

JOURNALS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
SESSION 1939

Tuesday, October 31st, 1939.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Nineteenth 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 26th day of September, 1939,

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 this the Third Session of the Nineteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

A year ago we were grateful to realize that the immediate threat of war had been removed for the time being although grave apprehensions for the future still existed. To-day, war—unrelenting and ruthless—is devastating Europe and Asia and its repercussions are vitally affecting the whole world.

Following the declaration of war against the German Reich by Great Britain and France, Canada, through its Parliament, also declared war against the Reich.

My Government thereupon informed the Dominion Government that British Columbia was prepared and anxious to co-operate to the very fullest extent with Dominion authority in the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion.

That the allied powers shall be successful is not only necessary to their future existence as nations but upon that success depends also the freedom and the liberty of the peoples of other nations, now living in constant fear and dread of conquest or actually suffering under the weight of ruthless oppression.

It is very gratifying to know that individuals, welfare and economic organizations, corporations and public bodies have so patriotically and so unanimously volunteered their services in the prosecution of the war and, with a united and determined Empire in co-operation with our faithful allies we can hope for a successful outcome.

Early in the year His Gracious Majesty King George VI., and His Gracious Consort, Queen Elizabeth, visited Canada and were everywhere received with heartfelt joy and expressions of sincere loyalty. The visit of Their Majesties emphasized anew the deep affection of the people of Canada for the Crown and the Motherland; and Their Majesties, by their simple sincerity, their sympathy and their personal charm, completely won the hearts of our people.

During the past year my Government established an exhibit at the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco, California, which attracted the attention and praise of all who were privileged to see it. More than one million people visited the exhibit.

While war conditions make necessary the conservation of our resources to the fullest extent, nevertheless every effort will be made to maintain all essential services at as high efficiency as possible.

For the past two years geological examinations have been made in the Peace River area for the purpose of determining the possibility of the existence of oil-bearing zones. These examinations, which had their inception some twenty years ago, have resulted in favourable indications, and you will be asked to make an appropriation to enable drilling operations to be carried on next year.

Other than some essential measures, my Government will not submit an extensive legislative programme 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 by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver Centre was read, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, October 23rd, 1939.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of Fred Crone, a member thereof for the Vancouver Centre Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 11th day of April, 1939, 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 *Laura Emma Jamieson* to represent the Vancouver Centre 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. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, it was Resolved,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver Centre be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mrs. *Laura Emma Jamieson*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *H. E. Winch* and Mrs. *Steeves*, and took her seat.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received the declaration of resignation of Frank Mitchell MacPherson, member representing the Electoral District of Cranbrook, dated September 27th, 1939, and received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary on September 27th, 1939.

Ordered, That pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, an entry of the declaration so delivered to Mr. Speaker be made in the Journals of the House, as follows:—

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. }
To Wit: }

To the Honourable Norman William Whittaker, K.C.,
Speaker of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia.

I, Frank Mitchell MacPherson, member of the Legislative Assembly of the said Province for the Cranbrook Electoral District, wishing to resign my seat as member for the said

Cranbrook Electoral District, do hereby declare, pursuant to the provisions of section 55 of chapter 49, R.S.B.C. 1936, being the "Constitution Act," my intention to resign my said seat and do hereby resign my said seat as member as aforesaid for the Cranbrook Electoral District.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Victoria, in said Province, this 27th day of September, A.D. 1939.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the above-named Frank Mitchell MacPherson before the undersigned attesting witnesses at the City of Victoria, in the said Province, this 27th day of September, A.D. 1939.

ARTHUR DIXON.
P. WALKER.

F. M. MACPHERSON [SEAL],
*Member of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of British Columbia
for Cranbrook Electoral District.*

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

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, October 30th, 1939.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the Honourable Frank Mitchell MacPherson, a member thereof for the Cranbrook Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 3rd day of October, 1939, 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 *Arnold Joseph McGrath* to represent the Cranbrook 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. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Cranbrook be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Arnold Joseph McGrath*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* and the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, and took his seat.

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

That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Fred Crone, who was a member for the Electoral District of Vancouver Centre, and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Crone and the family of the late Mr. Crone the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

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. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, 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. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court 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, 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. *Asselstine*, 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. *Leary*, *Kenney*, *Straith*, *Maitland*, and *H. E. Winch*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Reports of the Vancouver and Victoria Normal Schools, the School for the Deaf and the Blind, and Text-book Branch for the School-year 1938-39.

Report of the Summer School of Education, July 4th to August 5th, 1939.

Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1938.

Sixty-sixth Report of Vital Statistics of the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1937.

Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Twenty-seventh Report of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1938.

Annual Report on the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Return of Timber Licences reinstated pursuant to Section 44 of Chapter 102, R.S.B.C. 1936, to March 31st, 1939.

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 64 of Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Review of the Mining Industry for the Year 1938.

Estimated Mine Production for Six Months ended June 30th, 1939.

Information on the Sampling of Manganese Tungsten and other Ores.

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 3.32 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1st, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Paton* presented a petition from W. Percival Kirkpatrick, Wendell B. Farris, James A. Campbell, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."

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. *King* (Columbia) moved, seconded by Mr. *Braden* (Peace River),—

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Thursday, November 2nd, 1939.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh McLeod*.

The petition from W. Percival Kirkpatrick, Wendell B. Farris, James A. Campbell, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922," was received.

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. *H. E. Winch*, 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 4.54 p.m.

Friday, November 3rd, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. *Forester* presented a petition from the Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906," and the "Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929."

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 Mrs. *Steeves*,—

To add the following words:—

"This Legislature regrets that the Speech from the Throne conveyed no intimation of any intention on the part of the Government to resist unnecessary encroachment on the rights, liberties, and freedom of citizens; or to introduce legislation that would guarantee economic security during the continuation of the state of war, and that will assure to enlisted men that on their return to civil life profitable employment or adequate allowances will be available.

"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 immediate steps should be taken to assure to all citizens their full rights and liberties, and a guarantee should be given that the

Canadian Government will sponsor policies which will secure a lasting peace and permanent prosperity following the close of the war."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Gray</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Hart</i>	<i>Telford</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hunter</i>

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

Mr. *Leary* presented the following report of the Special Committee appointed on the 31st day of October:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 3rd, 1939.

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. *Putnam, LeBourdais, Bull, Connelly, Braden, Murray, Gillis, Strachan, Carson, Macintosh, Eyres, Guthrie, Shepherd, and Telford.*

FISHERIES.—MESSRS. *Bryan, Forester, Kenney, Murray, Johnston, Connelly, Macintosh, Paton, E. E. Winch, and Cameron.*

FORESTRY.—MESSRS. *Leary, Johnston, Connelly, King, Braden, Carson, Straith, McGrath, Bruhn, Macintosh, Finland, Cameron, and Guthrie.*

MINING.—MESSRS. *Henniger, LeBourdais, Burns, Kenney, Putnam, Connelly, Johnston, Leary, Murray, McGrath, Braden, Bruhn, Paton, Finland, Uphill, Guthrie, and Cameron.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—MESSRS. *Burns, Putnam, Henniger, Carson, Mrs. Smith, and Messrs. Gillis, Tupper, Straith, Kenney, Forester, Hunter, Anscomb, Eyres, Paton, Shepherd, and Mrs. Steeves.*

PRINTING.—Mrs. *Smith*, and Messrs. *Bryan, Murray, Perry, Bull, Paton, E. E. Winch, and Mrs. Jamieson.*

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—MESSRS. *Perry, Straith, Mrs. Smith, and Messrs. Forester, Connelly, Gillis, Bryan, Tupper, Henniger, McGrath, Maitland, Anscomb, Finland, H. E. Winch, Mrs. Steeves, and Mr. Telford.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. *Kenney, Burns, Putnam, King, Bull, Tupper, Leary, Carson, Strachan, Johnston, LeBourdais, Straith, Connelly, Bruhn, Maitland, Anscomb, Telford, H. E. Winch, and E. E. Winch.*

RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Tupper, Murray, Perry, King, Braden, Forester, LeBourdais, Finland, Hunter, E. E. Winch, and Telford.*

Respectfully submitted.

C. S. LEARY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. What special rebates are given to logging companies toward purchase of logging supplies?

2. If any, how are these rebates given?

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

“1. None given by the Department of Lands.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

Monday, November 6th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds.*

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.”

From the Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,” and the “Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929.”

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* 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 ‘Provincial Infirmaries Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 6th, 1939.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Infirmaries 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:—

E. W. HAMBER,
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,
November 6th, 1939.

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 '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:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 6th, 1939.

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 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" 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. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Lands and Survey Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Return pursuant to section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1938.

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

1. Are Traffic Constables Black and Hogarth in the employ of the Public Utilities Commission?

2. If no, when were their services terminated and what was the reason for same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is the Public Utilities Commission conducting an examination of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company?

2. If so, does the examination cover all subsidiary companies of the parent company?

3. If an examination is being conducted, is said examination: (a) A complete factual examination, or (b) a book valuation?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. A complete factual examination."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following question:—

What is the total expenditure to date made by the Province of British Columbia in relation to the San Francisco Fair?

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

"\$58,953.81."

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

1. Was a special survey made in the Ashcroft Mining Division during July, 1938, for the purpose of investigating the nature and extent of cinnabar deposits in that area?

2. If yes, what properties were examined and what number of reports have been made as a result of such survey?

3. How many properties gave evidence of the existence of cinnabar?

4. Are inquiries made by departmental officials when visiting properties as to the personnel and occupations of the owners?

5. If yes, why?

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

"1. Yes; routine field-work.

"2. Sharp Group on Criss Creek; one report.

"3. One.

"4. No; only names of owners.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What number of pupils are attending the Deaf and Blind School: (a) Resident, (b) day?
2. What is the resident capacity of this school?
3. What number of applicants, if any, are awaiting admission as resident pupils?
4. What is the maximum time which any such applicant has been awaiting admission?
5. What is the known, or estimated, number of: (a) Deaf, (b) blind, or partially deaf or blind, children of school age in the Province whose degree of infirmity is such as to require educational and training facilities as provided in this institution?
6. When was the latest fire inspection of this school made?
7. Are there adequate and suitable fire-escapes?
8. Are existing fire-escapes of fire-proof or wooden construction?

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

- "1. (a.) Resident, 69. (b.) Day, 18.
- "2. Seventy-one.
- "3. Fourteen eligible applicants.
- "4. Since May, 1938.
- "5. Not definitely known. At present 23 cases are under investigation.
- "6. October 25th, 1939.
- "7. Fire-escapes have been approved by the Fire Marshal.
- "8. Three of wooden construction; two of metal construction."

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

1. Was the Provincial Court-house at Chilliwack painted during 1939?
2. If so, were tenders called?
3. If yes, in what way?
4. What tenders were submitted and by whom?
5. Who was the successful tenderer?

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

- "1. Now being painted.
- "2. Yes; locally.
- "3. District Engineer asked to obtain bids from competent contractors.
- "4. V. Tournier, \$1,372; R. H. Brock, \$1,400; Carruthers & Dew, \$1,447.
- "5. V. Tournier."

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

1. What is the approximate total number of children attending public schools in the Province?
2. What is the approximate number in Grades VII. to XII.?
3. What is the approximate number in Grades VII. to XII. who are unable to take full advantage of the revised curriculum due to lack of accommodation and facilities?

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

- "1. 125,000.
- "2. 52,000.
- "3. The great majority of the pupils in Grades VII. to XII. are able to take material advantage of the revised curriculum. In case of the small high schools, which inevitably have difficulty in providing a wide range of courses, students may and do enrol in the Government's High Correspondence School."

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

1. Has the Government carried out any reforestation during the last year?
2. If so, who carried out the work?
3. What area has been reforested?
4. What was the cost per acre?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a.) Forest Service. (b.) Forest Service in co-operation with logging company.

“ 3. 1,110 acres in 1939.

“ 4. Average gross cost, \$12.16 per acre.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 6th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with:—

No. 1—Shaughnessy Heights Property-owners.

No. 2—City of Vancouver.

Your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 6th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered the petition of the Royal Plate Glass and General Insurance Company of Canada, praying for the passing of an Act intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,’ and the ‘ Royal Plate Glass

Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929,'” and finds that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in certain respects, but recommends that Standing Orders be suspended in those respects and recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The following Bills were 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. *Paton*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Forester*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Forester*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,’ and the ‘Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929.’”

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 Mr. *Eyres*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*)—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Cultus Lake Park Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act, 1934.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting Survivorship in Common Disaster.”

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* 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 provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 7th, 1939.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers,” 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. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Special Committee of eleven members—namely, Messrs. *Leary, Straith, Forester, Kenney, Perry, Tupper, Putnam, Maitland, Bruhn, H. E. Winch,* and *Cameron*—be appointed

to consider the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act," and to report to the House such recommendations in respect thereof as said Committee may deem advisable.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Report of the Advisory Committee of Labour Conditions in Hospitals, 1938.

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

1. Has the system of free assays for prospectors been altered since January 1st, 1939?
2. If so, is it now necessary for a prospector sending in a sample or samples for assay to accompany the same by a sworn affidavit?
3. What is the necessary requirement for a prospector to secure a free assay?

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

"1. Yes; regulations established to insure reasonable amount of free assays for *bona-fide* prospectors.

"2. The *bona-fide* prospector fills out a form witnessed by a Gold Commissioner, Mining Recorder, or Sub-mining Recorder, which registers him with the Department for future free assay work.

"3. He must be a *bona-fide* prospector, holding a free miner's certificate and must spend a reasonable amount of time yearly searching for or developing mineral deposits."

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

What regulations, if any, have been issued governing: (a) The subjects and standards of training and study courses advertised as being taught by "business colleges," "trades schools," and similar institutions; (b) the qualifications of staff teachers engaged at such establishments; (c) their scale of pay; and (d) hours of work?

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

"Pursuant to the provisions of the 'Trade-schools Regulation Act,' the following regulations have been made:—

"General Regulations governing Trade-schools. (See British Columbia Gazette, March 4th, 1937, page 360.)

"Special Regulations governing Hairdressing-schools. Special Regulations governing Barber-schools. (See British Columbia Gazette, April 1st, 1937, page 536.)

"Special Regulations governing Correspondence and Home-study Schools. (See British Columbia Gazette, September 16th, 1937, page 1613.)

"Special Regulations governing Barber-schools (Amendment). (See British Columbia Gazette, April 4th, 1938, page 553.)"

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

1. Has an extensively signed petition sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Associations of North Burnaby High School and Capitol Hill School been recently submitted to the Department relating to school facilities in that district?
2. If yes, what action, if any, is proposed or contemplated by the Department in accord with the suggestions of the petitioners?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The Department hopes to be able during the year 1940 to assist Burnaby in carrying out plans which it has already formulated for increasing its school accommodation."

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

1. Has a Mr. Arnold Flett been employed by the Public Works Department?
2. If yes, in what capacity is he employed?
3. On what date did he commence his duties?
4. What is his salary?
5. Does he receive expenses?
6. If yes, how much?

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

"1 to 6. No."

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

1. Do the terms of appointment of (a) medical officers, (b) nurses, and (c) male attendants at the Mental Hospitals provide for a yearly increase in salary?
2. If yes: (a) Has it been adhered to, and (b) is it being adhered to?
3. If no, why?

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

“1. Yes; provided funds are voted for the purpose.

“2. (a.) Medical officers granted increases for 1937–38 and 1938–39. (b.) Nurses and attendants granted increases for 1937–38, 1938–39, and 1939–40.

“3. Answered by No. 1.”

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 4.34 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Hood*.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* 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 ‘Tuberculosis Institutions Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 8th, 1939.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Tuberculosis Institutions 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 'Fisheries Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 8th, 1939.

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. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries 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. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

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

Does the Department exercise any supervision over the (a) plans, (b) specifications, and (c) construction of school buildings toward the cost of which Government funds have contributed in whole or in part to the cost of construction?

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

"Yes. Plans and specifications must be submitted to and approved by the Government Architect. The construction of the building is then carried out under the direction of the local Board of School Trustees."

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

1. What number of ore-reduction plants financed wholly or in part by the Province have been installed during the past five years, and where are same located?
2. What tonnage has been handled at each plant during each fiscal year since installation?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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 4.44 p.m.

Thursday, November 9th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, 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. *Pattullo*, 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.

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Libel and Slander Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Marshal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Innkeepers Act.’”

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 ‘Supreme Court Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Infirmaries Act.’”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Act.’”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.’”

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Cultus Lake Park Act.’”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act, 1934.’”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting Survivorship in Common Disaster.”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to provide for the Regulation of Motor Carriers.”

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Tuberculosis Institutions Act.’”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fisheries Act.’”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* 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 exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 9th, 1939.

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 exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province," 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.

Mr. *Macintosh* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eyres*,—

Whereas there is considerable dissatisfaction throughout the Province with the treatment extended to workmen afflicted by silicosis; and

Whereas it is expedient that such treatment and compensation should be placed upon a satisfactory basis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed at this Session to inquire into the basis of compensation to workmen exposed to infection by silicosis.

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

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. 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."

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

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,—

Whereas during the past few weeks there has been a considerable increase in the retail price of feed-wheat and mill-feeds:

And whereas according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the supplies of feed-grains in Canada for 1939-40 are greater than a year ago:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the price of feed-grains, and to investigate, in particular, any increase in price of recent weeks and the reasons thereof; and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*,—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1938-39 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Return pursuant to section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act."

Return pursuant to section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act."

Return pursuant to section 53 of the "Administration Act."

Return pursuant to section 4 of the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

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

1. Are facilities provided to enable selected members of the medical staff of the mental hospitals to make extended visits of investigation and study to outstanding progressively operated mental hospitals elsewhere on the continent?

2. If yes, what members of the medical staff have taken such trips during the past two years?

3. Are written reports of such visits made upon return to duty embodying the results of the investigation and study and the conclusions and recommendations based thereon?

4. If yes, will copies of such reports made during the past two years be filed?

5. Have the recommendations contained in such reports been put into effect?

6. If yes, in what respects?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Dr. Byrne, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Sauriol, and Dr. Benwell.

"3. Yes.

"4. Reports are made to and filed with the Medical Superintendent.

"5. Yes; as circumstances permit.

"6. Not practicable to give in detail as changes are usually experimental."

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

What are the daily and weekly working-hours of the guards and other employees at the Oakalla Prison Farm?

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

"Guards are on duty 8½ hours a day, an average of 52 hours a week, except in the motor-plates shop, where they work 48 hours a week. Matrons work 48 hours a week, including a daily rest period. Hospital day attendants on duty 10 hours daily, 60 hours per week; night attendants 14 hours, 84 hours per week. Night man, however, sleeps in the hospital during period of duty. Extra time is required of all guards and attendants in the event of escapes or other emergencies."

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

1. What are the ages of the boys now in residence at the Boys' Industrial School?
2. How many dormitories are there in the school?

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

- "1. Ages vary from 11 to 19 years; average age 16 years.
- "2. Two."

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

1. Is there an insurance company known as "Lloyds" doing business in this Province?
2. If so, do they pay a Provincial licence?
3. If yes, what amount do they pay?

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

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

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

1. Is information available as to the wages, hours of work, and other working conditions of: (a) Nurses, (b) nurses-in-training, (c) other staff employees in public and private hospitals throughout the Province?
2. If yes, please give particulars of same.

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

- "1 and 2. Yes. See Report of the Advisory Committee on Labour Conditions in Hospitals in 1938, presented to Legislative Assembly by the Hon. the Minister of Labour on Tuesday, November 7th, 1939."

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

1. What number of patients are at present in each Provincial Mental Hospital?
2. What is the estimated bed capacity of each such hospital?
3. What number of physicians, exclusive of the Medical Superintendent, are employed in each mental hospital (a) whole time, (b) part time?
4. How many physicians are engaged in ward duties and what number of patients have they individually under their care?
5. What number of ward staff is employed in each mental hospital: (a) Graduate nurses, (b) nurses-in-training, (c) male attendants?
6. What is the rate of salary for: (a) Graduate nurses, (b) nurses-in-training, (c) male attendants?
7. How many after-care welfare visitors are employed on the staff?
8. What is the number of inmates of the Old People's Homes, Port Coquitlam, and the number of nurses and male attendants?

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

- "1. Essondale, 2,806; New Westminster, 607; Colquitz, 275.
- "2. Essondale, 1,864; New Westminster, 371; Colquitz, 290.
- "3. (a.) Essondale, 8; New Westminster, 3. (b.) Colquitz, 1.
- "4. Essondale: Dr. Crease, 881; Dr. Byrne, 231; Dr. Jackson, 20; Dr. Campbell, 600; Dr. Caunt, 342; Dr. Kirkpatrick, 178; Dr. d'Easum, 78; Dr. Davidson, 144; Dr. Ryan, 332. New Westminster: Two doctors, 607 patients; Dr. Sauriol does relief work on the days off. Colquitz: One doctor, 275 male inmates.

"5. Essondale: (a) Registered nurses, 27; mental graduates, 36; total, 63; (b) male, 14; female, 95; total, 109; (c) 158. New Westminster: Male, 36; female, 46; total, 82. Colquitz: Male, 35.

"6. (a) \$50 to \$90, plus maintenance; (b) \$40 to \$55, plus maintenance; (c) \$68 to \$105, plus maintenance.

"7. Two.

"8. 178 inmates, 10 nurses, 17 male attendants."

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

1. Has a departmental or interdepartmental committee investigated working conditions of hospital employees during the past two years?
2. If yes, has this committee made its report to the Department?
3. If yes, will this report be filed with the Legislature during the present Session?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Yes. Report of the Advisory Committee on Labour Conditions in Hospitals in 1938, presented to Legislative Assembly by the Hon. the Minister of Labour on Tuesday, November 7th, 1939.”

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

1. Has the Boeing Aircraft of Canada, Ltd., brought in machinists from extra-provincial areas to work in its plants in this Province?
2. Are unemployed machinists registered at the Government employment offices or among the recent occupants of relief camps?
3. What is the estimated average time which is required for an ordinary machinist to become adapted to aeroplane construction?

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

“1. No official information. Private inquiries indicate no men brought here from other Provinces by company, but number employed who came here on their own initiative.

“2. Yes.

“3. Depends on previous training and whether employed on manufacture of aeroplane engines or installation only.”

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

1. What was the amount paid to recipients under the “Mothers’ Pensions Act” between March 1st, 1938, and February 28th, 1939?
2. How many people were in receipt of such pensions?

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

“1. Amount paid to recipients under the ‘Mothers’ Allowances Act’ from March 1st, 1938, to February 28th, 1939, was \$788,127.61.

“2. 1,741 as at February 28th, 1939.”

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 4.05 p.m.

Friday, November 10th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” Chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1941;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1940; Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1939, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
November 8th, 1939.*

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. *Pattullo*, "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. *Anscomb*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That on Monday, November 13th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. What is the total road mileage operated by the Department of Public Works?
2. What are the various road classifications and mileage of each?

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

"1 and 2. This information is contained in the Public Works Report."

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

1. Has the Government purchased the necessary land for the 1-mile road extension from the port of entry at Huntingdon to the Trans-Canada Highway, known as C Street Extension?
2. If so, what price was paid for this property?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the short route of the Trans-Canada Highway via Sicamous-Canoe-Salmon Arm, as defined by Order in Council No. 1064, dated August 19th, been changed to go via Mara-Grindrod-Salmon Arm?
2. Was any work carried out by the National Defence under the "Relief Act" on the Trans-Canada Highway between Sicamous and Canoe?
3. Has any money been charged against maintenance on the Trans-Canada Highway between Sicamous and Canoe?
4. If the route was changed, why was such change made?
5. If such change was made, when was it authorized and gazetted?

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

"1. No route for the Trans-Canada Highway via Sicamous-Canoe-Salmon Arm is defined in Order in Council No. 1064, approved August 19th, 1931. The route designated in said Order in Council No. 1064 has not been changed.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4 and 5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amount per diem is charged for board in Government road and construction camps?

2. How is such charge arrived at?

3. Who orders the food supplies?

4. Who checks the cost and assesses the charge for board?

5. What is the standard wage paid to cooks in Government camps?

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

“1. The board charged in Provincial Government camps is the actual cost of food only.

“2. Based on invoices submitted by merchants.

“3. The cook or other responsible employee in the camp.

“4. Costs are checked and charges assessed by the local engineer or general road foreman.

“5. Cooks' wages range from \$100 to \$120 per month, depending on size of camp and circumstances.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.38 p.m.

Monday, November 13th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* 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 provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors on Active Service,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 11th, 1939.

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. 26) intituled “An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors on Active Service,” 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:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 11th, 1939.

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. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water," 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 Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Food Products Minimum Loss Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting Annual Holidays with Pay."

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Libel and Slander Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province."

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

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the British Columbia Fertilizer and Agricultural Poisons Board, and the British Columbia Feed Standards Board with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province and to report its findings to this House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1938–39 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

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

1. In what securities as at March 31st, 1939, were the funds of the Superannuation Fund invested?

2. Give the details of each, with maturity dates, rates of interest, etc.

3. If any changes since March 31st, 1939, give full details.

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

1. In what securities, as at March 31st, 1939, were the funds of the Teachers' Pensions Fund invested?

2. Give the details of each, with maturity dates, rates of interest, etc.

3. If any changes since March 31st, 1939, give full details.

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

1. Was any money borrowed by the Province between July 1st, 1938, and October 1st, 1939?

2. If yes: (a) From whom was the money borrowed, (b) for what purposes, and (c) what amount at present remains unexpended?

3. What is the rate of interest on each loan?

4. When are the loans repayable?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2, 3, and 4. As follows:—

Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Amount.	Rate.	Purpose.	Borrowed from.
July 25, 1938	Demand	\$500,000.00	3%	Public Works	Superannuation Fund.
Oct. 25, 1938	Demand	500,000.00	3%	Public Works	Superannuation Fund.
March 31, 1939	March 31, 1944	3,000,000.00	3½%	Unemployment Relief	Saunders, Ashplant & Co., New York.
April 1, 1939	April 1, 1959	3,500,000.00	3½%	Superannuation	Municipal Superannuation Fund.
June 1, 1939	Demand	1,042,300.00	3%	Public Works	Superannuation Fund.
June 15, 1939	Dec. 15, 1944	4,000,000.00	3¾%	Refunding	Saunders, Ashplant & Co., New York.
July 10, 1939	Demand	350,000.00	3%	Highways and Bridges	Sinking Fund.
Sept. 15, 1939	Sept. 15, 1940	546,551.75	3%	Unemployment Relief	Dominion.

“ Department of Finance records show an unexpended balance of \$407,377.36 in the Public Works borrowings.”

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?

2. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1939?

3. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?

4. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1939?

5. What part of this debt was owed to the Federal Government on October 1st, 1939?

6. What part of this debt was owed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce or any other chartered bank on October 1st, 1939?

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

“ 1. \$166,998,595.54 (November 1st, 1933).

“ 2. \$188,193,049.94

“ 3. \$136,818,446.34 (November 1st, 1933).

“ 4. \$152,061,344.01.

“ 5. \$35,205,262.30.

“ 6. \$6,190,906.48.”

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

1. Has the Department of Finance utilized its power to tax undivided surplus profits since the prorogation of the 1938 Session?
2. If yes, what action has been taken?
3. What amounts were received by the Treasury?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. As provided by the Statutes.
- " 3. \$434,250."

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

1. Were any maturing loans met during the period December 1st, 1938, to October 31st, 1939?
2. If so, what loans were they and in what amount?
3. Were any maturing loans met by refunding during the period December 1st, 1938, to October 31st, 1939?
4. If so: (a.) What loans were they? (b.) At what rate were they refunded? (c.) What was the cost of refunding? (d.) How long are the refunding loans to run? (e.) What was the net amount received by the Treasury?
5. What was the net debt at the close of the fiscal years 1938, 1939?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. December 1st, 1938, Series 'O1' and 'P1,' \$200,000; March 5th, 1939, Series 'S,' \$3,000,000; May 16th, 1939, Series 'T1,' \$300,000; July 2nd, 1939, Series 'Y,' \$3,000,000; July 12th, 1939, Series 'EM,' \$2,000,000.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. (a.) Series 'Y,' in part, \$1,859,300. (b.) Coupon rate, 3¼ per cent. (c.) Issue sold at \$97.54 per \$100. (d.) 5½ years. (e.) \$1,859,300.
- " 5. Net debt, March 31st, 1938, \$152,540,235.35; net debt, March 31st, 1939, \$151,173,327.84."

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

1. Has the Province of Alberta tendered without prejudice 50 per cent. of interest due in payment of the interest on bonds held by the Government?
2. If yes, has the Treasury Department accepted with or without prejudice the 50 per cent.?

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

" 1 and 2. The Department of Finance has not accepted the 50 per cent. of interest tendered by the Province of Alberta in payment of the interest on bonds held by the Government."

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

1. What was the total amount in the sinking fund of the Province at October 1st, 1938?
2. What was the total amount in the sinking fund of the Province at October 1st, 1939?
3. Has any amount been taken from the sinking fund between October 1st, 1938, and October 1st, 1939?
4. If so, why, and for what purpose was it used?
5. If any sums have been taken from the sinking fund, were these moneys taken from funds against loans for which they were originally named?

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

- " 1. \$37,344,109.12.
- " 2. \$36,131,705.93.
- " 3. Yes; \$6,740,700.
- " 4. For the repayment of the following maturing debenture issues: November 1st, 1938, Series 'M1,' \$100,000; December 1st, 1938, Series 'O1,' 'P1,' \$200,000; March 5th, 1939, Series 'S,' \$3,000,000; May 16th, 1939, Series 'T1,' \$300,000; July 2nd, 1939, Series 'Y,' \$1,140,700; and July 12th, 1939, Series 'EM,' \$2,000,000.
- " 5. Yes."

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

1. Did any income tax remain unpaid at December 31st, 1938?
2. If yes, what percentage of the said unpaid income tax is deemed collectable?
3. What action does the Government take with reference to overdue payments?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Approximately 85 per cent.
- “3. As provided by the Statutes, where necessary.”

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

1. What rate of interest does the Treasury receive upon bank balances standing to the credit of the Province?
2. What rate of interest does the Government now pay upon current: (a) Bank loans, (b) Treasury bills, (c) Federal Government loans?

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

- “1. At The Canadian Bank of Commerce, $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent. on the minimum monthly balance; at other banks, 1 per cent. on the minimum monthly balance.
- “2. Interest on Treasury bills held by The Canadian Bank of Commerce, $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.; interest on Treasury bills held by The Canadian Bank of Commerce and guaranteed by the Federal Government, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; interest on Treasury bills held by the Federal Government, 3 per cent.”

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

1. Are any amounts still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars, as at February 28th, 1939?
2. If so, how much?

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

“1 and 2. Available borrowing-powers at February 28th, 1939:—

‘ Loan Act, 1925 ’	\$63,213.50
‘ Loan Act, 1927 ’	20,000.00
‘ P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1928 ’	2,219,000.00
‘ Loan Act, 1930 ’	73,590.00
‘ Loan Act, 1932 ’	582,000.00
‘ Loan Act, 1933 ’	2,795,000.00
‘ Loan Act, 1935 ’	3,000,000.00
‘ Loan Act, 1936 ’	1,042,300.00

\$9,795,103.50

“‘ Revenue Act,’ R.S.B.C. 1936; contingent upon requirements for debt refunding or funding of revenue deficits.

“‘ Unemployment Relief Act,’ R.S.B.C. 1936; contingent upon requirements for relief borrowings from Dominion.

“‘ Superannuation Fund Transfer Act, 1938 ’; an amount not exceeding the moneys at the credit of the Superannuation Fund for the purposes of the ‘ Municipal Superannuation Act, 1938.’ ”

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

1. Does the City of Vancouver get its authority from the Government to operate an auto-testing station?
2. Who gets the revenues therefrom?

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

- “1. No; from the ‘ Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.’
- “2. So far as the Government is aware, the Corporation of the City of Vancouver.”

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

1. Was any amount refunded during the year 1939 of the 1-per-cent. tax?
2. If yes, how much?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$1,138,282.89."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *S. J. Wickens*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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. *Gray*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South Westminster Dyking District Aid Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of Certain Indebtedness of the City of Enderby."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

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 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 14th, 1939.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation 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. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Annual Report of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

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

1. What was the total cost of the Health Insurance Commission during the year 1938?
2. What are the present monthly expenses of the said Commission and how are the same made up?

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

"1. \$24,686.92.

"2. Expenditures for the month of October, 1939, were as follows: Salaries, \$1,316.66; office rent, \$52; office expenses, \$17.81; total, \$1,386.47.

"On the analogy of a study made by Falk, this Province loses annually, through preventable deaths and ill-health, over one million dollars for each one thousand dollars spent annually on health insurance."

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

1. Was the Forest Project (reforestation) No. 22 Camp at Williams Lake disposed of by the Government?
2. If so, to whom and at what price?
3. Were tenders called?
4. If so, what tenders were received?
5. If tenders were called, how were same advertised?
6. What was the total cost to the Government of the said camp?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. To Messrs. Smedley & Sharp, for \$120.

"3. Yes.

"4. From Smedley & Sharp, for \$120.

"5. Notices posted on camp buildings and at Forest Service Office, Williams Lake.

"6. Cost of materials, \$1,681.14, less salvage of \$532.11; net cost, \$1,149.03."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 'Poll Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 11th, 1939.

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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll Tax 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. *Hart* 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 'Succession Duty Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 14th, 1939.

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. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty 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. *Hart* 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 'Taxation Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 11th, 1939.

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. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation 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.

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

1. Is there any unpaid income tax owing by coal companies as suggested in the Macdonald report?

2. If yes, what steps, if any, have been taken with respect thereto?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What is the subsidy paid per box on stumping-powder used by the farmer for clearing purposes?

2. What was the amount paid out in the Chilliwack riding during 1938 for this purpose?

3. What is the subsidy paid per ton on lime purchased by the farmer for fertilizer?

4. What was the sum paid out as lime subsidy in the Chilliwack District during 1938, and in the Abbotsford District?

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

"1. Two dollars per case per person up to ten cases in any one year.

"2. No information by ridings. Amount paid out during 1938 throughout whole of British Columbia was \$15,671.

"3. Transportation subsidy at the rate of 50 cents per ton.

"4. During 1938 in Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Lower Fraser Valley, \$2,220.25."

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

1. What was the total consumption of butter in the Province in the year 1938?

2. How much of this was produced in the Province?

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

"1. 18,359,800 lb.

"2. 8,348,500 lb."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.22 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Maitland* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bruhn*,—

That a Return be made of all correspondence since July, 1938, between Godfrey Isaacs and others and the Government of British Columbia and between the Provincial and Dominion Governments in relation to all and any charges made by the said Godfrey Isaacs or any other persons in relation to the formation and operation of any combine respecting fruit in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Maitland* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bruhn*,—

That the Public Accounts Committee be authorized to examine and inquire into any public expenditures prior to April 1st, 1938.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Paton</i>	

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Gray</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Finland</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Telford</i>

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors on Active Service."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Diversion and Use of Water."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.