

Friday, 5th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

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

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster, British Columbia."

The petition from W. G. Merriman-Norman, E. Symonds, W. K. Noble, and many other citizens and ratepayers of Vancouver, opposing amendments to "Vancouver City Incorporation Act" *re* jitney service was received.

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

That on this and on all following days to the close of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. Was there a convention of high-school teachers of the Province held in Victoria during the year 1917?
2. Who was responsible for calling this convention?
3. How many high-school teachers were present?
4. How were the delegates selected from each point?
5. What districts were represented?
6. Were any recommendations made by the convention to the Department of Education?
7. Will they be made public?
8. Did the Government pay the expenses of the delegates?
9. If so, what were the amounts?

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

"1. No, but there was a meeting of teachers and professors representing the High Schools and the University held in the Education Office in 1917.

"2. The Superintendent of Education.

"3. Fifteen.

"4. On the recommendation of the Inspector of High Schools.

"5. The Island, the Lower Mainland, and the Upper Country.

"6. Yes.

"7. Yes, in the revised Course of Study for High Schools.

"8. Yes.

"9. B. S. Freeman (Armstrong), \$63.20; H. Chodat (University), \$12.20; S. J. Willis (University), \$10.40; J. K. Henry (University), \$12.15; D. McIntosh (University), \$14.50; E. R. McMillan (New Westminster), \$21.35; J. A. McIntosh (Richmond), \$11.40; R. W. Suter (Vancouver), \$12.25; H. Ashton (University), \$14.75; Geo. E. Robinson (University), \$13.30; J. T. E. Palmer (South Vancouver), \$12.35; J. M. Paterson (Esquimalt), \$4.40; D. W. Campbell (North Vancouver), \$20.25; A. Bowles (Point Grey), \$17.10; A. F. Matthews (Kamloops), \$44.40; D. B. Johnston (Vancouver), \$19.50; F. J. Mayers (Vancouver), \$19.25; C. Alice Cameron (Vancouver), \$18.50; B. J. Wood (Vancouver), \$18.90; L. V. Rogers (Kelowna), \$62.30; T. C. Hebb (University), \$14.85; Thos. Pattison (University), \$13.35; A. H. Hutchinson (University), \$9.25; Lemuel Robertson (University), \$12.70."

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

1. Has a loan been made by the Land Settlement Board to one John R. Green, in the Glenford Orchard Subdivision, Saanich?
2. If so, what is the amount, the interest charged, and the number of acres upon which security has been given?
3. Is not this property a subdivision with streets running through it?
4. If so, has the Board a mortgage on the streets?
5. Are there any buildings on this property?
6. If so, the particulars of same, and their value?
7. Is any one living on said property with the idea of farming same?
8. Is not the title to said property now being questioned before the Courts?
9. Is John R. Green not practising law in the City of Victoria?

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

“1. No.

“2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Answered by No. 1.

“9. Yes.

“The following note has been received from the Land Settlement Board:—

“This Board loaned Mr. Green \$2,700, repayable at the expiration of three years, with interest payable in the meantime semi-annually at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum on mortgage, dated November 27th, 1917, on Lots 1 to 20, inclusive, and Lots 22 to 36, inclusive, in Block 1, and Lots 1 to 14, inclusive, and Lot 16 in Block 2 of a subdivision of Lots 89 and 104 of Section 82, Victoria District, Map No. 1786.

“Lots 89 and 104 were 5-acre lots, but this acreage is at present reduced to the extent of the streets shown on Map 1786. A petition is now before the Supreme Court asking for cancellation of this map.

“This property may be locally known as the Glenford Orchard Subdivision, but we have no knowledge of this if such is the case. This is a fruit-farm, planted in apple-trees which were reported in good condition.

“There are some old buildings on the property which were not taken into consideration in making the loan, no value being placed on same.

“We have no information as to whether there is any one living on the property at present or not.

“We have notice from the Registrar-General that a caveat was lodged against the title to this property on March 8th, 1918, on behalf of the Royal Bank of Canada, claiming to be the registered owner of a mortgage for \$1,000, dated November 19th, 1914, but at the time our loan was made Mr. Green held an unencumbered indefeasible title to the property according to the records of the Land Registry Office.”

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

1. Did the Government supply a motor-car to Mr. Freeland, the Mining Engineer at Phoenix?
2. Was it a second-hand car?
3. If so, from whom was it purchased, and the price paid?
4. How long had this car been used before it was purchased by the Government, and what was its make?
5. Why was not one of the old Government cars used?
6. Was any attempt made to purchase from any other person by competition?

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

“1. If a motor-car was furnished Mr. Freeland, the Mining Engineer at Phoenix, it was not supplied by or through the Public Works Department.

“2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Was S. F. Morley, formerly a temporary and subsequently a permanent clerk in the Water Branch of the Department of Lands, dismissed from the Service on or about November 21st, 1917?

2. If so, was it stated in the Order in Council authorizing his dismissal that the reasons for such dismissal were for "economy only"?

3. What were the dates between which the said S. F. Morley was employed: (a) As a temporary clerk; (b) as a permanent clerk?

4. Has any temporary clerk been performing the duties formerly performed by said Morley since his dismissal on November 21st, 1917?

5. How many temporary clerks have been employed in the Water Branch of the Department of Lands since November 21st, 1917?

6. How many, if any, temporary clerks mentioned in question 5 are still employed, and what are their names and salaries?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a) From December 15th, 1910, to March 31st, 1913; (b) from April 1st, 1913, to November 21st, 1917.

"4. No.

"5. None.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Is F. W. Reeves employed as a temporary clerk in the Water Branch of the Department of Lands?

2. If so, by whom was this appointment recommended?

3. If so, what is the age of the said Reeves?

4. What salary is he being paid?

5. Is the said Reeves a returned soldier?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Made personal application.

"3. Forty years.

"4. \$90 per month.

"5. No returned soldier with requisite qualifications was available at time of appointment."

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

What were the amounts at the credit on March 31st, 1918, of the following accounts: (a) Lands Department Trust Account; (b) Forest Branch Trust Account; (c) Water Rights Branch Trust Account?

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

"(a) \$85,471.10; (b) \$69,169.73; (c) \$34,363.28."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to follow the suggestions of Mr. Justice Gregory in connection with the damages suffered by certain people on account of the Vancouver Island riots, and to pay said amounts either in whole or in part?

2. If so, when will said payments be made?

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

"This matter is under consideration."

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of: (a) All correspondence between Griffiths Hughes and the Government or any member thereof relating to the acquisition by the Government of the farm of the said Griffiths Hughes; (b) all agreements between the said Griffiths Hughes and the Government or any member thereof covering the acquisition of said farm; (c) all reports (if any) by the Departmental officers on the advisability of acquiring the same; (d) pay-roll (if any); (e) particulars of live stock purchased, giving

names of persons from whom purchased, with price and correspondence *re* same; (f) the names of any returned soldiers who have received practical instruction in agriculture at the said farm, and in what lines; (g) the names of any returned soldiers now employed (if any) in the operation of said farm.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie, the debate was adjourned to Monday afternoon session.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statutes and Journals Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

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

1. In regard to each Public School Inspector, the following information is requested: (a.) Name. (b.) Address and age. (c.) Date of appointment and by whom recommended. (d.) Salary per annum, and cost of office, with location. (e.) Expenses for fiscal year ending March 31st, 1917. (f.) Description of district which he covers and number of public schools in district. (g.) Whether Normal School trained or not. (h.) Whether graduate of University with degree, and when. (i.) Experience in teaching: (i) In British Columbia, and what schools and when; (ii) in other Provinces, and what schools and when. (j.) Experience teaching in High School, and where and when.

2. The same information as above in respect to each High School Inspector in the Province.

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. *Inspector Miller*.—(a.) Albert Edgar Miller. (b.) Revelstoke, B.C.; 44 years of age on August 12th, 1917. (c.) January, 1909; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,600; cost of office, *nil*; Revelstoke, B.C. (e.) \$1,368.04. (f.) Upper Columbia Valley—Columbia Lake to Golden; Main Line, C.P.R.—Field to Sicamous; Eastern Arms, Shuswap Lake—Sicamous to Seymour Arm; Lower Columbia Valley—Revelstoke to Robson; Trout Lake District; West Bank, Columbia River—Castlegar to International Boundary, including Rossland; Columbia and Western Railway and Kettle River Watershed—Castlegar to Anarchist Mountain; community Doukhobor schools wherever found or established. Eighty-nine schools, with 149 teachers. (g.) Ontario County Model School. (h.) None. (i.) (i.) In British Columbia, Division IV., Dawson School, Vancouver, 2 years; Division III., Dawson School, Vancouver, ½ year; Division I., Central School, Revelstoke, 6 years. (ii.) In Ontario, S.S. No. 1, Brock Township, Ontario County, 1 year; Division I., Prince Albert Public School, Ontario County, 4½ years. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Pollock*.—(a.) John T. Pollock. (b.) Court-house, Vancouver, B.C., or 2730 Eighth Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.; 45 years of age. (c.) August, 1910; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,540; cost of office, *nil*; Court-house, Vancouver, B.C. (e.) \$235. (f.) Half of Vancouver City, Burnaby Municipality, and twenty-two schools along the Coast; about 230 rooms or teachers. (g.) Professional training, Ontario Model. (h.) None. (i.) 13 years. (i.) In British Columbia: Haney, 1900-1901; Hammond, 1901-1902; Vancouver City, 1902-1903; Principal, Ladner Public School, 1903-1904; Revelstoke, 1905, to August, 1910. (ii.) In Ontario, 1896-7-8, S.S. No. 4, Huron Township, Bruce County. (j.) None.

"*Inspector May*.—(a.) William H. M. May. (b.) 1931 Ash Street, Victoria, B.C.; 52 years of age. (c.) August, 1911; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,440; cost of office, about \$35 a year; 1931 Ash Street, Victoria, B.C. (e.) \$225.75. (f.) Victoria City; Saanich Peninsula; Alberni; Union Bay; Cumberland and Comox Valleys. Two hundred and fifteen schools; 220 teachers. (g.) Yes; Glasgow, Scotland. (h.) None. (i.) 16 years. (i.)

Departure Bay, August, 1895, to March, 1897; Sidney, March, 1897, to August, 1898; Mountain, August, 1898, to April, 1900; Northfield, April, 1900, to August, 1901; Victoria, August, 1901, to December, 1901; Grand Forks, January, 1902, to August, 1910; Nelson, August, 1910, to August, 1911. (ii.) None; but two years in United States and four years in Great Britain. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Winsby*.—(a.) William N. Winsby. (b.) In France; 43 years of age. (c.) November, 1911; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,340; cost of office, *nil*; Education Office, Victoria, B.C. (e.) Absent on military duty. (f.) That portion of Vancouver Island now covered by Inspector Bruce. (g.) No information. (h.) None. (i.) Experience in Victoria public schools. (j.) None. NOTE.—Inspector Winsby being absent on military duty, it is impossible to give full answers to the various questions propounded.

"*Inspector MacKenzie*.—(a.) H. H. MacKenzie. (b.) Court-house, Vancouver, B.C.; 37 years of age. (c.) June, 1912; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,340; cost of office, *nil*; Court-house, Vancouver, B.C. (e.) On Normal School staff during fiscal year ending March 31st, 1917. (f.) South Vancouver; North Vancouver City; North Vancouver Municipality; Burrard Inlet; rural, assisted, and municipal schools on north of Fraser River as far east as and including Municipality of Mission; rural and assisted schools on Howe Sound. Two hundred and fourteen teachers. (g.) Yes. (h.) Graduate in Arts of Dalhousie University, 1906. (i.) Eleven years. (i.) Five years Principal, Sapperton School, New Westminster, 1907-1912; two years on staff of Normal School, Vancouver, 1915-1917. (ii.) Three years in Nova Scotia; one year in Manitoba. (j.) One year in Manitoba.

"*Inspector Bruce*.—(a.) Leslie John Bruce. (b.) 1639 Hampshire Road, Victoria, B.C.; 48 years of age. (c.) December 13th, 1912; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,220; cost of office, *nil*; 1639 Hampshire Road, Victoria, B.C. (e.) \$1,394.97. (f.) Oak Bay Municipality; Vancouver Island from Esquimalt to Dashwood, with adjacent islands; west coast of Vancouver Island, not including Alberni and immediate vicinity. Eighty-seven schools. (g.) Normal School trained. (h.) None. (i.) Fifteen years. (i.) In British Columbia: Hornby Island, 1898; Tynehead, 1898-1901; Rossland, 1901-1909; Fernie, 1910-1912; South Vancouver, 1912. (ii.) None. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Gower*.—(a.) Gordon H. Gower. (b.) Court-house, Vancouver, B.C.; 31 years of age. (c.) January, 1913; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,220; cost of office, *nil*; since August, 1917, Court-house, Vancouver, B.C.; during fiscal year ending March, 1917, New Westminster, B.C. (e.) \$852.85. (f.) Until August, 1917, the City Districts of New Westminster and Chilliwack and the Rural Municipal Districts of Chilliwack, Langley, and Surrey, as well as the assisted schools at Barnston Island and Cultus Lake. Present district, half of Vancouver City, the Rural Municipalities of Point Grey and Richmond, and twenty-two rural and assisted schools between Alert Bay and Powell River. Until August, 1917, 135 teachers; present district, 241 teachers. (g.) Pedagogy Course, Acadia University, 1906. (h.) Bachelor of Arts, 1907, Master of Arts, 1910, Acadia University. (i.) (i.) English School, Richmond Municipality, 1907-1908; Vice-Principal, Kitsilano School, Vancouver, 1908-1909; Vice-Principal, Model School, Vancouver, 1909-1910; Supervising Principal, Dawson School, Vancouver, 1910-1911; Principal, Model School, Vancouver, 1911-1913. (ii.) None. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Martin*.—(a.) John Martin. (b.) 2017 First Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.; 38 years of age. (c.) July, 1913; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,220; cost of office, *nil*; Court-house, New Westminster, B.C. (e.) \$2,037.58. (f.) During the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1917, Kamloops Inspectorate from April 1st, 1916, until August 31st, 1916, and from March 1st to 31st, 1917; from September 1st, 1916, until February 28th, 1917, Inspector Martin was in charge of Coast Inspectorate and also conducted special investigations in the Kamloops Inspectorate. District covered in present inspectorate: Assisted schools, Barnston Island, Cultus Lake, Essondale, Popcum; municipalities, Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, Sumas, Chilliwack, Coquitlam; cities, New Westminster, Chilliwack. Port Coquitlam. Number of schools, 92; number of teachers, 191. (g.) Normal School training, British Columbia. (h.) None. (i.) Twelve years. (i.) Bowen Island, 2 years, August, 1901, to June, 1903; North Vancouver, ½ year, July, 1903, to December, 1903; Vancouver, 9½ years, January, 1904, to June, 1913. (ii.) None. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Anstey*.—(a.) Arthur Anstey. (b.) Vernon, B.C.; 44 years of age. (c.) August, 1913; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,220; cost of office *nil*; Court-house,

Vernon, B.C. (e.) \$1,236.05. (f.) Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. Twenty municipal schools with 69 teachers, and 48 rural schools with 60 teachers. (g.) College of Preceptors' Training College, London, Eng. (h.) Yes; student at University College, London, England; gained Diploma of B.A., London University, 1895, also L.C.P., 1898. (i.) (i.) Kitsilano School, Vancouver, 1910-1911; Kitsilano School, Vancouver, Vice-Principal, 1911-1912; Kitsilano School, Vancouver, Principal, 1912-1913. (ii.) In England, 5 years at Elmhurst School, Kingston on Thames, as Assistant Master, and 7 years as Principal, 1898-1910. (j.) 1896-1898, practical teaching experience (part of the Training Course) in London secondary schools, including Central Foundation School, E.C., Richmond County School, and others; 1898-1910, Elmhurst School, as above.

"*Inspector Lord*.—(a.) Alexander R. Lord. (b.) Prince Rupert, B.C.; 32 years of age. (c.) September 1st, 1914; recommended by the Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,100; cost of office, nil; Prince Rupert, B.C. (e.) \$1,836.95. (f.) The district covered includes the Electoral Districts of Atlin, Omineca, Prince Rupert, Fort George, and Cariboo south to Soda Creek. Sixty-seven schools. (g.) Model School training, Ontario. (h.) B.A., Queen's University, 1910. (i.) 9½ years. (i.) Kelowna Public School, 1910-1914; Grandview School, Vancouver, 1914-1915. (ii.) Balsom, Ontario, 1905-1906, 1½ years; private teaching, Ontario, 1906-1907, 1 year; Hurlbut, Ontario, 1907, ½ year; Roseneath, Ontario, 1908, 1 year; Fenelon Falls, Ontario, 1909, ½ year. (j.) None.

"*Inspector Dove*.—(a.) Alexander Jarvis Dove. (b.) Kamloops, B.C.; 52 years of age. (c.) September 1st, 1915; recommended by the Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,100; cost of office, \$12.50 per month, in Acadia Block, Kamloops, B.C. (e.) \$1,486.85, including \$202.45, office-rent. (f.) Parts of Electoral Districts of Dewdney, Yale, North Okanagan, Lillooet, Kamloops, Cariboo, Fort George; extending from Harrison Mills 442 miles to the Yellowhead Pass, and approximately 200 miles across in either direction. One hundred and twenty schools; 150 teachers. (g.) No information. (h.) M.A., University of Manitoba, but no information as to date of graduation. (i.) (i.) Cowichan Rural School, 1898-1900; Kaslo, Principal, 1900-1904; Ashcroft, Principal, January 1st, 1915, to August 31st, 1915. (j.) No information as to teaching experience in High School.

"*Inspector Calvert*.—(a.) Franklin G. Calvert. (b.) Nelson, B.C.; 37 years of age. (c.) February 1st, 1918; recommended by Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,100; office-rent, nil; Nelson, B.C. (e.) None; not appointed until after date mentioned. (f.) District from Columbia River on the west to boundary on the east and from Sandon on the north to boundary on the south; in brief, the Southern Kootenay east of the Columbia River. Eighty-five schools; 152 teachers. (g.) Normal trained at Vancouver, B.C. (h.) None. (i.) 13½ years. (i.) ½ year at North Nicomen, fall of 1903; 1½ years at Harrison River, January 1st, 1904, to June 30th, 1905; ½ year, East Chilliwack, fall of 1906; 7½ years, Chilliwack City, January 1st, 1907, to June 30th, 1914; 1 year, Livingstone School, Vancouver, August, 1914, to June 30th, 1915; 2½ years, Central School, Nelson, August 15th to January 31st, 1918. (ii.) 3 years in Ontario, S.S. No. 5, Delaware Township, 1900 to 1902, inclusive. (j.) None.

"*2. Inspector Sullivan*.—(a.) Albert Sullivan. (b.) In France; 43 years of age. (c.) May, 1909; recommended by the Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,700; cost of office, nil; Education Office, Victoria, B.C. (e.) \$156.20. Absent at front on military duty. (f.) (See under Inspector DeLong.) (g.) No information. (h.) B.A., University of Queen's, in 1911 or 1912. (i.) In rural school near Chilliwack; Principal of Public School, Revelstoke, and Principal of Public School, Nelson. (j.) No experience. NOTE.—Inspector Sullivan being absent on military duty, it is impossible to give full answers to the various questions propounded.

"*Inspector DeLong*.—(a.) John B. DeLong. (b.) 3681 Cambridge Street, Vancouver, B.C.; 37 years of age. (c.) Appointed Public School Inspector December, 1912; appointed High School Inspector August, 1916; appointment recommended by the Superintendent of Education. (d.) \$2,400; cost of office, nil; Court-house, Vancouver, B.C. (e.) \$1,330.56. (f.) District covered, the high and superior schools of the Province. Number of schools, 58; number of teachers, 215. (g.) Normal trained at the New Brunswick Provincial Normal School, Fredericton. (h.) B.A. of the University of New Brunswick, 1904. (i.) (i.) King Edward High School, Vancouver, 1911, 1912, 1½ years. (ii.) In New Brunswick: Prince William Public School (ungraded), 1898-99, 1 year; Hawksban Public School (ungraded), 1899-1900,

1 year; Harvey Superior School (Principal), 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$ year; Charlotte Street Public School (Principal), 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$ year; Gibson and St. Mary's Superior School (Principal), 1901, 8 months; Havelock Superior School (Principal), 1904-5, 1 year; Milltown High School (Principal), 1905-9, 4 years; Hampton Consolidated High School (Principal), 1909-11, 2 years; total experience in teaching, 12 years. (j.) $9\frac{1}{2}$ years' experience in superior school teaching; in high schools alone, $7\frac{1}{2}$ years. Harvey Superior School, 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$ year; Gibson and St. Mary's Superior, 1901, 8 months; Havelock Superior, 1904-5, 1 year; Milltown High, 1905-9, 4 years; Hampton Consolidated (High), 1909-11, 2 years; King Edward High, 1911-12, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years."

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage and Dyking Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was resumed.
The debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was resumed.
The debate was adjourned until Monday evening session.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, 8th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

Mr. *Pauline* presented a petition from Thos. H. Smith, Malcolm White, Clement Stickney, and others, farmers in unorganized districts of Cowichan, Metchosin, and Falkland, *re* taxation of farm lands and improvements in unorganized districts.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented a Return of: (a) Each trip made from Vancouver by R. J. Stewart, Inspector of Factories, since his appointment; (b) particulars of his official work on each trip; (c) instructions he received to make each trip and from whom received; (d) particulars of his expenses charged to the Department for each trip; (e) particulars of the dates covering each trip from the time he left Vancouver until his return, and the time he spent at each particular stopping-point.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health.

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

1. Have employment bureaux been established in various centres of population for obtaining suitable employment for working-men?
2. If not, is it the intention of the Department of Labour to establish such bureaux?
3. If so, when?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes. Preparations are being made to establish a free employment bureau at Vancouver with the intention of extending the system to other centres of population as necessity requires. In the meantime the Department of Labour is doing what is possible to meet the demand for farm-help, and has mailed circulars to the farmers and fruit-growers of the Province informing them that all applications for help addressed to the Department will receive prompt attention. Arrangements have been made with the Young Women's Christian Association to register and distribute female help for fruit picking, packing, and canning, and with the free Municipal Employment Bureaus at Vancouver and Victoria to handle all requests for male help. Many applications are now being received and orders filled through these sources.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. In the work done in connection with the renovation of the Lands Department was water installed for the Minister of Lands?
2. If so, what did it cost to do this for plumbing, etc.?
3. Was this amount included in the item of \$2,176.85 for renovation of the Lands Department?
4. Who did the work, and was it done by tender or private contract?
5. In the item of \$10 for lounge-cover, where is this being used, and what is the necessity for it?
6. In the item of \$17.50 for lounge-rug, where is this being used, and what is the necessity for it?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$80, approximately

"3. No.

"4. Work done by house plumber.

"5 and 6. Used in office of Minister of Lands; the Minister required them."

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

1. How many barristers or solicitors are employed by the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. Are such solicitors employed under annual retainer?
3. What are the names and addresses of such solicitors and retainers, if any, in each case?

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

"1. The only information the Department has is contained in the First Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, presented to the House on the 13th of March, 1918. From this report it appears that one Departmental Solicitor is employed.

"2. Have no information.

"3. The Report shows that Mr. E. M. Brown, of Vancouver, is employed as Departmental Solicitor at \$175 per month."

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

1. Has F. A. McDiarmid, barrister, of Victoria, lately been doing professional work for the Attorney-General's Department?
2. If so, what was the nature of said work, and how long was he employed?
3. What was the total amount paid said McDiarmid for said work, and at what rate was he paid?
4. Is said McDiarmid still employed by said Department?
5. If not, when did he cease work?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Drafting legislation. December 1st to January 27th; February 12th to March 1st.
- “3. \$1,250 for services, \$45 for expenses; \$500 per month.
- “4. No.
- “5. March 1st.”

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

1. What was the expenditure incurred since December, 1916, for renovation, furniture, and carpets in the quarters occupied by the Speaker?
2. What articles were purchased, and what price was paid for each?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?
5. Who ordered this work to be done?

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

“1. Renovations, \$497; furniture, \$167.60; carpet, \$75.13.

“2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

“*Renovation.*—Tide, brick, and plaster work, \$36.95, T. McDonald, private contract; bath and toilet fixtures, \$125.84, Victoria Plumbing Co., price submitted before work; black pipe and elbows, \$40.71, Hickman-Tye Co., private contract; hardware, \$11.05, Victoria Hardware Co., private contract; lumber, door-frames, etc., \$56.90, Lemon, Gonnason Co., private contract; electric fixtures, \$18.90, T. L. Boyden, private contract; sign-painting, \$16.90, F. Mellor, private contract; carpenter's time, \$56.25, Government employee; electrician's time, \$12, Government employee; plumber's time, \$20, Government employee; painting and decorating, \$66.50, C. H. Tite, tender; plastering, \$35, E. Sherritt, tender.

“*Furniture.*—Eight window-shades at 75 cents, \$6, Weiler Bros.; two glass shelves and brackets, \$4, Weiler Bros.; table-cover, \$12.50, Weiler Bros.; curtains for four doors, rods and brackets, \$16.45, Weiler Bros.; mahogany dressing-case, \$30, Weiler Bros.; soap-dish, 35 cents, Weiler Bros.; re-covering and upholstering lounge, \$97.30, Weiler Bros.; call-bell, \$1, Drake Hardware Co.

“5. The Department of Public Works.”

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

1. Has the Government made any demand under section 68 of the “Land Act” on the owners of the townsites at Anyox, Britannia, and Ocean Falls to have the sites of the said townsites subdivided, so that the Crown may secure possession of its reversionary quarter interest, and in this way have these so-called “closed” towns thrown open?
2. If not, why has this demand not been made?
3. Does the Government propose to take such action as will open these townsites to the general public?

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

“1. Demand made to owners of Anyox only.

“2. Conditions in various so-called ‘closed’ towns very much vary, nor are all so-called ‘closed’ towns subject to section 68 of the ‘Land Act.’ Ways and means of dealing with this situation receiving careful consideration of Government.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

Dr. *Sutherland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. The number of inspections made from Vancouver by C. R. Gordon for the period of ten months previous to his dismissal from the office of Inspector of Factories.
2. Particulars of his expenses charged to the Department for each trip.
3. The average cost for expenses per inspection during such period of time.
4. The number of inspections made by R. J. Stewart, Inspector of Factories, out from Vancouver since his appointment.

5. The average cost for expenses for such inspections.

6. By whose authority was the said Gordon sent to make such inspections?

7. Is it a fact that the said Gordon made no inspections under the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

8. Is it true that the present Factories Inspector, in addition to making the inspections referred to in question 4, made a great number of inspections under the "Workmen's Compensation Act" which does not come under the "Factories Act"?

9. Is it true that all of the expenses charged by the present Factory Inspector, R. J. Stewart, are charged under the "Factories Act" regardless of whether they are made under such "Factories Act" or the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

10. Is it a fact that if the rate per inspection of the present Factory Inspector was taken on a basis of inspections made both under the "Workmen's Compensation Act" and the "Factory Act," it would be much less than the rate given?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. 121.

"2. August 2nd, 3rd, and 7th, 1916: North Vancouver, 1 day; New Westminster, 1 day; Roche Point, 1 day. Inspections made: B.C. Cedar Mills, Roche Point. Meals, \$1.50.

"August 7th to 11th: Nanaimo, 2 days; Duncan, 1½ days, Victoria, 1 day. Inspections made: Union Brewing Co., Nanaimo; Western Fuel Co. (sawmill), Harewood; Genoa Bay Lumber Co., Genoa Bay; Island Lumber Co., Duncan; Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., Shawnigan Lake; Standard Steam Laundry, Victoria. Transportation, \$6.95; board and lodging, \$12.75; berth, \$2.90; baggage, 10 cents; auto-hire, \$6.50; total, \$29.20.

"August 16th, 17th, and 18th: Port Mann, 1 day; New Westminster, 1 day; Port Moody, 1 day. Inspections made: Canadian Northern Railway Shops, Port Mann; Thurston-Flavelle Lumber Co., Port Moody. Transportation, \$1.45; meals, \$1.50; total, \$2.95.

"August 24th to September 11th: Merritt, 1 day; Chase, 1 day; Armstrong, 1½ days; Enderby, 1 day; Vernon, 5 days; Penticton, 2½ days; Grand Forks, 1 day; Trail 1 day; Nelson, 2 days. Inspections made: Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., Canford; Adams River Lumber Co., Chase; Graham & Co. Evaporator, Armstrong; Okanagan Sawmills, Enderby; Vernon Steam Laundry, Vernon; Graham & Co. Evaporator, Vernon; Penticton Lumber Co., Penticton; Western Pine Lumber Co., Grand Forks; Boundary Iron Works, Grand Forks; Graham & Co. Evaporator, Grand Forks; Granby Smelter, Grand Forks; Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., Trail. Transportation, \$50.85; board and lodging, \$56.50; berths en route, \$8.95; meals en route, \$9.50; auto-hire, \$17.50; total, \$143.30.

"September 18th to 22nd: Blind Channel, 1 day; Powell River, 2 days. Inspections made: A. P. Allison & Co., Green Point Rapids; Quathiaski Cove Canning Co., Blind Channel; Powell Lake Mill Co., Powell River; Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Powell River; Powell River Co., Powell River; Gordon's Bakery, Powell River; George McFall Bakery, Powell River. Transportation, \$11.70; board and lodging, \$4.50; berths en route, \$4.30; meals en route, \$3.30; launch-hire, \$2.50; total, \$26.30.

"September 26th to 29th: New Westminster, 1 day; Chilliwack, 1 day; Murrayville, 1 day. Inspections made: Pacific Products, Ltd., New Westminster; Galbraith & Sons, New Westminster; Westminister Iron Works, New Westminster; Kelly Douglas & Co. (elevator inspection), New Westminster; Chilliwack Evaporator and Packing Co., Chilliwack; Galbraith & Sons, Murrayville; Cloverdale Milling Co., Murrayville; Otter Shingle Co., Otter. Board and lodging, \$4.50; auto-hire, \$3.50; total, \$8.

"October 4th to 14th: Anyox, 1½ days; Prince Rupert, 5 days. Inspections made: Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Co., Anyox; DesBrisay Cannery, Wales Island; Pioneer Steam Laundry, Prince Rupert; G.T.P. Shops, Prince Rupert; Booth Fisheries of Canada, Ltd., Prince Rupert; Pacific Fisheries, Prince Rupert; Atlin Fisheries, Prince Rupert; Hotel Prince Rupert (elevator inspection), Prince Rupert; Rupert Marine Iron Works, Prince Rupert; Canadian Fish and Cold Storage, Prince Rupert; Canadian Steam Laundry, Prince Rupert. Transportation, \$45.50; board and lodgings, \$27.50; berths en route, \$5; meals en route, \$3.25; auto-hire, \$2; total, \$83.25.

"October 23rd to 27th: New Westminster, 2 days; Chilliwack, 2 days. Inspections made: B.C. Manufacturing Co., New Westminster; E. O. Patterson Sawmill, Chilliwack; O. Bowman

Sawmill, Chilliwack; Chilliwack Evaporating & Packing Co., Chilliwack. Board and lodging, \$6; livery-hire, \$3; total, \$9.

"October 31st: New Westminster. Inspections made: Canadian Products, Ltd., New Westminster; Troy Steam Laundry, New Westminster. Lunch, 50c.

"November 6th, 8th, 9th, and 11th: New Westminster, 3 days. Inspections made: Canadian Products, Ltd., New Westminster; Graham & Co. Evaporator, Steveston; Columbia Cold Storage, Steveston; Leslie Lumber Co., Steveston; Canadian Products, Ltd., New Westminster. Meals, \$2.20.

"November 13th-14th: Victoria. Transportation, \$3.55; berth en route, \$2.50; meals en route, \$1.15; board and lodging, \$4.35; total, \$11.55.

"Left December 26th, returned December 29th: Nanaimo, 1 day; Ladysmith, 1 day; Victoria, 1½ days. Inspections made: Western Fuel Co., Nanaimo; Nanaimo Steam Laundry, Nanaimo; New Ladysmith Lumber Co., Ladysmith; Cameron Genoa Mills Shipyards, Victoria; E. & N. Railway Shops, Victoria. Transportation, \$6.55; board and lodging, \$10.25; berths en route, \$2.50; meals en route, 25c.; total, \$19.55.

"Left January 15th, 1917, returned January 20th: Victoria, Chemainus, Nanaimo. Inspections made: Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Chemainus. Transportation, \$6.60; board and lodging, \$16.75; meals, \$1.40; total, \$24.75.

"Left January 22nd, returned January 26th: Victoria, Sidney. Inspections made: Sidney Shingle Co., Sidney. Transportation, \$4.95; board and lodging, \$14; meals en route, \$1.10; total, \$20.05.

"Left November 20th, returned November 28th: Armstrong, 2 days; Vernon, 1½ days; Kelowna, 3 days. Inspections made: Graham & Co. Evaporator, Armstrong; T. K. Smith Sawmill, Armstrong; T. K. Smith Sawmill, Otter Lake; Graham & Co. Evaporator, Vernon; Bulman & Cross, Kelowna. Transportation, \$29.20; berths en route, \$6.10; meals en route, \$3.25; board and lodging, \$19.75; auto-hire, \$6; total, \$64.30.

"November 29th: New Westminster. Inspections made: Shull Lumber & Shingle Co., Boundary Road. Lunch, 60c.

"December 6th and 7th: New Westminster. Inspections made: Fraser Mills, Maillardville. Meals, \$1.

"Left December 12th, returned December 16th: Nanaimo, 2 days; Alberni, 1 day; Qualicum Beach, 1 day. Inspections made: New Ladysmith Lumber Co., South Wellington; Alberni Pacific Lumber Co., Port Alberni; Qualicum Sawmill Co., Qualicum Beach; Qualicum Lumber Co., 1-Mile N. Station. Transportation, \$8; board and lodging, \$12.50; berth en route, \$1.30; auto-hire, \$3; total, \$24.80.

"Left January 29th, returned February 3rd: Nanaimo, East Wellington, Chemainus. Inspections made: New Ladysmith Lumber Co., East Wellington; Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Chemainus. Transportation, \$4.45; board and lodging, \$17; auto-hire, \$3; baggage, 20c.; total, \$24.65.

"Left February 6th, returned February 10th: Victoria. Transportation, \$3.55; board and lodging, \$15; berth en route, \$2.50; meals en route, \$1.15; total, \$22.20.

"February 14th: New Westminster. Inspections made: Vulcan Iron Works, New Westminster; Dominion Products, Ltd., New Westminster. Lunch, 50c.

"Left February 20th, returned February 24th: Nanaimo, Red Gap, Genoa Bay, Chemainus, Victoria. Inspections made: Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Co., Nanaimo; Western Fuel Co., Harewood; Stevens & Wright, Nanaimo; Straits Lumber Co., Red Gap; Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Chemainus. Transportation, \$6.60; board and lodging, \$14.75; auto and launch hire, \$19.50; baggage, 20c.; total, \$41.05.

"Left February 28th, returned March 3rd: Nanaimo, Red Gap. Inspections made: Straits Lumber Co., Red Gap. Transportation, \$7.15; board and lodging, \$10.50; Chair-car, 50c.; auto-hire, \$7.50; baggage, 20c.; total, \$25.85.

"Left March 5th, returned March 9th: Victoria, Sidney. Inspections made: Canadian Explosives, Ltd., James Island. (Refused admittance.) Transportation, \$4.40; board and lodging, \$11.75; state-room, \$2.65; launch-hire, \$3; total, \$21.80.

"March 13th, 16th, and 19th: New Westminster. Inspections made: Vulcan Iron Works, New Westminster (2); Dominion Products, Ltd., New Westminster. Meals, \$2.35.

"Left March 20th, returned March 24th: Victoria. Transportation, \$3.55; board and lodging, \$15; meals en route, \$1.15; berth en route, \$2.50; total, \$22.20.

"March 28th: New Westminster. Lunch, 50c.

"Left April 2nd, returned April 6th: Stopping-points: Nanaimo, Chemainus, Ladysmith. Inspections made: Stevens & Wright, Nanaimo; Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Chemainus; F. Beban, Extension; W. F. Clark, Ladysmith. Transportation, \$4.50; board and lodging, \$13.50; auto-hire, \$12; baggage, 20c.; total, \$30.20.

"April 10th: New Westminster. Inspections made: Vulcan Iron Works. Lunch, 50 cents.

"Left April 11th, returned April 13th: Victoria, Sidney. Inspections made: Sidney Mills, Ltd., Sidney; National Shingle Co., Sidney; Sidney Island Brick Co., Sidney Island; McCarter Shingle Co., Victoria. Transportation, \$4.40; board and lodging, \$7.50; meals en route, 90c.; launch-hire, \$2.50; baggage, 10c.; total, \$15.40.

"April 16th: New Westminster. Lunch, 50c.

"Left April 16th, returned May 21st: Stopping-points: Merritt, 1 day; Kamloops, 1 day; Chase, 1 day; Enderby, 2 days; Armstrong, 2 days; Vernon, 2 days; Penticton, 2 days; Grand Forks, 2 days; Rossland and Trail, 2 days; Nelson, 6 days; Creston, 1 day; Cranbrook, 7 days; Wardner, 1 day. Inspections made: A. Clemes Bake Shop, Spences Bridge; Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., Canford; Adams River Lumber Co., Chase; Okanagan Mills, Enderby; T. K. Smith Sawmill, Armstrong; Vernon Brewing Co., Vernon; Penticton Lumber Co., Penticton; Kettle Valley Railway Shops, Penticton; Boundary Iron Works, Grand Forks; Granby Smelter, Grand Forks; Forest Mills of B.C., Billings; Kootenay Shingle Co., Salmo; Fair Shingle Co., Eric; W. E. C. Koch Sawmill, Koch Siding; Canyon City Lumber Co., Creston; M. Wiggen Sawmill, Wynndel; Cranbrook Sash and Door Co., Cranbrook; Otis-Staples Lumber Co., Wycliffe; Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Co., Wardner; Canadian Pacific Tie & Lumber Co., Bull River; Ross-Saskatoon Lumber Co., Waldo; Baker Lumber Co., Waldo; Adolph Lumber Co., Baynes Lake. Transportation, \$71.95; board and lodging, \$108.35; berths en route, \$12.90; meals en route, \$19.60; baggage, \$2.50; auto and livery hire, \$50.50; total, \$265.80.

"3. \$7.73.

"4. 241.

"5. \$2.87.

"6. His own.

"7. Yes.

"8. Yes.

"9. Yes.

"10. Yes."

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

1. Did James Kerr, of Rock Creek, put in a bill for gasoline for his automobile for the month of January?
2. If so, what was the amount, and has it been paid by the Government Agent?
3. By whom was said voucher certified?
4. If paid, when did same reach the Public Works Department?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$30 paid by Government Agent, but not passed by Department.

"3. James Kerr, General Foreman, and W. R. Dewdney, Government Agent.

"4. Voucher reached Department March 6th and returned to Government Agent March 14th."

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

1. Have any applications been made to the Hon. the Attorney-General to give his consent to prosecutions for infraction of the "Lord's Day Act" in the City of Victoria?
2. If so, how many?
3. By whom were they made?
4. What disposition did the Hon. the Attorney-General make of these applications?

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

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

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

Debate continued.

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

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage and Dyking Act.'"

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1911'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pool-rooms Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What were the causes which led to the resignation of C. L. Gordon as Censor of Moving Pictures?
2. Was Walter Hepburn appointed as his successor?
3. If so, when, and at what salary?
4. What salary is he now receiving?
5. Was he a Civil Servant when appointed?
6. If not, why was not some Civil Servant appointed?
7. What experience or peculiar abilities did said Hepburn have to be appointed to this position?
8. What was the age of said Hepburn when appointed?
9. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

- "1. No causes, so far as I am aware?
- "2. Yes.

"3. September 5th, 1917; same salary.

"4. \$170 per month.

"5. No.

"6. Not considered advisable.

"7. Active participation in public affairs for many years. Not aware that his abilities are 'peculiar.'

"8. Fifty-nine years ten months.

"9. The appointment made was considered to be in the public interest."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 8th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The petition from Thos. H. Smith, Malcolm White, Clement Stickney, and others, resident farmers of unorganized districts of Cowichan, Metchosin, and Falkland Districts, *re* taxation of farm lands and improvements in unorganized districts, was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act conferring upon Municipal Councils the Power to make available for Food-production Purposes any Unused Arable Lands lying within Municipal Boundaries" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1911'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" 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 11.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. A. P. Chadwick*.

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 to provide Lands for the Use and Benefit of Returned Soldiers," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 9th, 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. 66) intituled "An Act to provide Lands for the Use and Benefit of Returned Soldiers," 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. *Jackson* presented the Eighth and Ninth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 9th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for reporting Bills to the House be extended from April 9th to April 16th, 1918. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 9th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has not been proved, for the reason that your Committee is of the opinion that the Bill is not in the public interest, inasmuch as its objects are apparently in conflict with those of other societies operating under Dominion and British Columbia charters respectively, and which have local branches established in British Columbia.

Amongst these societies may be mentioned: The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers; The Architectural Institute of British Columbia; The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; The Canadian Mining Institute; The British Columbia Land Surveyors.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

The motion to adopt the report was rescinded.

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

1. How many fidelity bonds on Civil Servants or in connection with the Service have been placed with or written by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., since the Government took office, and the particulars in each case?

2. How many bonds given in connection with succession duty since the Government took office has been placed with or written by said firm?

3. Is the Honourable the Minister of Finance a partner in said firm?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. There have been no transactions at any time with respect to fidelity bonds with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited.

"2. Two.

"3. Mr. Hart is a shareholder in the joint-stock company, Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited."

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

1. Was T. H. Harrison, of Victoria, appointed Chief Clerk in the office of Auditor of Disbursements?

2. If so, when was he appointed, and at what date?

3. Was he formerly a member of the Civil Service?

4. If not, why was not some member of the Civil Service promoted?

5. What was the age of the said Harrison at time of appointment?

6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

7. What salary is said Harrison now receiving?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. Francis H. Harrison was appointed Chief Clerk.

"2. January 1st, 1918.

"3. Yes.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Twenty-seven.

"6. Clerk in Service promoted.

"7. \$1,500 a year."

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

1. Was one Angus Galbraith, of Victoria, appointed Clerk in the office of the Auditor of Disbursements?

2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Was said Galbraith a Civil Servant at the time of appointment?
4. If not, then why was some Civil Servant not promoted?
5. What was the age of said Galbraith at the time of appointment?
6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?
7. What salary is said Galbraith now receiving?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 1st, 1917; \$100 per month.
- "3. No.
- "4. No other clerks available in Audit Office.
- "5. Forty-eight.
- "6. Galbraith recommended by Comptroller-General as most suitable applicant."

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

1. Was F. H. Leeming, of Victoria, appointed to a position in the office of the Surveyor of Taxes?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Was he a member of the Civil Service at the time of said appointment?
4. If not, why was not some member of the Civil Service appointed?
5. Was said Leeming afterwards appointed Provincial Assessor?
6. If so, when, and at what salary?
7. Why was not some member of the Civil Service appointed to be Provincial Assessor?
8. What was the age of said Leeming when appointed?
9. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

- "1. Thomas H. Leeming was appointed to such position.
- "2. September 10th, 1917; \$125 per month.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. January 1st, 1918; \$175 per month.
- "7. Leeming was a Civil Servant.
- "8. Forty-four.
- "9. Leeming, being a Civil Servant with qualifications for the position, was promoted."

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

1. Was Frank Sehl, of Victoria, appointed Assistant Provincial Assessor?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Was he a member of the Civil Service when appointed?
4. If not, why was some member of the Civil Service not promoted?
5. What was the age of said Sehl when appointed?
6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 1st, 1918; \$125 per month.
- "3. Not at the time, but he had been in the Service for five years formerly.
- "4. None available in Department.
- "5. Forty-six.
- "6. None with the qualifications available at the time."

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for timber licences for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of timber licences has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

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

- "1. \$1,168,000.
- "2. Taken to account at Lands Department at March 31st, 1918, \$1,063,510.92."

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

1. Was A. B. McNeill, of Victoria, appointed Auditor of Revenue?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Was he formerly a member of the Civil Service?
4. If not, then why was not some member of the Civil Service promoted?
5. What was the age of said McNeill when appointed?
6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?
7. What salary is said McNeill now receiving?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. October 1st, 1917; \$175 per month.
- "3. No.
- "4. Recommended by Comptroller-General for appointment as best qualified of the numerous applicants considered by him.
- "5. Fifty-four.
- "6. Answered by No. 4.
- "7. \$2,220 a year."

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

1. Was A. C. Campbell, of Vancouver, appointed Cashier in the Treasury Department?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. What salary is he now receiving?
4. Was said Campbell a Civil Servant when appointed?
5. If not, then why was some Civil Servant not promoted?
6. What age was said Campbell when appointed?
7. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. November 1st, 1917; \$150 per month.
- "3. \$150 per month.
- "4. No.
- "5. Man with banking experience was required.
- "6. Thirty-five.
- "7. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for income-tax for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of income-tax has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

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

- "1. \$1,090,000.
- "2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$654,278.31."

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for timber royalty for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of timber royalty has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

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

- "1. \$900,000.
- "2. Taken to account in Department of Lands to March 31st, 1918, \$741,321.65."

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for poll-tax for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of poll-taxes has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$150,000.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$300,590.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for game licences for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of game licences has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$55,000.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$65,217.50.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for amusement-tax for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of amusement-tax has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$100,000 for five months.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$104,302.99.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for land-taxes for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of land-taxes has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$915,000.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$668,549.92.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for mineral-tax for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of mineral-tax has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$300,000.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$255,230.94.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for stumpage for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of stumpage royalty has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$154,000.
- “2. Taken to account at Lands Department to March 31st, 1918, \$136,233.98.”

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for personal-property tax for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of personal-property tax has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. \$700,000.
- “2. Receipts at Treasury to February 28th, 1918, \$509,054.40.”

Dr. *Sutherland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. How many fidelity bonds on Civil Servants, or in connection with the Service, were placed with or written by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., prior to November 23rd, 1916, and total amount of same (if any)?

2. How many bonds given in connection with succession duty prior to that date were placed with or written by said firm, and amount of same?

3. Are there any bonds written by said firm in default?

4. If so, how long have they been in default, and for what amount?

5. How many fidelity bonds on Civil Servants, or in connection with the Service, were placed with or written by the firm of Green & Burdick Brothers, Ltd., prior to November 23rd, 1916, and total amount of same?

6. How many bonds given in connection with succession duty prior to said date were placed with or written by said firm, and amount of same?

7. Are there any bonds written by said firm in default?

8. If so, how long have they been in default, and for what amount?

9. Was John Hart, now Minister of Finance, a member of the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., prior to November 23rd, 1916?

10. Was Robert F. Green, M.P., a member of the firm of Green & Burdick Brothers, Ltd., prior to November 23rd, 1916?

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

"1. There have been no transactions at any time with respect to fidelity bonds with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.

"2. None.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Thirty-four, for a total amount of \$57,000.

"6. Between 1910 and 1916, eighteen, guaranteeing the payment of succession duties aggregating \$116,370.91.

"7. Yes, nine.

"8. One since 1910, one since 1913, one since 1914, three since 1915, one since 1916, two since 1917. Total amount of duty secured by bonds in default is \$86,522.06.

"9. Mr. Hart was a shareholder in the limited liability company known as Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, prior to the date named.

"10. Mr. Green was a shareholder in the limited liability company known as Green & Burdick Brothers, Limited, prior to the date mentioned."

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of Dr. *Sutherland*, Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Nursing" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Nelson* on April 3rd, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the same date.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, the debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

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

1. How many Chinamen were paid by the Government for services performed on Frondeg Farm?
2. What were their names?
3. During what period was each employed?
4. What amount was paid to each?

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

- "1. Six.
- "2. Ah Sing; Ah Hing; Ah Him; Ah Yuen; Hung Foo; Ah Sam.
- "3. (a) Ah Him, Ah Yuen, Hung Foo, April, May, and June, 1917; (b) Ah Him, Ah Yuen, Ah Sam, July; (c) Ah Hing, Ah Him, August; (d) Ah Sing, Ah Hing, September, October, and November, 1917.
- "4. Ah Sing, \$135; Ah Hing, \$157.20; Ah Him, \$201.50; Ah Yuen, \$180; Hung Foo, \$105.60; Ah Sam, \$60."

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

1. Why does, or did, a variation exist in salaries of following teachers at assisted schools as set forth, viz.: Miss Stewart, Penantan School, \$70 per month; Miss Gillis, Pemberton Range School, \$65 per month; Miss Nokes, Pritchard School, \$68 per month?
2. As these three schools are of similar size, does the Department realize that such variation in salary causes friction and discontent and only increases the troubles of the Secretaries of the respective schools?

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

- "1. Of the three assisted schools at Pinantan, Watmore, and Pemberton Range, the actual daily attendance for the year ending June 30th, 1917, was the largest at Pinantan and the least at Pemberton Range. It would appear, therefore, that to the most important school the largest salary was attached, and to the least important the lowest salary.
- "2. No."

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

1. Did the Government supply a motor-car to Mr. Freeland, the Mining Engineer at Phoenix?
2. Was it a second-hand car?
3. If so, from whom was it purchased, and the price paid?
4. How long had this car been used before it was purchased by the Government, and what was its make?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Phoenix Garage; \$650.
- "4. Do not know period of previous use; Overland Model 79."

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

1. How many medical doctors are receiving Government aid?
2. Where are they located?
3. What is the amount paid in each case?

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

"1. Twenty-four.

"2 and 3. The localities and stipends are as follows: Alert Bay, \$500; Rock Bay, \$300; Vananda, \$500; Chase, \$300; Chilcotin, \$300; Clayoquot, \$300; Denman and Hornby Islands, \$300; Edgewood, \$200; Gulf Islands, \$600; Kitwanga, \$300; Masset, \$500; Nass, \$300; Port Simpson, \$300; Quatsino, \$500; Quesnel, \$300; Vanderhoof, \$300; Windermere District, \$300; Telegraph Creek, \$400; Nakusp, \$200; Smithers, \$300; Campbell River, \$200; Gibson's Landing, \$250; Atli Inlet, \$300; Terrace, \$300."

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

1. Has any promise been made to the Comrades of the Great War in Vancouver of financial assistance?
2. If so, how much, and for what length of time?
3. Has any payment been made to said association?
4. If so, when?
5. Has any promise been made of financial assistance to the Comrades of the Great War in Victoria?
6. If so, how much, and for what length of time?
7. Has any promise of financial assistance been made to the Great War Veterans' Association in Vancouver or Victoria?
8. If so, how much, and for what length of time?

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

"1. No.

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

"5. No.

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

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

Debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pool-rooms Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>			

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>			

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the estimated revenue for income-tax from Comox District for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of income-tax has been collected and reported to the Treasury to date for the year ending March 31st, 1918?
3. What was the amount of revenue derived from income-tax for Comox District for the year ending March, 1917?

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

"1. Estimate was not made up as to districts. Receipts from income-tax for Comox Assessment District up to February 28th, 1918, were \$3,687.30.

"2. Receipts to February 28th, \$654,278.31.

"3. Receipts for Comox Assessment District, \$1,548.89."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act.'"

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster, British Columbia."

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act conferring upon Municipal Councils the Power to make available for Food-production Purposes any Unused Arable Lands lying within Municipal Boundaries."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.