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SESSION 1941-42

Thursday, December 4th, 1941.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twentieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 18th day of November, 1941, the members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Gray*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, Premier, member for Prince Rupert Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, first member for Vancouver East Electoral District, that *Norman William Whittaker*, Esquire, member for Saanich Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *Norman William Whittaker*, Esquire, duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect (standing on His Honour's right) then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Mr. *Gray* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to this the first session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia.

After more than two years of war, carnage and devastation continue to spread over the war areas of Europe on a more extensive scale than ever before in the history of the world.

Russia is now one of our Allies, having been attacked without warning by Germany.

Ever-increasing help is being given by the United States of America.

Great Britain, the Dominions, and other parts of the Empire are every day expanding their facilities for carrying the fight to the enemy and, however long the war may last, ultimate success must attend our efforts and those of our Allies.

In our great Province of British Columbia there rests a responsibility upon this Legislature, as representing the people, and upon the Government of the Province to do all that is possible, in co-operation with Dominion authority, to render the fullest possible measure of help in the war effort.

A tentative agreement has been reached with the Dominion Government respecting the Income Tax and subsidiary matters, and these proposals will be laid before the House for its approval.

Amendments to various Acts will be submitted for your consideration.

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

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Bishop of Columbia.

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 members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election was read, as follows:—

“ PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,

“ VICTORIA, November 25th, 1941.

“ Whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of July, 1941, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province:

“ And whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

“ I have now to report that under the provisions of the ‘ Provincial Elections Act,’ being chapter 16, Statutes of British Columbia, 1939, and amending Act, elections were held in all the several Electoral Districts of the Province:

“ And I hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

ALBERNI.....	James Mowat.
ATLIN.....	William James Asselstine.
BURNABY.....	Ernest Edward Winch.
CARIBOO.....	Louis LeBourdais.
CHILLIWACK.....	Leslie Harvey Eyres.
COLUMBIA.....	Thomas King.
COMOX.....	Colin Cameron.
COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE.....	Samuel Guthrie.
CRANBROOK.....	Frank William Green.
DELTA.....	Leonard Alec Shepherd.
DEWDNEY.....	Roderick Charles MacDonald.
ESQUIMALT.....	Elmer Victor Finland.
FERNIE.....	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE.....	Henry George Thomas Perry.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD.....	Thomas Alfred Love.
KAMLOOPS.....	Robert Henry Carson.
KASLO-SLOCAN.....	Charles Sidney Leary.
LILLOOET.....	Ernest Crawford Carson.
MACKENZIE.....	Herbert Gargrave.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS.....	George Sharratt Pearson.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Frank Putnam.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Arthur Wellesley Gray.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald.
NORTH VANCOUVER.....	Dorothy Gretchen Steeves.
OAK BAY.....	Herbert Anscomb.
OMINECA.....	Mark Matthew Connelly.
PEACE RIVER.....	Glen Everton Braden.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	Thomas Dufferin Pattullo.
REVELSTOKE.....	Harry Johnston.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Herbert Wilfred Herridge.
SAANICH.....	Norman William Whittaker.
SALMON ARM.....	Rolf Wallgren Bruhn.
SIMILKAMEEN.....	Bernard George Webber.
SKEENA.....	Edward Tourtellotte Kenney.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	{ Charles Grant MacNeil.
	{ Grace Winona MacInnis.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	{ Laura Emma Jamieson.
	{ Wallis Walter Lefeaux.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	{ Harold Edward Winch.
	{ Arthur James Turner.

VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	{ Royal Lethington Maitland. James Alexander Paton. Tilly Jean Rolston. John Hart. William Thomas Straith. Nancy Hodges. John Joseph Gillis.
VICTORIA CITY.....	
YALE.....	

" P. WALKER,
 " Deputy Provincial Secretary.

" To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Leary*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, Bill (No. 1) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Fire Marshal 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. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting, 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. *Gray*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*, 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. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

That this House express its sincere regret at the death of the Hon. Malcolm Archibald Macdonald, M.A., LL.B., K.C., Chief Justice of British Columbia, and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Macdonald and the family of the late Chief Justice the condolences and sincere sympathy of the Legislative Assembly.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a silent standing vote.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (Attorney-General)—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1940; together with the Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1941.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Provincial Secretary)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1939.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1940.

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Lands)—

Annual Report of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936, from October 22nd, 1940, to December 1st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Putnam* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Leary* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *King* (Minister of Public Works)—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Leary* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year 1939-40.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* made the following statement to the House:—

“It has been my great desire that the King’s business should proceed in orderly fashion. All that I have done has been strictly constitutional.

“In order that the Liberal members might be in a position to carry out the express wishes of the Liberal Convention recently held in Vancouver, favouring the formation of a Coalition Government, I released all members, including my colleagues in the Cabinet, from any obligation to myself as Prime Minister.

“Thereafter I advised His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to call upon the first member for Victoria City, and present leader of the Liberal Party, to form an Administration, and that accordingly I would tender to His Honour my resignation on Tuesday next, it being the understanding that in the meantime the present Government was to continue in office.

“For twenty-five years the Liberal Party has been a predominant factor in Provincial political affairs. For twenty years of that twenty-five I have been a Minister of the Crown and for five years Leader of the Opposition. Under such circumstances it can be readily realized that I could not lightly now see this position changed.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o’clock p.m. on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1942.

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, January 8th, 1942.

THREE O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *Spencer Elliott*.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* made the following statement to the House:—

“MR. SPEAKER:

“With the permission of the House, before the proceedings open I desire to make a statement in connection with the recent changes in the Government.

“Following the resignation of the late Government and the adjournment of the House on the 4th of December, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requested me to form a new Administration. I acceded to this request, and on the 9th ultimo was sworn in as Premier, President of the Council, and Minister of Finance.

“It seemed to me that the sentiment of the country was undoubtedly in favour of the creation of a Government composed of the major political parties, and, accordingly, I addressed communications to the Leaders of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and of the Conservative Party, asking their co-operation in forming a Government to include Liberals, members of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and Conservatives. My letters appeared in the Press and no doubt have been seen by honourable members.

“The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation was not disposed to join a Government of the kind contemplated, but I appreciate and understand the reasons given by the Leader of that Party. The honourable the first member for Vancouver-Point Grey, however, in his capacity as Leader of the Conservatives, expressed the willingness of his important Party to join an Administration headed by myself.

“There was necessarily some rearrangement of portfolios and, upon my recommendation, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to appoint:—

Mr. G. S. Pearson, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Labour;

Mr. R. L. Maitland, K.C., Attorney-General;

Mr. A. W. Gray, Minister of Lands and Minister of Municipal Affairs;

Dr. K. C. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture;
 Mr. H. Anscomb, Minister of Mines and Minister of Trade and Industry;
 Mr. R. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Works and Minister of Railways; and
 Mr. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education.

"We now have, therefore, an entirely different type of Government from those which have pertained in this Province for a good many years, and I believe that the formation of an Administration representing as it does the views of two principal political parties meets with the general approval of the electors of British Columbia. Possible former differences of opinion among the members of which it is composed are unimportant compared with the emergency with which we are faced in connection with the war. All Ministers have had experience in public affairs, and I am confidently looking forward to an administration of the various departments and of the Government as a whole which will redound to the credit and benefit of the people of this Province."

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

Mrs. *Hodges* (third member for Victoria City) moved, seconded by Mrs. *Rolston* (third member for Vancouver-Point Grey),—

"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.

"We recognize the circumstances which arose after Your Honour addressed us, necessitating changes among the members of your Executive Council.

"We thank Your Honour for having called into your Council advisers representing a coalition, and to inform Your Honour this Legislative Assembly approves of the formation of a Coalition Government as now constituted, in this time of national peril."

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry*—

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Second Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Licence-year 1940-41.

Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Return pursuant to Section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," Chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the Provisions of the "Audit Act," Chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to Section 4 of the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," Chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to Section 53 of the "Administration Act," Chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, 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. *Kenney*, *Straith*, *Gillis*, *Finland*, and *H. E. Winch*.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Friday, January 9th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh A. McLeod*.

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.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Lefeaux*,—

That the motion moved by the honourable third member for Victoria and seconded by the honourable third member for Vancouver-Point Grey be amended by adding the following words:—

"This national peril further demands of the Dominion and Provincial Governments and all citizens immediate co-ordination and expansion of effort to utilize con-

currently, completely, and effectively all our human and material resources to gain victory:

"This House, therefore, is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that further steps should be taken immediately by the Dominion and Provincial Governments jointly to insure the maximum effort for victory by exercising existing powers for the complete mobilization of material and financial resources as well as man-power."

Mr. Speaker having raised the question whether the amendment was out of order on the ground that it anticipated discussion of a motion, notice of which had already been given, reserved his decision after debate.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *R. H. Carson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Report of the Public Library Commission, 1940.

Twelfth Annual Report of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period April 1st to December 31st, 1940.

Sixth Annual Report of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Second Annual Report of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for the Year 1940-41.

Fifth Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year 1940.

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 4.55 p.m.

Monday, January 12th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Gaudette*.

Order called for the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by him on the amendment moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 9th instant to the motion moved by Mrs. *Hodges* on the 8th instant, which decision is as follows:—

Honourable Members,—On Friday last the honourable the Leader of the Opposition moved and the honourable second member for Vancouver Centre seconded an amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The following is the proposed amendment:—

“That the motion moved by the honourable third member for Victoria and seconded by the honourable third member for Vancouver-Point Grey be amended by adding the following words:—

“‘This national peril further demands of the Dominion and Provincial Governments and all citizens immediate co-ordination and expansion of effort to utilize concurrently, completely, and effectively all our human and material resources to gain victory:

“‘This House, therefore, is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that further steps should be taken immediately by the Dominion and Provincial Governments jointly to insure the maximum effort for victory by exercising existing powers for the complete mobilization of material and financial resources as well as man-power.’”

Before putting the question I suggested that the amendment might be out of order as anticipating debate on two motions of which notice had been given, one standing in the name of the honourable member for Skeena, as follows:—

“This Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, recognizing the grave perils facing this Dominion, the British Commonwealth, and Empire, and all those united nations of the world now opposing in war the aggressions of the Axis powers, hereby pledges the total resources of the Province to Canada and the Empire to the determined purpose of victory:

“And, without any desire to encroach upon the rights and privileges of the Federal Parliament, we urge the Government and Parliament of Canada to mobilize immediately the whole resources of Canada, both human and material, in a resolute and total effort to defeat our enemies and ensure complete victory.”

And the other in the name of the honourable second member for Vancouver-Point Grey, as follows:—

“Whereas, on January 1st, 1942, Canada became signatory to the Twenty-six Nations Pact wherein ‘each Government pledges itself to employ its full resources, military or economic, against those members of the Tripartite Pact and its adherents with which such Government is at war’:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly requests the Government of Canada to implement this pledge forthwith, and to the fullest extent, by the conscription of all man-power and by the mobilization of all the economic and natural resources of Canada for the purpose of carrying on total war, backed by a total war effort, in the struggle for victory over Hitlerism:

“And, further, that it concurs in the ‘call for total war’ made to the Prime Minister of Canada by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, at Ottawa, October 21st, 1941.”

After hearing the arguments advanced by the honourable the Leader of the Opposition, and upon giving the matter further consideration, I have decided against a too strict application of the rule against anticipation.

It is stated in *May*, 13th ed., page 272: “. . . a notice of motion as long as it remains upon the paper, whether for a specified day or not, prevents its subject-matter being discussed by means of an amendment to a motion. . . .”

It is also stated on the same page, however, that “In determining . . . whether a discussion is out of order on the ground of anticipation, the Speaker must have regard to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the House within a reasonable time.”

The two motions with respect to which notice has been given may not be reached for a considerable period of time. The House has ordered that consideration shall first be given to His Honour's Speech. The debate on the Address sometimes lasts for two weeks. Even after the debate on the Address has been concluded other business of the House might intervene before motions can be debated. In view of this likelihood of delay and in view also of the nature of the issues raised by the amend-

ment, I do not feel I would be justified in stopping debate on the amendment at this stage.

Moreover, the subject of the prosecution of the war is so wide and admits of so many different angles of approach that, apart from the time element, it may be argued there is not here an anticipation within the meaning of the rule.

Under the special circumstances of this particular case I recommend that debate on the amendment be allowed to continue.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

On the question being put on the amendment, a debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

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Messieurs

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

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Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Robston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Connelly</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Lefeaux *Bruhn*

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. *Gillis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. G. Griffiths*.

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 Mrs. *Steeves*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

That Chapter VIII., section 68 (1), of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended to read as follows:—

“At the commencement of each Session a Special Committee consisting of five members shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the following Select Standing Committees of the House:—

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

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

To strike out all the words and figures after the word “House” in the sixth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

- “1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills.
- “2. On Public Accounts and Printing.
- “3. On Mining and Railways.
- “4. On Agriculture.
- “5. On Municipal Matters.
- “6. On Forestry and Fisheries.
- “7. On Labour.
- “8. On Social Welfare.”

A debate arose.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

That the Rules be suspended, and that the Resolution of this House adopted on January 8th which appointed a Special Committee to prepare lists of members for the Select Standing Committees be rescinded.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, 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 and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare;

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. *Kenney*, *Strait*, *Gillis*, *Finland*, and *H. E. Winch*.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

That *Elmer Victor Finland*, member for the Esquimalt Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

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. *Eyres*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 14th, 1942.

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 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934,'" 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 14th, 1942.

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 authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Port Coquitlam" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented a Return (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works), pursuant to the "Public Works Act," for the Year ended October 31st, 1941.

Mr. *Kenney* presented the following Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 13th day of January:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

January 14th, 1942.

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:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Straith*, *Asselstine*, *Gillis*, *R. H. Carson*, *Mowat*, *Finland*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Paton*, *H. E. Winch*, *Mrs. Steeves*, and Messrs. *Lefaux* and *Turner*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Kenney*, *Leary*, *Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Straith*, *Putnam*, *Johnston*, *King*, *Connelly*, *Paton*, *E. C. Carson*, *Bennett*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Love*, *H. E. Winch*, *Cameron*, *Lefaux*, *Webber*, and *MacNeil*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *E. C. Carson*, *Connelly*, *Braden*, *LeBourdais*, *R. H. Carson*, *Putnam*, *King*, *Eyres*, *Bennett*, *Shepherd*, *Herridge*, *Webber*, and *Guthrie*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Putnam*, *Asselstine*, *Leary*, *Kenney*, *Connelly*, *Mowat*, *Braden*, *LeBourdais*, *Finland*, *E. C. Carson*, *Green*, *Love*, *Guthrie*, *Uphill*, *Cameron*, *Herridge*, and *Webber*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Johnston*, *Leary*, *Connelly*, *Mowat*, *LeBourdais*, *Finland*, *King*, *Bennett*, *Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *Cameron*, *Guthrie*, *Gargrave*, and *Turner*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Eyres*, *R. H. Carson*, *Straith*, *Putnam*, *Gillis*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Green*, *Love*, *Mrs. MacInnis*, *Mr. Shepherd*, *Mrs. Jamieson*, and *Mrs. Steeves*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis*, *LeBourdais*, *Kenney*, *Johnston*, *Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Paton*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Bennett*, *Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *E. E. Winch*, *Herridge*, *Cameron*, *Gargrave*, *MacNeil*, and *Uphill*.

SOCIAL WELFARE.—Messrs. *Green*, *Leary*, *Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Braden*, *R. H. Carson*, *King*, *Paton*, *Mrs. Rolston*, *Mrs. Jamieson*, *Mrs. MacInnis*, *Mrs. Steeves*, and Messrs. *E. E. Winch* and *Pattullo*.

Respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Have any steps been taken by the Government to encourage the formation of Parent-Teacher Associations?
2. If yes, what are they?
3. How many schools now have Parent-Teacher Associations?

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

"1 and 2. The Department has always approved of the formation of Parent-Teacher Associations and our Inspectors of Schools recommend their establishment where they do not already exist. Reference to the value of such associations is made in the sections relating to Character Education as found in our Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High School Bulletins. A special bulletin entitled 'Parents' Bulletin' was issued by this Department at the request of the British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation and copies of it have been forwarded to the presidents of the various associations.

"3. In data recently received from the corresponding secretary of the Parent-Teacher Federation of British Columbia the names of 117 associations are listed. In many of the rural areas of the Province where there are no Parent-Teacher Associations, Women's Institutes perform several of the functions of these associations."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What was the amount of discount allowed during the past year on school books supplied by or through the Department to (a) wholesalers, (b) retailers, and (c) schools or school trustees?

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

"(a) Wholesalers, nil; (b) retailers, \$21,837.37; (c) School Boards and Official Trustees, \$4,918.77."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, January 15th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *H. V. Hitchcox*.

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. *MacNeil*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 15th, 1942.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry 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. *Maitland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 15th, 1942.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1940-41 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. Is reconstruction-work being conducted at the present time between Miles 21 and 23 on the Malahat Drive?
2. Who has the contract for this work?
3. How much has the contractor or contractors been paid to January 1st, 1942, on account of the said contract or contracts?
4. Is the work finished?
5. If not, when will the work be completed?
6. What amount of money will be required to complete the work?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd.
- " 3. \$56,161.73.
- " 4. No.
- " 5. March 31st, 1942. Circumstances and weather permitting.
- " 6. \$91,852.27; exclusive of engineering costs and culvert pipe supplied by Department in terms of contract."

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

1. Do the employees of the Department of Public Works employed on roads and ferries receive a cost-of-living bonus; and, if so, on what basis?
2. If there are any exceptions, why?

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

“1 and 2. No.”

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

1. Were plans prepared and tenders called for the erection of additional building facilities at the Boys' Industrial School?
2. Were tenders submitted?
3. Was the contract let?
4. If so, to whom?
5. If not, why?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by No. 3.

“5. No funds available.”

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

1. Were the weigh-scales at the Pattullo Bridge replaced during 1941?
2. If so, what was the total cost of the new ones installed?
3. What became of those removed?

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

“1. Yes; two scales, one in each freight-lane.

“2. \$7,960.

“3. Removed to Public Works garage at Cloverdale. Cleaned, painted, and stored temporarily pending installation on highways in other parts of the Province for checking of truck-loading.”

Mr. *Shepherd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What is the present classification of the Pacific Highway from Fry's Corner to the International Boundary?

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

“Arterial, Reference No. 13R.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Friday, January 16th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

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. *Pattullo*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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 6.15 p.m.

Monday, January 19th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Major *Allan McInnes*.

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

That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty the King and the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn be presented to His Majesty:—

“To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

“Most Gracious Sovereign,—We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly tender to Your Majesty the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss sustained by Your Majesty and the Empire through the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

“The great services rendered by His Royal Highness to the State, not the least of which was as Governor-General of Your Majesty's Dominion of Canada, have been fully recognized in this Province as elsewhere throughout the Empire, and we have learned of his death with profound sorrow.

“We venture to hope that Your Majesty and the Royal Family will be graciously pleased to accept this loyal assurance of our sympathy in the bereavement which has befallen Your Majesty.”

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a standing silent vote.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was further *Resolved*,—

That the Address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and forwarded through the proper channel.

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. *Kenney*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

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

1. What is the present assessment of the Powell River Company, Ltd., plant in Powell River?
2. Is the Powell River Company, Ltd., exempted from any taxation and, if so, to what amount?

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

“1. \$11,407,776.

“2. No.”

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. How many employees are there in the employ of the Public Utilities Commission?
2. What has been the total cost of the said Board since its inception?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- “1. Public Utilities Commission, under the ‘Public Utilities Act,’ eight employees; Public Utilities Commission, under the ‘Motor Carrier Act,’ twenty-seven employees.
 “2. Public Utilities Commission, under the ‘Public Utilities Act,’ \$133,368.61; Public Utilities Commission, under the ‘Motor Carrier Act,’ \$185,087.75.”

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Is the Boundary Bay District under reserve prohibiting prospecting for coal, petroleum, and natural gas?
2. If not, (a) when was reserve removed, (b) what filings have since been recorded, and (c) in whose name?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

- “1. No.
 “2. (a) April 29th, 1941; (b) and (c) as follows:—

Mining Licence No.	Date.	Location.	Name of Licensee.
12652	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 25, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12653	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 19, Tp. 8, E.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12654	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 30, Tp. 8, E.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12655	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 6, Tp. 9, E.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12656	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 31, Tp. 8, E.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12657	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 36, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12658	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 7, Tp. 9, E.C.M.	William MacIlvrde.
12659	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 22, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	W. G. Egbert.
12660	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 34, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	W. G. Egbert.
12661	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 27, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	W. G. Egbert.
12662	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 35, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	W. G. Egbert.
12663	Aug. 21st, 1941	Secs. 25, 26, 35, 36, Block 5 N., R. 1 W., N.W.D.	W. G. Egbert.
12664	Aug. 21st, 1941	Secs. 23, 24, 13, 14, Block 5 N., R. 1 W., N.W.D.	W. G. Egbert.
12665	Aug. 21st, 1941	Sec. 26, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	W. G. Egbert.
12666	Aug. 21st, 1941	Secs. 27, 28, 33, 34, Block 5 N., R. 1 W., N.W.D.	W. G. Egbert.
12667	Aug. 21st, 1941	Secs. 15, 16, 21, 22, Block 5 N., R. 1 W., N.W.D.	W. G. Egbert.
12668	Aug. 21st, 1941	N. ½ and S.W. ¼ Sec. 17, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	Francis Rochon.
12669	Aug. 21st, 1941	N. ½ and S.W. ¼ Sec. 16, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	William Herbert Bushell.
12670	Sept. 16th, 1941	640 acres, more or less, unsurveyed marine area, vicinity Sec. 1, Tp. 4, Group 2, N.W.D.	Ernest O. F. Ames.
12672	Oct. 31st, 1941	Lot 582, Group 2, N.W.D.	Lorenzo D. Wright.
12673	Nov. 13th, 1941	Sec. 8, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	Francis Rochon.
12674	Nov. 13th, 1941	N.E. ¼ Sec. 18, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	Francis Rochon.
12675	Nov. 13th, 1941	S. ½ Sec. 10, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	F. H. Yeomans.
12677	Dec. 9th, 1941	Sec. 7, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	Francis Rochon.
12678	Dec. 9th, 1941	N.W. ¼ Sec. 15, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	Francis Rochon.
12679	Dec. 17th, 1941	S. ½, N.W. ¼, S. ½ of N.E. ¼ Sec. 9, Tp. 2, W.C.M.	William Herbert Bushell.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Allan*.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Straith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 20th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas Standing Order 97 provides that no petition for any Private Bill shall be received by the House after the first ten days of each Session and provides other requirements concerning Private Bills which cannot be complied with because the present Session has already proceeded beyond the period provided in the said Standing Order:

And whereas this situation has not been brought about or caused by the fault or neglect of the petitioner for a Private Bill to come before this Committee for consideration:

Your Committee therefore recommends to the House that the said Standing Order 97, including the obligation thereby imposed upon the said petitioner to pay double the fees in respect to the said petition and Private Bill, be suspended:

And your Committee further recommends that it be allowed to proceed with the said petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 20th, 1942.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 20th, 1942.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences," 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. *Anscomb* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 19th, 1942.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral 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. *Anscomb* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 19th, 1942.

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. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining 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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *R. H. Carson* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *Paton* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *Paton* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *E. C. Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *Gillis* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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

1. What cities or municipalities are under Commission control?
2. Have any of them adopted town-planning by-laws?
3. If so, which ones?

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) replied as follows:—

"1. Cities: Fernie, Merritt, North Vancouver, and Prince Rupert. Districts: Burnaby and North Vancouver.

"2. Several have zoning by-laws passed under section 9 of the 'Town Planning Act.'

"3. Cities: North Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Districts: Burnaby and North Vancouver."

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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, what, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Metchosin Road, Esquimalt District, Vancouver Island?
2. If any, on what portion or portions of such road was such work done?
3. When was such work done?
4. Of what did such work consist?
5. What sum or sums of money was or were expended on such work?

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

“1. Asphaltic surface repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and maintenance and repairs to bridges.

“2. The whole length of the road from the Sooke Road to the Happy Valley Road, on such portions as might require repair or renewal from time to time; length of road, 5.72 miles.

“3. Work was done during each month in the period mentioned, except April, 1940.

“4. Answered by No. 1.

“5. \$2,999.21.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What is the present classification of the road between Gibsons Landing and Gower Point?

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

“This road is not classified under Part III. of the ‘Highway Act,’ but is known locally as a main road.”

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

1. Has a request been received from the British Columbia School Trustees' Association for a report on the number of mentally defective pupils who would likely be benefited by especially trained teachers in a Provincial residential institution?

2. If yes, was such a report made?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. No. Inspectors of Schools give group and individual intelligence tests to the pupils of the schools in their inspectorates to determine the mental age from which the intelligence quotient of the pupil is computed, and local School Boards may obtain this information from the Inspectors for their districts. In some of the larger centres special classes for mentally deficient children are already in operation and grants are paid by the Government towards the salaries of the teachers of those classes. There are no Provincial residential schools for the accommodation of such children at the present time.”

Mr. *R. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has a petition been received by the Minister of Agriculture from the poultry producers of the Fraser Valley, asking for permission to take a plebiscite under the “Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act” or towards the setting-up of an egg-marketing scheme?

2. If so, what action has been taken?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The matter is under consideration of the producers' committee.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21st, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *H. A. Collison*.

Mr. *Paton* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

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.

The House divided.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—43.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—2.

Messieurs

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Mr. *E. C. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the road mileage from Vancouver to Kamloops via the Fraser Canyon route?
2. What is the road mileage from Vancouver to Kamloops via Osoyoos and United States highways?
3. What would be the mileage from Vancouver to Kamloops via proposed Hope-Princeton road?

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

- "1. 275 miles.
- "2. (a) 571 miles via Stevens Pass, (b) 635 miles via Blewett Pass.
- "3. 303 miles, more or less."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What is the road mileage from Penticton to Vancouver: (a) Via shortest British Columbia route; (b) via shortest route, British Columbia and United States roads; (c) via projected Hope-Princeton route?

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

“(a) 365 miles, (b) 423 miles, (c) 254 miles, more or less.”

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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, what moneys have been expended for maintenance-work on roads in the Esquimalt Electoral District?

2. Specify the roads upon which such moneys were spent, with the amount spent on each, and the portions of each road upon which the money was spent.

3. What was the nature of the work done in each instance?

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

“1. Expenditures on individual roads, trails, streets, and bridges: From March 31st, 1940, to March 31st, 1941, see pages 73, 74, and 75 of the report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1940-41. Expenditures since April 1st, 1941, will be reported in due course in the report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1941-42.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. General maintenance, repairs, and improvements.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.57 p.m.

Thursday, January 22nd, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. *Whitehouse*.

The petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,” was received.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Committee on Labour be instructed to examine into the present jurisdictional position of Provincial Statutes appertaining to labour in relation to Federal Orders in Council with a view to recommending to the Legislature ways and means of removing any conflict that may be found to exist or which would assist in clarifying the situation as regards interpretation and jurisdiction.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Marshal Act.’”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Port Coquitlam.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act, 1934.’”

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

What arrangement, if any, exists between the Government and the Mount St. Mary Hospital for the care and treatment of chronic patients?

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

1. During the past year, what was the value of all products of inmate labour at (a) each Provincial gaol and (b) New Haven?

2. What are the regulations governing the number of (a) visits of relatives or friends and (b) letters allowed to be received or sent by inmates of Oakalla during a given period?

3. (a.) What are the terms of engagement governing rates of pay of employees at Oakalla? (b.) Do these provide for annual increases?

4. Is the cost-of-living bonus being paid to the staff of the various institutions in the administration of the Attorney-General's Department?

5. (a.) How many guards are class 1, 2, and 3, respectively? (b.) How long does a guard serve in the lower ratings before promotion?

6. (a.) How many instructors are specifically employed as such at Oakalla? (b.) Are they so rated? (c.) Do they receive the same rates of pay as guards?

7. Is there a qualified school instructor?

8. Are (a) guards and (b) instructors supplied with new uniforms on appointment and how often are new issues made?

9. How long are employees on the temporary list?

10. How many of the present employees are on the temporary list and how long have they been so rated respectively?

11. (a.) Is a definite budget of the estimated needs of the various departments of the institution prepared and does it form the basis of the annual estimates as submitted to the Legislature? (b.) Is this departmentalized budget adhered to in the expenditures of the institution?

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

1. Is the (a) employed or unemployed status and (b) political views or party affiliations of applicants for the Provincial Police among the deciding factors in their engagement?

2. How many appointments have been made to the Provincial Police during the past year?

3. How many were over the age of 35 years?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1941.

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

1. On what date did section 20 of the "Mental Hospitals Act" become operative?
2. What number of physicians have been appointed to the medical review panels?
3. When did the Review Boards start hearing appeals?
4. What number of applications have been dealt with to date?

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

"1. Section 20 of the 'Mental Hospitals Act' became operative on September 24th, 1941.

"2. Eleven physicians have been appointed to the medical review panels.

"3. Review Boards started hearing appeals on November 18th, 1941.

"4. One hundred and twenty-six applications have been dealt with to date."

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Are the Provincial Sanitary Regulations being revised; and, if so, when will the revision be completed?

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

"Yes; complete revision of Provincial Sanitary Regulations will take at least another twelve months."

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

1. Is there any estimate of the average cost involved in cases that are disposed of under the "Summary Convictions Act"?

2. How many persons were convicted of drunkenness in the Courts during the past year?

3. How many were fined and what was the amount of same?

4. How many were sent to gaol and what was the length of the sentences?

5. How many had been previously convicted of this type of offence, segregated according to the number of previous convictions?

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

"1. No; cases are conducted through both Provincial and Municipal Police Courts by local police officers under general administration of justice.

"2, 3, 4, and 5. See Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board, pages K 24 to K 37, for fiscal year ended March 31st, 1941. (This contains the statistical information gathered by this Department in relation to these matters.) See also 'Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences,' Dominion Bureau of Statistics."

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

How many employees, if any, beyond the retiring age set by the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" are employed in the Department of the King's Printer?

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

"Two lady employees; one three years past and one four years past normal retirement age of sixty years."

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

1. Who are the present members of (a) the Health Insurance Commission and (b) the Technical Advisory Council?

2. What remuneration, if any, did they individually receive during the past year?

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

"1. (a.) W. T. Barrett, M.D., Acting Chairman; John Dunsmuir, Commissioner; P. R. Bengough, Commissioner. (b.) None.

"2. W. T. Barrett, M.D., \$5,500; John Dunsmuir, \$666.64; P. R. Bengough, \$416.69."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What period of domicile in this Province is necessary before a person from another Province, mentally sick and requiring hospitalization, becomes a Provincial responsibility?

2. Is there an inter-Provincial arrangement relative to this matter (a) existing or (b) under advisement?

3. What steps have been taken to provide for the possible after-the-war phase of this problem and the need for such a reciprocal arrangement?

4. During the previous calendar or fiscal year how many patients over the ages of 60, 70, and 80 years respectively were admitted to the mental hospitals?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1. No legal period of domicile in this Province is necessary, according to the Statutes, before a person from another Province, mentally ill, becomes eligible for hospitalization in our mental hospitals. Cases have been admitted with less than one day's residence in the Province; in such cases efforts are made, wherever possible, to return the patient to the Province to which he belongs, but, in this, success depends very largely on the co-operative attitude of the individual Province.

"2. There is no inter-Provincial arrangement in existence relative to this matter. Repeated efforts have been made ever since 1936 to obtain inter-Provincial agreements covering the transfer of mental hospital cases or covering the payment for mental hospital cases by the Province of domicile. Similar efforts have also been made in regard to general hospitalization, tuberculosis hospitalization, and a number of other social services, and amendments have from time to time been introduced into various Provincial Statutes, authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to enter into reciprocal agreements with other Provinces. These efforts have not thus far met with success, largely because the other Provinces realize that the present situation is financially advantageous to them. Further efforts to press the matter will be made at every opportunity.

"3. At the present time soldiers who enlist in other Provinces and are admitted to Essondale are returned to their Province of enlistment by the military authorities. Other than this no steps have been possible to meet the new phases of this problem created by the present state of hostilities or the post-war phases of the problem. The probable influx of people into this Province after the war will undoubtedly intensify the need for reciprocal arrangements.

"4. During the fiscal year 1940-41 ninety-five persons were admitted to our mental hospitals between the ages of 60 and 70; ninety-five between 70 and 80; and forty over 80 years of age. This represents 24.8 per cent. of the total admissions for the period in question. There is a gradual steady increase in the number of patients admitted over the age of 60."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

What amounts, if any, have been collected from the estates of deceased old-age pensioners during each of the past three years?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"The following amounts have been collected: 1939, \$44,561.09; 1940, \$40,608.94; 1941, \$55,674.92."

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Is a cost-of-living bonus paid to employees of the Provincial Mental Hospital at Coquitlam?

2. If so, when did it commence?

3. How many receive the bonus?

4. What is the amount thereof?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1 to 4. No."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

How many inmates, male and female respectively, are there in the Aged People's Homes at (a) Coquitlam and (b) Kamloops?

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

“(a.) Males, 85; females, 43; total, 128. (b.) Males, 145; females, none.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is the cost-of-living bonus being paid to the staff of the Provincial Institutions coming under the administration of the Department?

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

“No.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.57 p.m.

Friday, January 23rd, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1943;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1942;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1941, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 22nd, 1942.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Lefeaux*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Strait* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 23rd, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas the Standing Orders (other than Order 97) in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" have been complied with:

And whereas by Order of the House the Rules provided by said Order 97 have been suspended:

Therefore your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare be instructed to inquire into the operations and requirements of any or all institutions maintained wholly or in part from Provincial Government funds.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probates Recognition Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Port Coquitlam" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton* was withdrawn:—

Whereas, on January 1st, 1942, Canada became signatory to the Twenty-six Nations Pact wherein "each Government pledges itself to employ its full resources, military or economic, against those members of the Tripartite Pact and its adherents with which such Government is at war":

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislative Assembly requests the Government of Canada to implement this pledge forthwith, and to the fullest extent, by the conscription of all man-power and by the mobilization of all the economic and natural

resources of Canada for the purpose of carrying on total war, backed by a total war effort, in the struggle for victory over Hitlerism:

And, further, that it concurs in the "call for total war" made to the Prime Minister of Canada by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, at Ottawa, October 21st, 1941.

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

1. How many employees of the C.M. & S. Company working in the Pinchi Lake cinnabar plant filed claims with the Workmen's Compensation Board due to mercury poisoning during the last year?

2. What steps have been taken to prevent this type of injury?

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

"1. Sixteen.

"2. Steel-sharpening Shop: All drill-steel is thoroughly scrubbed before forging and adequate ventilation is provided in the shop; positive ventilation provided for the forge and the steel-sharpener. No. 1 Mill (Kiln Operations): Entire process under suction so that mercury-vapours cannot escape into the atmosphere of work-places; workmen are provided with cannister respirators, which they are required to wear where there is the least possibility of the presence of mercury vapours; floors painted and kept wet at all times; entire building hosed once each shift; no accumulation of dust anywhere. Hoeing-table Operations: Hoeing-table equipped with hood and connected with an exhaust-fan, which takes away steam and vapour rising from this operation; a ventilating-fan is also provided for the hoeing-table room itself; workmen engaged in hoeing operation are required to wear cannister masks. No. 2 Mill (Wedge-furnace Operation): Entire top of furnace has been equipped with a hood and an exhaust-fan; retort and hoeing-table rooms well ventilated. General Atmospheric Test: Testing-stations have been established throughout the operation and a regular routine of testing is followed. Mine Examination: In September and November, 1941, intensive searches and tests were conducted to determine whether there was free metallic mercury in the mine, but none was found, and an examination of the mine-atmosphere also proved negative for mercury vapours."

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

1. How many Essondale patients are boarded out under a "Family Care" plan?

2. How many members of the staff allied with the institution are engaged (a) exclusively or (b) partially in probation visits and family interviews?

3. What is the annual salary cost of staff engaged in this work?

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

"1. No Essondale patients are boarded out under a 'Family Care' plan.

"2. (a.) Two Social Service workers exclusively engaged on probation visits and family interviews. (b.) One Social Service worker, part of whose time is employed as above.

"3. (a.) Salaries: \$2,640. (b.) Salary: \$2,200, for all duties."

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 4.30 p.m.