

Wednesday, 1st November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Col. G. H. Andrews.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill amending the "Victoria City Act, 1922," and for further powers, was received. (No. 1.)

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Premier—Report on Railway Transportation Rates, dated October 24th, 1922.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st, 1922, to September 30th, 1922.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—Fifth Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ending December 31st, 1921.

Upon the Order being read for the resuming of the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on October 31st, as follows:—

This House regrets that the Government has not caused to be made by independent investigators an open and comprehensive investigation of the public educational system of, and the public education provided in, this Province, in order that methods for remedying any defects, deficiencies, or excesses that might be found in such public educational system and public education might have been considered by this Legislature at its present Session,

Mr. Speaker *Pauline* gave his reserved ruling on the point of order raised by the Hon. the Premier, as follows:—

"During the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne the Hon. the second Member for Victoria, after speaking to the question, concluded his remarks by stating that he wished to move an amendment, seconded by the Hon. Member for Kaslo, and asked permission of the Chair to read his amendment, which was granted. He then read his amendment, sent it up to the Chair, and sat down. After the amendment had been read by the Chair the Hon. the second Member for Victoria again rose to speak to the amendment, objection being at once taken by the Hon. the Premier that the Hon. the second Member for Victoria had exhausted his right to speak.

"In making a decision on this point our own rules are of little assistance, so that it becomes necessary to look for guidance to the practice obtaining in the Imperial House of Commons.

"*May*, 12th edition, page 287, says: 'As a member who moves an amendment cannot speak again, so a member who seconds an amendment is equally unable to speak again upon the original question after the amendment has been withdrawn or otherwise disposed of. In both cases the members have already spoken while the original question was before the House and before the amendment had been proposed from the Chair.'

"And again on page 288: 'But a member who has already spoken to a question, or has moved an amendment thereto or a motion for the adjournment of the debate, may not rise again to move an amendment, or the adjournment of the House, or of the debate, or any similar question, though he may speak to these new questions when proposed by other members.'

"I am unable to find any further reference to the point of order, and after careful consideration I must decide that the objection is well taken and I so rule.

"I wish, however, to add further that *May*, page 286, says: 'Under special circumstances, on an explanation from the Speaker, the pleasure of the House has been signified that a member should be allowed to speak a second time.'

"I am of the opinion that, our own rules being practically silent upon this point and the Imperial rule not readily understood, in the present instance, in view of the fact that the Hon. the

second Member for Victoria specifically asked permission of the Chair to read his amendment, apparently under the belief that he was safeguarding his right to speak, that he be allowed to speak a second time."

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

That whereas a misapprehension of the Rules of Debate upon the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne has existed; and whereas it is desirable to remove any disabilities caused on account of such misapprehension:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the indulgence of the House be granted to those Members who have moved or seconded or spoken to any amendment to the Address in Reply to the same extent as if they had not moved or seconded or spoken to such amendment.

The debate was resumed on Mr. *Hinchliffe's* amendment.

The House divided, and the amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Wallinger,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	<i>Pooley.</i>
<i>McRae,</i>			

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Whiteside.</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>
<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>			

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Wallinger* moved the adjournment of the debate.

This was opposed by the Hon. the Premier.

The House divided, and the motion for adjournment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Hunter.</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Pooley.</i>
<i>Wallinger,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>

And it being 6 o'clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume it again at 8 p.m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

The Hon. the Premier rose to a question of privilege, and moved, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Finance, and it was so *Resolved*,—

That whereas the Member for Cranbrook by inadvertence has become disqualified from speaking on the motion now before the House:

Be it Resolved, That the indulgence of the House be extended to the Member for Cranbrook, and that he be heard on the motion now before the House.

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Commissioner on the Royal Commission *re* Albert Richard Baker, Chairman of Game Conservation Board.

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

That the Public Accounts for fiscal year ending March 31st, 1922, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

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

That the accounts of the Liquor Control Board for the year ending March 31st, 1922, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee on Agriculture shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. K. C. MacDonald, Yorston, Anderson, Paterson, Henniger, Lister, Catherwood, Duncan, and Menzies.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Thursday, 2nd November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return of Alienation of Indian Reserves Crown-granted under section 127 of the "Land Act."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 2nd, 1922.

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 provide for Special Surveys," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Premises and Equipment for the Generation, Transmission, Supply, or Use of Electrical Energy," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 2nd, 1922.

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. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Premises and Equipment for the Generation, Transmission, Supply, or Use of Electrical Energy," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator 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 2nd, 1922.

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 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

What is the approximate quantity of timber owned by the Crown in the district within 20 miles east of the Fraser River from Prince George to Quesnel?

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

“The Department has had no examination made of the area east of the Fraser River extending from Prince George to Quesnel, and information is not therefore available.”

Mr. *Catherwood* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Were tenders called for this year for insurance on the buildings, equipment, etc., of the P.G.E. Railway?
2. If so, in what papers?
3. If not, why not?
4. To what firm or firms was the insurance given; and in what companies and for what amounts, and at what rate?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3 and 4. Tenders called for July, 1921. Lowest tender received was at a rate of 35 cents per \$100 for first year, with a right to the Railway Company to renew for two additional years (subject to certain conditions) at a rate of 26¼ cents per \$100. The Railway Company has taken advantage of the right mentioned and is now paying at the rate of 26¼ cents per \$100 for its insurance. The amount of insurance carried is \$3,681,646 with the Alliance Insurance Company, Limited.”

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

What is the acreage of land in the Quesnel Land District from its northern boundary at the east side of the Fraser River and within 20 miles east of the Fraser River southwards to Quesnel: (a) Acreage alienated by pre-emption; (b) acreage Crown-granted; (c) acreage available for pre-emption or purchase?

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

“The area referred to comprises approximately 640,000 acres: (a) 25,280 acres; (b) 64,680 acres; (c) available for pre-emption and purchase, 76,000 acres of surveyed lands, and in addition the remainder of the unalienated and unreserved Crown lands in the area are available for purchase.”

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What sums have been paid to the Northern Construction Company by way of bonus earned by the Construction Company for sections of work done at less than the estimated cost?
2. What are the dates of these payments?

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

“1. None.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. How many tons of rails have been received by the Pacific Great Eastern under orders placed by Foley, Welch & Stewart prior to the Government taking over the road?
2. How many tons of rails have been purchased for construction of the Pacific Great Eastern since the Government took over the road in 1918?
3. With what companies were the orders placed and for how many tons to each company?
4. What was the price per ton on each order?
5. Did the Northern Construction Company receive a 5½-per-cent. fee on the purchase of these or any rails?

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

“1. Approximately 18,490 tons of rails were supplied for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway prior to its taking-over by the Government.

“2. Twenty thousand tons, the order for which was placed with Evans, Coleman & Evans, as agents for the United States Steel Products Company, by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway

Company prior to the Government taking over the road; delivery of these rails was made subsequent to the Government taking over the road.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Thirty-three dollars per ton and \$31.35 for second quality.

"5. No."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, 3rd November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Arthur de B. Owen*.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1921.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1921.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

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

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Order in Council respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Warehousemen's Liens."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimation by Subsequent Marriage."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act Amendment Act, 1913.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Lister*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the Report of Colonel Latta made during the month of October, 1922, on the Merville Settlement Area.

On the motion of Mr. *Esling*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Hon. the Premier, as Minister of Railways, and Colonel Dennis and W. P. Hinton in connection with their reports on the Pacific Great Eastern, especially letters of instruction from the Premier to the gentlemen in question.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

November 3rd, 1922.

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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Public Printing," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

November 3rd, 1922.

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. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Public Printing," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of seven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Farris*, *Jackson*, *Anderson*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Esling*, *A. McDonald*, and *Guthrie*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Yorston*, *Buckham*, *Kergin*, *Campbell*, *Henniger*, *Wallinger*, *Schofield*, *Uphill*, and *Guthrie*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Buckham*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *K. C. MacDonald*, *Kergin*, *Perry*, *Bowser*, *Pooley*, *Jones*, and *Menzies*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of five Members, as follows: Messrs. *Whiteside*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Clearihue*, *Jones*, and *Neelands*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders shall consist of seven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Farris*, *Jackson*, *Anderson*, *Clearihue*, *Pearson*, *Hinchliffe*, and *Burde*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs shall consist of eleven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Ramsay*, *Paterson*, *Perry*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Campbell*, *Schofield*, *W. A. McKenzie*, *McRae*, *Hanes*, and *Neelands*.

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 'Inferior Courts Practitioners Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Children of Unmarried Parents" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

How many returned soldiers have signed the agreement of sale on the Camp Lister Area, the names and dates in each case, and amount charged for: (1) Land; (2) buildings; (3) clearing; (4) fencing, in each case respectively?

The Hon. the Premier suggested that this question be placed on the Order Paper as calling for a Return, which was agreed to.

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

1. How many persons were there employed in the Fernie Electoral District as Inspectors or on the Secret Service in connection with the enforcement of the "Liquor Act" during the month of October, 1922?

2. What are their names?

3. What remuneration did each receive?

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* replied that it was not in the public interest to furnish the information asked for.

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What sum was paid to J. G. Sullivan for his report on the Pacific Great Eastern?

2. What other costs were entailed in connection with his investigation?

3. What sum was paid to Colonel J. S. Dennis for his report on the Pacific Great Eastern?

4. What other costs were entailed in connection with his investigation?

5. What sum was paid to W. P. Hinton for his report on the Pacific Great Eastern?
6. What other costs were entailed in connection with his investigation?

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

- "1. \$4,800.
- "2. \$1,609.88.
- "3. \$2,500.
- "4. \$295.59.
- "5. \$325.
- "6. \$167."

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

1. Is the Minister aware of the allegations contained in the *British Columbia Federationist* of July 14th, 1922, in regard to unsanitary conditions in the lumber camps in the Fernie District?
2. If so, will the Minister cause an investigation to be made?
3. If so, when?
4. If unsanitary conditions are found, will the Minister direct the prosecution of the offending parties?

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

- "1. Complaints have not been received by Health Department from any source referring to lumber camps in Fernie District.
- "2. Investigation immediately follows on receipt of complaint.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Prosecution instituted when insanitary conditions are not corrected after directions for correction by Sanitary Inspector are not followed."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th November, 1922.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 7th, 1922.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented the Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ending December 31st, 1921.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

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

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from Albert E. Richards and other students of the University of British Columbia, praying immediate action towards the erection of permanent buildings for the University of British Columbia.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Conditions in Policies of Accident and Sickness Insurance."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Conditions in Policies of Automobile Insurance."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to prohibit the Erection of Advertising Hoardings" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Esling* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of true copies of the November, 1920, estimate of Northern Construction Company work on the Pacific Great Eastern as approved by the Minister of Railways, showing quantities and prices from September, 1918, to November 30th, 1920.

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

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

1. Is one Samuel Harvey Creech an employee of the Provincial Government?
2. Where and in what capacity?
3. At what salary?
4. Was Mr. Creech ever employed in the City of Victoria by the Provincial Government?
5. In what capacity?
6. At what salary?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Clerk, Vancouver Employment Office.
- "3. \$125 per month.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Superintendent, Victoria Employment Office.
- "6. \$135 per month."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop *MacDonald*.

Mr. *Pearson* presented a petition from George A. Walkem and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to create and perpetuate certain building restrictions in that portion of the Municipality of the Corporation of Point Grey known as "Shaughnessy Heights." (No. 2.)

The petition of Albert E. Richards and other students of the University of British Columbia, praying immediate action towards the erection of permanent buildings for the University of British Columbia, was received.

The Rules were suspended, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Malcolm Bruce Jackson*, Member for The Islands Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

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

1. Has the Northern Construction Company made income-tax returns for each year since it commenced work on the Pacific Great Eastern?

2. If so, do these returns include the 5½ per cent. further received from the Pacific Great Eastern?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes. The books and returns of the company have been audited by the Taxation Branch to December 31st, 1919 (1921 assessment roll)."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What amount has been received from timber licences since the Government came into power in 1916?

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

"From April 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1922, \$7,147,537.19."

Mr. *A. McDonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Why are land-sales for taxes, Lillooet District, advertised in the *Kamloops Telegram* instead of the *Ashcroft Journal*, which circulates in the district?

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

"*Kamloops Telegram* circulates in district."

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

1. What was the value of the land-sales in the Fort George Land District in each year since the creation of said land district?

2. What was the value of the land-sales in the Cariboo Land District in the five years immediately preceding the creation of the Fort George Land District?

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

"1. 1911-12, Fort George, from July 1st, 1911, \$184,411.54; 1912-13, \$270,596.33; 1913-14, \$198,272.44; 1914-15, \$110,263.39; April, 1915-16, \$32,616.46; April, 1916-17, \$20,829.63; April, 1917-18, \$9,650.81; April, 1918-19, \$7,776.42; April, 1919-20, \$11,609.27; April, 1920-21, \$12,759.33; April, 1921-22, \$1,372.

"2. April, 1904-05, \$4,698.05; April, 1905-06, \$8,767.26; April, 1906-07, \$33,864.32; April, 1907-08, \$38,979.63; April, 1908-09, \$89,813.99; April, 1909-10, \$240,044.79; April, 1910-11, \$709,732.52.

"NOTE.—From the establishment of the Fort George Land District (May 6th, 1909) to the opening of the Agency at Fort George (June 1st, 1911) all receipts were issued from Barkerville. Consequently the figures are not segregated between the dates mentioned."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

And it being 6 o'clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume it again at 8.30 p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Catherwood* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That the motion on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding thereto the following words:—

"And further we humbly desire to express our regret that the Government has carried on such an inefficient and incompetent policy through the Land Settlement Board."

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.

The House divided, and the amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>			

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>		

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 2.03 a.m.

Thursday, 9th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. J. Sipprell, D.D.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Statement of Accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as at June 30th, 1922.

The petition from George A. Walkem and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to create and perpetuate certain building restrictions in that portion of the Municipality of the Corporation of Point Grey known as "Shaughnessy Heights," was received. (No. 2.)

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Session.

Resolution agreed to.

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

By Mr. *Anderson*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act.'"

By Mr. *Hinchliffe*—Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

By Mr. *Neclands*—Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractic."

By Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Esling* on November 7th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of true copies of the November, 1920, estimate of Northern Construction Company work on the Pacific Great Eastern as approved by the Minister of Railways, showing quantities and prices from September, 1918, to November 30th, 1920.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: "the accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented the Report of W. S. Latta on the Merville Settlement.

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

1. What was the Government's estimated cost of the 6¾ miles known as Section D, Project 23, Rossland-Christina Lake section of the Trans-Provincial Highway?
2. What was the actual cost of the 6¾ miles mentioned?
3. What were the engineering costs of this section in addition to the amount paid for construction?

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

"1. \$79,095.53 for construction; \$7,909.55 engineering; total, \$87,005.08.

"2. \$114,759.23 on construction, additional cost due to increased quantities in loose and solid rock, etc.; engineering, \$6,588.83; total, \$121,348.06. Of this amount, \$46,026.39 refunded by Dominion Government under 'Canada Highway Act.'

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What was the Government's estimated cost of constructing the 15 miles east from Cascade, known as Section F, Project 23, Rossland-Christina Lake section of the Trans-Provincial Highway?

2. What was the actual cost?
3. How much was paid for extras?
4. What tenders were submitted for this section?
5. To whom was the contract awarded?

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

"1. \$183,144 for construction on estimated quantities; engineering, \$18,314; total, \$201,458.

"2. \$221,140.80 on construction, additional cost due to increased quantities on solid rock, loose rock, earth, etc.; engineering, \$13,658.66; total, \$234,799.46. Of this amount, \$91,962.88 refunded by Dominion Government under 'Canada Highway Act.'

"3. No extras.

"4. Tenders based on unit prices, approximately as follows: Robertson & Partners, Ltd., \$164,912.20; Palmer Bros., \$166,712.25; Robert Granite & Co., \$169,720.75; W. P. Tierney & Co., \$169,924.50; Northern Construction Co., Ltd., \$170,141.50; H. E. Griffin, \$171,762.50; Grant Smith & Co. & McDonnell, Ltd., \$180,989; A. W. Davis, \$223,844.75.

"5. W. P. Tierney & Co."

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

1. What was the Government's estimated cost of the 19 miles known as Sections G and K, Project 23, Rossland-Christina Lake section of the Trans-Provincial Highway?

2. What was the actual cost of the 19 miles mentioned?
3. How much was paid for extras?
4. What tenders were submitted for these sections?
5. To whom was the contract awarded?

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

"1. Construction, \$269,927.25; engineering, \$26,992.72; total, \$296,919.97.

"2. Work not completed.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Tenders based on unit prices, approximately as follows: W. P. Tierney & Co., \$226,563.83; D. G. Munro, \$245,654.58; A. E. Griffin, \$240,408.50; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$252,952.91; Robertson & Rendell, Ltd., \$269,272.99; Northern Construction Co., Ltd., \$227,869.05.

"5. W. P. Tierney & Co."

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

1. Is the Minister aware of the allegation contained in the *British Columbia Federationist* of October 20th, 1922, with regard to unsanitary conditions in the mining camp at Kimberley, operated by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company?

2. If so, will the Minister cause an investigation to be made?
3. If so, when?
4. If unsanitary conditions are found, will the Minister prosecute the company?

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

"1. Complaint has not been received by the Department of Health in regard to the mining camp at Kimberley.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Regulations will be enforced."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. On the contract for the first 42 miles of the Pacific Great Eastern how many miles of steel were laid at December 31st, 1918?

2. What was the total expenditure for construction of the Pacific Great Eastern for the calendar year 1920?

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

" 1. Thirty-two.	
" 2. Amount of estimates paid the Northern Construction Company ...	\$3,855,783 24
Bridges	275,161 52
Fencing	29,763 32
Cars and track material	117,274 78
	\$4,277,982 86
Total for construction expenses	\$4,277,982 86
Estimates for Vancouver Office, etc.	1,087,087 17
	\$5,365,070 03"

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

Since the Government took over the Pacific Great Eastern in 1918, how much to September 30th, 1922, has been paid to the Northern Construction Company by way of 5½-per-cent. fee?

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

"Total and final payments up to date are \$398,627.39."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. With reference to the rails, etc., indicated in paragraph (d) of M 22 of Sessional Papers of 1919, as then on order, have these been delivered to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?

2. If so, when, and at what cost?

3. Was there any correspondence or negotiation with the company or with any member of the Government suggesting a transfer of the contract for these rails or any other rails under contract for this railway?

4. If so, what, if any, consideration was offered for the transfer of said contract, and by whom was this offer, if any, made?

5. What auditors, if any, on behalf of the company examined the accounts of the contractors in order to verify the statements of actual cost upon which payments were made from time to time on account of Pacific Great Eastern Railway construction?

6. Have the reports of these auditors been included in any returns submitted to this Legislature?

7. If not, will they be brought down, and when?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. Various times. Total cost, including freight, etc., \$1,271,508.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. Government has no knowledge of any consideration offered.

" 5. In the ordinary course of routine every account submitted by the contractors is audited by an official of the railway company and the quantities checked by an Engineer.

" 6. No, but returns are based on their conclusions.

" 7. All data will be available for the Public Accounts Committee."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 10th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Jackson presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 10th, 1922.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have been complied with.

No. 2—Property-owners in Shaughnessy Heights.

Your Committee would recommend that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received and adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Pearson, on the motion of Mr. Pooley the Private Bill intituled "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Hanes, seconded by Mr. Neelands, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return by the Hon. the Minister of Lands of copies of any agreements made with the Prince Rupert Pulp & Paper Company, Ltd., under sections 7 and 8, chapter 28, Statutes of B.C., 1921.

The Hon. Mr. Sloan moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Manson,—

Whereas the "Immigration Act" of Canada and regulations thereunder have failed to stem the tide of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

And whereas the industrial and economic life of Canada, and particularly of the Province of British Columbia, is threatened by competition forced by a growing foreign population with a lower standard of living than that necessary for the well-being of Anglo-Saxon civilization:

And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment developing in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, that effective protective measures must be adopted:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the "Immigration Act" of Canada as is necessary to completely prohibit Asiatic immigration into Canada.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

Mr. Bowser moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Catherwood,—

That all words in the Resolution after the words "Anglo-Saxon civilization" be struck out, and the following added:—

"And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment now in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, for the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

“And whereas at the last Session of the House of Commons of Canada a resolution was moved requiring the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada :

“And whereas the said resolution was amended and passed by the said House of Commons so as to strike out the words ‘total exclusion,’ and substitute the words ‘effective restriction’ :

“And whereas this resolution so passed as amended, if in any way carried into effect by law in Canada in actual practice, can only mean that some treaty or arrangement will be made with some Asiatic power or people or that regulations will be made in Canada for the admission into Canada of Asiatics under certain restrictions :

“And whereas, if any such treaty or arrangement is made or if any regulation is passed, unless the rights of this Province are preserved, it will have the effect of curtailing the Provincial right of this Province to enact legislation prohibiting the employment of Asiatics in industries of the Province or prohibiting the ownership of lands by Asiatics in this Province, both of which are a growing menace to our people :

“And whereas practically all Asiatic immigration into Canada comes into or through the Province of British Columbia, and as a result the menace of this immigration will always be much greater in British Columbia than in other parts of Canada :

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being opposed to the making of any treaty or arrangement with any Asiatic power or the passing of any regulations by the House of Commons of Canada or under the ‘Immigration Act’ dealing with the immigration of Asiatics into Canada unless the same have been made subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia before the same becomes effective, or unless such treaty or regulations specially reserves to the Province of British Columbia power and the right to pass laws prohibiting the ownership by Asiatics of land or interests therein in British Columbia and the employment of Asiatics in industries in British Columbia.

“And be it further Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the ‘Immigration Act’ of Canada as is necessary to totally prohibit any Asiatic immigration into Canada.

“And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.”

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

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lister*,—

Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Board administering the “Mothers’ Pensions Act” has adopted the policy that in all cases where the applicant is the wife or widow of a returned soldier, if the death or desertion of the husband occurred within six months of the date of his discharge from the Army, that the case would be dealt with by the Patriotic Fund and no assistance would be granted under the “Mothers’ Pensions Act.”

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

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

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

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Farris*,—

That in the opinion of this House the time has now arrived for the commencement of construction of permanent buildings for the University of British Columbia.

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

On Questions Nos. 9 and 10 on the Order Paper of to-day’s date, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, a point of order was raised by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inferior Courts Practitioners Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General for the Year 1922-23.

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

1. How many in the Province have paid Provincial income-tax for the last completed fiscal year: (a) On the minimum taxable rate; (b) on the other various scales of taxation?

2. How many for such previous years as are of record: (a) On the minimum taxable rate; (b) on the other various scales of taxation?

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

"1 and 2. The Department advises that these questions in their present form cannot be answered."

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

How many Asiatics were granted coal-miners' certificates during the following years: 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922?

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

"The information is included in the statement hereunder, which shows the number of coal-miners' certificates issued to Orientals during the years 1902 to date:—

	Chinese.	Japanese.	Hindus.
1902	122	16	..
1903	31	18	..
1904 .....	..	..	..
1905	2	9	..
1906 .....	..	1	..
1907	8	..	..
1908	1	2	..
1909	4	15	..
1910 .....	..	8	..
1911	3	5	..
1912	29	20	..
1913	19	23	..
1914	32	48	..
1915	2	..	..
1916 .....	..	1	..
1917 .....	..	..	..
1918 .....	..	..	..
1919 .....	..	..	..
1920 .....	..	..	..
1921 .....	..	9	..
1922 (to date) .....	..	..	..
Totals	253	175	.. "

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

1. During the past two years has Francis Percy been in the employ of the Department of Mines; and, if so, in what capacity?

2. What payment has he received for his services?

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

"1. Yes. To aid in determining the available tonnage of iron ores, coal, and fluxes suitable for the manufacture of iron and steel, and the accessibility of such deposits to transportation.

"2. No payment as yet; the matter is under consideration."

Mr. *Duncan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Has any progress been made in the negotiations between the Department of Mines and the Esquimalt Railway Company towards a settlement of the dual control of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company land grant?

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

“Matter was discussed by the Minister of Mines with President E. W. Beatty, of Canadian Pacific Railway Company, during his recent visit to the Province. Assurances were received by the Minister of Mines that satisfactory progress is being made in the preliminary mineral survey of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway land grant, President Beatty stating that this survey may be expected to be completed during 1923. Negotiations between the Province and the company, having in view the elimination of now existing dual control of minerals within the said land grant, then will be resumed.”

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

1. Did the Government make an effort to settle demobilized Anglo-Indian officers on the Southern Okanagan Land Project?
2. Was Major Clarke sent to India in furtherance of the scheme?
3. As a result, how many of these ex-Anglo-Indian officers have visited the Southern Okanagan Land Project?
4. How many have taken up land and the names of those doing so?
5. What has been the total expense of this propaganda?

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

“1. Working in co-operation with the Government of India, the Government presented to British officers of the Indian Army the prospects of settlement in British Columbia, particularly on the South Okanagan Irrigation Project.

“2. Yes.

“3. Although British officers of the Indian Army were advised to arrive in the spring of 1923, six have already visited the Province. Letters have been received from 173 officers and others interested.

“4. Two; Lieutenant F. E. Christal and Captain H. A. Porteous.

“5. \$3,072.97.”

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

1. Have any arrangements been arrived at between the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government in regard to the protection of the river-bank at Nicomen Island?
2. If so, what are they? If not, why not?

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

“1. Arrangements have been made between Dominion and Provincial Governments in matter of former obtaining accurate data on which to base an intelligent estimate of cost of any protection-work.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, 13th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House, of copies of agreements made with the Prince Rupert Pulp & Paper Company, Ltd., under sections 7 and 8, chapter 28, Statutes of B.C., 1921.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Eleventh Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Province of British Columbia, 1921.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan* on November 10th, as follows:—

Whereas the "Immigration Act" of Canada and regulations thereunder have failed to stem the tide of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

And whereas the industrial and economic life of Canada, and particularly of the Province of British Columbia, is threatened by competition forced by a growing foreign population with a lower standard of living than that necessary for the well-being of Anglo-Saxon civilization:

And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment developing in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, that effective protective measures must be adopted:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the "Immigration Act" of Canada as is necessary to completely prohibit Asiatic immigration into Canada.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Bowser*, as follows:—

That all words in the Resolution after the words "Anglo-Saxon civilization" be struck out, and the following added:—

"And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment now in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, for the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

"And whereas at the last Session of the House of Commons of Canada a resolution was moved requiring the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

"And whereas the said resolution was amended and passed by the said House of Commons so as to strike out the words 'total exclusion,' and substitute the words 'effective restriction':

"And whereas this resolution so passed as amended, if in any way carried into effect by law in Canada in actual practice, can only mean that some treaty or arrangement will be made with some Asiatic power or people or that regulations will be made in Canada for the admission into Canada of Asiatics under certain restrictions:

"And whereas, if any such treaty or arrangement is made or if any regulation is passed, unless the rights of this Province are preserved, it will have the effect of curtailing the Provincial right of this Province to enact legislation prohibiting the employment of Asiatics in industries of the Province or prohibiting the ownership of lands by Asiatics in this Province, both of which are a growing menace to our people:

"And whereas practically all Asiatic immigration into Canada comes into or through the Province of British Columbia, and as a result the menace of this immigration will always be much greater in British Columbia than in other parts of Canada:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being opposed to the making of any treaty or arrangement with any Asiatic power or the passing of any regulations by the House of Commons of Canada or under the 'Immigration Act' dealing with the immigration of Asiatics into Canada unless the same have been made subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia before the same becomes effective, or unless such treaty or regulations specially reserves to the Province of British Columbia power and the right to pass laws prohibiting the ownership by Asiatics of land or interests therein in British Columbia and the employment of Asiatics in industries in British Columbia.

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"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on 10th instant, as follows:—

That in the opinion of this House the time has now arrived for the commencement of construction of permanent buildings for the University of British Columbia.

A point of order was raised, and Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 10th instant, as follows:—

Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Board administering the "Mothers' Pensions Act" has adopted the policy that in all cases where the applicant is the wife or widow of a returned soldier, if the death or desertion of the husband occurred within six months of the date of his discharge from the Army, that the case would be dealt with by the Patriotic Fund and no assistance would be granted under the "Mothers' Pensions Act."

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:—

"Whereas it has been alleged that the Board administering the 'Mothers' Pensions Act' has adopted the policy that in all cases where the applicant is the wife or widow of a returned soldier, if the death or desertion of the husband occurred within six months of the date of his discharge from the army, that the case would be dealt with by the Patriotic Fund, and no assistance would be granted under the 'Mothers' Pensions Act':

"And whereas it would appear that an arrangement has been entered into between the before-mentioned Board and Patriotic Fund officials whereby the wife or widow of a returned soldier as before mentioned receives as large or a larger allowance than she would otherwise receive under the provisions of the 'Mothers' Pensions Act':

"And whereas it is alleged that as a result of the alleged policy and arrangement hereinbefore referred to wrong has accrued:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Farris*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Hinchliffe*, *Duncan*, and *Mrs. Smith*—be appointed to confer with the Board administering the 'Mothers' Pensions Act' and with officials administering the Patriotic Fund for the purpose of ascertaining if wrong has been done as a result of the alleged policy and arrangement, and that such Committee shall report their findings and recommendations to this House."

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

Mr. Estling moved, seconded by *Mr. Pooley*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Government and (a) the representative of Messrs. *Vickers, Limited*; (b) *Mr. Landahl*, dealing with the matter of the establishing of the iron and steel industry in the Province.

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

On the motion of *Mr. Lister*, seconded by *Mr. W. A. McKenzie*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing how many returned soldiers have signed the agreement of sale on the Camp Lister Area, the names and dates in each case, and amount charged for: (1) Land; (2) buildings; (3) clearing; (4) fencing, in each case respectively.

Mr. Hinchliffe moved, seconded by *Mr. Lister*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the names of all persons residing in the Municipalities of Oak Bay, Saanich, and Esquimalt and in the City of Victoria who are receiving assistance under the "Mothers' Pensions Act," showing the amounts received in each case and the number and ages of the children in respect of whom such assistance was obtained.

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

Mr. Hinchliffe moved, seconded by *Mr. Lister*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the names of all returned soldiers who have since November 1st, 1921, received assistance from the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission through the offices of that Commission in Victoria, giving in each case the amount advanced and whether such advance was by way of loan or a definite grant.

With leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the point of order raised by *Mr. Bowser* on questions Nos. 9 and 10 on the Order Paper of 10th instant, standing in the name of the Hon. *Mr. Oliver*, *Mr. Speaker* delivered his reserved decision as follows:—

"On Friday last, November 10th, the Hon. *Mr. Oliver* asked *Mr. Bowser* the following question, being question No. 9 on the Order Paper:—

"1. Have you any knowledge of any cancellation, in whole or in part, of the agreement made on the 23rd of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company, of the first part, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing business under the name, style, and firm of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," of the second part, which agreement is contained in Schedule B to chapter 34, B.C. Statutes of 1912?

"2. If so, who were the parties to such cancellation?

"3. When did such cancellation take place?

"4. Where can any evidence in reference to such cancellation be obtained?

"*Mr. Bowser* raised the point of order that the question was not one that could be addressed to a member. Rule 45 of our own rules 'permits the putting of questions to Minister of the Crown relating to public affairs; and to other members relating to any Bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such members may be concerned.' This rule is identical with the practice of the Imperial House of Commons (see *May*, 12th edition, page 222). *May*, page 223, says:—

“Although questions may not be asked regarding statements made by members outside the House, a question to an unofficial member has been permitted regarding a circumstance alleged to have happened outside Parliament, because it impugned the veracity of a member in respect to a statement made by him in the House.”

“Neither of these rules is entirely applicable in the present instance. *Bourinot*, 4th edition, page 314, gives the following as the practice of the Canadian House of Commons: ‘No member may put a question to another member unless it refers to some Bill or motion before the House.’

“Our own Rule 45 limits questions as to matters relating to ‘any Bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such members are concerned.’

“After careful consideration, I find the question inadmissible. Question No. 10, of a similar character, is also out of order.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act’” was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Children of Unmarried Parents.”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ending October 31st, 1922.

Pursuant to an Order of the House, the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented a Return showing how many returned soldiers have signed the agreement of sale on the Camp Lister Area, the names and dates in each case, and amount charged for: (1) Land; (2) buildings; (3) clearing; (4) fencing, in each case respectively.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Period from October 1st, 1921, to September 30th, 1922.

Mr. *Buckham* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 13th, 1922.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

At a sitting of the Committee this morning the following resolution was passed:—

“That the matter of calling Colonel Ross Napier as a witness before the Committee with respect to items appearing on page D 29 of the Report of the Liquor Control Board for the period ending March 31st, 1922, as follows: Vendors' breakages; Vendors' shortages; breakages and theft; and also the question of calling the said Colonel Ross Napier with respect to the items appearing in the said accounts for secret-service work, and the cost of administrative services, be referred to the House for directions.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. BUCKHAM, *Chairman*,
H. F. KERGIN, *Secretary*.

The report was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'" "

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Public Printing" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'" "

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'" "

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Order in Council respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimation by Subsequent Marriage" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Warehousemen's Liens."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act.'" "

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'" "

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'" "

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Conditions in Policies of Accident and Sickness Insurance."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Conditions in Policies of Automobile Insurance."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'" "

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

How much money was spent on the New Denver-Three Forks Wagon-road in 1921 and 1922?

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

"Fiscal year 1921-22, \$14,542.57; fiscal year 1922-23 (to date), \$9,895.29."

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

1. Has the work of ditching undertaken by the Government during 1920 in the Municipality of Matsqui been completed?

2. If so, what is the total cost?

3. If not completed, what is the total estimated cost?

4. What was the original estimated cost?

5. What amount has been charged to the Matsqui settlers?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$110,727.21.

"3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.

"4. Tenders were called for on a cost plus basis. The Department's estimate was \$39,000; Northern Construction Co.'s estimate was \$28,851.74; Grant, Smith & McDonnell's estimate was \$50,277.67; E. J. Ryan Construction Co.'s estimate was \$51,865.60; Palmer Bros.' estimate was \$95,167.74.

"5. \$59,882.07."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

With what amount has the Pacific Great Eastern been credited for hauling construction material and supplies for the Northern Construction Company: (a) To December 31st, 1918; (b) to June 30th, 1919; (c) to June 30th, 1920; (d) to June 30th, 1921; (e) to June 30th, 1922?

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

"(a) \$15,774.55 to December 31st, 1918; (b) \$87,250.02 to December 31st, 1919; (c) \$85,185.09 to December 31st, 1920; (d) \$69,834.33 to December 31st, 1921; (e) \$2,610.64 to June 30th, 1922.

"NOTE.—Accounts have not been segregated as at June 30th for the years 1919, 1920, and 1921."

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

1. After the settlers at Camp Lister were notified by the Land Settlement Board Office in that area of the price of their houses and other outbuildings, was an additional 10 per cent. added?
2. If so, for what reason?

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

"1. No. No additional charges were made to price of houses after settlers were notified of final cost of farms.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Does the Land Settlement Board know that two Soldier Settlement Board Appraisers went over the Camp Lister Settlement Area during September this year?
2. If so, for what purpose?
3. Is it a fact that the Land Settlement Board are charging rentals to soldier settlers in this area?
4. If so, what rentals are being charged?

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

"1. Not officially.

"2. No information.

"3. Yes. All settlers occupying houses and property belonging to the Board, who have not yet made arrangements to purchase same, are being charged rent as from November 1st, 1922.

"4. Various. Average rental about \$20 per month, based on interest and depreciation."

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

1. Is one G. F. Pyke in the employ of the Provincial Government?
2. In what capacity, where, and at what salary?
3. Was Mr. Pyke ever in the Provincial Government service in Victoria?
4. In what capacity and at what salary?

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

"1. In employ of Workmen's Compensation Board, Mothers' Assistance Department.

"2. Chief Clerk, Vancouver; \$250 per month.

"3. Yes.

"4. Secretary, B.C. Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission; \$225 per month."

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented the following Returns:—

Return pursuant to section 119, chapter 160, R.S.B.C., 1911, "Coal-mines Regulation Act," respecting regulations to govern the use of electrical power in coal-mines.

Return pursuant to section 165, chapter 165, R.S.B.C. 1911, "Placer-mining Act," respecting regulations to apply in respect of recording certificates of work in certain cases.

Return pursuant to section 10, chapter 59, Statutes of British Columbia, 1919, "Iron-ore Supply Act."

Return pursuant to section 172, chapter 157, R.S.B.C. 1911, "Mineral Act," respecting regulations to apply in respect of recording certificates of work in certain cases.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th November, 1922.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan* on November 10th, as follows:—

Whereas the "Immigration Act" of Canada and regulations thereunder have failed to stem the tide of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

And whereas the industrial and economic life of Canada, and particularly of the Province of British Columbia, is threatened by competition forced by a growing foreign population with a lower standard of living than that necessary for the well-being of Anglo-Saxon civilization:

And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment developing in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, that effective protective measures must be adopted:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the "Immigration Act" of Canada as is necessary to completely prohibit Asiatic immigration into Canada.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Bowser*, as follows:—

That all words in the Resolution after the words "Anglo-Saxon civilization" be struck out, and the following added:—

"And whereas there is a strong and compelling sentiment now in Canada, especially marked in the Province of British Columbia, at present most affected, for the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

"And whereas at the last Session of the House of Commons of Canada a resolution was moved requiring the total exclusion of Asiatic immigration into Canada:

"And whereas the said resolution was amended and passed by the said House of Commons so as to strike out the words 'total exclusion,' and substitute the words 'effective restriction':

"And whereas this resolution so passed as amended, if in any way carried into effect by law in Canada in actual practice, can only mean that some treaty or arrangement will be made with some Asiatic power or people or that regulations will be made in Canada for the admission into Canada of Asiatics under certain restrictions:

"And whereas, if any such treaty or arrangement is made or if any regulation is passed, unless the rights of this Province are preserved, it will have the effect of curtailing the Provincial right of this Province to enact legislation prohibiting the employment of Asiatics in industries

of the Province, or prohibiting the ownership of lands by Asiatics in this Province, both of which are a growing menace to our people:

"And whereas practically all Asiatic immigration into Canada comes into or through the Province of British Columbia, and as a result the menace of this immigration will always be much greater in British Columbia than in other parts of Canada:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being opposed to the making of any treaty or arrangement with any Asiatic power or the passing of any regulations by the House of Commons of Canada or under the 'Immigration Act' dealing with the immigration of Asiatics into Canada unless the same have been made subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia before the same becomes effective, or unless such treaty or regulations specially reserves to the Province of British Columbia power and the right to pass laws prohibiting the ownership by Asiatics of land or interests therein in British Columbia and the employment of Asiatics in industries in British Columbia.

"And be it further Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly places itself on record as being in favour of the enactment of such amendment to the 'Immigration Act' of Canada as is necessary to totally prohibit any Asiatic immigration into Canada.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

Mr. *Duncan* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Burde*.—

That the amendment be amended by striking out the following words in the eighth paragraph: "unless the same have been made subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia before the same becomes effective, or."

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

On the point of order raised on adjourned debate on motion moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on 10th instant, Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision, as follows:—

"On resuming the debate on the motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, which reads as follows: 'That in the opinion of this House the time has now arrived for the commencement of construction of permanent buildings for the University of British Columbia,' a point of order was raised by the Hon. Member for Cowichan as to whether the motion was in order.

"Rule 118 of this House says: 'No resolution leading up to the expression of an abstract or express opinion of the House recommending the expenditure of the public money shall be put from the Chair, unless recommended by the Crown.'

"I would refer the House to Speakers' Decisions, on pages 107, 137, 138, 139, 140, and 141, which clearly show that this Legislative Assembly has always carefully guarded the prerogative of the Crown to recommend the expenditure of public money.

"I must rule the motion out of order."

On question No. 3, item 5, standing on the Order Paper of 14th instant in the name of Mr. *McRae*, Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, as follows:—

"In Questions No. 5 Mr. *McRae* asks the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question (No. 3): 'Is the said Earle the President of the Ashcroft Liberal Association?'

"I have been asked to rule whether this is a proper question. Rule 45 says: 'Questions may be put to Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs.'

"*May*, 12th edition, page 221: 'Questions addressed to Ministers should relate to public affairs with which they are officially connected, or to any matters of administration for which the Minister is responsible.'

"The question objected to does not appear to be necessary in order to elicit the information asked for, nor can an answer to same be expected to be a matter of official record.

"The question, being No. 3 of Questions 5, is out of order."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 13th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the names of all persons residing in the Municipalities of Oak Bay, Saanich, and Esquimalt and in the City of Victoria who are receiving assistance under the "Mothers' Pensions Act," showing the amounts received in each case and the number and ages of the children in respect of whom such assistance was obtained.

With leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Burde*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Insurance Agents and Insurance Adjusters," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 14th, 1922.

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. 30) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Insurance Agents and Insurance Adjusters," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. A. MACDONALD,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 14th, 1922.

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. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Provincial Prison Report and Return of Prisoners for the Nelson Provincial Gaol for the Year ending October 31st, 1922.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Provincial Prison Report and Return of Prisoners for the Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ending October 31st, 1922.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Children of Unmarried Parents" was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Is it the intention of the Minister to re-enact the "Vancouver Islands Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1919"?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"The matter is under consideration."

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

1. Has the duly elected representative on the Minimum Wage Board for Miners been officially notified?
2. Has the said Board ever met?
3. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No reports to hand.
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What moneys have been spent in the fiscal year of 1921-22 by way of road-work on Lasqueti Island?
2. Where was the money spent?
3. To whom was it paid, giving particulars in each case?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1. \$618.04.
- "2. Main Trail East; Main Trail West; Douglas Trail; Middle Trail; Grant's Trail; new trail to float at Tucker Bay; and general repairs to roads.
- "3. Labour: H. Boldthen, \$12.25; R. Conn, \$11.81; A. Douglas, \$31.50; G. Douglas, Sr., \$50.75; G. Douglas, Jr., \$22.31; W. B. Grant, \$7; B. Higgins, \$2.50; C. Higgins, \$12.25; H. Hopkins, \$22.75; D. Lenfesty, \$17.50; G. Livingstone, \$35.87; J. Mason, \$10.50; L. Mason, \$47.25; T. A. Millicheap, \$127.86; G. Mitchell, \$36.50; D. Norrish, \$25.25; C. H. Potter, \$83.80; N. Washburn, \$23.62; A. Weldon, \$5.25; T. J. Wheldon, \$27.62. Supplies, etc.: B.C. Equipment Co., 65 cents; Dominion Express Co., \$1.15; and A. E. Cook, detonators, \$2.10."

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

1. What moneys have been spent in the fiscal year of 1920-21 by way of road-work on Lasqueti Island?
2. Where was the money spent?
3. To whom was it paid, giving particulars in each case?

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

“1. \$1,474.55.

“2. Main Trail; Cannery Trail; Douglas Trail; and various roads, names of which are not stated.

“3. Labour: R. Bennett, \$6.37; H. Boldthen, \$3.18; A. Cook, \$187.12; R. Conn, \$8.50; M. Copely, \$62.67; V. Curran, \$49.93; C. Douglas, \$4.25; G. Douglas, \$29.37; W. B. Grant, \$44.62; C. Hadley, \$26.56; C. Higgins, \$8.50; H. Hopkins, \$51; A. Kurtzhals, \$14.87; O. Kurtzhals, \$14.87; D. Lenfesty, \$28.14; L. Mason, \$54.18; A. Millicheap, \$279.47; G. Mitchell, \$26.72; D. Norrish, \$25.50; T. Phillips, \$4.25; C. Potter, \$217.58; J. V. Purviance, \$149.25; G. Sweet, \$9.56; C. Williams, \$14.87. Supplies: W. S. Fraser & Co., coal, \$8.45; Giant Powder Co., powder, \$144.77.”

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

1. Is one F. H. C. W. Wilson the Registrar of the Supreme and County Courts at Ashcroft?
2. Is the said Wilson a clerk in the office of R. R. Earle, barrister?
4. Whose duty is it to tax the bills of cost of the said Earle?
5. What salary or allowance is paid said Wilson?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“4. Registrar's, in the presence of all parties and in accordance with the Rules of Court.

“5. \$25 per month.”

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

What number of students are in attendance at the University of British Columbia from the respective electoral districts of the Province?

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

“Number of candidates in attendance at the University of British Columbia during the session 1921-22 from the respective electoral districts of the Province: Alberni, 2; Atlin, 1; Chilliwack, 24; Comox, 5; Cowichan, 6; Cranbrook, 4; Delta, 20; Dewdney, 13; Esquimalt, 1; Fernie, 2; Grand Forks, 6; Greenwood, 3; Kamloops, 8; Kaslo, 9; Nanaimo, 5; Nelson, 4; Newcastle, 2; New Westminster, 46; North Okanagan, 11; North Vancouver, 43; Omineca, 1; Prince Rupert, 7; Revelstoke, 2; Richmond, 20; Rossland, 4; Saanich, 1; Similkameen, 7; Slocan, 3; South Okanagan, 15; South Vancouver, 43; Trail, 10; Vancouver, 615; Victoria, 32; Yale, 6; or a total of 981 from 34 electoral districts.”

Mr. *Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

What is the amount spent for painting on the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster, including cost of materials and labour incident thereto, for each year respectively from the year of completion to the present?

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

“Westminster Bridge was completed in 1904 under supervision of Public Works Department and was transferred to Department of Railways in 1911. Cost of painting was not segregated until 1917, and to arrive at the figures for each year prior to 1917 would call for a great amount of work involving examination of all vouchers in detail. The cost of painting, which includes scraping and preparing steel-work, is as follows from 1917 to date: 1917, \$1,352.85; 1918, \$360; 1919, \$5,827.83 (includes \$700 for painting-machine); 1920, \$6,939.40; 1921, \$5,079.25; 1922, \$3,749.31.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.