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BRITISH COLUMBIA
SECOND SESSION, 1936

Tuesday, October 27th, 1936.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Eighteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ERIC WERGE HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 23rd day of September, 1936,

His Honour ERIC WERGE HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

While business conditions have been showing marked improvement, tragic unrest and uncertainty prevails in many parts of the world.

During the year our Gracious Sovereign King Edward VIII. has been the messenger of good-will to various countries of Europe.

His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, visited our Province, much to the interest and pleasure of our people.

In connection with the Vancouver Jubilee, Right Honourable Sir Percy Vincent, Lord Mayor of London, visited our Province, and was most cordially welcomed by our citizens.

The year has been marked by the presence of many distinguished visitors and the tourist traffic generally has been the heaviest in the history of the Province.

In conjunction with the Dominion Government, my Government has been carrying out a considerable amount of necessary and desirable road construction. It is the aim of my Government to provide first-class road accommodation for the benefit of the industrialist, the settler, and the tourist as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Extraordinary floods did a very considerable amount of damage in many portions of the Province and every effort was put forward to meet the situation caused thereby.

Difficulty was experienced in the construction of the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster through the extraordinarily high water, but this has been overcome. Satisfactory progress is being made on the structure, and it is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic early next fall.

Continued advancement in the timber industry is indicated by the returns, the heaviest increase being with the United Kingdom. Prospects appear very encouraging for the future.

There is good reason to believe that increased activity will take place in the pulp and paper industry.

The advancement of the Young Men's Forestry Training Plan has been very gratifying. Young men participating are given a fair grounding in all branches of forestry work and steady employment has been found for a considerable number through this movement.

Measures are under way for the adjustment of boundaries of counties, mining divisions, land recording districts, assessment and collection districts, and land registration districts throughout the Province. This will very much simplify as well as lessen the cost of administration.

Definite progress has been made in the field of public health, especially with respect to the treatment and control of Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease. The problems of Juvenile Delinquency and Mental Hygiene have also been attacked.

My Government has, under legislative authority, made the necessary guarantee to enable the British Columbia Cancer Foundation to purchase a supply of radium.

Preliminary work relative to the organization of Health Insurance is nearing completion and it is expected that benefits under the Act will be available early in 1937.

During the past year two successful experiments involving a change in school administration were carried out—one in the Peace River Block, where fifty-six rural school districts were united under an Official Trustee, and one at Abbotsford, where two municipal school districts and the Village of Abbotsford were made a unit for school purposes and a Director of Education appointed. The change has already resulted in greater efficiency in the schools and much improvement in the school plant and equipment.

In September a new programme of studies came into use in all the elementary and junior high schools of the Province. This programme, which reflects the latest developments in the science of Education, has met with general satisfaction. The senior high school curriculum will undergo thorough revision during the ensuing year. The programme of Physical and Recreational Education for Youths Over School Age has met with great favour and will be extended this year.

The present year has been marked by a very satisfactory increase in quantity and quality of agricultural production in almost all branches of the industry. This increase, together with a firming of prices, is expected to result in the highest returns to our farmers since 1930.

Legislation recently enacted, having to do with employment and labour conditions, has been very beneficial and has resulted in increased employment.

Mining production continues to increase and the general world demand indicates continued activity.

The policy of joint construction of roads and trails to mining properties carried out by the Dominion Government and my Government during the year will be of much advantage to the industry.

Appeal to the Privy Council has been taken by my Government in respect of a number of measures of major importance enacted by the Dominion Parliament to determine the competence of the Dominion Parliament therein.

This Province is blessed with great variety and extent of natural resources, and it is gratifying that development and progress have been appreciable in every avenue of endeavour.

Concurrently with improved business conditions, revenues of the Province have also increased.

Notwithstanding general business revival, unemployment of large numbers of our people is still with us. It seems obvious that the problem can be met only by conjunctive measures over a period of years. It is the hope of my Government that these measures may be taken in co-operation and collaboration with Federal authority.

Measures will be submitted to you in aid of the municipalities.

Licence fees now paid by individual fishermen in respect of commercial fishing will be abolished.

The Public Accounts will be submitted and Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

You will be asked for additional authority to enable my Government to carry out a useful and necessary programme of public undertakings.

In leaving you, I pray that Divine Providence may guide you and bless the fruit of your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by His Excellency the Rt. Rev. *John Hugh MacDonald*, D.D., Bishop of Victoria.

Mr. Speaker reported that to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Omineca at the recent by-election was read as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, October 22nd, 1936.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of *Alexander Malcolm Manson*, a member thereof for the Omineca Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 12th day of May, 1936, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Mark Matthew Connelly* to represent the Omineca Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“P. WALKER,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election in the Electoral District of Omineca be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Mark Matthew Connelly*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* and the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, and took his seat.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver-Burrard at the recent by-election was read as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, October 22nd, 1936.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of *Gerald Grattan McGeer*, a member thereof for the Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 15th day of August, 1936, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *John Howard Forester* to represent the Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“P. WALKER,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election in the Electoral District of Vancouver-Burrard be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *John Howard Forester*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* and the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, and took his seat.

Mr. Speaker read the following acknowledgement by His Majesty the King of the Address adopted by the House on February 25th last:—

“BUCKINGHAM PALACE, April 27th, 1936.

“DEAR MR. SPEAKER,—The Address adopted by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia on February 25th, 1936, has been laid before the King.

“His Majesty and the members of the Royal Family have received with sincere gratification this expression of sympathy in their great loss on the part of the members of the Assembly, whose kind message has touched them deeply.

“I am also to assure you that the King appreciates highly the loyal sentiments and good wishes with which your Address concludes.

“Yours very truly,

“WIGRAM.

“*The Honourable the Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.*”

Mr. Speaker read the following acknowledgment by Her Majesty Queen Mary of the message of sympathy passed by the House on February 25th last:—

“BUCKINGHAM PALACE, April 28th, 1936.

“DEAR SIR,—I am commanded by Queen Mary to convey to you, and, through you, to the members of the Legislature of British Columbia and the people of the Province, an expression of Her Majesty’s grateful thanks for the message of sympathy so kindly extended to her on the occasion of the death of King George V.

“I am to assure you, and all concerned, that the Queen is deeply touched to receive this message in Her Majesty’s sad bereavement.

“Yours very truly,

“GERALD CHICHESTER,

Private Secretary to H.M. Queen Mary.

“*The Honourable the Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, British Columbia, Canada.*”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hart, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Gray, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MacPherson, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;
8. On Forestry;
9. On Fisheries;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time

their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Wismer, D. McPherson, Johnson, Connell, and Pooley.*

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1936.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Annual Reports of the Vancouver and Victoria Normal Schools and the School for the Deaf and the Blind for the Year ended June 30th, 1936.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Return pursuant to Section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under B.C. Statutes, 1926-27, Chapter 14.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

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 3.35 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. *C. S. Quinton*, Dean of Columbia.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Laurence Arnold Hanna*, member for Comox Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Connolly* (*Omineca*) moved, seconded by Mr. *Forester* (second member, Vancouver-Burrard),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

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

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 3.21 p.m.

Thursday, October 29th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. G. Wilson*.

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.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Whittaker* (for Mr. *Johnson*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *D. McPherson* (for Mr. *Wismer*) presented the following report of the Special Committee appointed on the 27th instant:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 28th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Barrow, Carson, Gillis, Murray, A. McDonald, MacKay, D. McPherson, Putnam, Strachan, Tupper, Swailes, Planta, Savage, and Connelly*.

FISHERIES.—Messrs. *McKeen, Gillis, Barrow, Hanna, Kenney, A. McDonald, Swailes, E. E. Winch, Savage, Bakewell, Pooley, and Planta*.

FORESTRY.—Messrs. *Leary, Carson, A. McDonald, McKeen, Strachan, Whittaker, Bakewell, Bruhn, Harris, Savage, and Connelly*.

MINING.—Messrs. *D. McPherson, Asselstine, Burns, King, Leary, Tupper, Murray, Putnam, MacKay, Carson, Wilkinson, Connell, E. E. Winch, Bruhn, Pooley, Uphill, Connelly, and Kenney*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Whittaker, Gillis, Carson, Hanna, McKeen, Putnam, Johnson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Burns, Price, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. Connell, Anscomb, and Forester*.

PRINTING.—Mrs. *Smith*, and Messrs. *Leary, Murray, D. McPherson, H. E. Winch, and Savage*.

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Wismer, Hanna, Harris, Johnson, McKeen, Wilkinson, Strachan, Price, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. Pooley, Forester, and Whittaker*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. *Wismer, Sutherland, Asselstine, Burns, Harris, Johnson, Kenney, King, Wilkinson, Leary, Connell, H. E. Winch, Anscomb, Bruhn, Planta, and Forester*.

RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *MacKay, Johnson, Murray, Tupper, Price, and Planta*.

Respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 29th, 1936.

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

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 29th, 1936.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 29th, 1936.

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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Return pursuant to Section 164 (2), "Placer-mining Act."

Return pursuant to Section 169 (2), "Mineral Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

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 4.15 p.m.

Friday, October 30th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. P. S. Luttrell*.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to create an issue of new refunding debentures, and for other powers.

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.

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.13 p.m.