

Monday, March 6th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 6th, 1944.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Free Miners' Exemption Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

26. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$13,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

27. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$32,012 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

28. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$24,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

29. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$21,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

30. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$24,024 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1945.

31. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$12,358 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1945.

32. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$25,408 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1945.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1945.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,392 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1945.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$153,174 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1945.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,285 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1945.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,018,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1945.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 6th, 1944.

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

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 6th, 1944.

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

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to make the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations of the Dominion Applicable to Industries in respect of which the Employer-Employee Relations are within the Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6th, 1944.

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. 64) intituled "An Act to make the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations of the Dominion Applicable to Industries in respect of which the Employer-Employee Relations are within the Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Has there been any increase, since the present Government assumed office, in the amount paid for (a) witness fees and (b) jury fees?
2. If so, how much?
3. What is the rate paid to-day?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Witness fees, \$1 per day; jury fees, \$1 per day.
- "3. (a.) Witness fees, \$4 *per diem* for ordinary witnesses, \$7 *per diem* for professional witnesses, and \$1.50 *per diem* for Chinese and Indian witnesses; (b) jury fees, \$4 *per diem*."

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

1. Under the original contract made between the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and the Dominion Government, did the said railway company agree to operate a daily passenger service over the said railway line between Esquimalt and Nanaimo?
2. Is the said railway company now operating a passenger service over the said railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo on Sundays?

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

“1. No; see Dominion Statutes, 1884, chapter 6.

“2. No information.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* presented a petition, stated to be from representatives of a number of the municipalities of British Columbia, praying that the Legislative Assembly adopt as a principle that the educational system of the Province should be revised; and further, that it be stated as a principle that taxation for educational costs be raised on a Provincial basis.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,615 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1945.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$215,095 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1945.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray to 31st March, 1945.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, King's Proctor, to 31st March, 1945.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1945.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1945.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (bounties, salaries, and expenses), to 31st March, 1945.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1945.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders (salaries and expenses), to 31st March, 1945.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1945.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1945.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,475 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,749 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1945.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,756,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1945.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants *re* "Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act," Chapter 7, 1940, to 31st March, 1945.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Supplementary Aid *re* Teachers' Salaries in Rural School Districts, to 31st March, 1945.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Aid in Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings; Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests; High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1945.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$145,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1945.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1945.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1945.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, fees, and expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1945.

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

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has a survey been made and estimates completed for improvements to the road known as Sandhill Road between the Trans-Canada Highway at Monte Creek and the Kamloops-Vernon Road?

2. If yes, what is the estimated cost to carry out these improvements?

3. What amount of money has been expended on this work to date?

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

“1. Yes; for 6.74 miles.

“2. \$70,000.

“3. \$12,983.”

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

1. How many persons in isolated districts were enrolled in the Elementary Correspondence School in 1942-43?

2. How many of these were children and how many adults?

3. Has a Correspondence Branch been opened in the Peace River area?

4. If yes, how many children in that area enrolled for correspondence lessons?

5. What was the enrolment in the High Correspondence School in 1934 and 1943?

6. How many high school and vocational courses are now offered by correspondence?

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

“1. 1,537 persons.

“2. 1,354 children and 183 adults.

“3. Yes.

“4. 105.

“5. 702 in 1934 and 3,962 in 1943.

“6. 97 courses.”

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

1. What surveys have been made of the coal deposits in the following areas of the British Columbia Peace River District: Hudson Hope area, Upper Halfway River area, and Hasler Creek area?

2. What class of coal is found in these areas?

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

“1. Examination by C. F. J. Galloway, B.Sc., 1912, of Hudson Hope area. See Report on the Coal Measures of Peace River Canyon, Minister of Mines' Annual Report, 1912. No information of any survey of coal deposits in Upper Halfway River area. No survey by Province of Hasler Creek area. Copy of report dated September 10th, 1943, by J. Spivak, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, on file in Department of Mines, Victoria.

“2. High carbon bituminous.”

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

1. What construction and maintenance work was done on the Fort St. John-Hudson Hope Road since March 31st, 1943?

2. What was the total cost of the work?

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

“1. General construction and maintenance such as widening, ditching, repairs to surface, repairs to bridges, installation of culverts, and snow-removal.

“2. \$6,454.”

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Department call for tenders for the construction of a fire-hall at Tranquille?

2. If so, what tenders were received, from whom, and in what amounts?

3. Was a contract let for the construction of the building?

4. If not, on what basis, and what is the anticipated cost of the building?

5. What accommodation will the said building provide?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Associated Construction Co., Ltd., \$35,900; Bennett & White Construction Co., Ltd., \$35,865; Archie Sullivan, \$34,750; and J. C. Dill Construction Co., Ltd., \$27,724.

“3. Yes.

“4. Answered by No. 3.

“5. Fire-engine room, ambulance-room, hose-tower, sitting-room, kitchenette, and bedrooms for seven firemen, and usual lavatory accommodation.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1944.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

70. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1945.

71. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$15,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision and Educational Supervision, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

72. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Director of Educational and Vocational Guidance—Salary and expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

73. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants, to 31st March, 1945.

74. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$54,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Libraries, to 31st March, 1945.

75. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$9,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1945.

76. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$13,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1945.

77. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$507,884 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1945.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1945.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to Fairbridge Farm School, to 31st March, 1945.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Grazing Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Village Municipalities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (for the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*)—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Loan Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Cemetery Companies Act.’”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. B. Bruce.

On the Order being called for reading and receiving petitions, Mr. Speaker read the following report from the Clerk of the House with reference to the petition presented on the 7th instant by Mr. R. C. MacDonald:—

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE UPON PETITION PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1944.

March 8th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

In reporting upon a certain petition presented to the House yesterday by Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* (member for Dewdney) and signed by him and twenty other petitioners, I conceive that it is my duty to point out that in my opinion the tenor of such petition as set forth in the recitals and prayer raises the question whether or not it conflicts with Standing Order 73 (8), which is as follows:—

“(8.) No petition can be received which prays for any expenditure, grant, or charge on the public revenue, whether payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or out of moneys to be provided by the House.”

From the perusal of the recitals it will be seen that they relate almost exclusively to the question of education costs and taxation and consistently following upon the same the petitioners pray that the Legislative Assembly adopt as a principle that the educational system of the Province should be revised and further that it be stated as a principle that taxation for educational costs be raised on a Provincial basis.

In these circumstances it seems to me that a grave question arises as to whether or not such petition can be received by the House in view of the provisions of the above standing order.

For the information of the House and to avoid any misconception it should be added, I think, that, while the petition is headed as from the “undersigned representatives of the municipalities of British Columbia,” the fact of the matter is that it is signed by twenty-one individuals describing themselves either as members or officers of bodies of a municipal, and in one instance of a legislative, character, but in no case does it appear that any one of such bodies has actually signed the petition or even authorized any signature to such petition on its behalf. Accordingly, while not questioning to any degree the good faith of the petitioners, it would appear that the petition is not only misleading but irregular in describing the petitioners as representatives of such bodies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. LANGLEY, *Clerk, Legislative Assembly.*

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Superannuation Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Libel and Slander Act’” be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act’” be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the Bill was withdrawn, and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on February 28th, as follows:—

Whereas the Speech from the Throne at the commencement of the present Session informed the House that “The urgent need of positive planning for post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction calls for the early and concerted efforts of the National and Provincial Governments in Canada. My Government has agreed to the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa to discuss these problems and will co-operate fully in such measures as will best advance the object of our common purpose”:

And whereas the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, as filed with the House on Thursday, February 4th, 1943, on pages 160, 161, and 163 sets forth many matters in which the relations of the Dominion Government to the Provincial are implicated:

And whereas all members of this House are keenly interested in the proposed Dominion-Provincial Conference and the success of same:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine all factors relating to the aforementioned findings and recommendations of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of the Whole House report its findings to the House with a view to drawing the attention and consideration of the Government to the opinions of this Legislature relative to the proposed Conference.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Kenney* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Paton*,—

To strike out all that follows after the first paragraph and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its approval of the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference as indicated in the Speech from the Throne, and considers the report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council of British Columbia on Dominion-Provincial Relations on pages 160, 161, and 162 of the Interim Report, and as further referred to on pages 1, 2, and 3 of the Supplementary Report, generally sets out therein the basic subjects affecting post-war matters of mutual concern to the Dominion and this Province:

“And be it further Resolved, That this House expresses its confidence in the Premier and Government of this Province having in mind at all times, and more particularly in the deliberations of the Dominion-Provincial Conference, their high endeavour to promote the best interests and welfare of those who have served in the defence forces and services, and of all the people of this Province and of the Dominion; and in concord with other Provinces and the Dominion to protect and safeguard the present and future interests of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Uphill* on February 28th, as follows:—

Whereas the Federal Wartime Wages Control Order 1943 (PC 9384) is harmful to the morale of both employer and employee and is upsetting war unity:

And whereas this order places unnecessary restrictions on labour, which has given full support to the war effort:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature do urge the rescinding of the said order.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Gargrave* on February 28th, as follows:—

Whereas the interim report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council was filed with the House on Thursday, February 4th, 1943:

And whereas said report on page 117 recommends:

“That wherever conditions exist in Company Towns restricting the establishment of business, cultural, religious, and other institutions, and the free movement of citizens, such restrictions should be abolished.

“That legislation should be enacted to make such communities fully available to employees of the industry concerned and others, and to permit them to build and own houses, to purchase land to enable the establishment of private, co-operative, and other enterprises—not necessarily owned or controlled by the company or owners of Company Towns—for purposes of trading and the general conduct of legitimate business, in order that Company Towns shall be on the same footing as other communities in this Province and fully open to the self-government, enterprise, residence, and enjoyment of our people.”

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine all factors relating to the aforementioned recommendation of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of the Whole House report its findings to the House with a view to drawing the attention and consideration of the Government to the opinions of this Legislature relative to the advisability of legislation being introduced in conformity with the Post-war Rehabilitation Council recommendation.

Mr. *Straith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Asselstine*,—

That all the words after the word “That” in the first line of the penultimate paragraph be struck out, and the following be inserted: “this House go on record as being opposed to any future company towns being established in the Province, and urges the Government to take under advisement the recommendation of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*,—

Whereas this House notes with satisfaction that the Government of the Dominion of Canada has seen fit to increase allowances made under the “Old Age Pensions Act”:

And whereas these increases have been made under the “War Measures Act,” thereby limiting these increases to the period of the duration of the war:

And whereas the allowances are still less than this House considers adequate:

And whereas the Government of the Dominion of Canada did not increase the amount of income the pension applicant may have before becoming ineligible for pension:

And whereas the Government of the Dominion of Canada did not decrease the age at which persons shall become eligible for pension:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that the “Old Age Pensions Act” be amended to provide that the maximum pension be raised to \$365 per annum and that the maximum income be raised to \$500 per annum and that the age at which persons become eligible for pension be reduced to 65 years for men and 60 years for women.

A debate arose.

Mrs. *MacInnis* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Webber*,—

“And be it further Resolved, That failing implementation of these measures by the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government take under advisement the initiation of measures to progressively raise the living standards of persons eligible and entitled through age to pension assistance.”

The amendment was negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*,—

“And be it further Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that the ‘Old Age Pensions Act’ and its regulations be so amended that property used by pensioner as his home and contributions reasonably expected from children, donations, and benevolences be not treated as income.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following amendment to the above motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pattullo* was withdrawn:—

To strike out all the words after “provide” in line 13, and insert the following:—

- “(1.) That the pension be raised, without delay, to an amount not less than \$365 per annum.
- “(2.) That the age at which persons become eligible for pension be reduced to 65 years for men and 60 years for women.
- “(3.) That there be no property or income qualification in respect of the pension—the only qualification being that of age.
- “(4.) That provision be made forthwith for a Contributory Pension Plan.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. McKinnon*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act’” was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Clauses Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Kimberley" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* on the 8th instant on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" as follows:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order has been raised with reference to Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Sections 5 and 6 of the Bill set up the machinery for an advance poll and provide that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may declare that their provisions shall apply to any electoral district. Penalties are provided for any person making a false declaration.

A Bill introduced by a private member is out of order if it confers powers upon the Crown or imposes penalties upon individuals. (*See* Vol. 3, B.C. Speakers' Decisions, pages 22, 28, and 29.)

Sections 5 and 6 are therefore out of order.

There was some question in my mind as to whether the House could proceed with second reading of the remaining provisions of the Bill, containing as they do principles not related in any way to those embodied in the offending sections. The authorities are somewhat conflicting. A decision of Mr. Speaker *Davie*, to be found on page 25 of Vol. 3, Speakers' Decisions, appears to me to be logical and to apply to the Bill under discussion. Mr. Speaker *Davie* said:—

"Upon my calling this afternoon the Order of the Day for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled 'An Act respecting Chiropractors' the honourable and learned member for *Omineca* raised the point of order that the Bill could not be proceeded

with in its present form for the reason that it contained a section which I had ruled out of order, and that if second reading of the Bill were ordered by the House the order would carry the whole Bill (including the invalidated section), and consequently would, in effect, overrule my decision. This objection was ably sustained by the honourable member for Skeena, who pointedly remarked that if, on second reading, the principles of the Bill are to be decided, the House is confronted with the consideration of a principle which has been withdrawn from its consideration.

"I am free to say that an anomaly is thus created, and I would suggest that the honourable member in charge of the Bill withdraw it and introduce a new Bill with the objectionable section eliminated."

I adopt the reasoning of Mr. Speaker Davie and rule that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Eyres* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 7th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs held six meetings to discuss the agenda of resolutions presented by the Union of Municipalities and other representatives.

As a result of these discussions twenty-seven amendments to the "Municipal Act," seven amendments to the "Village Municipalities Act," and three to the "Municipal Elections Act" have been approved and passed on to the Department for their consideration and enactment if approved by the Legislature.

Among the many amendments suggested for enactment is one which relates to qualifications of municipal officers, provides for the setting-up of a Board of Examiners, the granting of certificates of efficiency, and for cancellation of certificates upon proof of dishonesty or gross negligence. All administrative officers now in office will not be affected. The object behind the creation of this part is to improve the standard of efficiency of administrative officers and enable juniors in any municipality to improve their knowledge of municipal work. Periodically examinations will be held and certificates granted. The Board of Examiners will be appointed by Order in Council—one to be nominated by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, one by the Municipal Officers' Association, and the other by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

For the information of the House, this is the outcome of negotiations covering the past four years and meets with the approval of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, the Officers' Association, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. It is hoped that this innovation will be a forward step and lead to increased proficiency in municipal administration.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Municipalities and to the executive of the Union of Municipalities for their assistance during its deliberations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. EYRES, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1943.

Mrs. *Hodges* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Is there a department of Home Economics at the University of British Columbia?
2. If yes, what assistance was granted in 1943-44 and is proposed to be granted for 1944-45 by the Government towards the expenses of that department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$15,000 in 1943-44 and \$17,600 in 1944-45."

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

1. How many schools are there in rural areas and in organized municipalities (apart from organized cities) in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt on Vancouver Island?
2. How many pupils attend such schools?
3. What was the total cost of operating such schools (including Government grants) in the year 1942?
4. What was the total contribution to such operating cost made by ratepayers within the said Railway Belt?
5. What was the total amount contributed to the cost and of operating such schools in the year 1942 made by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company?

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

- "1. In the school-year 1941-42, 68 school districts comprising 76 schools.
- "2. 3,370 pupils attended these schools in the school-year 1941-42.
- "3. \$249,535.03 for the school-year 1941-42.
- "4. \$131,775.63 in the school-year 1941-42.
- "5. \$4,721."

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

1. How many prescribed text-books are now on the free list?
2. How many additional text-books will be on the free list for 1944-45?
3. What is the saving in costs to each pupil in each grade, and the total of same in all grades, of additional free text-books for 1944-45?

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

- "1. Thirty text-books.
- "2. Eleven.
- "3. Grade I., 25 cents; Grade II., 75 cents; Grade III., 75 cents; Grade IV., 25 cents; Grade V., \$2.10; Grade VI., 30 cents; Grade VII., \$1.30; Grade VIII., \$1.30. Total saving to the parent, \$7. Total saving in cost to all parents, \$30,500."

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

1. Has the Department taken any steps towards the improvement of plans for rural school districts?
2. If yes, give particulars.

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. A committee of Inspectors of Schools who have experience in the rural districts of the Province has been named to study the question of the most suitable plans for rural schools. The plans of the most modern rural schools in other Provinces and in some of the States will be examined. Later the committee will meet the Government Supervising Architect to place their suggestions before him."

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

1. Are tolls collected on the Trans-Canada Highway (Cariboo Road) between Yale and Lytton?
2. If yes, during what period of the year are such tolls collected?
3. What were the total number of vehicles of various types passing through the toll-gate during the year 1942?
4. What was the total amount of tolls collected in that year?
5. What amount of money was expended on the said highway in Yale Electoral District during the fiscal year 1942-43?
6. What work was carried out?
7. What amount of money was appropriated for work on the said highway in Yale Electoral District for the fiscal year 1943-44?
8. What work was carried out during the fiscal year 1943-44, or is in the process of completion?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. During such period as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe from time to time.

"3. Automobile, 21,758; motor-trucks, 4,630; motor-cycles, 241; stages, 1,038.

"4. \$60,843.89.

"5. \$122,366.58.

"6. Construction of new approaches to Hope Bridge and Swan Bridge; construction of a concrete retaining wall at Mile 180.3; bituminous surfacing, widening, and general maintenance such as repairs to surface, repairs to bridges, installation of culverts, and snow-removal; also bridge patrol, Alexandra Bridge.

"7. \$95,092.41.

"8. Completion of Swan Bridge approach; widening at Mile 128; widening at Mile 111.5; construction of concrete culvert at Mile 111; and general maintenance such as repairs to surfacing, repairs to bridges, installation of culverts, and snow-removal; also bridge patrol, Alexandra Bridge."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Friday, March 10th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. Anderson*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to certain Mariners who have served in a War Zone," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to certain Mariners who have served in a War Zone," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 9th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Carrier Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reserve Lands for the Purposes of 'The Veterans' Land Act, 1942,' of the Dominion," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 9th, 1944.

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. 72) intituled "An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reserve Lands for the Purposes of 'The Veterans' Land Act, 1942,' of the Dominion," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 9th, 1944.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War-time Prospectors' Grub-stake Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on February 28th, as follows:—

Whereas the Speech from the Throne at the commencement of the present Session informed the House that "The urgent need of positive planning for post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction calls for the early and concerted efforts of the National and Provincial Governments in Canada. My Government has agreed to the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa to discuss these problems and will co-operate fully in such measures as will best advance the object of our common purpose":

And whereas the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, as filed with the House on Thursday, February 4th, 1943, on pages 160, 161, and 163 sets forth many matters in which the relations of the Dominion Government to the Provincial are implicated:

And whereas all members of this House are keenly interested in the proposed Dominion-Provincial Conference and the success of same:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine all factors relating to the aforementioned findings and recommendations of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of the Whole House report its findings to the House with a view to drawing the attention and consideration of the Government to the opinions of this Legislature relative to the proposed Conference.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Kenney* on the 8th instant, as follows:—

To strike out all that follows after the first paragraph and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its approval of the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference as indicated in the Speech from the Throne, and considers the report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council of British Columbia on Dominion-Provincial Relations on pages 160, 161, and 162 of the Interim Report, and as further referred to on pages 1, 2, and 3 of the Supplementary Report, generally sets out therein the basic subjects affecting post-war matters of mutual concern to the Dominion and this Province:

“And be it further Resolved, That this House expresses its confidence in the Premier and Government of this Province having in mind at all times, and more particularly in the deliberations of the Dominion-Provincial Conference, their high endeavour to promote the best interests and welfare of those who have served in the defence forces and services, and of all the people of this Province and of the Dominion; and in concord with other Provinces and the Dominion to protect and safeguard the present and future interests of the Province of British Columbia.”

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*, the following subamendment:—

That the second paragraph of the amendment be deleted.

The subamendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefaux</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Turner</i>			

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webber*,—

Whereas leaders of the United Nations have declared that the present war is being fought to establish the principles of democratic living, as laid down in the Atlantic Charter and the Teheran pronouncements:

And whereas, therefore, no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of full citizenship:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to train Indian doctors, nurses, and teachers for leadership among their own people and to give full educational and health opportunities to all North American Indians living in Canada in order that they may be prepared to participate in all the rights and privileges of Canadian citizenship.

A debate arose.

Mr. *R. H. Carson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *LeBourdais*,—

To strike out all the words after “Whereas” in the first line, and insert the following in lieu thereof: “there are approximately 4,000 Indian children, comprising nearly all those of school age attending Indian schools in this Province, and the total Indian population is approximately 25,000:

“And whereas the ‘British North America Act,’ section 91, declares that all matters coming within the classes of subjects affecting Indians are within the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament:

“And whereas the ‘Indian Act’ (sections 110, 112, and 114) provides for granting the franchise (and the compulsory enfranchisement under section 7 of the ‘Indian Act Amendment, 1933’) and all legal powers, rights, and privileges of His Majesty’s other subjects to Indians under conditions set out therein:

“And whereas the highest educational facilities and financial assistance to acquire the same are at present available to those Indian students who merit recommendation by their school principals and inspectors:

“And whereas free medical, specialist, and hospital services are now provided to Indians:

“And whereas it is desirable to encourage and assist the Indians to improve their conditions and to aspire to higher educational, living, and health standards:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of expanding their existing facilities and opportunities for higher education, including vocational training, to the native Indian population of this Dominion; that Guidance Officers be appointed and provided for the purpose of assisting and encouraging Indians to take advantage of all available educational facilities; that the Indians, on leaving school, should be encouraged by financial assistance and advice to build modern homes; that the health facilities for Indians be expanded and consideration be given to providing additional hospitals specially for Indians.”

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

Mrs. *Rolston* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Committee on Social Services have held meetings when they have listened to the Commissioner of Provincial Police on juvenile delinquency, to Mr. Griffiths on social allowances, to Mr. Lundy on mothers’ pensions, and to Mr. J. H. Creighton review the whole question of old-age pensions.

They commend the Government for excellent work already done in connection with social service and recommend the following further findings:—

1. That a plan of post-war building should include a new gaol for women, removed from the present location and designed on the cottage plan to permit segregation of types. Meanwhile a portion of the present grounds should be enclosed adequately so as to permit outdoor exercises and gardening for the women. They commend work already done in increased library facilities and note with pleasure the provision in estimates for extension of this service, and would suggest that current magazines also be provided.

2. Throughout all presentations the members of the Committee were impressed with the need for an increasing number of personally qualified and fully trained social workers, and for the necessity of attracting a larger number of suitable persons into the social service field.

3. The attention of the Government is directed toward the desirability of legislation for compulsory treatment and segregation of active tuberculosis cases, similar to that which is in operation in several other Provinces.

4. The Committee expresses its appreciation of the increasingly humane approach of the present Old-age Pension Board in carrying out its difficult administrative duties. It draws the attention of the Government to the fact that old-age pensioners are suffering from inadequate housing conditions more than any other group of society, and urges that the Government co-operate with municipalities and welfare agencies to provide homes suitable for the needs of old people at rents which they can afford to pay.

Also that the Provincial Government use its influence with the Federal authorities to increase the amount of allowable income of old-age pensioners.

This is a unanimous report.

TILLY JEAN ROLSTON, *Chairman.*

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.—Messrs. *King* (Secretary), *Paton*, Mrs. *Hodges*, Mrs. *Jamieson*, Mr. *Gillis*, Mrs. *MacInnis*, Mr. *Leary*, Mrs. *Steeves*, Messrs. *Braden*, *E. E. Winch*, *R. H. Carson*, *Stirling*, *Green*, and Mrs. *Rolston* (Chairman).

The report was read and received.

Mr. *LeBourdais* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 10th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly to consider specific matters connected with the agricultural industry, held five sittings.

The Director of Dominion-Provincial Emergency Farm Labour outlined the service rendered to farmers in the past year and gave indications of the set-up organized for carrying out further activities in 1944.

With reference to the live-stock industry, your Committee wishes to pay special tribute to the Provincial Department of Agriculture for the policy that is in effect for the suppression of brucellosis. It is also noted that the dairy cattle population, particularly on Vancouver Island, is increasing in numbers, and the recent retest of animals by the tuberculin method is showing a remarkably low incidence of bovine tuberculosis in the dairy herds. Your Committee has been reliably informed of the expected outbreak of grasshoppers in the range districts of the Province and has been apprised of control methods to be undertaken in the event of the pest reaching serious proportions.

We wish to pay special tribute to the Agricultural Production Committee which, since the fall of 1939, has kept producers of this Province informed as to agricultural developments, markets, and trends. At the same time it has made representations on behalf of producers with a view to securing for them adequate supplies of farm machinery, fence wire, nails, ammunition, and other necessities.

Delegates representing the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes presented to our Committee a number of resolutions. These, dealing with slash firing, cougars, black bears, coyotes, deer, and farmers' taxes, were approved and are passed on to the proper authorities for further consideration. One resolution, that relating to land-clearing, has been redrafted and is presented as follows:—

“Whereas the question of land-clearing assistance has been brought to the attention of the Agricultural Committee on several occasions by the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia:

“And whereas it is imperative that all farmers be encouraged to increase their production of food products for the duration of the war and for some years afterwards:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this Committee endorse the principle of land-clearing assistance to farmers as stated generally in the resolutions submitted to the Agricultural Committee this year and urge that the Government give serious and immediate attention to the development of a land-clearing assistance scheme to be put into operation at the first possible opportunity.”

This resolution appears to your Committee to be deserving of careful study and sympathetic consideration.

LOUIS LEBOURDAIS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Was any work undertaken on the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway in the Similkameen Electoral District during the fiscal year 1942–43 between (a) Kaleden Cut-off and Hedley and (b) Hedley and Princeton?

2. If yes, what was the nature of such work in each instance?

3. What was the cost of such work?

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

“1. (a) Yes and (b) yes.

“2. (a) General improvements and maintenance such as widening, repairs to surface and bridges, ditching, renewal of culverts, and snow-removal; (b) bituminous surfacing, repairing flood damage, and general maintenance, including repairs to surface and bridges, ditching, renewal of culverts, and snow-removal.

“3. (a) \$4,669.66 and (b) \$10,985.35; total, \$15,655.01.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Friday, March 10th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 10th instant, as follows:—

Whereas leaders of the United Nations have declared that the present war is being fought to establish the principles of democratic living, as laid down in the Atlantic Charter and the Teheran pronouncements:

And whereas, therefore, no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of full citizenship:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to train Indian doctors, nurses, and teachers for leadership among their own people and to give full educational and health opportunities to all North American Indians living in Canada in order that they may be prepared to participate in all the rights and privileges of Canadian citizenship.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *R. H. Carson* on the 10th instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after "Whereas" in the first line, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "there are approximately 4,000 Indian children, comprising nearly all those of school age attending Indian schools in this Province, and the total Indian population is approximately 25,000:

"And whereas the 'British North America Act,' section 91, declares that all matters coming within the classes of subjects affecting Indians are within the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament:

"And whereas the 'Indian Act' (sections 110, 112, and 114) provides for granting the franchise (and the compulsory enfranchisement under section 7 of the 'Indian Act Amendment, 1933') and all legal powers, rights, and privileges of His Majesty's other subjects to Indians under conditions set out therein:

"And whereas the highest educational facilities and financial assistance to acquire the same are at present available to those Indian students who merit recommendation by their school principals and inspectors:

"And whereas free medical, specialist, and hospital services are now provided to Indians:

"And whereas it is desirable to encourage and assist the Indians to improve their conditions and to aspire to higher educational, living, and health standards:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of expanding their existing facilities and opportunities for higher education, including vocational training, to the native Indian population of this Dominion; that Guidance Officers be appointed and provided for the purpose of assisting and encouraging Indians to take advantage of all available educational facilities; that the Indians, on leaving school, should be encouraged by financial assistance and advice to build modern homes; that the health facilities for Indians be expanded and consideration be given to providing additional hospitals specially for Indians."

The debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mrs. *MacInnis* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas war conditions have caused a great influx of population into British Columbia and have aggravated the serious housing shortage in the Coast area:

And whereas bad housing conditions are contributing to juvenile delinquency as well as to decreased efficiency and loss of morale among our people:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that this Government should urge upon the Dominion Government to take under advisement the initiation of a large-scale low-rental housing project, making available the necessary men, materials, and financial arrangements.

A debate arose.

Mrs. *Hodges* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Rolston*,—

To strike out all that follows after the second paragraph, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“And whereas the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction, through C. J. Firestone, Ph.D., has conducted an investigation into the housing situation in Montreal and Toronto and a report has been made which mentions the possibilities for dealing with the inadequacy of low- and medium-rent housing accommodations are:—

“(a.) A publicly financed low-cost housing programme to assure decent living accommodations for low-income groups at a rent which they can afford to pay;

“(b.) Rental allowances for all those families of the low-income group for which no proper housing accommodation in public housing projects can be provided;

“(c.) Rent control in the form introduced during war-time, to be continued in the post-war period in order to avoid the charging of too high rents”:

“And whereas there is great need for additional houses for all earning groups, including rural and agricultural, throughout Canada:

“And whereas the Dominion Government has now received the reports of the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Dominion Government the pressing need of a wide and comprehensive programme of housing throughout the Dominion, and that such a programme include National Housing and Improvement Loans applicable to village, town, district, and city municipalities, low-rental housing for low-income groups, and rural and farm housing:

“And that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, members of the Cabinet, and all British Columbia members of the Senate and House of Commons.”

The debate continued.

Mr. *MacNeil* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*, the following subamendment:—

To amend the amendment by adding the following words:—

“And be it further Resolved, That this House urge upon the Dominion and Provincial Governments the advisability of taking immediate action to facilitate the building of five thousand low-rental homes in the Vancouver metropolitan area in order to relieve the present urgent situation.”

On the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

On the question being put on the subamendment, it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>		

The motion as amended was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—42.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Cameron</i>		

NAYS—1.

Mr. *Uphill*.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Monday, March 13th, 1944.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Jackson*.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to control the Employment of Children" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 32) intituled “ An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province.”

Bill (No. 22) intituled “ An Act respecting the Glen Valley Dyking District.”

Bill (No. 29) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act, 1939.’ ”

Bill (No. 28) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Greater Vancouver Water District Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 33) intituled “ An Act to authorize the Village of Dawson Creek to borrow certain Moneys from the Dominion and to authorize the Province to guarantee the Loan.”

Bill (No. 35) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Free Miners’ Exemption Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 64) intituled “ An Act to make the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations of the Dominion Applicable to Industries in respect of which the Employer-Employee Relations are within the Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction of the Province.”

Bill (No. 66) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Health Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 65) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 61) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Municipal Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 62) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Village Municipalities Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 63) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Municipal Elections Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 67) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Loan Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 69) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Male Minimum Wage Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 73) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ War-time Prospectors’ Grub-stake Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 77) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Female Minimum Wage Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 71) intituled “ An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Victoria.”

By leave of the House, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Grazing Act ’ ” was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1945.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,170 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1945.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1945.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March, 1945.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1945.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grub-staking and Aid to Prospectors, to 31st March, 1945.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 13th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have held six sessions and inquired into various matters pertaining to public accounts, as submitted, and printing.

A number of departmental officials were requested to appear before us and were interrogated.

Your Committee begs to recommend that: "In the event of a departmental official giving instructions for an increase in departmental supplementary estimates to a junior official, he shall detail to the junior official the items to constitute the proposed increase."

Also that: "In the event of any Department requiring any appreciable increase by way of supplementary estimate, the Finance Department shall make the closest possible examination of the reasons for such proposed increase."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* (for the Hon. the Minister of Lands) presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Herridge*:—

1. What is the approximate area of the Nelson Forest District?
2. What quantity of logs, ties, poles, fence-posts, piling, and other forest products has been cut in the Nelson Forest District in the period commencing January 1st, 1923, and ending January 1st, 1943?
3. What has been the cost of the administration of the Nelson Forest District (exclusive of casual labour assistance for fire-fighting) in the period commencing January 1st, 1923, and ending January 1st, 1943?
4. What has been the total revenue received from royalty and stumpage and other sources (excepting forest protection fees) in the Nelson Forest District between January 1st, 1923, and January 1st, 1943?
5. What has been the net revenue from the Nelson Forest District between January 1st, 1923, and January 1st, 1943?

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has a survey been made and estimates completed for improvements to the Trans-Canada Highway from Cache Creek easterly some 12 miles to bring same up to the standard adopted by the Department of Public Works?
2. If yes, what is the estimated cost to carry out this improvement?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$125,637.”

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

1. Has a new bridge been constructed across Powers Creek on the Okanagan Highway?
2. If yes, what are the particulars of this bridge?
3. What was the total amount of material used in the construction of this bridge—
(a) timber and (b) iron-work?
4. What was the total cost of this bridge?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Trestle bridge, 215 feet long, consisting of one steel-beam span and nine timber spans; substructure of creosoted timber on concrete piers; superstructure of untreated timber; roadway, 24 feet wide.
- “3. (a) Creosoted timber, 40,700 F.B.M., and untreated timber, 63,600 F.B.M.; (b) 38,500 lb.; (c) concrete, 290 yards.
- “4. \$17,988, exclusive of road approaches.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.