

## Wednesday, March 21st, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Askew*.

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 'County Courts Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 20th, 1945.*

*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. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts 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 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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 'Bills of Sale Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale 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 'Mechanics' Lien Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien 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 'Insurance Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance 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:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*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,*  
*March 20th, 1945.*

*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. 84) 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:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.  
*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,875 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1946.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,245 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,115 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,185 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,038 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, "Wartime Labour Relations Regulations," to 31st March, 1946.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1946.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,370 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1946.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,370 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1946.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$583,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits, to 31st March, 1946.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1946.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1946.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1946.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Regulation of Tourist Camps" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dawson Creek Loan Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee Borrowings made pursuant to Section 28A of the Schedule to the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act authorizing the Borrowing of the Sum of Five hundred thousand Dollars and to authorize the Government to clear Land" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Auto Camp and Hotel Guest Registration Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *LeBourdais* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

#### REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 21st, 1945.

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly to consider specific matters connected with the agricultural industry, held four sittings.

We wish to pay tribute to the Agricultural Production Committee, with whom we held one sitting, for the way it has kept the producers of this Province informed on agricultural developments, markets, and trends. The chiefs of all branches of the Provincial Department of Agriculture serve on a Special Committee which was appointed on September 12th, 1939, by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, and has competently discharged its duties.

The Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes presented to our Committee a dozen resolutions dealing with the following specific subjects: Land-clearing machinery, school taxes on land, water-supply in Peace River District, protection of beaver, bounty on coyotes and wolves, rehabilitation policies, removal of Japanese, rural electrification, Adams River power, loss-leaders, range horses, and grading of side roads.

Some of these matters have been brought directly to the attention of the Departments concerned. The bounty on coyotes has already been increased to five dollars and assurance has been given that the bounty on wolves will be increased. It is expected that land taxation for school purposes will be more equitably distributed. The Committee realizes that a Commission is at present sitting on the matter of school and educational costs and is of the opinion that the land is bearing too much of the educational costs. Matters such as land-clearing machinery and rural electrification are subject to legislation which is at present before the House, and it is the opinion of this Committee that the Resolution which we endorsed and presented to the House regarding land-clearing last Session is being fully acted upon.

The resolution presented by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes regarding the removal of Japanese was given particular attention and this Committee concurs in the opinion expressed by the Farmers' Institute delegates "that no person of Japanese ancestry should be allowed to own or lease land, or have any interest in land, or in any body corporate directly or indirectly, and that any land or interest in land, or in any body corporate held by such person of Japanese ancestry, or by any agent or trustee in trust for him be forthwith forfeit to the Crown."

Your Committee recommends that steps be taken by the proper authorities to develop the Adams River power so that land in the area, suitable for agricultural purposes and desirable for the rehabilitation of returned soldiers, may be irrigated and made available at the earliest opportunity.

LOUIS LEBOURDAIS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. Pearson presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third Reports of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Years ended June 30th, 1942, 1943, and 1944.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 21st, 1945.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* rose to a question of privilege with reference to the adoption of the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture at this afternoon's sitting.

On the motion made by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* thereon being withdrawn by him, Mr. *LeBourdais* moved,—

That the record of the adoption of the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture be expunged.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Regulation of Tourist Camps" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 31st March, 1945.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1945.

25A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1945.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1945.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1945.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prosecutions, to 31st March, 1945.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Aid in Erection of New Buildings, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1945.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch—Postage, to 31st March, 1945.

93A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,908.91 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905"—Arrears on dyking assessments on lands reverted to the Crown, to 31st March, 1945.

93B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100.84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, City of Prince Rupert—Grant in lieu of Local Improvement Taxes, to 31st March, 1945.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, War Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1945.



128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidents, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1945.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch—Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Division, to 31st March, 1945.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1945.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,741 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1945.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,438 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,146 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Infirmaries—Expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,384 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1945.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$253,028.18 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1944, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again 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 the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Adoption Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘City of North Vancouver Debt Refunding Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 93) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 95) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 96) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Protection of Children Act.’”

*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 9.58 p.m.

## Thursday, March 22nd, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. J. Sipprell*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1946.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier’s Office to 31st March, 1946.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, “Soldiers’ Land Act”—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1946.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again 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 ‘Jury Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 22nd, 1945.*

*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. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury 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:—

W. C. WOODWARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 21st, 1945.*

*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. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation 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. *Carson* 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 provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Hedley," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 22nd, 1945.*

*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. 97) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Hedley," 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*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coalmines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to provide Social Assistance" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

That on Friday next, the 23rd instant, and all following days of this Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, as follows: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the employees of the Liquor Control Board receive salary increases during the past year?
2. If yes, state the amount of the increases for every class of employees.
3. Did any Liquor Control Board employee or class of employees not receive any increase?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Salary class \$900 and under, \$600 increase per annum; salary class \$901 to \$1,500, \$10,320 increase per annum; salary class \$1,501 to \$2,000, \$18,894 increase per annum; salary class \$2,001 to \$2,500, \$7,260 increase per annum; salary class \$2,501 to \$3,000, \$720 increase per annum; salary class over \$3,000, \$840 increase per annum; total salary increase per annum, \$38,634.

"3. Seventeen did not receive increases, having reached the maximum salary of the grade in which they are employed."

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

1. Was a Chevrolet sedan A 533 sold by public tender early in 1945?
2. If yes, to whom was it sold and at what price?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Flight-Lieut. K. H. Dowling, 134 Abbott Street, Vancouver (4½ years' overseas service); price, \$550."

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

1. What work, if any, was undertaken on Beaver Creek Road during 1944?
2. What was the cost of such work?

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

- " 1. Widening, gravelling, installation and renewal of culverts.
- " 2. \$6,109.33."

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

1. Was any work carried out on the Tofino-Ucluelet Road during 1944?
2. If yes, what was the nature of work undertaken?
3. What was the cost of such work?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Replacing bridges with culverts and fill; gravelling, grading, and ditching.
- " 3. \$8,193.15."

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

1. Was any work undertaken during 1944 on the Great Central Lake Road?
2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?
3. What amount of money was expended?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Widening, rock-removal, gravelling, installation and repairs to culverts, ditching, etc.
- " 3. \$8,178.83."

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

1. What work, if any, was carried out on the Lakeshore Road, Sproat Lake, during 1944?
2. What was the cost of such work?

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

- " 1. Elimination of Foster Bridge and replacing it with culvert and fill; gravel-surfacing fill; general maintenance on road, including gravelling and grading.
- " 2. \$5,024.54."

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

1. Are there any coal mines which have been abandoned since 1920 by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited?
2. If yes, give the acreage and the approximate tonnage in the hands of your Department.
3. Give the names of the companies or individuals operating these abandoned mines and the tonnage produced annually since 1920 in each case.

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Wellington Extension mines; No. 5 mine, South Wellington; Northfield mine; No. 8 Wellington mine and No. 9 Wellington mine. From 1920 until abandonment these mines produced respectively 1,598,151 tons, 1,325,713 tons, 608,403 tons, 407,693 tons, and 17,168 tons; and during their whole working-life mined approximately, in the same order, 1,360 acres, 280 acres, 130 acres, 45 acres, and 10 acres.

" 3. The following table shows the names of companies or individuals mining the outcrop remnants of the above abandoned mines:—

| Year.     | Chambers. | Loudon. | Deer Home. | Lake Road. | Pacific. | Carruther. | Stronach. |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| 1933..... | 43        | -----   | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1934..... | 613       | -----   | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1935..... | 1,038     | -----   | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1936..... | 1,697     | -----   | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1937..... | 3,659     | 400     | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1938..... | 4,492     | 140     | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1939..... | 2,577     | 30      | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1940..... | 5,100     | 298     | -----      | -----      | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1941..... | 10,893    | 661     | 1,471      | 223        | -----    | -----      | -----     |
| 1942..... | 4,378     | 413     | 3,323      | 2,462      | 432      | 90         | 158       |
| 1943..... | 3,874     | 515     | 1,989      | 1,826      | 467      | 398        | 598       |
| 1944..... | 2,714     | 838     | 2,798      | 403        | 590      | 555        | 1,079     |

" In addition to above the Beban Company mined 82,600 tons from an unworked area adjacent to Extension mines and T. Lewis recovered 5,273 tons from the abandoned Harewood mine, formerly operated by the Western Fuel Company."

*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 5.43 p.m.

Friday, March 23rd, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. H. McAllister.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply reported on the 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd days of March be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$253,028.18 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1944.

661,428.75 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1945.

37,198,960.48 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1946.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

*Ordered*, That the said Bill 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. 79) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to validate certain Leases granted by The Corporation of the District of Burnaby and to confer certain Powers on the Corporation" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the Insurance Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Protection of Children Act.'"

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Hedley."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.

Mrs. *MacInnis* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*,—

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 Mining and Railways.
- “ 4. On Agriculture.
- “ 5. On Municipal Matters.
- “ 6. On Forestry and Fisheries.
- “ 7. On Labour.
- “ 8. On Social Welfare.
- “ 9. On Education.”

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Hodges*,—

To strike out the last two lines thereof and to substitute therefor the following:—

“ 8. On Social Welfare and Education.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas members of this House have been approached relative to changes deemed necessary in the existing Federal Labour Regulations, P.C. 1003:

And whereas there is a general and growing insistence in the ranks of organized labour for changes, especially as they affect measures of union security through the medium of the union shop and check-off:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada urging that, following consultation with the representatives of organized labour, it shall amend P.C. 1003 in order to grant the requested check-off of union dues, to outlaw company unions, and to ensure union security in accordance with the expressed desire and needs of organized labour.

A debate arose.

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

To strike out all the words after the word “Whereas” in the first line, and to substitute the following: “the Minister of Labour recently has sought the advice and co-operation of a committee comprised of representatives of organized labour and others in regard to several briefs and memoranda presented to the Government of British Columbia affecting the welfare of the people:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses approval of the above-mentioned action taken by the Minister of Labour.”

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

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webber*,—

Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

And whereas native Indians in British Columbia do not receive educational, health, and social service benefits on an equality with other citizens:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to make an agreement with the Province of British Columbia to extend the educational, health, and welfare services of the Province to the native Indians on an equality with other citizens and to reimburse the Province for the cost of said services.

And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be petitioned to adopt the policy of training Indian doctors, nurses, and teachers for leadership among their own people and to prepare the North American Indians living in Canada to participate in all the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship; and to make a survey of the vocational and economic opportunities available to Indians and prepare and execute plans whereby the Indians shall be enabled to maintain adequate standards of living through full employment and economic advantages on an equality with all other citizens.

A debate arose.

Mr. R. H. Carson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Gillis,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and substitute the following: "the 'British North America Act,' section 91, declares that all matters coming within the classes of subjects affecting Indians are within the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament:

"And whereas the highest educational facilities and financial assistance to acquire the same are at present available to those Indian students who merit recommendation by their school principals and inspectors:

"And whereas free medical, specialist, and hospital services are now provided to Indians:

"And whereas it is desirable to encourage and assist the Indians to improve their conditions and to aspire to higher educational living and health standards:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of encouraging the native Indians to improve their standard of living, which could best be done by providing a better standard of housing; that leadership be given in the cutting of timber, sawing lumber, and building sanitary homes on reserves, thereby encouraging the Indians to take advantage of the educational facilities and health standards which are now available under the terms of the 'British North America Act.'"

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

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

Whereas it is necessary for *Elmer Victor Finland*, the member for Esquimalt, to return to his duties in the service of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Air Force, and as a result he will be unable to attend further sittings of the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the full sessional allowance be paid to the said *Elmer Victor Finland* in respect to the present Session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

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

1. What was the total assessment for the Nanaimo Assessment District for the years 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943?
2. What was the total assessment of the Cowichan Assessment District for the years 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. 1940, \$190,803.93; 1941, \$193,610.31; 1942, \$198,694.85; 1943, \$193,201.10.

"2. 1940, \$102,552.97; 1941, \$103,056.55; 1942, \$105,725.72; 1943, \$103,792.83."

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 5.43 p.m.