

Monday, 4th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay.

Mr. Speaker *Keen*: I desire to inform the House that the Hon. the Premier died at Calgary on Friday night, the 1st March, on his return from Ottawa, to which place he had been called to join in a National Conference in the interests of the Empire to which we belong.

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

That in the opinion of this House the mortal remains of the Hon. *Harlan Carey Brewster*, late Premier of this Province, should be publicly interred, and that this House will concur in giving to the ceremony a fitting degree of solemnity and importance.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1918.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. S. Osborne.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Anderson*—From the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for certain enabling and validating powers. (No. 4.)

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* informed the House that since the adjournment His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had called upon him to undertake the duty of forming a Cabinet for the Government of the Province; that he had accepted the duty and had appointed his colleagues in the late Cabinet to continue in the offices held by them respectively, and they had accepted the same and been sworn in this morning.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 6th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province" was committed.

Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 10) An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by His Lordship Bishop *McDonald*.

The following petitions were received:—

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

From the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for certain enabling and validating powers. (No. 4.)

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act,' 1914," 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 Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. *Weart*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons."

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Dr. *Rose*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

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

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Was any undertaking given or implied by the Kettle Valley Railway Company to spend a certain sum in proving and developing mineral properties in the Aspen Grove District, as a set-off in changing their route from Aspen Grove to the Coldwater?

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

"I am informed by the Chief Engineer of Railways that no information on this matter can be found on the Departmental files."

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

1. What timber sales have been effected since January 1st, 1917, under the provisions of the "Forest Act"?
2. If any, how many were effected after advertisement?
3. How many were effected without advertisement?
4. To whom were such sales made?
5. If any sales were effected through advertisement, in what newspapers were such advertisements placed and for how long a period in each case?
6. What was the cost in each case?

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

- "1. (See attached Statement.)
- "2. 204.
- "3. 96.
- "4. (See attached Statement.)
- "5. (See attached Statement.)
- "6. (See attached Statement.)"

STATEMENT.

Timber Sale X520: Made to S. J. Grant, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, once a week, 2 insertions, \$6.

Timber Sale X681: Made to J. R. McKay, Powell River, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X667: Made to The Jewell Lumber Co., Hanbury, B.C.; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$2.52.

Timber Sale X672: Made to Chas. Eng, Rock Bay, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$13.20.

Timber Sale X795: Made to P. Laports, Prince Rupert, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X839: Made to J. L. Ruttan, Vanderhoof, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X811: Made to Alfred Cooper, Slocan Park, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X771: Made to The Jewell Lumber Co., Hanbury, B.C.; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$2.52.

Timber Sale X792: Made to The Bridge Creek Cattle Ranch, 150-Mile House; not advertised.

Timber Sale X788: Made to W. J. Hays, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.20.

Timber Sale X737: Made to J. Fletcher, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X837: Made to C. W. Pemberton, McBride, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X822: Made to A. E. Hanson, Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X818: Made to Western Pacific Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.10.

Timber Sale X844: Made to A. Horseman, Cranbrook, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X803: Made to John Hopp, Barkerville, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X827: Made to J. J. Fahrenkroff, Prince George, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X134: Made to East Kootenay Lumber Co., Jaffray, B.C.; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$15.12.

Timber Sale X734: Made to D. A. McNaughton, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, 1 insertion, \$3.20.

Timber Sale X867: Made to G. A. Hunt, Kitchener, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X404: Made to Summerland Lumber Co., Ltd.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X804: Made to C. O. Des Laurier, Point Grey, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X775: Made to J. S. Deschamps, Rossland, B.C.; advertised in *Daily News*, Nelson, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.

Timber Sale X770: Made to J. McPhee, New Denver, B.C.; advertised in *Daily News*, Nelson, 1 insertion, \$3.

- Timber Sale X842: Made to F. C. Bird, Penticton, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X534: Made to C. J. Bell, Port Mellon, B.C.; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.
- Timber Sale X686: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; advertised in *Empire*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$12.
- Timber Sale X719: Made to Powell Lake Mill Co., Powell River; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$24.80.
- Timber Sale X417: Made to Ed. Granger, Harbledown, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.90.
- Timber Sale X836: Made to J. H. Brown, Jarvis Inlet, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X769: Made to M. L. Pyfe, Post Neville, B.C.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.50.
- Timber Sale X856: Made to John Wanner, Prince Rupert, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X851: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X767: Made to C. Petterson & Co., Moyie; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$7.56.
- Timber Sale X776: Made to J. T. Fraser, Clinton, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X832: Made to Southgate Logging Co., Seattle, Wash.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
- Timber Sale X847: Made to C. Petterson & Co., Moyie, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X682: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; advertised in *Journal*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.
- Timber Sale X765: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X706: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X651: Made to Uphoff & Capella, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *News Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.90.
- Timber Sale X309: Made to G. Black, Lund, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$11.20.
- Timber Sale X645: Made to A. Fraser Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$26.40.
- Timber Sale X500: Made to C. Richards, Slocan City, B.C.; advertised in *Daily News*, Nelson, 1 insertion, \$3.
- Timber Sale X836: Made to F. M. Becher, Riske Creek, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X881: Made to J. L. Ruttan, Vanderhoof, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X745: Made to J. J. McKay, Powell River, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X726: Made to Wilson Boady, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.
- Timber Sale X149: Made to Victor Berg, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$25.20.
- Timber Sale X774: Made to C. McDougall, Croydon, B.C.; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.36.
- Timber Sale X794: Made to J. Errico, Powell River, B.C.; advertised in *Vancouver Standard*, 1 insertion, \$1.65.
- Timber Sale X859: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X890: Made to A. W. Holmes, Dunster, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale, X870: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Swanson Bay; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X891: Made to A. W. Holmes, Dunster, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X892: Made to F. C. Bird, Penticton, B.C.; advertised in *Vernon News*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$7.50.
- Timber Sale X109: Made to G. S. Vanstone, Silverton, B.C.; advertised in *Record*, Slocan, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$16.80.
- Timber Sale X704: Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$24.
- Timber Sale X594: P. J. Sausen, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver; 1 insertion, \$2.55.
- Timber Sale X855: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X852: Made to C. S. Carliss, Penticton, advertised in *News*, Vernon, 1 insertion, \$3.35.

Timber Sale X205: Made to A. McDougall, Fernie, B.C.; advertised in *Journal*, McBride, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$12.24.

Timber Sale X809: Made to B. F. Jacobsen, Bella Coola, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X823: Made to D. Sanderson, Vancouver, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X910: Made to Mark Hyatt, Prince Rupert; not advertised.

Timber Sale X814: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X810: Lonckes & Sawyer, Kerrisdale, B.C.; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X825: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X869: Made to J. C. Rady, Gerrard, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X801: Made to Gates & Barnstead, Fernie, B.C.; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X905: Made to C. Montgomery, Skookumchuck; not advertised.

Timber Sale X922: Made to Howe Sound Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X599: Made to M. Sutton, Fyfe Sound, B.C.; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.80.

Timber Sale X802: Made to G. E. Hornibrook, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, two weeks, 2 insertions, \$4.50.

Timber Sale X262: Made to H. J. Moore, Simoon Sound; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, 1 insertion, \$2.90.

Timber Sale X840: Made to Prentiss, Ramsden & Mack, Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X879: Made to P. Hiltz, Hotham Sound, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X350: Made to H. J. Moore, Simoon Sound, B.C.; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$12.

Timber Sale X853: Made to Kelowna Saw Mills Co., Kelowna; advertised in *News*, Vernon, 1 insertion, \$3.35.

Timber Sale X850: Made to H. Whitaker, Sechelt, B.C.; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X857: Made to Olaf Hanson, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Omineca Herald*, 1 insertion, \$2.52.

Timber Sale X653: Made to W. J. Ross, Sechelt, B.C.; advertised in *New-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$13.20.

Timber Sale X915: Made to W. Harris, South Vancouver, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X916: Made to James Morton, West Point Grey; not advertised.

Timber Sale X917: Made to Burns Lake Trading & Lumber Co., Burns Lake; not advertised.

Timber Sale X610: Made to Federal Lumber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.10.

Timber Sale X921: Made to W. H. Gibson, Dome Creek; not advertised.

Timber Sale X470: Made to Lumber Exporters, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.90.

Timber Sale X473: Made to Lumber Exporters, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.90.

Timber Sale X282: Made to Franks King, Vancouver; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$23.20.

Timber Sale X882: Made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.

Timber Sale X911: Made to Port Clement Milling & Trading Co.; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Timber Sale X696: Made to A. Lambert, Powell River, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X909: Made to Port Clement Milling & Trading Co.; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.40.

Timber Sale X935: Made to D. Killoren, Fort George, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X914: Made to R. Gregory, West Point Grey, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X741: Made to Geo. Black, Lund, B.C.; not advertised.

- Timber Sale X888: Made to J. B. Scott, Forbes Bay; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X830: Made to T. Kennedy, New Westminster; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$16.20.
- Timber Sale X873: Made to P. J. Kennedy, Swift Creek; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$5.40.
- Timber Sale X893: Made to Draney Fisheries, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.70.
- Timber Sale X749: Made to J. N. Kennedy, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X611: Made to J. R. Morgan, Ltd., Prince Rupert; advertised in *Journal*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.20.
- Timber Sale X947: Made to S. Ellingsen, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
- Timber Sale X820: Made to Colonial Lumber & Paper Mills, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *News*, Port Alberni, 1 insertion, \$2.25.
- Timber Sale X898: Made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News* Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.
- Timber Sale X782: Made to Eagle Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$12.
- Timber Sale X908: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X884: Made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.
- Timber Sale X940: Made to D. Vanstone, Vancouver, B.C.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
- Timber Sale X826: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
- Timber Sale X780: Made to F. G. Boynolson, Prince George; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$17.68.
- Timber Sale X920: Made to J. R. Morgan, Ltd., Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$6.80.
- Timber Sale X968: Made to Redonda Canning Co., Vancouver; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X930: Made to McKenzie, Spurr & Wall, Prince George; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$7.56.
- Timber Sale X936: Made to Irving Bays, Loos, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X813: Made to Westaway & Waldron, Prince George; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X913: Made to J. R. Morgan Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$20.80.
- Timber Sale X918: Made to W. C. Palmer, Lund, B.C.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
- Timber Sale X938: Made to Northern Pacific Logging Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
- Timber Sale X970: Made to C. Boardman, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X687: Made to Alert Bay Saw Mills, Alert Bay; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.
- Timber Sale X969: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Swanson Bay; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
- Timber Sale X974: Made to B.C. Iowa Timber Co., Vancouver; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X951: Made to J. R. Morgan Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.
- Timber Sale X824: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X987: Made to Summit Lake Lumber Co., Nakusp, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X928: Made to Dennis Wren, Turnour Island; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.56.
- Timber Sale X981: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X902: Made to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage, Prince Rupert; not advertised.
- Timber Sale X815: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X966: Made to Melville, Green & Little, Van Anda; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X896: Made to N. D. Sweet, Prince Rupert; not advertised.

Timber Sale X785: Made to Brooks, Scanlon & O'Brien, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X993: Made to Southgate Logging Co., Seattle; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X958: Made to J. O. Kendall, Dome Creek, B.C.; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.36.

Timber Sale X975: Made to Pacific Lumber & Trading Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X961: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Swanson Bay; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.20.

Timber Sale X994: Made to A. Lambert, Powell River, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X995: Made to Mitchell & Hallett, Kitimat, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1024: Made to Pacific Lumber and Trading Co., Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1008: Made to A. D. Horseman, Cranbrook; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1007: Made to A. D. Horseman, Cranbrook; not advertised.

Timber Sale X904: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.70.

Timber Sale X944: Made to C. R. Johnson, Jervis Inlet, B.C.; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X956: Made to Powell Lake Mill Co., Powell River; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X895: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.50.

Timber Sale X984: Made to A. D. Horseman, Cranbrook; not advertised.

Timber Sale X965: Made to Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., Canford; not advertised.

Timber Sale X929: Made to Drauey Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Timber Sale X976: Made to S. Vaughn, Lund, B.C.; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X986: Made to G. H. Linderm, Pender Harbour; not advertised.

Timber Sale X932: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; not advertised.

Timber Sale X943: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Swanson Bay; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.70.

Timber Sale X773: Made to Powell Lake Mill Co., Powell River, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X872: Made to Nootka Packing Co., Nootka, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X800: Made to Nootka Packing Co., Nootka, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X899: Made to Dominion Lumber Co., Edmonton, Alta.; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale X1003: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua, B.C.; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

Timber Sale X1022: Made to A. E. Peasley, Roy, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X983: Made to H. J. Moore, Simoon Sound; not advertised.

Timber Sale X941: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; not advertised.

Timber Sale X841: Made to J. L. Ruttan, Aleza Lake, B.C.; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale X1015: Made to Philip Hoyt Lumber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X1011: Made to Laviolette & McIntyre, Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1034: Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., Nicola; advertised in *Walker Press*, Enderby, 1 insertion, \$2.65.

Timber Sale X1020: Made to T. W. Tindall, Ranch Valley; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale X1006: Made to Adams River Lumber Co., Chase, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1019: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.00.

Timber Sale X784: Made to Pacific Logging Co., New Westminster; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X901: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.70.

Timber Sale X1054: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1050: Made to H. Beeman, Vancouver; advertised in *Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.60.

Timber Sale X934: Made to H. Beeman, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X878: Made to W. H. Tackett, Hotham Sound; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1012: Made to J. Dooval & G. Schmarje, Powell River; advertised in *Standard*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X1057: Made to Wm. Bradburn, Powell River; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X937: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1010: Made to T. Anderson, Fife, B.C.; advertised in *Gazette*, Grand Forks, 1 insertion, \$2.60.

Timber Sale X942: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.72.

Timber Sale X1021: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

Timber Sale X1062: Made to A. W. Holmes, Dunster; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1059: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Powell River; advertised in *Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X479: Made to Wilson, Barron & Adams, Minstrel Island; advertised in *News Advertiser*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$11.60.

Timber Sale X480: Made to Wilson, Barron & Adams, Minstrel Island; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.

Timber Sale: X1060: Made to Stillwater Lumber & Shingle Co., New Westminster; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1058: Made to Wm. Bradburn, Powell River; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1049: Made to J. McNaughton, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X871: Made to Graham Island S. & C. Co., Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.40.

Timber Sale X1083: Made to C. Miller, Forbes Bay; advertised in *Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1018: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$17.

Timber Sale X1073: Made to Eagle Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Timber Sale X997: Made to C. R. Johnson, Princess Louise Inlet; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1032: Made to Swift Creek Lumber Co., Cranberry Lake; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1070: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Timber Sale X1093: Made to J. Morton, West Point Grey; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1023: Made to Olsen & Johnson, Loos, B.C.; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.36.

Timber Sale X1097: Made to W. J. Hays, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Timber Sale X972: Made to J. J. McKay, Powell River; not advertised.

Timber Sale X369: Made to McNair Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1056: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$6.48.

Timber Sale X1092: C. O. Des Laurier, West Point Grey; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Timber Sale X949: Made to Draney Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1071: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1068: Made to T. A. Kelly Logging Co., Atli Inlet; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1069: Made to T. A. Kelly Logging Co., Atli Inlet; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1067: Made to T. A. Kelly Logging Co., Atli Inlet; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1102: Made to J. D. Rose, Simoon Sound; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1053: Made to A. Lambert, Powell River; advertised in *Tribune*, Vancouver, 2 weeks, 2 insertions, \$4.15.

Timber Sale X1091: Made to A. P. Allison & Co., Green Point Rapids; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1033: Made to G. S. Vanstone, Silverton; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1103: Made to Aleza Lake Mill Co., Fort George; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 week, \$5.28.

Timber Sale X1076: Made to Wooldridge Bros. & Cliffe, Simoon Sound; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X1096: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1043: Made to T. A. Wilson, Croydon, B.C.; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1131: Made to Milnes & McKee, Green Point Rapids; advertised in *Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.60.

Timber Sale X1112: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1065: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1002: Made to Swift Creek Lumber Co., Cranberry Lake; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1086: Made to Olaf Hanson, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1094: Made to G. A. Hall, Dunster; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1101: Made to Frank King, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Timber Sale X1122: Made to F. C. Copley, Jervis Inlet; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1106: Made to W. J. Hays, Vancouver; advertised in *Trade Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.60.

Timber Sale X1025: Made to Drury Logging Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X858: Made to Drury Logging Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X1066: Made to Prince Rupert Pile Driving Co.; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.

Timber Sale X1139: Made to M. Whitman, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1077: Made to Olaf Hanson, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.36.

Timber Sale X1084: Made to Olaf Hanson, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$9.36.

Timber Sale X1099: Made to J. N. Kennedy, North Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Timber Sale X1117: Made to Brooks Bidlake Cedar Co., Powell River; advertised in *Trade Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.60.

Timber Sale X1137: Made to A. Lambert, Powell River; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1118: Made to James McCool, Fernie; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$5.04.

Timber Sale X1074: Made to E. O. Per Kitt, Redonda Island; advertised in *Trade Tribune*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$1.60.

Timber Sale X1138: Made to W. C. E. Koch, Nelson; advertised in *News*, Nelson, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$7.00.

Timber Sale X945: Made to Brooks Bidlake Cedar Co., Powell River; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1085: Made to Olaf Hanson, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1140: Made to G. H. Sumner, Port Neville; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1087: Made to Olaf Hansen, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X1179: Made to W. F. Gibson, Port Alberni; advertised in *Times*, 1 insertion, \$3.00.

Timber Sale X403: Made to Brooks, Scanlon, O'Brien Co., Ltd., Vancouver; advertised in *News-Advertiser*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.80.

Timber Sale X964: Made to Anglo-British Columbia Co., Nass River; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1098: Made to Murphy & Hanson, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1157: Made to F. C. Perkins, Seattle; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X162: Made to Geo. Bassett Churchouse; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 2 weeks, 2 insertions, \$5.70.

Timber Sale X1009: Made to Empire Pulp & Paper Mills, Swanson Bay; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$2.60.

Timber Sale 1163: Made to Fred Belanger, Creston; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$5.04.

Timber Sale X1113: Made to Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$5.04.

Timber Sale X1134: Made to C. Aldridge, Kimberley; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1136: Made to Highland Shingle Mills, Burnaby; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Timber Sale X1119: Made to W. Rankins, Bull River; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$5.04.

Timber Sale X1190: Made to Jewell Lumber Co., Hanbury; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1191: Made to Jewell Lumber Co., Hanbury; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1001: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

Timber Sale X1165: Made to Gust Johnson Wardner; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1161: Made to L. Rowan Dunster; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1201: Made to H. Newcomen, Kaslo; advertised in *Kootenaiian*, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Timber Sale X1176: Made to Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1127: Made to John Hopp, Barkerville; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale X1141: Made to L. A. Johnson, McBride; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale X1202: Made to D. Sanderson, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.00.

Timber Sale X1017: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 weeks, 2 insertions, \$4.20.

Timber Sale X1215: Made to J. Whithead, Moyie; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1162: Made to T. M. Dalton, McMurphy; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Timber Sale X1128: Made to John Hopp, Barkerville; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Timber Sale XS21: Made to Gayton, Elsey & Denicke, West Summerland; advertised in *Courier*, Kelowna, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Timber Sale X646: Made to Westminster Mill Co., New Westminster; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.80.

Timber Sale X1082: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$8.64.

Timber Sale X1216: Made to C. Petterson & Co., Moyie; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X1038: Made to Pacific Mills Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 weeks, 2 insertions, \$4.20.

Timber Sale X1159: Made to S. E. Dawson, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X647: Made to Westminster Mill Co., New Westminster; advertised in *Daily Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$3.00.

Timber Sale X1225: Made to G. H. Sadler, Cranbrook; advertised in *Cranbrook Herald*, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1042: Made to G. A. Hall, Dunster; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1051: Made to R. McNair Shingle Co., Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1219: Made to Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X1171: Made to Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X957: Made to John Korbi Lund; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1203: Made to D. J. Innis, Keremeos; advertised in *Herald*, Penticton, 1 insertion, \$2.25.

Timber Sale X1231: Made to Nimpkish Timber Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Timber Sale X1129: Made to H. E. Myers, Prince Rupert; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 insertion, \$1.56.

Timber Sale X1226: Made to Summerland Lumber Co.; advertised in *Courier*, Kelowna, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X382: Made to Tom Sharrocks, Deep Bay; advertised in *Province*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.80.

Timber Sale X1175: Made to Fred Demuth, Demuth; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1224: Made to Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; not advertised.

Timber Sale X1095: Made to T. A. Kelly Logging Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$17.00.

Timber Sale X1236: Made to Frank King, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1263: Made to C. J. Bell, Sechelt; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Timber Sale X1143: Made to Murphy & Hanson, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1248: Made to D. Killoren, Fort George; advertised in *Prince George Citizen*, 1 week, 2 insertions, \$5.20.

Timber Sale X468: Made to Vanstone & Swanson, Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X894: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 2 months, 8 insertions, \$17.68.

Timber Sale X1261: Made to Albion E. Perkins, Princeton; advertised in *Herald*, Penticton, 1 insertion, \$2.50.

Timber Sale X1265: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

Timber Sale X1264: Made to Geo. Fennell, Chu Chua; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

Timber Sale X1240: Made to D. J. O'Brien Logging Co., Vancouver; advertised in *Sun*, Vancouver, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$10.20.

Timber Sale X1249: Made to R. W. Hamilton, Cranbrook; advertised in *Herald*, Cranbrook, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Timber Sale X926: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Vancouver; advertised in *Daily News*, Prince Rupert, 1 month, 4 insertions, \$17.00.

Timber Sale X1142: Made to H. A. Coons, Wyatt Bay; advertised in *Telegram*, Kamloops, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

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

1. What was the total amount spent in the Cape Scott District during 1917?
2. How many men were employed, including foreman, giving names and the amounts earned by each?
3. What was the amount spent in tools, materials, etc.?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. \$857.17.

"2. Twenty-one. R. R. Bice, \$233.87; G. Lovell, \$82.62; C. Wadey, Jr., \$31.50; T. McMaster, \$51; C. S. Wadey, Sr., \$42.25; T. Wadey, \$30; Wm. Collison, \$33; J. Williams, \$30.25; H. Olsen, \$36; A. Kelso, \$27.75; A. Beveridge, \$24; D. Smith, \$24; T. Frederickson, \$33; Wm. Burge, \$36; W. Seney, \$36.25; O. Eglestad, \$36.25; J. Colton, \$22.25; W. Gibbs, \$14; J. Smith, \$19.50; J. Moreman, \$3.25; and E. Noeken, \$3.25.

"3. \$7.18."

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

How many pre-emption records were issued during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917, respectively?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"Number of pre-emption records issued during 1914, 4,304; during 1915, 2,277; during 1916, 1,167; during 1917, 824."

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

1. Have the Sumas Dyking Commissioners been removed from office or superseded by any other?
2. If so, under what authority has it been done?
3. Who has taken their place?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. The Sumas Dyking Commissioners have resigned voluntarily.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. The Land Settlement Board."

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has the Government assumed control or taken over the farm of Griffith Hughes, Esq., at or near Cobble Hill?

2. If so, for what purpose?
3. If so, is there any agreement in writing between the Government and said Griffith Hughes?
4. If so, what are the terms and conditions of same?
5. What expenditure has been incurred (if any) up to January 31st, 1918, under the said agreement?
6. Is the said Griffith Hughes the principal shareholder in and a director of the Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd.?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. It is intended to use this farm as a base where practical instruction in agriculture can be given to a number of returned soldiers.
- "3. As far as I know, there is only a letter from Mr. Hughes to the late Premier offering the use of the farm to the Government.
- "4. I am not at present in possession of the letter referred to.
- "5. Capital expenditure, \$3,426.25; working expenditure, \$5,358.68; total, \$8,784.93.
- "6. I have no reliable information on which to base a reply to this question."

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

1. Is the Department of Public Works in possession of a copy of the report made by the Engineer of the Dominion Government on a recent survey and examination of the old Yale-Cariboo Trail, as it refers to the road between Yale and Spences Bridge?
2. If not, will the Minister obtain a copy?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. The Department has not been advised of the report, but if the report is available a copy will be obtained from the Dominion Government."

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

1. Have any changes been made in the personnel of the Returned Soldiers Commission?
2. If so, what are the changes?
3. Why were they made?
4. Who recommended the new appointees?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Hon. J. D. MacLean, Provincial Secretary, replaced H. E. Young, M.D., as Chairman appointed to represent the Government; Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., G.O.C., M.D. No. 11, appointed to represent military authorities and returned soldiers; His Worship Mayor A. E. Todd, of the City of Victoria, replaced Mayor Stewart, appointed to represent the City of Victoria; Mayor Gale replaced Alderman Hoskins, appointed to represent the City of Vancouver; William Marchant, of Victoria, appointed an additional member; Senator Planta and A. C. Burdick, not reappointed.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. The late Hon. H. C. Brewster as Acting Provincial Secretary."

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

1. What is the amount of poll-tax collected to date?
2. What has it cost the Department to make such collection in the way of salaries and expenses?
3. What has it cost the Department to collect said poll-tax by way of commissions paid?
4. To whom were these commissions paid and the amount in each case?

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

- "1. Collected to February 28th, 1918, less refunds, \$282,915.
- "2. It is impossible to state, as duties of special collectors include the collections of arrears of general taxes as well.
- "3. \$6,979.25.
- "4. To Provincial constables and Deputy Mining Recorders."

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

1. What motor-cars have been purchased by the Government since November 24th, 1916?
2. What make were they and from whom were they purchased?
3. Were any commissions paid?
4. If so, to whom?
5. What was the necessity for purchasing these cars?
6. What price was paid for each car?
7. Through what agent or agents was each car purchased?
8. Where are these cars being used and by what officials?
9. Were these cars complete for officials' use at time of purchase?
10. If not, what was added to these cars to make them complete?
11. Who supplied these additions, and at what price each?

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

"1. 19 motor-cars, 1 motor-cycle, and 1 motor-truck, purchased by the Public Works Department.

"2. 16 Fords; 1 Saxon; 3 McLaughlins; 1 Maxwell motor-truck; 1 Harley-Davidson motor-cycle, purchased from Sampson Motor Company, Nanaimo; (2) Ridley & Kennedy, New Westminster; Thos. Quigley, Cochrane, Alberta; E. C. Emde, Courtenay; Duncan Garage, Duncan; The Hanson Garage Company, Cranbrook; Fernie Garage, Fernie; E. Hall, Fort George; (2) Grand Forks Garage Company, Limited, Grand Forks; (2) Wm. Hargreaves, Kamloops; Reynolds & Watkins, Vernon; Nelson Motor Supply Company, Nelson; M. Dumond, Ashcroft; (2) H. A. Davie, Victoria; McLaughlin Carriage Company, Vancouver; The Consolidated Motor Company, Limited, Vancouver; T. Dooley, Vancouver; and Thos. Plimley, Victoria.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Some of the cars replaced were old models, causing heavy costs for repairs and others unsafe to travel in. New cars were required for some of the District Engineers.

"6. Fords: \$607.35, including extra tires, etc.; 2 at \$540; \$591.50; \$616, including extra tires, etc.; 2 at \$560; \$535; 3 at \$565; \$649.35, with extras; \$578; 2 at \$550; \$583.95, with extra tire and tube. Saxon: \$671.10, with extra tires, etc. McLaughlins: \$1,885, with extras; 2 at \$2,210. Maxwell truck: \$1,385. Motor-cycle: \$225.

"7. Answered by No. 2.

"8. Districts of Alberni, Chilliwack, Delta, Columbia, Comox, Cowichan, Nanaimo, Newcastle, Cranbrook, Dewdney, Esquimalt, Fernie, Fort George, Greenwood, Grand Forks, North and South Okanagan, Kamloops, Lillooet, North and South Vancouver, Richmond, Similkameen, Trail, Yale, Victoria, and Oakalla Prison Farm; and used by the District Engineers, Assistant District Engineers, General Foremen, Oakalla Prison Farm, Public Works Department, and Ministers.

"9. Yes.

"10. Answered by No. 9.

"11. Answered by No. 9."

Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What is the total value of work done on the first 100 miles of Canadian Northern Pacific main line on Vancouver Island?
2. What is the total amount released by Government in connection with this 100 miles?
3. What is estimated cost of this work?
4. What amount, if any, is overpaid in this connection?
5. If there has been overpayment, has application been made by the Government for refund?
6. If answer to question 5 is in affirmative, with what result?
7. Has the company been notified to proceed with construction of this line?
8. If so, when and with what result?
9. What is the total mileage of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company's undertakings in this Province still uncompleted?
10. What is the estimated cost to complete same?
11. What money proceeds of bonds is available for this work?

12. What amount, if any, is held in reserve for Victoria terminals?
13. Where is this money held?
14. Has the company been notified to proceed with construction of terminals?
15. If answer to question 14 is in affirmative, with what result?
16. Is Government aware of Arbitration Board now sitting to fix value of Canadian Northern Railway Company's shares?
17. Is the Government of opinion that the shares can be of no value unless assets are sufficient to meet liabilities?
18. Will this contention be made and the financial transactions of company with this Government be laid before this Arbitration Board?

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

"1. As at issuance of Certificate No. 34, December 29th, 1914, \$2,589,843.46. (NOTE.—These figures are taken from Certificate No. 34, dated December 29th, 1914, and include the sum of \$1,006,000.11 as overhead charges, which are manifestly incorrect. Certificate No. 34 exhausted all the trust monies in connection with this line of railway.)

"2. \$3,252,399.02.

"3. \$3,947,945.89. This was based upon prices in force before the war. (NOTE.—From information furnished the Department of Railways, it is estimated that it will cost from \$1,471,397 to \$1,613,797, according as to whether 60- or 70-lb. rails are used.)

"4. \$1,119,022.08. Based on the assumption that the figures given in Certificate No. 34 were correct.

"5. Yes.

"6. No result, except a general denial of any overpayment.

"7. Yes.

"8. Answered at various times—a plea that the railway company were unable to obtain steel rails.

"9. 417 miles.

"10. \$15,764,802.38. Based on prices in force before the war.

"11. \$5,050,544.64 plus New Westminster to Vancouver bonds not issued.

"12. \$853,125. This amount is not represented by cash, but by unsold bonds which it is anticipated would net upwards of the amount mentioned.

"13. Answered by No. 12.

"14. Yes.

"15. No result.

"16. Yes.

"17. Yes.

"18. Yes. The contractual relations existing between the Government of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company have been placed in the hands of the Dominion Government counsel before the Arbitration Board."

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

1. What was the total cost of the Plugging Commission held in the City of Vancouver?
2. What amount was paid to counsel in connection with said Commission?
3. What were their names and the amount paid to each?

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

"1. Have no knowledge of any Commission known as the 'Plugging Commission.'

"The total cost of the inquiry held under the provisions of chapter 21 of the Statutes of 1917, 'Election Inquiry Act,' was \$5,536.65, which was paid to the Hon. Justice Galliher, Chairman. It appears from his memorandum that the following amounts for legal services were paid to the following persons: Davis, Marshall, McNeill & Pugh, \$67.75; Bogle, Graves, Merritt & Bogle, \$50; D. A. Armour, \$2,500; D. A. Armour, disbursements, \$85.90."

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

1. Did the Attorney-General's Department pass a voucher for E. M. N. Woods for acting as counsel in the prosecution of M. A. Macdonald before the Royal Commission, presided over by

Mr. Justice Gregory, in a charge made by Mr. J. S. Cowper, M.P.P., in connection with a certain donation alleged to have been made by the Canadian Northern Railway to said Macdonald?

2. What was the amount and date of said voucher?
3. By whom was said Woods retained?
4. By what authority was said voucher passed?
5. Between what dates were such services rendered by said Woods?
6. Who was Attorney-General during this period when services were rendered by said Woods?

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

"1. Have no knowledge of any prosecution against M. A. Macdonald. E. M. N. Woods's bill of costs as counsel in the Royal Commission, presided over by Mr. Justice Gregory, was presented at \$805.26 and taxed at \$395.76, and the Department of the Attorney-General passed a voucher on November 17th, 1917, for the said amount of \$395.76.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. John Sedgwick Cowper.

"4. Order in Council No. 1182, approved November 17th, 1917.

"5. April 28th, 1917, to May 10th, 1917, both inclusive.

"6. M. A. Macdonald."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General pass a voucher for payment of an account of the Burns Detective Agency against the Hon. the Premier for services in connection with investigations touching the charge of plugging in the by-election in the City of Vancouver held on the 26th day of February, 1916?

2. What was the amount of said voucher and date of same?

3. What were the services rendered by said Detective Agency?

4. For what purpose was said Detective Agency employed?

5. Between what dates were the services rendered?

6. Was said bill certified to by the Commission appointed and presided over by Mr. Justice Gallihier?

7. If not, what authority had the Attorney-General's Department for passing such voucher?

8. Was this account against the said Premier placed in the hands of a legal firm for collection before said voucher was issued?

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

"1. No, but a voucher was passed in payment of an account payable by the Province to the said Agency.

"2. \$529.42. Audited January 15th, 1918.

"3. Detective-work.

"4. To ascertain the whereabouts of John T. Scott and keep watch on his movements, and to see that he was available in case he was required at any time.

"5. March 11th to June 8th, 1917, inclusive.

"6. No.

"7. The work was done by the said Agency under the instructions of the Hon. the Premier.

"8. Have no knowledge of any account against the Premier in this connection."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to establish a General Eight-hour Day," the Hon. the Premier raised a point of order as to the right of a private Member to introduce the Bill, as it affected Government policy and Provincial Civil Servants.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* reserved his ruling.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain" was again committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Life-insurance Policies Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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 5.40 p.m.

Friday, 8th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. G. Miller.

Mr. *Pauline* presented a petition from H. W. Reay, G. T. Corfield, F. J. Bishop, and others, farmers of the unorganized districts of the Province, *re* Provincial taxation.

Laid on the table.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the year 1917.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1916-1917.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 28th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 28th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser*, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 27th day of March, 1917.

Resolution agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on May 7th by Mr. *Bowser*, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of: (a) Particulars of all returned soldiers appointed to office, either to a temporary or permanent position, since November 24th, 1916; (b) particulars of the salaries paid in each case; (c) particulars of those now employed

by the different departments; (d) particulars of what service each appointee has seen, and whether overseas or otherwise; (e) particulars of all such appointees who have been dismissed or services dispensed with, and the reasons for same.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*,—

To insert the words “the commencement of the present War up to November 24th, 1916, and since” after the word “since” in the second line of the Resolution.

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

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

1. How many appointments, both permanent and temporary, have been made by the Hon. the Minister of Finance since he took office?
2. What are their names, the positions they were appointed to, and the salaries paid to each?
3. How many of these appointees are returned soldiers?

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

“These questions are covered by Order of the House for a Return made yesterday, and by proposed Resolution standing in the name of the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition to-day.”

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

1. What progress has been made in the two suits of the Attorney-General against the assurance companies in connection with the Dominion Trust bonds?
2. When will said suits come to trial?

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

“1. (a.) The Minister of Finance *vs.* Railway Passengers' Assurance Co.: Pleadings closed; trial held in abeyance pending settlement of proceedings now being heard by Court to determine the status of depositors. (b.) The Minister of Finance *vs.* London Guarantee and Accident Co.: Pleadings not yet closed; answers being prepared to demand for particulars, after which proceedings should be shortly closed and case ready for trial.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Was L. B. Beale employed by the Government (Forest Branch Department) as Lumber Commissioner at Toronto, Ontario, during 1916?
2. (a.) Is he now in the employ of the Government? (b.) If so, in what capacity?
3. (a.) What salary did he receive as Lumber Commissioner? (b.) If he is still in the employ of the Government, what salary does he receive at the present time?
4. If he is not now employed as Lumber Commissioner, why was he removed from that position?
5. Is there at present any person acting in this capacity at Toronto or any other point in Eastern Canada?
6. If not, state reasons why position is left vacant.

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a.) Yes. (b.) Assistant Forester, headquarters office, Forest Branch.

“3. (a.) \$175 in 1917. (b.) Same.

“4. Toronto work being temporarily suspended, Mr. Beale returned to the Victoria office where he had previously been working.

“5. No.

“6. The question of market extension has received most careful consideration, but war conditions have created serious interference with the Department's work, and it became apparent during last year that until circumstances should change suspension of the work was, for the

time being, advisable. The main reasons were: (1.) The Department was creating a demand for British Columbia products which under the circumstances then obtaining could not be followed up by prompt deliveries, and would thus have continued its work at considerable risk of injury to our trade by causing disappointment among newly interested Eastern buyers. The visible demand was very largely for timbers for factory and ship-building and could not be met by our mills. (2.) Heavy enlistment among the trained personnel of the Department necessitated concentration of the remaining staff upon immediate matters of current administration. For these same reasons the reopening of the Eastern lumber-market campaign is still in abeyance."

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

1. Is the Minister aware that in a report from Montreal, published in the *Victoria, Vancouver, and Nelson papers* under date of February 8th, 1918 (Friday), the following statement appeared: "The Board (Canadian War Railway Board) was told that Canada will soon have to stop building freight-cars unless material can be obtained from American lumber-mills, etc.?"

2. What action, if any, has been taken by the Minister or by the Forest Branch to ascertain what classes of lumber and timber are required by Eastern car-builders for freight-car construction, and if it is not possible to use all British Columbia lumber and timber in such freight-car construction?

3. (a.) Does the Department of Lands or the Forest Branch have a representative in Eastern Canada to further the sale and use of British Columbia lumber and timber in that territory? (b.) If not, why not?

4. Has the Minister or the Government taken any steps to encourage the starting of a car-building industry in the Province, with a view to relieving the present freight congestion, and encouraging the utilization of British Columbia labour and material in such construction?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The specifications for material for freight-car construction are well known both to our mills and to the Department, and large quantities of British Columbia material have been used during recent years for this purpose.

"3. (a.) No. (b.) Not considered advisable at this moment under all existing conditions. (See reply to question 6, also asked by the Hon. Member for Nelson.)

"4. The feasibility of starting a car-building industry under present abnormal conditions requires careful consideration, and the Department would be glad to receive tangible suggestions from any quarter."

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

1. What was the total cost of the Commission presided over by Adam Shortt in connection with the "jitney" dispute?

2. What amount was paid Adam Shortt?

3. Were any fees paid to counsel in connection with this case?

4. If so, to whom and the amount?

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

"1. \$2,858.65.

"2. \$2,054.65.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. What amount of money was realized from the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of bonds of the Agricultural Credit Commission sold in 1916?

2. What amount of money was granted in loans to farmers by the Agricultural Credit Commission before they went out of office from the proceeds of said loan?

3. How many applications for loans were received by the Agricultural Credit Commission before they went out of office, and the aggregate amount?

4. How many applications for loans were granted by the Agricultural Credit Commission before they went out of office?
5. How many applications for loans were refused by the Agricultural Credit Commission before they went out of office, and the aggregate amount?
6. How many applications for loans granted by the Agricultural Credit Commission have not been completed?
7. What is the aggregate amount of such non-completed loans, if any?
8. What amount of money has come into the hands of the Land Settlement Board from the moneys of the Agricultural Credit Commission for loaning to the farmers?
9. What amount of such money has been loaned to the farmers by the Land Settlement Board?
10. How many loans have been granted by the Land Settlement Board from said moneys?
11. What amount of interest has been paid on paid loans granted to farmers or creameries, etc.?
12. What amount of principal moneys has been received on account of said loans to farmers and creameries?
13. What disposition has been made of the principal moneys thus received?
14. Have any of the funds of the Agricultural Credit Commission been invested in bonds or other securities, or placed elsewhere, excepting in the bank to the credit of the said Agricultural Credit Commission Account?
15. If so, in what securities and what amounts?
16. Are the borrowers from the Agricultural Credit Commission paying their instalments of principal and interest promptly?
17. Are there any of the loans in arrears?
18. If so, how many, and what is the aggregate amount of such arrears?

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

"1. \$847,200.

"2. Granted, \$879,750; less cancelled or withdrawn, \$107,950; net amount, \$771,800.

"3. 1,393; amount, \$2,801,231.

"4. 442 granted, less 83 cancelled, equals 359.

"5. 579; amount, \$1,178,500.

"6. 31 at 31st December, 1917.

"7. Required to be paid to complete, equals \$56,522.08.

"8. At 16th July, 1917, cash on hand and in bank \$300,209 88

"Received since that date to 31st December, 1917—

Interest instalments	14,500 41
Repayments of principal	5,827 03
Sundry payments on loans	5,974 88
Exchange on payments	13 93
Interest on money deposited in bank	4,132 02
Interest on money in Sinking Fund	366 30

\$331,024 45

"Payments have been made since above date to 31st December, 1917, as follows:—

Loans	\$178,944 99
Salaries	415 00
Appraisers' expenses	37 15
Appraisal fees withdrawn	197 50
Exchange paid	6 16
Telegrams	3 54
Sinking Fund Account	366 30
Interest coupons due November	22,500 00
	202,470 64
Balance	\$128,553 81

"In addition to the above, the sum of \$35,000 has been freed for loaning through the cancellation of loans previously granted.

"9. Up to 31st December, 1917, \$62,200.

"10. 48.

"11. At 31st December, 1917, \$24,670.17.

"12. At 31st December, 1917, \$9,562.22.

"13. Deposited in Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"14. \$53,000 Victory Loan bonds purchased out of funds of Sinking Fund Account.

"15. Answered by No. 14.

"16. Satisfactorily.

"17. Yes.

"18. At 31st December, 1917, 23; amount, \$2,004.82."

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

1. How many and what were the names of the Agricultural Credit Commissioners appointed during the years 1916 and 1917?

2. What salaries were paid to each per month?

3. What expenses were incurred by each per month?

4. How many and what are the names of the members of the Land Settlement Board?

5. What salaries are paid to each per month?

6. What expenses have been incurred by each per month?

7. What was the total average monthly salaries paid all Commissioners and employees of the Agricultural Credit Commission up to July 15th, 1917?

8. What is the total average monthly salaries paid to all members of the Land Settlement Board and employees from July 15th, 1917, to date?

9. What arrangement has been made by the Land Settlement Board or the Government, or any Department of the Government, to purchase land from private parties for land-settlement purposes?

10. If any negotiations have been entered into, who are the land-owners and proposed price to be paid per acre, and the location of the lands?

11. Has the Land Settlement Board made improvements on any of the lands of the Crown for settlement purposes under the provisions of the "Land Settlement and Development Act, 1917"?

12. If not, is it the intention of the Government or the Land Settlement Board to proceed with land-clearing as outlined by the Government last Session?

13. If so, what locations have been chosen where lands are to be improved, and where are the lands located?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. Hon. Wm. Manson; W. Duncan, W. Bridge, Commissioners; W. J. Goepel, Deputy Minister of Finance; W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

"2. \$150 per month to each Commissioner.

"3. W. Bridge: 1916—June, \$82.50; July, \$128.85; August, \$86.20; September, \$34.25; October, \$185; November, \$218.10; December, \$37.50. 1917—January, \$53.20; February, \$60; March, \$67.50; April, \$25; May, \$63.45; June, \$53; July, \$58. Total, \$1,152.55.

"W. Duncan: 1916—June, \$115.05; July, \$57.55; August, \$296.01; September, \$36.45; October, \$49.45; November, \$65.45; December, \$57.60. 1917—January, \$33.55; February, \$57.90; March, \$82.50; April, \$29.05; May, \$67.70; June, \$52.80; July, \$59. Total, \$1,060.06.

"There were also Appraisers' salaries and expenses amounting to: Herne, expenses, \$25; Bailey, salary, \$75, expenses, \$122.40; Cullin, salary, \$75, expenses, \$93.70; Pitts, salary, \$350, expenses, \$601.90; Smith, salary, \$898.68, expenses, \$2,034.91; Cawley, \$1,650, expenses, \$1,557.17. Total salary, \$3,048.68. Total expenses, \$4,435.08.

"4. Six. Maxwell Smith, Chairman; M. H. Nelems, J. A. Macdonald, D. Munro, C. R. Ward, and F. R. E. DeHart, Directors.

"5. Chairman, \$275; Directors, \$175 per month each, equals \$875. Total, \$1,150.

" 6.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Total.
Maxwell Smith			\$ 76.90	..	\$ 15.30	..	\$ 92.20
M. H. Nelems	\$153.25	\$172.25	211.95	\$126.10	134.29	\$114.50	912.34
J. A. Macdonald..	144.40	137.90	171.65	109.80	65.45	105.15	734.35
D. Munro	170.30	173.65	198.30	129.10	121.50	122.75	915.60
C. R. Ward	129.20	185.95	178.15	148.60	140.60	129.40	911.90
F. R. E. DeHart..	210.80	200.65	84.60	151.10	647.15
Totals	\$597.15	\$669.75	\$1,047.75	\$714.25	\$561.74	\$622.90	\$4,213.54

" 7. \$1,054.70.

" 8. \$1,823.17.

" 9. Lot 341, Range 4, Coast District, containing 640 acres, was purchased for \$5 an acre. No other definite arrangements have been made by the Land Settlement Board for the purchase of privately owned lands.

" 10. Answered by No. 9.

" 11. No.

" 12. It is the intention of the Land Settlement Board to undertake land development work.

" 13. Not definitely settled."

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

1. Have any public sampling-works, concentrating plants, custom smelters or refineries been built under the "Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act" of 1917?
2. If so, where are they situated?
3. If not already built, have any sites been purchased for same?
4. If so, where are they situated?
5. Has the Department of Ore Purchasing been yet established?
6. If so, where is it situated?

The Hon. Mr. Stoen replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2. Answered by No. 1.

" 3. No.

" 4. Answered by No. 3.

" 5. No.

" 6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Has the Taxation Commission filed an interim or any report to date?
2. If so, will it be tabled?
3. When is it expected the Commission will finish its labours?
4. What amount has already been paid Professor Haig?
5. What were the terms of his employment as to remuneration and expenses?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2. Answered by No. 1.

" 3. Not known.

" 4. \$500 on account of his fee and \$299.40 expenses.

" 5. At the rate of \$1,000 per month while employed and expenses."

Mr. Wallis asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into the question of compensation to those formerly engaged in the liquor business on account of the "Prohibition Act"?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"This matter is under consideration."

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

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

That *A. M. Manson*, Esquire, Member for Omineca, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*.—

That *F. A. Pauline*, Esquire, Member for Saanich, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, 11th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

Mrs. *Smith* presented a petition from E. W. Dean and many others, residents of British Columbia, *re* Game Warden's Department being placed under the Provincial Police Department. Laid on the table.

The petition from H. W. Reay, G. T. Corfield, F. J. Bishop, and others, farmers of the unorganized districts of the Province, *re* Provincial taxation, was received.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta a copy of a Resolution passed by said Assembly, as follows:—

"Moved by the Hon. Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Hoadley,—

"That this House expresses its deep regret upon the decease of the Hon. Mr. Brewster, Premier of British Columbia, and extends to the relatives of the deceased and to the people of British Columbia our sympathy and condolence upon their great loss."

"The motion was unanimously agreed to by a standing vote."

Mr. *Jackson* presented Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of the petition, Bill, and notice were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

Your Committee would recommend that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill.

No. 3—City of Vancouver.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.
The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 11th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 4—Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 11th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the advertisement of the Bill has not appeared in the newspapers and in the Gazette a sufficient number of times to comply with Rule No. 76, nor has the advertisement appeared in as many newspapers throughout the Province as the rule requires.

No. 1—Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.
The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

1. How many settlers have been placed on the Crown lands of the Province through the efforts of the Land Settlement Board?
2. If any, where were they located and the names in each case?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the St. Bartholomew Hospital at Lytton receive a Government grant in 1917?
2. If so, what was the amount?
3. Does this hospital come under the provisions of the Act governing hospitals receiving Provincial aid?

4. Is there a Board of Governors for this hospital?
5. If so, what are their names?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$1,129.10 for year ending December 31st, 1917.
- "3. Yes.

"4. The hospital is controlled by the executive of the Diocese of Cariboo, of which the following are the principal officers: The Right Rev. A. U. de Pencier, D.D., Bishop; The Venerable E. W. Pugh, M.A., Archdeacon; F. Temple Cornwall, Diocesan Registrar; G. S. Holt, Diocesan Treasurer; Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Hon. Clerical Secretary of Synod and Hon. Secretary of Executive Committee; D. W. Rowlands, Hon. Lay Secretary of Synod.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What moneys have been spent in drilling mining properties under the "Mineral Survey and Development Act" of 1917?
2. Whose properties were drilled, the location of said claims, the particulars of the work done, and the amount in each case?
3. What amount is still left to the Administration Fund of \$100,000 authorized by said Act?

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

- "1. None.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. \$78,949.62."

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

1. Was any work done on the roads in and around McBride, B.C., during the season of 1917?
2. Was one Joseph Morgan employed on the road-gang employed?
3. Does the said Morgan usually follow the calling of a barber?
4. What sums of money were paid to the said Joseph Morgan for his services each month?
5. What men and teams were employed on such road-gangs?
6. What amounts were paid to each of said men and for each of said teams and for what services respectively?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. The Department has no information on the matter.
- "4. August, \$121.50; September, \$40.50.
- "5. J. A. Morgan, foreman, \$162; M. Garrett, cook, \$127.75; E. Garrett, labourer, \$94.50; G. Ricketts, labourer, \$85.75; W. Sharpley, labourer, \$84; P. Telleboer, labourer, \$82.25; F. Lonsdale, labourer, \$5.25; O. Johnson, labourer, \$10.50; L. M. Johnson, labourer, \$26.25; W. Taylor, labourer, \$47.25; F. McDonald, labourer and team, \$48; W. Flett, labourer and team, \$184.75.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Was any sum paid by the Government to one Edward Coteay, of Vaseaux Lake, south of Okanagan Falls, B.C., during the summer of 1917?
2. If so, what was the amount?
3. What were the services rendered by the said Coteay?
4. If the money was paid said Coteay for damage done to land, what was the nature of damage?
5. Who is the registered owner of the land in question?
6. At time of payment, if any, of said damage, were there any arrears of taxes due Government from said lands?
7. If so, did the Government retain from damages the amount of taxes due on the property?

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

"1. Sum paid to Edward Coté.

"2. \$200.

"3. No services rendered.

"4. In renewing a culvert on the road fronting Mr. Coté's property a smaller size pipe was used which did not carry the full flow of water; the overflow caused the removal of some 237 cubic yards of soil that had to be replaced.

"5. Gerald T. Wilson.

"6. Yes.

"7. No."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to proceed with the erection of a Court-house at Prince George during the season of 1918?

2. If not, why not?

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

"1. Under consideration.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the cost of the late by-election in Vancouver?

2. Who was the Returning Officer, and what amount was paid him for his services?

3. Who were the different officials engaged in connection with said by-election, and what amount was paid to each?

4. How many returned soldiers were engaged by the Returning Officer in said election; what were their names and the amounts paid to each?

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

"1. \$4,948.77.

"2. G. McQuaig, \$600.

"3. Election Clerk, \$250; 9 Supervising Officers, \$25 each; 154 Deputy Returning Officers, \$10 each; 154 Poll Clerks, \$5 each.

"4. Department has no information."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Have any representations been made by any public bodies urging that better facilities for recording mineral claims be provided at Prince George instead of Barkerville, as at present?

2. If so, by what bodies?

3. Will the request be granted forthwith?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Prince George Board of Trade.

"3. Matter is under consideration."

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

1. For what period was John D. Charleson, of Vanderhoof, a Justice of the Peace for the Province?

2. Was the said Charleson dismissed from office or did he resign?

3. If dismissed, for what reason and on what date?

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

"1. From 1st March, 1906, to 15th November, 1917.

"2. Appointment revoked.

"3. November 15th, 1917; considered advisable to revoke this appointment."

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 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. G. Inkster.

The petition from E. W. Dean and many others, residents of British Columbia, *re* Game Warden's Department being placed under the Provincial Police Department was ruled out of order, the same being without date and no signatures on the page containing the prayer. (*See* Rule 112.)

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. *Cowper*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

1. Was one Samuel Gibbs appointed as Stipendiary Magistrate at Lillooet?
2. If so, when?
3. On whose recommendation was he appointed?
4. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General inquire into his past history before making the said appointment?
5. What is his jurisdiction and for what territory is he appointed?
6. Has he Small Debts jurisdiction?
7. What salary or allowance is he in receipt of?
8. How many appeals from his decisions, since his appointment, have been successful?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. July 24th, 1917.
- "3. J. B. Bryson.
- "4. No.
- "5. County of Cariboo.
- "6. No.
- "7. None.
- "8. One."

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

1. What amounts have been authorized by the present Minister of Mines towards the construction of roads, trails, and bridges to mineral claims under the "Mines Development Act" of 1916?
2. In whose favour were these amounts authorized, what amounts in each case, the particulars of the work, and in what districts?
3. What amount to date has been spent or authorized of the original \$200,000?

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

- "1. \$121,636.02.
- "2. *Alberni*.—Marble Cove Group, Copper Island, \$500; Columbia Mines, Sproat Lake, \$500; Canadian Mineral Claims, \$500; Victoria Group of Mineral Claims, \$200.
- "*Atlin*.—Esperanza Group, Alice Arm, \$167; Bush Mines, Salmon Bear River Co., \$5,000.
- "*Cariboo*.—Prosperpine Mount Mines, \$250; Killam Cement Gravel Mines, \$1,032.15.
- "*Columbia*.—Bugaboo Trail, \$75; Brisco No. 3 Creek, \$91.33; Boulder Creek to Sitting Bull, \$1,130; Boulder Creek to Relief Mines, \$150; Boulder Creek to Pretty Girl Mine, \$150; Brisco to

Lead Queen No. 3 Creek, \$1,200; Canyon Creek Trail, \$55; Canyon Creek Trail to 15-Mile Creek, \$225; Giant Mine Road, \$8.50; Horse Thief Creek to Mabel Road, \$200; Horse Thief Road to Gallop Mines, \$98; Paradise Mine Road, \$109; Paradise Mine Bridges, \$700; Spillimacheen Road to Warren Creek, \$225; Tennessee and Tarheel Mines, \$100; Toby Creek Cut-off, \$8,500; Toby Creek Road, \$422.01; Toby Road above 11-Mile, \$600.

"*Comox*.—Valdes Island Copper Mines, \$3,000; Vanbert and Ophir Mines, \$250.

"*Cowichan*.—Blue Grouse Mines, \$866; Jubilee Mines to Cowie Mineral Claims, \$100.

"*Cranbrook*.—Dibble Mine Trail, Fort Steele, \$75; Society Girl Mine, \$50.

"*Esquimalt*.—Section 93, East Sooke, \$2,625; Leach River Trail, \$300.

"*Fernie*.—Burton Mine, Elko, \$1,000.

"*Grand Forks*.—Paulson-Christina Lake, \$2,500; Tursig Claim, Norway Mountain, \$200; Paulson-Molly Gibson Mines, \$150; Galloping Mountain Trail, \$1,800.

"*Greenwood*.—Big Copper and King Solomon Mines (trail to First Chance, Jim Hill, and St. Paul Mines; see 'Galloping Mountain,' Grand Forks), \$200; B.C. Mine to Junction, \$50.

"*Kamloops*.—Dunn Creek, Windpass Group, \$300.

"*Kaslo*.—Cork Mine, South Fork Road, \$2,500; Circle City, Elsmere Group, \$500; Levina-Butte Trail, \$200; Houser-Argenta Road, \$2,500; Cultus Creek, \$1,000; Eden and Crescent Mines, Coffee Creek, \$2,500; Jackson's Wagon-road, \$2,000.

"*Lillooet*.—Sucker's Hill, Bridge River Road, \$1,000; Hautier Line, Texas Creek, \$125; Gun Creek to Copper Mountain, \$1,500.

"*North Vancouver*.—Bowen Mines, Dorman's Ranch, \$100; Indian River Trail Bridges, \$1,050; Squamish-Summit Trail, \$100.

"*Newcastle*.—Majuba Trail and Sutton Trail, \$400.

"*Omineca*.—Road to Babine Bonanza Mining and Milling Company, \$150 and \$13,174; Dockrill Road, Howison Creek Mines, \$21,600; Delta Copper Mines, \$750.

"*Prince Rupert*.—Drum Lummon Mines, \$750; Pacific International Copper Company's Trail, \$1,500; Tuttle's account Legate Creek, \$500; Golden Wonder Mine, \$125; Hudson Bay Mountain Coronada Group, \$200.

"*Revelstoke*.—North Road Big Bend Trail, \$14,000.

"*Roseland*.—Burlington and Anaconda Mines, \$1,000.

"*Similkameen*.—Red Star Mineral Claims, \$100; Oregon Group Trail, Hedley, \$250; Princeton-Copper Mountain, \$1,000; Summit Camp Trail, \$200.

"*Slocan*.—Carnation Mine Trail, \$300; Echo Mine Road, \$2,434; Silvertown-Four-mile Road, \$1,500; Elkhorn Mine Railway Siding, Sandon, \$1,000; Ten-mile Creek Road, \$500; Springer Creek Road, \$500; Millie Mack Trail, \$75; Sand Creek, Lightning Peak Trail, \$107.25; Sovereign Mine Road, \$483.48.

"*Trail*.—Bayonne Trail, \$51.65; Gordon Group Trail, \$187; Headland Trail, \$153.70; Lost Creek Trail, \$520.95; Wild Horse, \$100; Ore Hill Road to Sheep Creek, \$450; Reno Trail, Downey Brook Group, \$500; Eureka Mine Road, \$400; Noonday Group Trail, \$125.

"*Yale*.—Coquihalla Foot Bridge, \$500; Emancipation Group Trail, \$500; Empress Mine Group, \$3,770; Siwash Creek Trail, \$250; Aberdeen Mines, \$200; Highland Transvaal Mines, \$600.

"3. \$142,890.68 has been expended."

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

1. What was the total cost of the Prohibition Commission to England?
2. What amount was paid each Commissioner?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. \$3,481.65.

"2. Commissioners acted without remuneration."

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Government information that Neil McIntyre, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, a permanent Civil Servant, was killed in action in France?
2. Has the Government any intention of paying a gratuity to his widow?
3. If so, what amount; and, if not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$780 paid to widow, in addition to monthly allowances made previous to his death, aggregating \$3,038, paid from October, 1916, to November, 1917, fourteen months at average rate of \$217 per month, being the difference between his military and his civil pay.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Was one Dick, of North Vancouver, appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate?
2. For what jurisdiction was he appointed?
3. Where did he carry on his work?
4. Within what periods did he work for the Attorney-General's Department?
5. What salary or allowance did he receive?
6. Is he now working for the Department, and where?
7. If not, is he to be engaged this year; and, if so, for what period?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. For the Province of British Columbia.

"3. Rivers Inlet.

"4. None.

"5. \$100 per month from July 4th to September 30th, 1917.

"6. No.

"7. Probably yes. Period undetermined."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to arrange for the sitting of an Assize Court for Northern British Columbia at Prince George instead of Clinton, as formerly?
2. If not, why not?

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

"1. It is not the intention of the Department to substitute a sitting of the Assize Court at Prince George for that at Clinton. If the necessity arises an Assize will be fixed for Prince George.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have any representations been made to the Prince George Board of Trade urging that offices be established at Prince George for the registration of bills of sale of chattel mortgages?
2. If so, will the request be granted?
3. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes."

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

1. Has the Government information that Vernon Wood, a permanent clerk in the Forest Branch, was killed in action in France?
2. Has the Government any intention of paying a gratuity to the mother of the deceased?
3. If so, how much; and, if not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Under consideration.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Life-insurance Policies Act'" was committed. Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sandon Receivership Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act.'"

Order called for the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to establish a General Eight-hour Day," upon which a point of order was raised and Mr. Speaker reserved his ruling thereon.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* gave his reserved ruling, as follows:—

"On the second reading of this Bill the Honourable the Premier raised a point of order that the Bill interfered with Government policy and Civil Servants. In deciding upon this point I do not think I can do better than to refer to the language of Todd on Parliamentary Government in England, Edition of 1892, Volume 2, at page 61 *et seq.*

"Having in mind the language of Todd in this connection, it would seem clear that Bill No. 29 is one that should have originated with the Ministers of the Crown; but there are other circumstances present which also have a bearing on the situation. In the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor it was plainly intimated that the Crown intended to submit for the consideration of this Assembly legislation having to do with the regulation of the hours of labour, and in particular with the eight-hour day. By way of implementing that intimation, Ministers of the Crown have submitted to this House Bills Nos. 25, 26, and 27.

"Not only, then, does Bill No. 29, when introduced by a private Member, seem to be a violation of the principles laid down by Todd, but it is equally clear that it is an interference with the Government policy as intimated in the Speech from the Throne and as implemented by Bills brought down before this House by Message for its consideration.

"The passing of Bill No. 29 would clearly prevent further consideration of Bills 25, 26, and 27. (*See May, 12th Edition, page 270 et seq.*) It is not in accord with the theory of Parliamentary Government that the Crown should be required to carry out its legislation by amendment to measures proposed by private Members. I would also refer to Speakers' Decisions in this House, particularly at pages 71 and 72, 80 and 81.

"I must therefore rule that the order for the second reading of Bill No. 29 be discharged.

"JOHN KEEN, *Speaker.*"

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

The Chair was sustained.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.10 p.m.