

Thursday, 15th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John G. Inkster*.

On the motion of Mr. *Farris*, Private Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order, 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. *Barrow*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Hon. the Attorney-General or any other Minister or any official dealing with the order of one Andrew Blygh, J.P., granting bail to one N. Bernstein, of the City of Vancouver.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all applications for pardons from the 24th day of July, 1907, to the 24th day of November last, the particulars of each offence, the reasons urged for clemency, the persons pressing same, and the result of the application in each case, and where pardons granted, the date of same; also all applications for pardons from the 24th day of November last to date, the particulars of each offence, the reasons urged for clemency, the persons pressing same, and the result of the application in each case, and where pardons granted, the date of same.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Shatford*, 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 since the 14th September last; (b) all persons in the Permanent or Temporary Service whose services have been dispensed with since the 14th September last; (c) dates of their leaving the service; (d) their ages and length of time in the service; (e) reasons for their dismissals; (f) list of those appointed to take their places, their ages and residence in each case; (g) also names, ages, and residence of all other persons appointed, temporarily or otherwise, to either Permanent or Temporary Service since the 14th September last.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, 16th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ernest G. Miller*.

Pursuant to Order, 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 Dr. *Sutherland*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Twentieth Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health, 1916.

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

1. How many applications were received for proportionate allotments under section 5 of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act" up to and including January 2nd, 1917?
2. What was the total acreage applied for in such applications?
3. How many acres are available to be resumed by the Crown by reason of said applications for proportionate allotment?
4. How many applications were received to complete purchase under the provisions of section 4 of said Act?
5. How many acres were involved in such applications?
6. What was the total sum of money received with the applications (if any) referred to in question 4?
7. How many applications were received to complete title on or before January 31st, 1917, in accordance with the second proviso of section 4 of said Act?
8. How many acres are included in the applications (if any) referred to in question 7?
9. What was the total amount of money received with the applications (if any) referred to in question 7?
10. How many acres of land (approximately) were held under uncompleted agreements to purchase under sections 34 and 45 of the "Land Act," many statutory provisions of which sections 34 and 45 were re-enactments?

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

- "1. 372.
- "2. Approximately 392,517 acres.
- "3. Approximately 1,634,050 acres.
- "4. Eight.
- "5. 74,520 acres.
- "6. \$262,781.60.
- "7. Nine.
- "8. 13,695.8 acres.
- "9. \$43,678.43.
- "10. 2,709,726 acres at 31st December, 1915."

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

1. Is it true that Mr. Enos Small has been appointed supervisor of Government road machinery?
2. If not, to what position has he been appointed?
3. Is it true that Mr. Small was for some years an hotelkeeper at Cranbrook?
4. Is it true that Mr. Small is now travelling around the Province taking inventories of said machinery?
5. Is it true that there are on file in the Works Department annual returns of Road Superintendents or Government Agents giving detail of road machinery on hand?
6. If said Small was appointed, when was he appointed, and on whose recommendation was he appointed, and at what salary?
7. Previous to his appointment, was there anybody in the employment of the Government filling a similar position?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Has no position; was engaged on February 1st to take inventory of Government property in Fort George District.
- "3. Yes, some years ago.
- "4. No.

"5. Yes, but returns received are incomplete and unreliable.

"6. Appointed February 1st. No recommendation. Salary, \$100 per month.

"7. No."

The Hon. Dr. King 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 'Highway Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 16th, 1917.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Referring to the following accountants, employees of Price, Waterhouse & Co.—viz., D. E. Townsend, M. D. Irvine, C. G. Keys, L. A. Roberts, F. B. Griffen, and J. E. D. Anstruther-Morton—who are receiving from the Government \$15 per day and \$4 expenses: What examinations (if any) have each of above-named individuals passed in any Institute of Accountants recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia?

On objection taken, Mr. Speaker Weart ruled the question out of order, on the ground that it contained statements of fact.

Ruling, page 127, Speakers' Decisions, followed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until Monday next.

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, 19th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Silver*.

Pursuant to Order, 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. *Thompson*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

1. Was James Stewart employed as Deputy Game Warden in the District of Mission?
2. If so, for how long was he so employed?
3. Has the said Stewart been dismissed?
4. If so, when and for what reason?
5. What was his age at dismissal?
6. Has any one been appointed to fill the position?
7. If so, what is the name of the said Stewart's successor?
8. What is his age?
9. What is his weight?
10. What are his qualifications?
11. Upon whose recommendation was he appointed?
12. Were there no returned soldiers capable of active, outdoor life desiring appointments at the time the said appointment was made?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Appointed 1905.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. February 28th. Offensive partizanship.
- "5. Unknown.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. F. W. Hughes. And to combine with it, without additional salary, oversight of road-work in district.
- "8. Unknown.
- "9. Unknown.
- "10. A thorough knowledge of the country and its conditions, and ability to take on other duties as outlined above.
- "11. Hon. J. Oliver.
- "12. Had no knowledge of returned soldier fitted for combined positions."

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

1. Has the position of District Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, been filled?
2. If so, who has been appointed?
3. If not, when does the Minister expect to fill the vacancy?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. At an early date."

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

1. Has naturalization papers been yet issued to F. J. Harding, an employee of the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. Who are the two alleged American citizens appointed by the late Government?
3. Are their positions permanent or temporary?
4. Was either one of these in the employ of the Government before working under the Workmen's Compensation Board?
5. If so, in what departments were these employees working and for what length of time?

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

- "1. In course of being issued.
- "2. F. W. Hinsdale and Miss Worswick.
- "3. At discretion of Board.
- "4. Miss Worswick was Sessional stenographer in 1916; since then working in connection with organization under the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' and continued with Mr. Hinsdale, who was appointed organizer in connection with Act.
- "5. Mr. Hinsdale commenced as organizer in July, 1916."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6th, 1917.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. L. Macrae.

Pursuant to Order, 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. Sloan, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 20th, 1917.

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. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors," 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. Oliver presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19th, 1917.

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. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Did the Hon. the Premier, on or about the 18th day of October, 1916, have a long-distance telephone conversation with John T. Scott in Seattle?
2. What was the purport of that conversation?
3. Did the Hon. the Premier, on or about the 19th day of October, 1916, receive a letter from John T. Scott, written from Seattle, dated on or about the 18th day of October, 1916?
4. Did such letter reach the Hon. the Premier by ordinary course of mail?
5. If not, was it delivered, and by whom?
6. Did not said letter contain a reference to the inadvisability of the Hon. the Premier taking the Hon. the Attorney-General into his Cabinet?
7. Did the Hon. the Premier show the letter or divulge its contents to the Hon. the Attorney-General?
8. If so, when?
9. Was a copy of said letter given to the Hon. the Attorney-General?
10. Where is the letter at the present time?
11. Will the Hon. the Premier table a copy of said letter?
12. What was the date of John T. Scott's sworn statement in reference to the plugging in the by-election in the City of Vancouver in February, 1916?
13. Before whom was such statement sworn?
14. Where is such original statement now?
15. Was such sworn statement or a copy of same disclosed to the Hon. the Attorney-General?
16. If so, when, by whom, and for what purpose?
17. Did the Hon. the Premier, either personally or through some other person or persons, negotiate with Scott personally or through some one on his behalf in reference to his return to Vancouver?
18. Was immunity promised said Scott either by the Hon. the Premier or by some one on his behalf?
19. Did the Hon. the Premier, on or about the 26th or 27th day of October last, have an intimation that the said John T. Scott was about to reach Vancouver?
20. If so, from whom did he receive such intimation?
21. What was the date of the meeting in Vancouver when the Liberal members-elect confirmed the Hon. the Premier in his position as leader of the Liberal party?
22. Did the Hon. the Premier have an understanding with any person or persons that the said Scott was not to arrive in Vancouver until after the meeting of the said Liberal members?
23. Did the Hon. the Premier, on or about the 15th day of September last, instruct Mr. Ashworth Anderson and his associates to continue their activities, looking forward to the return from Seattle of said Scott, to employ counsel to go to Seattle, and to employ counsel in Seattle to continue proceedings against Scott?
24. Did the Hon. the Premier communicate these facts to the Hon. the Attorney-General or to Mr. F. C. Wade?
25. If so, when?
26. Did the Hon. the Premier promise the said Ashworth Anderson or any of his associates that he would contribute to the expenses of carrying on said proceedings against Scott?
27. Has the Hon. the Premier made any payments on account of this undertaking?
28. If so, to whom, and what amounts?

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

"As questions refer to actions of private citizens, these are not in order. All information within the knowledge of the Premier will be placed at the disposal of a Royal Commission at an early date."

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

1. Have any applications for seed-grain been received by the Department from any settlers in Pouce Coupe or any other portion of Peace River for the season of 1917?
2. If so, have the same or any of them been favourably considered?
3. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes, from the Pouce Coupe District, in the Dominion Peace River Block.

"2. No.

"3. As these are Dominion lands the question of supplying seed-grain to settlers was referred by the Provincial Department of Agriculture to the Federal Government with the request that they give the matter their best consideration. The grain-crop, whilst light, was not a distinct failure, as in the case of some districts on the line of the G.T.P. Railway between Hazelton and Tete Jaune Cache, and it was therefore considered inadvisable for the Provincial Government to supply seed-grain.

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

What examinations (if any) have D. E. Townsend, M. D. Irvine, C. G. Keys, L. A. Roberts, F. B. Griffen, and J. E. D. Anstruther-Morton (each said to be receiving from the Government \$15 per day and \$4 expenses), passed in any Institute of Accountants recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia?

On objection taken, Mr. Speaker *Weart* ruled the question out of order as offending against Rule 45, and as being practically the same question ruled out of order on the 16th instant. (See also May, 11th edition, page 249.)

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was resumed.

After further debate the same was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Brewster*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the name of *J. W. McIntosh* be substituted for that of *J. W. de B. Farris* on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. A. B. *Osterhout*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Bell*—From 5,936 residents of fifty-eight cities and municipalities of the Province, re amendment of the "Municipal Act" to exempt church-sites from taxation.

By Hon. Dr. *MacLean*—From John McInnis and others, electors of the Electoral District of Fort George, filed under the provisions of section 287 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

Mr. Jackson presented the Second Report of the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 21st, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" and it appearing that there is likely to be a long discussion on some of the clauses of the Bill, and that there is great urgency for the passing of an amendment to section 214 of the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900," and at the request of the petitioner, and no one appearing in opposition thereto, your Committee recommend that the Bill be divided so as to include the proposed amendments to said section 214 in a separate Bill, which is now reported as "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" (No. 2), with the preamble proved.

Your Committee further report and recommend that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended to allow said Bill to proceed in the usual way, inasmuch as the subject-matter contained in the said Bill has been duly advertised and was part of Bill No. 50, already introduced and read a first time.

Your Committee also recommend that no additional fees be required to be paid by the petitioner by reason of the Bill being separated as above.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

On the motion "That the report be received," Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment to strike out the word "received," and insert in lieu thereof the words "referred back to the Private Bills Committee for further consideration."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence and telegrams between the Hon. the Minister of Lands and the Comptroller of Water Rights, and between the Comptroller of Water Rights and Mr. George Anderson, C.E., in the matter of the investigation of the Willow River District for water for power and storage purposes; and also a copy of Mr. George Anderson's report in connection with such investigation.

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

1. What remuneration or allowance has been made or provided to Adam Shortt in connection with the new "Civil Service Act"?

2. What has been paid to him to date?

3. When will his services terminate?

4. What is the amount anticipated that his services will yet cost the Government?

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

"1. By the express desire of Mr. Shortt, no remuneration has been made to him nor is any contemplated.

- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. His services are voluntary.
- "4. Answered by No. 1."

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

- 1. What officials are now employed by the Workmen's Compensation Board?
- 2. What are the names of those employed, when were they appointed, and their salaries?
- 3. Who is appointed temporarily and who permanently?
- 4. Where do the different officials reside?

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

"1. Miss M. Hurst, Stenographer, appointed May 1st, 1916, at \$65 per month; Miss B. Fennell, Stenographer, appointed June 16th, 1916, at \$65 per month; Mrs. Alma Till, Stenographer, appointed August 21st, 1916, at \$65 per month; Miss Phyllis White, Stenographer, appointed January 11th, 1917, at \$65 per month; Miss Worswick, Stenographer, appointed March 1st, 1916, at \$65 per month; F. W. Hinsdale, Organizer, appointed July 23rd, 1916, at \$500 per month; E. P. Kay, Clerk, appointed February 12th, 1917, at \$100 per month; R. Gardom, Claims Agent, appointed February 1st, 1917, at \$150 per month; F. J. Harding, Accountant and Office Manager, appointed February 19th, 1917, at \$150 per month; J. A. Armitage, Clerk, appointed January 12th, 1917, at \$100 per month; Miss O. M. Freeman, Stenographer, appointed January 25th, 1917, at \$75 per month; Miss Maude Ledingham, Stenographer, appointed March 1st, 1917, at \$60 per month; Clive Belben, Messenger, appointed March 8th, 1917, at \$25 per month; F. V. Bodwell, Clerk, appointed February 12th, 1917, at \$100 per month; Dr. G. A. B. Hall, Medical Referee, appointed February 1st, 1917, at \$100 per month.

- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Such officials hold office during pleasure of Board.
- "4. All reside in Victoria, with exception of F. V. Bodwell, Caulfield, West Vancouver, B.C."

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

- 1. Has the Government endeavoured to negotiate a loan since November 24th last?
- 2. If so, what was the result?
- 3. Was a loan arranged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce?
- 4. If so, when was same negotiated, the amount of same, and the rate of interest?
- 5. When does such loan mature?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. A Treasury bill dated 2nd January, 1917, was sold to the bank.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. The bill was discounted on 12th January, 1917; the amount was \$500,000; the rate of discount 5 per cent. per annum.
- "5. March 31st, 1917."

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

- 1. Who are the partners in the firm of Russell, Macdonald, Hancox, Russell & Mowat?
- 2. Is the Hon. the Attorney-General a member of this firm?
- 3. If not, when did he leave such firm?
- 4. Was public notice given of such dissolution?
- 5. If so, in what way was same given?
- 6. Has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken part in private practice since he accepted office?

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

- "1. Names of partners in private firm with which Attorney-General has no connection not a proper subject for questions."
- "2. No; severed connection January 1st, 1917, and have no further interest.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Name not used in firm. No need of public notice of one member of firm retiring.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No; with the exception of concluding one trial on which engaged and not argued prior to January 1st, 1917, and closing matters pending before said date."

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

1. Has Mr. James Murphy, barrister, of Ashcroft, been doing any special work for the Attorney-General's Department?

2. If so, the nature of such work?

3. If not for the Attorney-General's Department, then for what department has such work been done?

4. What was the nature of said work?

5. Are the services still going on?

6. What amount has already been paid Mr. Murphy?

7. What further amount is it anticipated will be paid Mr. Murphy?

8. Is Mr. Murphy any relative of Mr. Justice Murphy, of Vancouver?

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Water Rights Branch of the Department of Lands.

"4. Advising on and preparing water legislation.

"5. No.

"6. \$645.

"7. None.

"8. Yes."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 21st, 1917.

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. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service," 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 Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. de B. Owen.

The petition from 5,936 residents of fifty-eight cities and municipalities of the Province, re amendment of the "Municipal Act" to exempt church-sites from taxation, was received and referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Bowser presented a petition from H. S. Cayley and others, opposing certain proposed amendments to section 214 of the "Vancouver Incorporation Act." (No. 1A.)

Received.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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 22nd, 1917.

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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. Has the Government any information as to the number of returned soldiers in this Province who have been rendered deaf from shell-shock?
2. Is the Government arranging any special assistance to enable these men to qualify for a useful return to civil life?

The Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:—

- "1. The records show that thirty-two men have been returned to British Columbia suffering from deafness from all causes. Of these, twelve cases have been merely aggravated by service.
"2. The matter is receiving the consideration of the Government."

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

1. Has the Hon. the Premier any knowledge of a company or firm known as the Pacific Syndicate, Ltd., of Vancouver?
2. Is this company registered according to the laws of British Columbia?
3. What is the paid-up capital of the concern?
4. What are the names and domiciles of the directors?
5. Who are their solicitors in British Columbia?
6. Has the Government received from the Pacific Syndicate, Ltd., an application for the purchase or other acquirement of lands in British Columbia?
7. If so, what are the particulars of the application?
8. Has the Government received from the aforesaid Pacific Syndicate an offer to complete the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
9. If so, what are the terms of the aforesaid offer?

The Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:—

- "1. Stated in following answers:—
"2. Yes.
"3. \$50,843.20.
"4. Frederick G. King, Vancouver, B.C.; Walter R. Heyneman, Vancouver, B.C.; Edgar S. Rutherford, Vancouver, B.C.; James F. Duncan, Vancouver, B.C.
"5. Messrs. Tupper & Bull.
"6. No.
"7. Answered by No. 6.
"8. No definite offer.
"9. Answered by No. 8."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Friday, 23rd March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Connell.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence and telegrams between the Hon. the Minister of Lands and the Comptroller of Water Rights, and between the Comptroller of Water Rights and Mr. George Anderson, C.E., in the matter of the investigation of the Willow River District for water for power and storage purposes; and also a copy of Mr. George Anderson's report in connection with such investigation.

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

1. How many joint-stock companies registered in this Province, having a capital of \$500,000 or more, have passed into the hands of receivers or liquidators during the past ten years?
2. What are the names and capitalizations of these companies?

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows:—

"1. According to the records of the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies, eighty-seven companies incorporated in the Province, and thirty-two extra-provincial companies.

"2. The names and nominal capital of the companies are as follows:—

"(a.) Provincial Companies—

Name.	Capital.
The Monte Christo Consolidated Mining and Development Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	\$ 2,500,000 00
The Vancouver Realty Company, Limited	500,000 00
Virginia Mining Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)....	500,000 00
The Centre Star Mining Company, Limited	3,300,000 00
Iron Horse Gold-Copper Mining Company, Limited	1,250,000 00
The Sailor Consolidated Mining and Milling Company of Camp McKinney, Limited	1,250,000 00
The McKinney Kamloops Mining Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	1,000,000 00
The Dominion Copper Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	5,000,000 00
Arlington Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	1,000,000 00
St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	3,500,000 00
The Canadian Pacific Lumber Company, Limited	3,000,000 00
Britannia Copper Syndicate, Limited (Non-Personal Liability) ..	937,500 00
The Mts. Sicker and Brenton Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	1,000,000 00
The New Fairview Corporation, Limited	1,000,000 00
The Arrowhead Lumber Company, Limited	500,000 00
W. F. Hunting Lumber Company, Limited	500,000 00
Empire Lumber Company, Limited	3,000,000 00
The Albion Iron Works Company, Limited	500,000 00
The White Channel Gold Hill Hydraulics, Limited	575,000 00
The Eva Gold Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	500,000 00
The Canadian Metal Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	1,110,000 00
Fraser River Lumber Co., Limited	2,000,000 00
The Anglo-American Lumber Company, Limited	500,000 00
The British Columbia Dredging Company, Limited	6,000,000 00
United Empire Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	500,000 00

Name.	Capital.
National Finance Company, Limited	\$ 3,000,000 00
E. H. Heaps & Co., Limited	6,000,000 00
The Prudential Investment Company, Limited	2,000,000 00
Columbia Valley Irrigated Fruit Lands, Limited	500,000 00
Fosthall Lands, Limited	500,000 00
Heaps Timber Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Starlight Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	500,000 00
Lucky Jim Zinc Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	2,500,000 00
Bankers' Trust Corporation, Limited	2,000,000 00
Columbia Finance Co., Limited	1,000,000 00
Red Cliff Mining Company, Limited	1,500,000 00
The Western Canada Trust Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
The Standard Industrial Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
The People's Trust Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Powell River Paper Company, Limited	1,500,000 00
Ocean Falls Co., Limited	6,000,000 00
The British Columbia Homes, Limited	500,000 00
The H. Smith Biscuit Company, Limited	500,000 00
The National Trust Company of British Columbia, Limited	500,000 00
Portland Bear River Mining Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	500,000 00
Kelowna Irrigation Company, Limited	500,000 00
Central Okanagan Lands, Limited	1,000,000 00
The Canadian Home Investment Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Merchants Finance & Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Silver Bow Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	1,000,000 00
Dominion Sawmills and Lumber, Limited	10,000,000 00
General Trustees Corporation, Limited	1,000,000 00
Consolidated Buildings, Limited	500,000 00
Kilgard Fire Clay Company, Limited	500,000 00
The Alliance Investment Company, Limited	500,000 00
Standard Fisheries, Limited	1,000,000 00
Kootenay Gold Mines, Limited	500,000 00
Dominion Development Syndicate, Limited	£ 100,000
Columbia Valley Orchards, Limited	\$ 1,000,000 00
The B.C. Breweries, Limited	2,000,000 00
Edson Townsite Company, Limited	750,000 00
Vancouver Freehomes, Limited	1,000,000 00
Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited	5,000,000 00
North American Securities, Limited	3,000,000 00
John Robertson & Son (Pacific), Limited	500,000 00
Island Construction and Development Company, Limited	500,000 00
Vancouver Estates, Limited	600,000 00
Dominion Match Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Wm. N. O'Neil Company, Limited	750,000 00
Acadia, Limited	1,000,000 00
Heaps Engineering Company, Limited	500,000 00
Oyster Harbor Collieries, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)	3,000,000 00
British Columbia Motor Truck Transportation Company, Limited	500,000 00
Western Dominion Land & Investment Company, Limited	500,000 00
Groundhog Anthracite Coal Company, Limited	500,000 00
Fort George Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Amalgamated Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000 00
Property Improvements, Limited	500,000 00
Dominion Stores, Limited	1,000,000 00

Name.	Capital.
Newcastle Lumber Mills, Limited	\$ 500,000 00
Seymour Arm Estates, Limited	750,000 00
D. E. Brown, Hope & Macaulay, Limited	1,000,000 00
Vancouver Island Oil Company, Limited	2,000,000 00
Alpha Mortgage and Investment Corporation, Limited	5,000,000 00
Canadian European Investment Corporation, Limited	2,000,000 00
J. Z. Lajoie Co., Limited	2,000,000 00
Canada's Ocean Beach Resort, Limited	750,000 00
“(b.) Extra-Provincial Companies—	
The Canadian Pacific Exploration, Limited	£ 500,000
The Waverley Mine, Limited	100,000
British Columbia Agency, Limited	100,000
The Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited	600,000
United Trust, Limited	2,000,000
The New Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited	250,000
The African British Columbia Corporation, Limited	200,300
The Whitewater Mines, Limited	125,000
The Tangier Mine, Limited	120,000
The Wakefield Mines, Limited	100,000
The English-Canadian Company, Limited	400,000
The Mount Sicker and British Columbia Development Company, Limited	125,000
Le Roi Mining Company, Limited	1,000,000
Hastings (British Columbia) Exploration Syndicate, Limited ..	100,000
British Columbia Financial Trust and General Corporation, Limited	250,000
The Giant Mining Company, Limited	150,000
The Kaslo-Slocan Mining and Financial Corporation, Limited ..	500,000
The Globe Fire Assurance Company, Limited	250,000
La Compagnie d'Assurance Contre l'Incendie De Rimouski ..	\$ 1,000,000 00
West Canadian Deep Leads, Limited	£ 150,000
British Canadian Securities, Limited	\$ 1,000,000 00
Mussens, Limited	500,000 00
Swanson Bay Forests Wood Pulp and Lumber Mills, Limited ..	500,000 00
Lightning Creek (British Columbia) Hydraulic Mining Com- pany, Limited	£ 150,000
Canadian North Pacific Fisheries, Limited	\$ 2,500,000 00
British Canadian Lumber Company, Limited	20,000,000 00
The Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, Limited	1,500,000 00
Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company, Limited	5,000,000 00
British Columbian Fisheries, Limited	£ 250,000
Riverside Lumber Company, Limited	\$ 500,000 00
The Prince Rupert Fish and Cold Storage Company, Limited ..	500,000 00
British Columbia Breweries, Limited	5,000,000 00

“NOTE.—A large proportion of companies are wound up under the ‘Winding-up Act,’ which is a Dominion Statute, and does not provide for filing returns in the Registrar's office. The foregoing answers are therefore not exact.”

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

Has any promise been made by the Hon. the Minister of Mines, the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, or any other Minister to grant assistance to R. R. Bruce and his associates, of Wilmer, in connection with the building of a road up Toby Creek leading to the Paradise Mine?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

“No.”

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

In the applications numbered 24, 52, and 73 to the Agricultural Credit Commission:—

1. For what specific purposes were above-mentioned loans applied for, under section 37 of chapter 2, Statutes of 1915, in each case?

2. On what respective dates were the following amounts of money paid on loans No. 24, of \$2,329.40; No. 52, of \$2,194.15; and No. 73, of \$3,000?

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

“1. Application No. 24: Pay balance on land and buy live stock. Application No. 52: Build barn, clear land, buy stock, and pay mortgage. Application No. 73: Buy stock, clear land, and complete barn.

“2. Application No. 24: December 12th, 1916, \$1; January 16th, 1917, \$23.40; February 20th, 1917, \$1,505; February 22nd, 1917, \$800; total, \$2,329.40. Application No. 52: December 13th, 1916, \$1; December 30th, 1916, \$5.50; January 19th, 1917, \$1,885.65; January 20th, 1917, \$1; February 20th, 1917, \$300; February 21st, 1917, \$1; total, \$2,194.15. Application No. 73: October 26th, 1916, \$19.50; November 13th, 1916, \$1,500; February 27th, 1917, \$135; February 28th, 1917, \$1,345.50; total, \$3,000.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pharmacy Act’” was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 23rd, 1917.

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. 14) intituled “An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Has the name of R. G. McPherson been brought to the attention of the Hon. the Premier in connection with the appointment of the Civil Service Commissioner?

2. Has the Government decided to appoint Mr. McPherson to said position?

3. Is the said R. G. McPherson an uncle of John T. Scott?

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

“1. No.

“2. Has not been considered.

“3. Mr. R. G. McPherson states that he is not an uncle of J. T. Scott's, and resents the insult implied in the question.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors.”

The debate was again adjourned until Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway.”

The debate was again adjourned until Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Monday, 26th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. J. Thompson*.

Mr. *Bowser* presented a petition from the Ratepayers' Central Association of Vancouver and certain ratepayers of the City of Vancouver, opposing proposed amendments to the “Vancouver Incorporation Act” and particularly with reference to section 214. (No. 1B.)

Received.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act respecting the Civil Service” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep” 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 to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

Mr. *Farris* presented the First Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 27th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway beg leave to present their first interim report, as follows:—

• That your Committee submit the first 418 pages of evidence taken on the inquiry and recommend that the same be printed forthwith for the information of the House.

JNO. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman*.

Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Macdonald* 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 'Provincial Elections Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 27th, 1917.

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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to be pleased to direct an inquiry into the allegations contained in the petition of John McInnis, of Prince George, British Columbia.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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 24th day of November, 1916.

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

1. Was George Snell, of Vanderhoof, at any time an employee of the Public Works Department?
2. If so, for what period and in what capacity?

3. Under what circumstances were his services dispensed with?
4. On leaving the service were his accounts audited?
5. If so, were his accounts found correct?
6. If so, on what date?
7. Did he turn over the tools and implements under his care to the Government Agent at South Fort George?
8. If so, on what date?
9. Has any successor to him been appointed?
10. If not, why not?
11. Upon whose recommendation will such appointment be made?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April, 1914, to December, 1916, as road superintendent.
- "3. The closing-down of work.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. January last.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. December 30th, 1916.
- "9. No.
- "10. No work going on.
- "11. Open to receive recommendations from any quarter."

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

1. Has the Provincial Department of Mines ever since 1900 been administering the base metals in the Railway Belt?
2. If so, with whom was this arrangement made?
3. Has the Provincial Department ceased to do this work?
4. If so, when and why?

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

- "1. The Provincial Government and not the Provincial Department of Mines has administered the base metals in the Railway Belt ever since 1900, but owing to the creation of certain reserves by the Dominion Government the rights of free miners under the 'Mineral Act' are likely to be hampered and interfered with.
- "2. By arrangement with the Dominion Government.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed. Reported with amendments. Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors."

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
March 27th, 1917.*

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. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle and Horses," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. T. Tapscott*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Farris*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That it be an instruction to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills to divide Bill No. 50, being the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917," into two Bills by inserting section 27 of said Bill in a separate Bill.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 28th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for reporting Bills to the House be extended from March 29th to April 11th, 1917.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, moved on the 27th March, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to be pleased to direct an inquiry into the allegations contained in the petition of John McInnis, of Prince George, British Columbia.

A point of order was raised by Mr. *Bowser*, That the petition referred to in the motion was out of order inasmuch as the same was not presented within the time limit prescribed by section 287 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision thereon.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. What are the particulars of the act or acts of alleged offensive partizanship which led to the dismissal of Deputy Game Warden James Stewart, of Mission?
2. Can the Hon. the Minister learn through the officers of his Department, or from the successor of the aforesaid James Stewart, the age of the gentleman appointed to succeed the aforesaid Stewart as Deputy Game Warden in the Mission District?
3. If so, will the Hon. the Minister obtain this information and supply it to the House?

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

"1. Taking an active part in political work; acting as election agent in 1912; delegate to Conservative conventions; taking an active part in last election. In addition, not considered suitable for the combined work referred to in answer to previous questions on the same subject.

"2. No information in Department on this subject.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Who was appointed Returning Officer in the different constituencies in the by-elections when the Ministers of the Government resigned on accepting office in November last?
2. What amount was paid each Returning Officer?

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

"1. Cranbrook, Charles R. Ward, \$75; Dewdney, Hector Ferguson, \$75; Greenwood, John L. White, \$75; Nanaimo, Thomas B. Booth, \$75; Prince Rupert, Fred G. Dawson, \$150; Vancouver City, James Stables, \$400; Victoria City, E. J. Bawden, \$75.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was Mr. R. W. Harris, K.C., of Vancouver, appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" to inquire into the sales of certain properties at Point Grey and other points which were sold by the Government by public auction?
2. When was such appointment made?
3. What was the scope of such inquiry and what properties were considered by said Commission?
4. Did Mr. Harris proceed with said inquiry?
5. Has he reported to the Government?
6. If so, when was such report received?
7. What recommendations did Mr. Harris make as to the result of his investigations?
8. Does the Government propose to follow the suggestions or recommendations of the said Commissioner?
9. Will the Government table a copy of said report?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. April 28th, 1916.

"3. To inquire into: (a.) The sale of certain suburban lands in the Province of British Columbia situate in Lots 139, 140, 176, 538, 540, 206, 217, and 2027, all in New Westminster

District, more particularly the lands surveyed being: Lot 2 in Block 13; Lot 1 in Block 19; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 20; Lots 2 and 3 in Block 21; Lot 3 in Block 44. (b.) All dealings with and transfers and assignments of the said lands made since the said date, and all payments made and by whom made in respect thereof, and the disposal of moneys so paid.

- "4. Presumably.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. September 30th, 1916.
- "7. Have not yet considered report.
- "8. Answered by No. 7.
- "9. Yes."

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return to an Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence between the Hon. the Attorney-General or any other Minister or any official dealing with the order of one Andrew Blygh, J.P., granting bail to one N. Bernstein, of the City of Vancouver.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this day week.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 29th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. T. Archbold.

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 29th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That under the instructions of the House your Committee has divided Bill No. 50, being the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917," into two Bills by inserting section 27 of said Bill in a separate Bill, to be known as Bill No. 51, intituled "The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917, No. 2."

That the preamble of Bill No. 51, intituled "The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917, No. 2," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

That the Standing Orders in connection with Bill No. 50 have not been complied with, inasmuch as the provisions of section 27 do not appear to have been contemplated in the notice for said Bill as advertised; but, as proof has been produced to your Committee that the subject-matter of said Bill No. 51 has been discussed in the Municipal Council and referred to in the daily press of the City of Vancouver, and as all of the parties immediately interested appeared before your Committee and objections were heard and considered, your Committee would recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act regarding the Maintenance of Sick and Destitute Persons by Near Relatives."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, moved on the 27th March, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to be pleased to direct an inquiry into the allegations contained in the petition of John McInnis, of Prince George, British Columbia.

On the point of order raised by Mr. *Bowser*, That the petition referred to in the motion was out of order inasmuch as the same was not presented within the time limit prescribed by section 287 of the "Provincial Elections Act," and upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision, Mr. Speaker *Weart* ruled as follows:—

"Yesterday, upon the calling of the Orders of the Day, to resume the adjourned debate on the motion moved on the 27th March, as follows: 'That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to be pleased to direct an inquiry into the allegations contained in the petition of John McInnis, of Prince George, British Columbia,' a point of order arose. My decision was reserved.

"I am asked to make a ruling upon a point raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. *Bowser*), who has drawn my attention to the fact that, as the petition of John McInnis *et al.* was received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary on the 28th day of February, instant, it is not properly before the House, as not complying with provisions of section 287, 'Provincial Elections Act,' chapter 72, 1911, and the motion cited is not in order.

"The right of petition to the Crown and Parliament for redress of grievances is accepted as a fundamental principle of the Constitution, and has been uninterruptedly exercised from very early times.

"Where there have been special reports concerning bribery, or riots at elections, and the misconduct of Returning Officers; undue influence or spiritual intimidation; the alteration of the poll; the absence, misconduct, or perjury of witnesses; defects or uncertainty in the law; the propriety of suspending the writ, or any other exceptional circumstances, the House has taken such measures as were assumed by law or usage or as appeared suitable to the occasion. (May, 11th, 659.) An effective mode of investigating corrupt practices at elections was established by the 'Corrupt Practices Act, 1863' (Imperial), and also by 15 and 16 Victoria, chapter 57 (Imperial), which provided for the appointment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry, and in 1869 Commissioners were appointed by Statute to inquire into corrupt practices reported.

"A person may, at an election, be disqualified for being elected *by reason of corrupt practices committed at an election previous thereto*. So, also, a person not disqualified before an election may, during the election, become disqualified by reason of corrupt practices being committed at such election; but the latter disqualification can only arise *ex post facto* upon

investigation into such election. This disqualification always exists at common law,' and the statutory provisions to which reference will be made are 'intended only to give fuller effect to the common law of Parliament.'

"Section 287 of the 'Provincial Elections Act,' chapter 72, 1911, reads as follows: 'If upon a petition to the Legislative Assembly presented to the Deputy Provincial Secretary within twenty-one days after the return of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for any electoral district, or within fourteen days after the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and signed by two or more electors of such district, and alleging that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the then last election for such district, or that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have there so prevailed, or if upon the Judge making a report to that effect to the Legislative Assembly as hereinbefore provided, an address be presented by the Legislative Assembly to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that such allegation may be inquired into, the Lieutenant-Governor may appoint Commissioners to inquire into the same.'

"The Legislature, by enacting section 287, apparently did so with the view of following English enactments, and to give a further right to the subject to seek redress, and placed a time limit within which that right could be exercised. And it would appear that the aforesaid section was enacted with the express purpose of meeting the apparent existing condition. The point raised is as to time.

"The petition in question was presented to the Deputy Provincial Secretary with a letter in the following words:—

" 'PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, February 22nd, 1917.

" 'The Deputy Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B.C.

" 'DEAR SIR,—Enclosed find petition to be presented to the Legislature as per section 287 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

" 'A number of statutory declarations dealing with this matter are now in the hands of the Attorney-General; these I wish attached to the petition.

" 'Yours respectfully,

" '(Signed.) JOHN McINNIS.'

"That letter specifically states that the petition is being presented in pursuance of said section 287, and the date of the receipt of that petition would appear to be 28th February, as appears by the stamp on the face thereof, and is clearly not within twenty-one days after the return of the member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district; but the receipt of it is clearly one day before the opening of the present Parliament.

"The transmission of this petition by mail from Fort George to be presented in pursuance of the said section 287, I am inclined to think, places the onus upon the Deputy Provincial Secretary to see that the presentation comes within the meaning of the Statute, and from the date of its receipt it would be a continuous presentment, and clearly within the fourteen days after the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, as that fourteenth day is the time limit in which this petition could be received.

"The section of the Act is not specific in stating that the petition is to be accepted by the House, but, on the contrary, it contains a specific direction to present it to the Deputy Provincial Secretary to cause an address to be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that such allegations contained in the petition may be inquired into, etc. The petition was tabled in order that the members might peruse it and (from the facts therein stated, such facts being supported by any other evidence that might be adduced) determine as to the wisdom of supporting said motion or otherwise.

"The Legislature was called to meet on the 22nd February, the date of the petitioner's letter. At page 417 of the Gazette, the members elected to serve were relieved from attending at that date and were called to meet on March 1st. If a doubt exists, should not the subject receive the benefit of that doubt?

"I am of the opinion that the petition in question has been properly presented and comes within the provision of section 287 of said Act, and that the motion is in order. And so I adjudge."

Debate resumed.

The House divided, and the question was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Keen,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	

NAYS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" was committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'" The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle and Horses" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Friday, 30th March, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

Mr. *Farris* presented the Second Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 30th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway construction begs to submit a further interim report of the balance of 641 pages of evidence taken by the Committee, and recommends that same be printed forthwith.

J. W. DE B. FAREIS, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the report adopted.

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

1. What is the total acreage of Colony Farm?
2. How many acres at Colony Farm are under cultivation?
3. How many acres at Colony Farm could be put under cultivation if improved, and what is the estimated cost of such improvements?
4. What are the total expenditures by the Government of British Columbia, at January 1st, 1917, in connection with Colony Farm on the following items: (a) Land; (b) buildings; (c) improvements; (d) cattle; and (e) horses?
5. How many head of cattle have been sold from Colony Farm and how much has been received from such sales?
6. How many head of horses have been sold from Colony Farm and how much has been received from such sales?
7. At Colony Farm how many animals are there under the following heads: (a) Stallions; (b) mares; (c) geldings; (d) colts; (e) fillies; (f) bulls; (g) cows; and (h) calves?
8. Are sufficient dairy products produced at Colony Farm for the requirements of Essondale Asylum?
9. What is the total capital cost of Essondale Asylum to the Government of British Columbia?
10. What is the total acreage of land owned by the Government of British Columbia at Essondale?

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

"1. 338 acres of delta land, which is that portion of Government property commonly known as Colony Farm.

"2. 262.86 acres under cultivation; 13 acres devoted to buildings; 3.90 acres to roadways; and 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres taken up by dyke and portion outside of dyke.

"3. All of what has commonly been known as Colony Farm is at present under cultivation.

"4. (a.) On May 11th, 1904, Lots 60, 170, 305, and 23, less 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and a small portion of Lot 22 were obtained in exchange for Lots 59, 131, 135, 136, 137, 138, Group 1, New Westminster District. On December 19th, 1908, 12 acres, which is a portion of Lot 23, were purchased from Peter Peebles, of New Westminster, for the sum of \$2,300. On March 15th, 1909, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which is a portion of Lot 23, were purchased from one Henry Wilson for the sum of \$1,000. (b.) Expenditure on buildings on Colony Farm, \$207,286.88. This amount is made up as per attached statement. (c.) Improvements consisting of dyking, ditching, draining, paving, fencing, and miscellaneous amounted to \$108,121.38; also a sum of \$146,211.62 was expended for clearing land, but this amount represents the expenditure for all clearing done on the Government property at Essondale. I cannot segregate the expenditure on Colony Farm from the records at my disposal. (d.) For the purchase of cattle the sum of \$48,526.95. (e.) For the purchase of horses the sum of \$83,248.04.

"5. There has been 161 head of cattle sold, for which we received \$36,115.55.

"6. There has been 75 head of horses sold for the sum of \$26,314.

"7. (a) Stallions, 6; (b) mares, 20; (c) geldings, 15; (d) colts, 4; (e) fillies, 22; (f) aged bulls, 3; (g) cows, 51; (h) calves, 79; made up as follows: 17 bulls from a few weeks to one year old, 37 heifers from a week to one year old, and 25 heifers from one to two years old.

"8. All milk is supplied for the Essondale and New Westminster institutions, and during the summer months a portion of the butter required is supplied.

"9. I have estimated the total cost of the Essondale Asylum at approximately \$700,000. It is absolutely impossible for me to give an exact cost in figures from the data which I have been able to obtain.

"10. Total acreage, 1,000 acres."

STATEMENT.

Buildings—

One farm cottage	\$ 30,376 18	
One horse-barn	43,593 27	
One new cow-barn	23,289 72	
One old cow-barn and basement	6,394 77	
Two implement-sheds	10,476 35	
Dairy	7,463 58	
Hay-barn	1,492 82	
Tank-house (contract, W.L. Co.)	6,165 00	
Pump-station (contract, W.L. Co.)	5,836 50	
Old horse-stable	109 14	
Transformer-house	107 63	
Two silos	1,777 60	
Blacksmith-shop	149 94	
Westholme Lumber Co. (sundries, Farm Building) ..	13,866 91	
Stock-stalls	1,900 00	
Sundries in barn	3,280 41	
New calf-barn	1,522 83	
General Account, including plumbing, heating, electrical work, etc., for Farm Building	49,484 23	
		\$207,286 88

Dyking, Ditching, and Draining—

E. Sabourin	\$ 12,406 11	
Pike & Coulthurst	14,378 52	
A. J. Hill	7,774 52	
W. A. Gilley	345 48	
A. Dehlin	116 40	
Westholme Lumber Co.	6,012 12	
Sundries Account	3,592 68	
Sea-wall	1,170 00	
J. McArthur	250 16	
		\$ 46,045 99
Water and drainage		1,831 22

Paving—

Contract Elso Co.		24,360 03
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Fencing—

First	\$ 5,719 54	
Second	6,627 75	
		12,347 29

Miscellaneous—

Liquid-manure tanks	\$ 412 50	
Weigh-scales	62 31	
Pumps	4,321 19	
Plumbing	744 05	
Fire Engineer	250 00	
Fire-alarms	3,890 00	
Fire-hose	430 00	
Farm implements	2,117 82	
First ploughing	315 00	
Transmission-line (Farm one-third, \$6,764.50)	2,321 63	
General repairs, 1913-15	8,672 35	
		23,536 85

\$108,121 38

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

1. Did Mr. F. C. Wade, representing the Vancouver *Sun*, at any time since the 24th day of November last, make a proposition to the Hon. the Premier or any other member of the Government that the Government or one or more departments should enter into a contract with said *Sun* newspaper for printing in the future amounting to \$25,000 or more?

2. Did said Wade point out that if he received this contract he would take it and finance with his banker as a result?

3. Did said Wade suggest that the Government Printing Office in Victoria be closed, or a greater portion of it, and work be transferred to the *Sun* office in Vancouver?

4. If so, what answer was given said Wade?

5. If these suggestions were not made to the Premier personally, were same ever brought to his notice by any colleague or any other person?

The Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:—

“Neither the Government, nor any member thereof, has received proposals as outlined in the above questions.”

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

With reference to E. W. Dudley, D. E. Townsend, M. G. Irvine, C. G. Keys, L. A. Roberts, F. B. Griffen, J. E. D. Anstruther-Morton, employees of Price, Waterhouse & Co.:—

1. What is the age of each respectively?

2. Is each one married or single?

3. What monthly wage or salary is each of such persons now receiving from Price, Waterhouse & Co.?

4. For what period has each of such persons been continuously employed by the said firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co.?

5. For what period has each of such persons been employed by Price, Waterhouse & Co. in doing similar work to that on which each of such persons is now being employed by said firm?

6. What examination (if any) has each of said persons passed in any Institute of Accountants recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia?

The Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:—

“As questions refer to the internal management of the offices of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., the Government has made no effort to ascertain the information asked for in the above questions.”

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

1. Was Mr. Justice Gregory appointed by the late Government under the “Public Inquiries Act” to look into claims for damages of certain parties in Vancouver Island arising out of destruction to property in connection with the so-called coal strike?

2. What was the date of said appointment?

3. Did he proceed with said investigation?

4. Has same been finished?

5. Has Mr. Justice Gregory reported his finding to the Government?

6. If so, what was the nature of his recommendation?

7. Will the Government table a copy of said report?

The Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. August 2nd, 1916.

“3. Yes.

“4. Yes.

“5. Yes.

“6. Findings were confined to matters of fact.

“7. Yes.”

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

1. Is George Anderson, C.E., at present in the employment of the Department of Lands?
2. If so, in what capacity, and whether temporary or permanent?
3. If in temporary service, has any application been made by him or on his behalf that he be placed on the permanent staff?
4. Was such application made in writing or verbally?
5. If so, on what date?
6. Has any suggestion been made, either by himself or on his behalf, that he be appointed Comptroller of Water Rights in the event of the present incumbent being relieved of his duties?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. As an engineer; temporarily.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Answered by No. 3.
- "6. No."

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

1. What is the total amount of money voted by the Legislative Assembly for assistance to King Edward Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis at Tranquille, near Kamloops, B.C.?
2. What is the total amount of money paid from such votes?
3. When were such votes passed by the Legislative Assembly, and what is the amount of money paid on each such vote?

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

- "1. \$315,374.55, including *per capita* grants made under the provisions of the 'Hospital Act.'
- "2. \$312,837.34.
- "3.

Year.	Vote.	Special Grants.	Vote.	Per Capita Grants.	Amount expended.
1906-07	80	\$ 5,000	..	...	\$ 5,000 00
1907-08	82	5,000	59	\$ 3,266 05	8,266 05
1908-09	92	20,000	59	4,824 50	24,824 50
1909-10	89	20,000	60	6,489 75	26,489 75
1910-11	88	20,000	60	6,170 25	26,170 25
1911-12	59	30,000	31	12,046 35	42,046 35
1912-13	62	30,000	31	21,906 45	51,906 45
1913-14	72	7,000	34	25,476 85	32,476 85
1914-15 .....	..	..	36	27,721 00	27,721 00
1915-16 .....	..	..	35	30,026 55	30,026 55
1916-17	130	10,000	37	30,446 80*	37,909 59†
		\$147,000		\$168,374 55	\$312,837 34."

* Estimated. † To 28th February, 1917.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service."

The debate was adjourned until Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.