands adjacent to the said line of railway.

And be it further Resolved, That such Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be prepared by such Members as are of the Executive Council, and that it be presented to His Honour by the Premier.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Pooley* on the 20th instant, as follows:—

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

"The Government of the Province of British Columbia on the 10th day of February, 1912, entered into an agreement in writing with Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart providing for the construction of a line of railway from the City of Vancouver to Prince George:

"And whereas the said agreement was subsequently submitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Government then in power for ratification as appears by chapter 34 of the Statutes of 1912:

"And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company was incorporated to carry out the provisions of said agreement:

"And whereas under chapter 34 the Government of British Columbia were authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000:

"And whereas chapter 65 of the Statutes of 1914 provided for the guaranteeing of the Railway Company's bonds to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway constructed between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas, questions having arisen in the year 1918 as to whether the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company had or had not failed to carry out their undertaking, the then Government of the day of the Province of British Columbia decided to take over the said railway and its assets, and for that purpose entered into an agreement in writing dated February 22nd, 1918, with Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart:

"And whereas the said agreement was subsequently submitted to this Legislature for ratification and the same was ratified as appears by chapter 66 of the Statutes of 1918:

"And whereas the aggregate cost (including guarantees) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000:

"And whereas the annual payment out by the Province of British Columbia on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum:

"And whereas such annual payments impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia:

"And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time:

"And whereas it is not expedient to add to the further monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable:

"And whereas it is in the best interests of the Province of British Columbia that it should be relieved of the aforementioned obligations, and with this end in view that negotiations for a sale of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets should be entered into:

"And whereas it is most essential that the intending purchasers should be thoroughly responsible and financially able to maintain and operate said railway and of completing the same from North Vancouver to Prince George and thence to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"And whereas it is essential that the utmost publicity be given to the proposed sale so as to ensure that the most advantageous terms may be obtained:

"And whereas, owing to the extreme importance of this matter, it is desirable, without reference to any constitutional question, that a full and complete discussion be had of the general outline of the terms and conditions under which this Legislature will be prepared to ratify any agreement which this Government might enter into in the premises:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House do go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of fully discussing:—

"(a.) Any and all matters pertaining to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its assets, including the contemplated completion of the same and the extension thereof to the eastern boundary of the Province:

"(b.) The estimated cost of such completion and route or routes which it is proposed to follow:

"(c.) On what basis, under what general terms and conditions, and to what persons or corporations this Legislature might be prepared to subsequently ratify any agreement which this Government might enter into providing for the sale of the said undertaking and its assets, as well as the completion of the same from North Vancouver to Prince George and its continuation to the eastern boundary of the Province, and to bring in a Resolution covering the same.

"Further be it Resolved, That it be a matter of instruction to such Committee of the Whole that any and all Resolutions passed by such Committee covering any suggested terms of sale, completion, or extension of said railway shall contain a clause providing that any and all agreements entered into by this Government with any person or corporation having any of the above

objects in view shall, together with the terms and conditions thereof, first be submitted to this House for approval and ratification before the same shall become in any way effective or in any way binding on this Province."

The debate continued and the House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out by the amendment stand part of the question?"

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Creery</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>			

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>			

The Resolution was carried on the same division.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the question of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in pursuance of the Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on the 19th instant.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Peck*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas in Canada in the years following the Armistice all ex-service men's associations made repeated requests for the establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate all phases of re-establishment:

And whereas in response to that demand the present Federal Government instituted the Ralston Commission:

And whereas the said Commission visited and heard evidence in all the Provinces of Canada:

And whereas, as a result of the comprehensive reports and recommendations of the said Commission and of the recommendations of a special Parliamentary Committee representing all parties in the House of Commons, legislation was introduced in and approved by the House of Commons for the more complete solution of the problems of re-establishment:

And whereas this legislation was not sanctioned in full by the Senate of Canada:

And whereas, further, the present administration of certain Federal Departments dealing with ex-service men and their dependents has been extremely inadequate and has created widespread dissatisfaction:

And whereas it is undesirable and reprehensible to introduce partisan considerations into questions relating to ex-service men:

And whereas it is the earnest desire of the members of this Legislature, irrespective of party, that nothing should be left undone to secure for ex-service men and their dependents the most generous and considerate treatment:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly, endeavouring to represent the cause of our ex-service men and their dependents, and bearing in mind the inadequacy of the

legislation passed by the Senate, humbly petition the Government of Canada to take such steps as are necessary at the next session of Parliament: First, to resubmit to the Senate at an early stage in the session the legislation already sanctioned by the House of Commons in respect to ex-service men's affairs; second, to effect the general reorganization of such departments as have lost the confidence of the ex-service men and their dependents, and in particular the Board of Pension Commissioners, as recommended by the Royal Commission and a special Parliamentary Committee, 1924, and to institute a policy of administration that will give the widest and most liberal and sympathetic interpretation to the various laws and conditions that have been made and those to be made affecting pensions, civil re-establishment, and soldiers' settlement, and thereby assuring to ex-service men and their dependents the treatment that is undoubtedly their due, and which the people of Canada desire them to receive.

And be it further Resolved, That our honourable members do present to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause it to be conveyed to the Secretary of State, the foregoing Preamble and Resolution.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. *Coventry* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lister*,—

Whereas the Coroner's jury sitting in Vancouver brought in its verdict, finding that one Janet Smith had been murdered by person or persons unknown:

And whereas on November 11th the Hon. the Attorney-General, in reply to questions presented by the Hon. Member for Saanich in the matter of the police investigations, said that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were a Federal force over which he had no control:

And whereas it is regrettable that neither the Provincial nor the Municipal Police Forces have as yet succeeded in running the criminal to earth:

And whereas the Scottish Societies have raised considerable funds for the purpose of devoting the same to the fullest investigation of all circumstances surrounding the said case:

And whereas it is essential in the best interests of justice that no effort should be spared by the Crown in its endeavours to bring the criminal to justice:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Attorney-General should at once request the proper authorities to permit the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to take charge of the investigations towards bringing the criminal or criminals to justice.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Lister*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all club licences granted by the Board of Liquor Control, showing places, names of licensees, and date of licences in each case.

Pursuant to such Order, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented such Return.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House of the 18th instant, of the names of all persons, corporations, lodges, associations, or other parties to whom special permits have been granted under the "Government Liquor Act" from November 1st, 1922, to November 1st, 1924.

With the leave of the House, Questions Nos. 7 and 14 were dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings."

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

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the Rules were suspended and the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Water District" was discharged, and the Bill referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Woodward*, *Creery*, *Walkem*, *Neelds*, *Browne*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, and *Bryan*, and such Committee authorized to sit while the House is in session and report its findings and recommendations to the House.



Mr. *Perry* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 25th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for presenting Bills be extended from November 24th to November 28th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Mr. *Neelands* presented a petition from the Corporation of the Township of Richmond and the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Bill confirming the boundaries as therein set out.

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

1. Who was appointed Returning Officer for the Dewdney Riding during the recent election?
2. Who was appointed Election Clerk for above election?
3. How much was paid to each of the above officials up to November 1st, 1924?

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

"1. John H. Campbell.

"2. A. S. Duncan.

"3. Returning Officer, fee, \$62.50; Election Clerk, fee, \$400. (On account of the illness of the Returning Officer soon after his appointment, the Election Clerk performed the duties of that office under section 50 of the 'Provincial Elections Act.')

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

1. What has been the direct cost to the Province of British Columbia of British Columbia House in London each year for the last five years?

2. In view of the death of Mr. F. C. Wade, is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the Agency or to make another appointment to the position held by the late F. C. Wade?

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

"1. Less revenue received from rents, the cost has been: 1919-20, \$32,718.22; 1920-21, \$37,935.22; 1921-22, \$29,165.96; 1922-23, \$17,244.06; 1923-24, \$22,742.28.

"2. No decision has yet been arrived at."

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

1. Was one James Clint, Assistant Assessor in the City of Vancouver, superannuated? If so, when?

2. What was his age at retirement?

3. What was his length of service, and what was his retiring allowance?

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

"1. Yes; March 31st, 1922.

"2. Sixty-five.

"3. 15 years 10 months; \$45.86 per month."

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

1. What was the total amount of income-tax paid to the Government during the last fiscal year?
2. What was the total amount of personal-property tax paid to the Government during the last fiscal year?
3. What was the amount of income-tax paid to the Government from April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924?
4. What was the amount of personal-property tax paid to the Government from April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924?

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

- "1. \$2,732,159.76.
- "2. \$899,377.16.
- "3. \$2,955,944.26.
- "4. \$396,824.21."

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

"Minister of Finance, \$336.60; sundry officials, \$13,223.93."

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

1. Was one J. Sutton, of the Land Registry Office in Vancouver, superannuated? If so, when?
2. What was his age at retirement?
3. What was his length of service, and what was his retiring allowance?

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

- "1. Yes; August 31st, 1924?
- "2. Sixty-six.
- "3. Fourteen years; \$19.40 per month on ten-year guaranteed plan."

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

1. Was one Joe Eppen, of the Moving Picture Censor's Department, superannuated? If so, when?
2. What was his age at retirement?
3. What was his length of service, and what was his retiring allowance?

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

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

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses charged up to the Department from March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, showing what amount is charged to the Minister and the amount charged to officials of the Department?

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

"\$4,514.70 (not including Police). Minister's expenses, \$1,085.77; other officials, \$3,428.93."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 26th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie presented a petition from Ernest Temple, praying for certain action re the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited.

The petition from the Corporation of the Township of Richmond and the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Bill confirming the boundaries as therein set out, was received.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Pooley, were withdrawn.

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since statement made February 23rd, 1921?
2. From whom were these amounts borrowed, and under what authority in each case?
3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?
4. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?
5. When are each of these loans payable?
6. What items are included in the revenue-producing debt of the Province?
7. What amount of money was received from each of these revenue-producing debts during 1924?

Mr. Davie moved the adjournment of the House upon a question of urgency.

The Hon. Mr. Manson rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as not being within Rule 33, inasmuch as the motion disclosed no definite matter of urgent public importance upon which a discussion could proceed, and, moreover, the matter was being dealt with by the Department of Labour.

Mr. Davie appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following Division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

Burde	Mackenzie, I. A.	Walkem	Paterson
Stoddart	Smith, Mrs.	Harrison	Kergin
Bryan	MacLean	Leary	Perry
Munn	Oliver	McRae	Barrow
Wrinch	Manson, A. M.	Odlum	Sutherland
Colley	Sloan	Woodward	Pattullo
Rothwell			

NAYS—20.

Messieurs

Neelands	Manson, Michael	Uphill	Lister
Broune	Lyons	Coventry	McKenzie, W. A.
Bruhn	Hayward	Peck	Jones
Wallinger	Twigg	Davie	Pooley
Catherwood	Schofield	Cochrane	Hinchliffe

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Coventry* on 25th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Coroner's jury sitting in Vancouver brought in its verdict, finding that one Janet Smith had been murdered by person or persons unknown:

And whereas on November 11th the Hon. the Attorney-General, in reply to questions presented by the Hon. Member for Saanich in the matter of the police investigations, said that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were a Federal force over which he had no control:

And whereas it is regrettable that neither the Provincial nor the Municipal Police Forces have as yet succeeded in running the criminal to earth:

And whereas the Scottish Societies have raised considerable funds for the purpose of devoting the same to the fullest investigation of all circumstances surrounding the said case:

And whereas it is essential in the best interests of justice that no effort should be spared by the Crown in its endeavours to bring the criminal to justice:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Attorney-General should at once request the proper authorities to permit the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to take charge of the investigations towards bringing the criminal or criminals to justice.

The debate continued.

With the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

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

1. Have complaints been made regarding the moving-picture censorship because of the class of film that has been allowed to pass?
2. Has the Minister learnt of any criticism of this Department?
3. Is it proposed to superannuate the official (Mr. Hepburn)?
4. If yes, what annual pension will he receive upon superannuation?

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

"1 and 2. Yes. Complaints and criticism have been made from time to time by public organizations and private individuals, protesting that pictures were allowed to be passed that were a serious menace to the health and morals of the younger generation and urging that there be a stricter censorship of films.

"3. Yes.

"4. The amount determined under the 'Superannuation Act.'"

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

1. The number of beneficiaries at present under the "Mothers' Pensions Act," classifying same as: (a) Mothers; (b) widows; (c) children?
2. The number of applications thereunder received from the date of the last annual report to November 1st, 1924, classified as: (a) Mothers; (b) widows; (c) children?
3. The number of applications refused during said period classified as aforesaid?

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

"1. (a) 849; (b) 547; (c) 2,269.

"2. (a) 34; (b) 17; (c) 67.

"3. (a) 16; (b) 10; (c) 31."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

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

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

- " 1. None.
- " 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.
- " 4. Eight cars; no trucks; no tractors."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

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

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

- " 1. One car.
- " 2. Chevrolet touring; Begg Motor Co., 1062-1082 Georgia Street West, Vancouver.
- " 3. \$905, less allowance of \$450 for old car and less tax, \$61.58; net cost, \$393.42.
- " 4. Five cars used by Inspectors of Schools in rural districts."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

## Thursday, November 27th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the petition from Ernest Temple, praying for certain action *re* the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, was received and referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to define the Boundary between The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Women's and Girls' Protection Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

That all the words after the first word "That" in the motion made by the Hon. the Minister of Finance—namely, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair"—be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

"This House regrets the authorization by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of certain regulations (particularly Regulations Nos. 3, 5, and 10) allegedly made pursuant to the provisions of the 'Mothers' Pensions Act,' such regulations being issued by the Attorney-General's Department of Victoria, B.C., under date of December 15th, 1921, and as the said regulations enlarge the provisions of the said Act, they are clearly *ultra vires* and constitute a trespass upon the functions of this Legislature."

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

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

1. Has the Department used any of the funds of the Bureau of Information, covering the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1924, for the benefit of any other departments?
2. Same question covering period March 31st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924?
3. If so, what departments and for what purposes?

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

"1. No. The Bureau of Information was established for the purpose of instituting inquiries and collating information relating to the industries, natural resources, trade and commerce, land, Government, etc., of British Columbia, and disseminating or publishing this information in such manner and form as might be considered best adapted to promote the general interests of the Province. While placed under the Minister of Finance for administrative purposes, the Bureau of Information has to deal with matters pertaining to all branches of the public service.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has it been drawn to the attention of the Hon. Minister that P. Burns & Co. propose to establish at Palmer's Station, Vancouver Island, a live poultry-fattening farm for fowls imported from the Prairies?
2. What steps (if any) are contemplated by the Government to protect the poultrymen of the Province against this competition from outside sources?

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

"1 and 2. See sections 91 (2) and 121 of the 'British North America Act.'"

Mr. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What amount of No. 1 Grade timber has been exported from this Province during the years 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924?

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

	Crown Grant Exportable without Permit.	Licence under Permit.
"1921 .....	9,053,828	1,403,550
1922 .....	9,304,053	2,590,640
1923 .....	21,463,414	4,617,657
1924 (January 1st to October 31st) .....	15,544,442	2,874,480

"An average boom scales 15 per cent. No. 1 logs, whereas the booms for which permits to export have been granted show an average of 6.6 per cent. No. 1 logs. Permits are only given for low-grade booms.

"Permit has also been allowed in case of fir logs too large to be handled by our mills; such logs usually scale No. 1."

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

1. What is the amount of capital invested in the Matsqui-Mission Ferry?
2. What was the cost of operating the same for the last twelve months?

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

"1. \$57,350.

"2. November 1st, 1923, to October 31st, 1924, \$12,453.81."

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

1. Who was foreman on the Agassiz-Harrison Mills Road during the past summer?
2. Who was the time-keeper?
3. How long was the time-keeper kept on the pay-roll after the work was shut down?
4. Upon what principle was payment of cost of boarding the men arranged?

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

"1. David Gunn.

"2. Mark Rutherford; also certified first-aid man required in construction camps where high explosives are used.

"3. From the closing-down of camp to October 31st employed as watchman.

"4. The boarding arrangements were run by the foreman; the men being charged on pay-rolls at rate sufficient to meet bills at cost."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What sum of money has been expended on the science building at Point Grey since date of commencement of work in February, 1923, up to November 1st, 1924?
2. Is the building completed? If not, on what date is it expected the work will be finished and the building ready for occupancy?
3. Will the building be completed for the original estimated cost? If not, what will it cost when completed?
4. What is the estimated cost of the furnishings and fixtures for the science building?
5. Have any furnishings or fixtures been purchased for this building? If so, what sum of money has been expended on such furnishings and fixtures?
6. Were the fixtures included in the general contract? If not, what firm is supplying the fixtures?
7. Is this work being done by contract? If not, on what terms is this work being done?

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

"1. \$670,850.69.

"2. No. It is impossible to finish for occupancy as equipment cannot be moved from old buildings until summer holidays.

"3. Since original estimated cost the University authorities have asked, and were granted, numerous changes and additional equipment, estimated total cost \$80,000.

"4. All fixtures are included in the general contract. Estimate for furnishings has not been prepared.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. Yes."

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

1. The number and names of all Mental Hospitals or institutions in the Province?
2. The total amounts of money invested in each respectively?
3. The total number of patients in each on November 1st, 1924?
4. The total number of officials employed in each on same date?
5. The total salary list at said date?
6. The total cost of maintenance (outside salaries) of each such institution or hospital?

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

"1. Four. The Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale; the Public Hospital for Insane, New Westminster; the Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz; and Hollywood Sanitarium, New

Westminster. (The first three institutions are owned and operated by the Government, but the fourth is a private mental hospital, subject to Government inspection.)

"2. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale (including new Acute Building), \$1,572,447.69; Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, \$612,990.91; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, \$261,034.99; total, \$2,446,473.59.

"3. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, 1,091; Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, 578; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, 158; total, 1,827.

"4. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, 124; Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, 92; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, 20; total, 236.

"5. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, \$10,654.17 monthly; Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, \$7,505.26 monthly; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, \$1,646 monthly; total for the month of October, 1924, \$19,805.43.

"6. Present average monthly maintenance cost exclusive of salaries: Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, \$13,547.43; Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, \$7,897.73; Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz, \$3,154.44; total, \$24,599.60."

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

1. What is the amount of capital invested in the Agassiz-Rosedale Ferry?
2. What was the cost of operating the same for the last twelve months?

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

"1. \$28,475.

"2. November 1st, 1923, to October 31st, 1924, \$9,036.61."

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

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

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

"March, \$2,906.69; April, \$4,509.66; May, \$9,184.35; June, \$11,028; July, \$4,950.08; August, \$1,121.97; September, \$1,127.30; October, \$996."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 28th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*November 28th, 1924.*

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



## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,' a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented the Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months ended September 30th, 1924.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Harrison* (in the absence of Mr. *Walkem*), Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Towboat Owners and Operators" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 27th instant, as follows:—

That all the words after the first word "That" in the motion made by the Hon. the Minister of Finance—namely, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair"—be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

"This House regrets the authorization by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of certain regulations (particularly Regulations Nos. 3, 5, and 10) allegedly made pursuant to the provisions of the 'Mothers' Pensions Act,' such regulations being issued by the Attorney-General's Department of Victoria, B.C., under date of December 15th, 1921, and as the said regulations enlarge the provisions of the said Act, they are clearly *ultra vires* and constitute a trespass upon the functions of this Legislature."

The debate continued and the House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

## YEAS—27.

## Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Creery</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	

## NAYS—15.

## Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

## PAIRS:

## Messieurs

<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,964,498.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1926.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1926.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1926.
4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1926.
5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1926.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

What is the revenue received from each Government Liquor Store from April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924?

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

“Revenue received from Government Liquor Stores from April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924: Abbotsford, \$61,016.60; Alice Arm, \$34,643.80; Anyox, \$86,063.10; Ashcroft, \$30,478.55; Campbell River, \$38,681.25; Chilliwack, \$70,017.80; Cloverdale, \$40,533.30; Coalmont, \$27,171.30; Coquitlam, \$33,555.90; Courtenay, \$52,137.62; Cranbrook, \$137,880.35; Cumberland, \$89,354.90; Duncan, \$71,163.65; Esquimalt, \$44,356.75; Fernie, \$108,900.85; Golden, \$42,130.25; Grand Forks, \$41,706.45; Greenwood, \$32,849.80; Hope, \$27,520.30; Invermere, \$18,687.05; Kamloops, \$127,629.97; Kaslo, \$18,948.65; Kelowna, \$68,172.65; Keremeos, \$21,621.80; Kimberley, \$70,036.40; Ladner, \$23,364.15; Ladysmith, \$55,147; Langley Prairie, \$21,868.60; Lillooet, \$15,055.85; McBride, \$30,186.80; Maillardville, \$6,562.25; Merritt, \$64,246.50; Michel, \$54,869.30; Mission, \$43,119.60; Nanaimo, \$241,301.80; Nelson, \$164,641.10; New Westminster, \$169,737.15; North Vancouver, \$74,066.40; Ocean Falls, \$73,014.10; Oliver, \$18,232.80; Parksville, \$20,598.70; Penticton, \$60,884.30; Port Alberni, \$53,164.80; Pouce Coupe, \$10,834.80; Powell River, \$44,521.95; Prince George, \$126,528.10; Prince Rupert, \$273,159.95; Princeton, \$40,102.50; Quesnel, \$21,163.35; Revelstoke, \$88,064.30; Rossland, \$66,488.40; Salmon Arm, \$25,861.95; Sidney, \$21,042.95; Smithers, \$66,089.39; South Westminster, \$18,302.10; Stewart, \$91,494.05; Terrace, \$23,853.90; Trail, \$99,101.50; Beauty Street, Vancouver, \$157,743.17; Cordova Street, Vancouver, \$310,693.75; Granville Street, Vancouver, \$232,356.50; Hastings Street, Vancouver, \$558,853.45; Pender Street, Vancouver, \$467,785.93; Powell Street, Vancouver, \$141,567.55; Robson Street, Vancouver, \$412,244.30; Vernon, \$89,876.15; Humboldt Street, Victoria, \$237,539; Johnson Street, Victoria, \$362,004.60; Williams Lake, \$40,533.05; Yakh, \$60,030.15; total, \$6,673,156.53.”

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

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

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

“March, \$3,607.22; April, \$14,761.59; May, \$1,562.65; June, \$9,294.15; July, \$861.37; August, \$720.35; September, \$888.69; October, \$809.46.”

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

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

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

“March, \$3,527.20; April, \$10,410.91; May, \$15,283.37; June, \$15,880.30; July, \$10,706.57; August, \$2,886.74; September, \$2,394.69; October, \$6,768.”

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

1. What amount of money was paid William Manson during the time he was Minister of Agriculture?

2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?

3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

"1. \$2,816.66 (salary).

"2. \$475.86.

"3. Five months and nineteen days."

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

1. What amount of money was paid George A. McGuire during the time he was Provincial Secretary?

2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?

3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

"1. \$2,799.99 (salary).

"2. \$10.

"3. Five months and eighteen days."

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

1. What amount of money was paid K. C. MacDonald in salary during the time he was Provincial Secretary?

2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?

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

"1. \$621.63.

"2. \$17.85."

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

1. What amount of money was paid Alexander Stewart during the time he was Minister of Finance?

2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?

3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

"1. \$2,083.33 (salary).

"2. Nil.

"3. Four months and five days."

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

1. What amount of money was paid William Manson during the time he was Provincial Secretary?

2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?

3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

"1. \$653.65 (salary).

"2. Nil.

"3. One month and twenty-seven days."

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

1. What amount of money was paid C. E. Tisdall during the time he was Minister of Public Works?
2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?
3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

- "1. \$1,250 (salary).
- "2. \$102.50.
- "3. Two and one-half months."

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

1. What amount of money was paid A. C. Flumerfelt during the time he was Minister of Finance and Agriculture?
2. What amount of money was paid him for travelling or other expenses during the same period?
3. How long was this defeated Minister in office from the time of his appointment until his resignation?

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

- "1. \$1,540.30 (salary).
- "2. \$58.35.
- "3. Three months and three days."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount wagered during the races held during 1924 at Minoru Park, Lulu Island; Hastings Park, Vancouver; and at the racecourse, Victoria; and what revenue was received at each place?

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

- "Brighthouse Park: Amount wagered, \$1,552,308; races tax, \$75,675.08; amusements tax, \$4,254.16.
- "Hastings Park: Amount wagered, \$1,797,004; races tax, \$87,604; amusements tax, \$4,508.63.
- "Lansdowne Park: Amount wagered, \$1,606,231; races tax, \$78,303.83; amusements tax, \$3,725.31.
- "Willows: Amount wagered, \$805,028; races tax, \$39,245.16; amusements tax, \$1,517.63.
- "Colwood Park: Amount wagered, \$636,994; races tax, \$31,054.02; amusements tax, \$1,241.05."

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

How many women were engaged in gainful occupations in British Columbia during the last year: (a) In domestic employment; (b) in other employments?

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

"(a) No information; (b) 10,\$63. (Figures compiled from returns submitted to Minimum Wage Board. Act does not apply to domestic servants, farm-labourers, or fruit-pickers, so these classes are not included in total. Girls in banks are also excluded, as the Board has been advised the Dominion 'Bank Act' takes precedence over Provincial Statute and banks are not asked to send in returns.)"

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

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

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

"March, \$3,641.40; April, \$14,870.97; May, \$16,576.45; June, \$8,737.23; July, \$4,569.39; August, \$4,792.59; September, \$2,133.65; October, \$2,315.40."

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

1. Did the Government through the Department of Public Works, or with the agency of any contractors, do any work on the Provincial Highway through the Fraser River Canyon prior to June 20th, 1924?

2. If yes, through which agency?

3. If so, when was the work started?

4. How much work was done?

5. What was the cost of, and when was the work discontinued?

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

"1 and 2. No work was done through the Fraser River Canyon, but sections were undertaken by day-labour at Lytton and Hope.

"3. June.

"4. Completed work, 10,860 feet.

"5. \$12,523.97, work being continued."

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

What has been the total sum of money spent since April 1st, 1924, to November 1st, 1924, upon public highways in each electoral riding from the various Loan Acts of the Government, without giving details of amounts spent under each Act?

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

"Alberni, \$9,773.84; Atlin, \$24,107.38; Cariboo, \$14,175.22; Chilliwack, \$66.05; Columbia, \$22,131.78; Comox, \$29,328.38; Cowichan, \$1,080.19; Cranbrook, \$25,458.40; Delta, \$18,967.49; Dewdney, \$60,794.36; Esquimalt, \$2,233.31; Fernie, \$2,002.78; Fort George, \$41,592.91; Grand Forks, \$7,708.12; Greenwood, \$13,948.67; Islands, \$10,696.88; Kamloops, \$13,239.35; Kaslo, \$23,393.79; Lillooet, \$14,604.16; North Okanagan, \$40,449.02; Newcastle, \$379.25; Omineca, \$31,147.42; Prince Rupert, \$18,446.87; Revelstoke, \$60,777.54; Richmond, \$6.82; Rossland, \$4,413.19; Saanich, \$13,024; Similkameen, \$17,846.28; Slocan, \$99,602.09; South Okanagan, \$11,264.16; South Vancouver, \$9,648.72; Trail, \$42,378.99; Yale, \$48,469.49; general engineering, \$3,361.36."

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

1. Did the Dominion Government destroy a portion of the highway through the Fraser River Canyon when they built the Canadian Pacific Railway?

2. Did they agree to replace this when required or reimburse the Provincial Government therefor?

3. Have the Dominion Government agreed to contribute towards the cost of rebuilding the Fraser Canyon Highway? If so, how much?

4. If not, have they been asked to so contribute? If not, why not?

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

"1 and 2. The construction by the Dominion Government of the railway now known as the Canadian Pacific Railway necessitated the diversion at certain points of the Cariboo Road between Hope and Alexandria Bridge. These diversions were apparently made under the supervision of the Provincial Government; the Department's records do not show that they were ever formally or otherwise approved. During the construction of the railway as aforesaid the Government highway between Cisco and Spences Bridge was destroyed at many points, and this, as far as our records show, without the sanction or approval of the Provincial Government.

"3 and 4. Under negotiation."

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

How many persons hold commissions as Notaries Public in the Province of British Columbia at the present time: (a) In the legal profession; (b) other than members of the legal profession?

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

"2,606. (NOTE.—These figures do not include appointments prior to 1873. To segregate members of the legal fraternity from the balance of Notaries Public would entail looking through the correspondence in respect of all the appointments, an almost impossible undertaking as the records go back so far.)"

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

What proceedings have been taken by the Attorney-General's Department in connection with the recent child-suffocation case in the vicinity of Nanaimo during a family religious ceremony?

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

"Preliminary hearing of accused on a charge of murder has been held and accused committed to a higher Court. He is at present in custody at Oakalla Prison Gaol awaiting trial before the next Court of Criminal Jurisdiction."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

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

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

"March, \$1,239.58; April, \$14,858.17; May, \$14,143.37; June, \$15,993.33; July, \$7,786.61; August, \$4,757.17; September, \$1,592.55; October, \$2,520."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

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

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

"March, \$7,067.24; April, \$2,539.54; May, \$1,518.62; June, \$3,766.77; July, \$1,209.50; August, \$1,118.39; September, \$905.45; October, \$1,164.11."

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

1. What is the cost of collecting the motor-tax and gasolene-tax each year from 1913 to 1923, inclusive?
2. What is the total amount of money borrowed for highway-building each year from 1913 to 1923, inclusive?
3. What is the annual charge, interest and sinking fund, on the amount borrowed for this purpose from 1913 to 1923, inclusive?

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

"1. Motor-licence fees are collected by the Provincial Police as a part of their duties and it is impossible to fix the cost. The gasolene-tax did not come into operation until January 1st, 1924.

"2. No moneys were borrowed specifically for highway-building before 1920. There has been borrowed for that purpose, under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1919,' \$1,500,000; 'Loan Act, 1920,' \$5,000,000; 'Loan Act, 1923,' \$1,075,000.

"3. Present annual charges on above borrowings are \$398,708 for interest and \$203,495 for sinking fund."

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

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

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

"March, \$2,224.24; April, \$8,432.41; May, \$6,623.93; June, \$7,797.93; July, \$8,986.21; August, \$7,376.17; September, \$5,635.02; October, \$2,683.26."

*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 6 p.m.