Wednesday, February 21st, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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 provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 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. 10) intituled "An Act to provide for improving the Availability and Supply of Electrical Power," 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.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of Mrs. Rolston, seconded by Mr. E. E. Winch, it was Resolved .-

That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare be authorized to inquire into the problems of delinquency, recreation, and housing in so far as they relate to the problems of youth and family welfare.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* 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 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children 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. *Kenney* 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 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 15th, 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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution 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. *Kenney* 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 'Forest Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 15th, 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. 3) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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. 9 GEO. 6

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. E. E. Winch was withdrawn:---

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

Mr. Connelly asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Was any work other than normal maintenance carried out on the highway between Vanderhoof and Stuart Lake during the fiscal year 1944-45?

2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?

3. What was the cost of such work to date?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Two miles widened out to 30-foot road-bed and gravel surfaced; Mile 33 to Mile 35.

"3. \$6,000."

Mr. Gillis asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Were tolls charged on the Cariboo Road between Yale and Lytton during the year 1944-45?

2. If yes, during what period?

3. What was the total amount of tolls collected?

4. What was the total amount of money expended on this section of highway for (a) maintenance and (b) construction or reconstruction?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. 12.01 midnight, April 1st, 1944, to 12 midnight, December 20th, 1944.

"3. \$40,130.90.

"4. (a) \$28,778.93 and (b) \$20,453.14."

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented Returns by the Official Administrators, pursuant to section 53 of the "Administration Act," chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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 6.04 p.m.

Thursday, February 22nd, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. Biddle.

Mr. LeBourdais moved, seconded by Mr. Braden,-

That the Rules of the House be suspended and that the Standing Committee on Agriculture be permitted to carry on during this sitting of the House in order to hear certain resolutions being referred to this Committee by members of the Advisory Board, Farmers' Institutes.

Motion unanimously agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* 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 'Soldiers' Land Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.

February 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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land 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. *Kenney* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 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. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land 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. Mrs. Hodges asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:---

1. Have any grants been made to the smaller public libraries during the current fiscal year?

2. If yes, to what public libraries and in what amounts?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. Grants already paid: Cranbrook Public Library, \$250; Fraser Valley Union Library, \$355; North Burnaby Public Library, \$250; Okanagan Union Library, \$146.30; Prince George Public Library, \$250; Rossland Public Library, \$250. The following grants have been approved but not yet paid: Fernie Public Library, \$250; Kamloops Public Library, \$250; Ocean Falls Public Library, \$250; Smithers Public Library, \$100; Greenwood Public Library, \$250; Shawnigan Lake Public Library, \$100. Total, \$2,701.30."

Mr. Braden asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:--

1. Has a bridge been constructed across the East Pine River in the Peace River District?

2. If yes, what type of bridge was erected?

3. What amount of timber was used in this bridge: (a) Coast timber and (b) local timber?

4. What was the total cost of the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. A 70-foot timber King-truss span and timber trestle approaches; over-all length, 230 feet.

"3. (a) None and (b) 66,000 F.B.M.

"4. \$11,655.45."

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

1. What bridge work, if any, other than maintenance was carried out on the Cariboo Highway in the North Cariboo District during the year 1944-45?

2. Of what did such work consist?

3. What was the cost of such work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Four bridges; Monty's, Moose, Armstrong, and LeBourdais were eliminated and replaced by wood-stave culverts and fill with consequent widening and improvement of the highway.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$11,499 for the four bridges."

Mr. R. H. Carson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :---

1. How many stockmen use the Crown range under permit?

2. How many head of stock are covered?

3. What fees are charged?

4. What are the total collections?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:-

"1. In 1944 there were 1,007 grazing permits issued.

"2. Cattle, 101,606; horses, 4,862; and sheep, 40,858.

"3. Cattle, 5 cents per head per month; horses, $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents per head per month; and sheep, $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents per head per month.

"4. 1944, \$31,000.34."

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Fortieth Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys, April 1st, 1943, to March 31st, 1944.

The Hon. Mr. Maitland presented the Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year 1943 and Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

Mr. H. E. Winch asked that, by leave of the House, the Rules be suspended to allow him to present a resolution without previous notice thereof having been given under Standing Order No. 48.

Leave was not granted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Friday, February 23rd, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. William Allen.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1943-44 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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 reinstate certain Mineral Claims and Placer-mining Leases," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 23rd, 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. 15) intituled "An Act to reinstate certain Mineral Claims and Placer-mining Leases," 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. *Kenney*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Lands Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Bennett asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:----

1. Has a Special Committee been appointed to consider the question of better lighting for school class-rooms and auditoriums?

2. If yes, has a report been submitted?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. The report has been submitted and is now in the hands of the King's Printer. It covers the minimum standards of illumination, maintenance, natural lighting, shades, colour of ceilings and walls, various types of artificial lighting, a chart of a desirable lighting layout for class-rooms, photo-electric control, germicidal lamps, wiring, and improvement of lighting in existing schools. Copies of the report will be available for distribution at the end of this month."

Mr. Webber asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:-

1. To the knowledge of the Government has a decision been reached by the Soldiers Settlement and "Veterans' Land Act" administration in respect to the post-war development of that tract of the Southern Similkameen Valley commonly termed the Cawston Lands?

2. If yes, what is that decision?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows :---

"1. The matter is under negotiation.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. R. H. Carson asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Has an extension been added to the Government building at Kamloops?

2. If yes, for what purpose?

3. If yes, was the work done by contract or day-labour?

4. If by contract, what were the names of the firms submitting tenders and the amount of such tenders?

5. What was the total cost of the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:--

"1. Yes.

"2. Extension for locating engineer and staff, Department of Public Works.

"3. Contract.

"4. Mr. Roy Bell, \$10,780; Bennett & White Construction Company, \$11,143.

"5. Work not completed."

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

1. In what number of centres are National Fitness (Pro-Rec) classes being held?

2. What is the total registration of same-male and female respectively?

3. What are the ages for which classes are established?

4. What are the ages of the youngest and oldest participants?

5. Have requests been made for (a) classes in districts not yet covered and (b) additional classes where those provided do not cover the full range of would-be participants?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:---

"1. In 205 centres.

"2. Male, 8,858; female, 7,746; total, 16,604, as at February 15th, 1945.

"3. A few classes, at request of local organizations, from two to six years and seven to nine on Saturday mornings; junior classes, ten to fourteen years; intermediate classes, fifteen to nineteen years; senior classes, over nineteen years. There are also special classes for Red Cross units, boys' and girls' clubs, Reserve Army units, inmates of Oakalla, etc.

"4. Pre-school, two years of age; oldest member is seventy-seven years.

"5. (a) Yes and (b) yes."

Mrs. Rolston asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:----

1. What provision is made for the reserving and administration of Provincial parks?

2. Have any such parks been reserved?

3. If yes, how many and what is the total area?

4. Is the public permitted freely to use Garibaldi Park?

5. If yes, is adequate access provided?

6. Has a part of Garibaldi Park been leased or otherwise turned over to the administration of the Forest School of the University of British Columbia?

7. If yes, how is this use reconciled with park use?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:---

"1. There are three methods of reserving Provincial parks: (a) Under Part XII. of the 'Forest Act' (chapter 102, R.S.B.C. 1936, as amended in chapter 20, 1939), 'The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may constitute any portion of the Province a Provincial park'; (b) under section 94 of the 'Land Act' (chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936) park lands may be reserved; (c) the Government can reserve park lands, if so desired, by special Act of the Legislature. Administration of parks (other than those established by special Act) is the duty of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands under Part XII. of the 'Forest Act.' The Act is considered to be adequate for present needs, permitting wide scope for development and discretion in administration. The Forest Branch in years past has maintained a Parks Division staffed by officers and engineers who had no responsibility other than park development. Lack of men and funds during the war years necessitated discontinuing this Division, though parks have not been neglected. As soon as funds and men warrant and will permit, the Parks Division will be re-established.

"2. Yes.

"3. There are now reserved the following Provincial parks: Under Part XII., 'Forest Act,' 45 parks (7,347,130 acres); under section 94, 'Land Act,' 2 parks (1,809,440 acres); under special Acts, Garibaldi (622,720 acres), Strathcona (529,920 acres), and Mount Robson (513,920 acres).

"4. Yes.

"5. Very little is provided in the way of access roads or trails. Garibaldi Park is established under its own 'Garibaldi Park Act' (chapter 25, 1926–27) and is administered by a Park Board which is a corporate body. Roads, trails, and improvements are almost entirely lacking.

"6. In the south-west corner of Garibaldi Park, 10,105 acres have been leased to the University of British Columbia to be used as a university forest in connection with the work of the forest school.

"7. The forest embraces less than 2 per cent. of Garibaldi Park and less than one-tenth of 1 per cent. of Provincial park lands. Urgent necessity for educational requirements is considered to be a superior use for this proportion of the park, while use for forest school purposes will not be permitted to block access to the park and will not prevent the forest area being used for recreational purposes. Jurisdiction of the land is involved in this elimination, but not the use of the land for recreation of public interest."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.43 p.m.

Monday, February 26th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith-

- Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1946;
- Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1945;
- Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1944, and to indemnify

the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 23rd, 1945.

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

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Status of Children of certain Marriages."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

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. Anscomb—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Mr. Webber asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:----

1. Has any investigation been made into the efficacy of the aluminium-dust treatment for silicosis?

2. If yes, what are its findings?

3. Has this treatment been made available to the hard-rock miners and coal miners of British Columbia?

4. If yes, in what degree and in which specific instances?

5. In the past year have there been representations made to the Governments of other Provinces in Canada where hard-rock mining exists with a view to establishing a reciprocal basis between the Provinces for silicosis pensions?

6. If yes, to what Provinces have overtures been made and with what results?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:--

"1. Yes.

"2. Results published in reports of Ontario Mining Association and in 'Progress in Aluminium Therapy,' by W. D. Robson, M.B., M.D., and 'The Treatment of Silicosis by Aluminum Powder,' by D. W. Crombie, M.D., C.M., and J. L. Blaisdel, B.Sc., M.D. Findings were studied by the Workmen's Compensation Board. The following is the conclusion to date: 'Aluminium dust cannot be regarded in any sense as a "cure" for silicosis in so far as restoring to normal lung tissue which has already undergone fibrotic change is concerned. Its use, however, would appear to be followed by beneficial results in a significant proportion of cases, chiefly in the amelioration of symptoms and in the increased capacity to work. In view of these findings and the experimental work of Denny, Robson, and Irwin, we believe the inhalation of finely particulate aluminium powder offers every prospect of preventing the development of human silicosis.'

"3. Yes; but not yet to all.

"4. The following metal-mining companies in this Province have applied for and received licences to provide their workmen with the aluminium-dust treatment: Silbak Premier Mines, Limited; Britannia Mining & Smelting Company, Limited; Cariboo Gold Quartz Mining Company, Limited; Island Mountain Mines, Limited; Pioneer Gold Mines of B.C., Limited; Kelowna Exploration Company, Limited; Bralorne Mines, Limited; and Sheep Creek Gold Mines, Limited. Up to January 25th, 1945, the following companies had applied for licences and are preparing to give the treatment: Hedley Mascot Gold Mines, Limited; Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited; Highland Bell, Limited; and Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Limited. For metal and coal miners who no longer reside in mining areas where they can get this treatment, it is available at the Rehabilitation Clinic of the Workmen's Compensation Board, located in Vancouver.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.53 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. G. Griffiths.

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

The debate continued.

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

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraudulent Preferences Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena."

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report on the Administration of the "Old Age Pensions Act" for the Province of British Columbia, 1943-44.

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Mr. King asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Was the traffic bridge across the Columbia River at Brisco replaced during the year 1944?

2. If yes, was the work done by contract or day-labour?

3. If by contract, what firms tendered, in what amounts, and to whom was the contract awarded?

4. When was the work completed?

5. What was the total cost of the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. By day-labour.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. May, 1944.

"5. \$12,000."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the West Lake Road, Shawnigan Lake, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Grading, repairs to bridge.

"2. Throughout its length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$122.22."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Shawnigan Lake-Mill Bay Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :--

"1. Grading, gravelling; work still in progress.

"2. Over entire length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$850.99."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Port Renfrew and San Juan Roads, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Of what did this work consist?

3. What sums of money were expended on such work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Grading, gravelling, and repairs to bridges; construction of Pachena Road; work still in progress.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$2,501.80."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Gillespie Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :----

"1. Grading, some gravel, and repairs to drainage.

"2. Where needed, over entire length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$218.56."

Mr. R. H. Carson asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Was any maintenance-work carried out on the Chinook Cove section of the North Thompson Highway during 1944?

2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?

3. What amount of money was expended thereon?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :----

"1. Yes.

"2. Widening, grading, and gravelling.

"3. \$3,235.38."

Mrs. Rolston asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. Have pre-primary classes been established in any of the municipal school districts of the Province?

2. If yes, (a) in what districts have they been established, (b) how many of such classes are in operation, and (c) is any financial assistance given by the Government towards the support of the classes?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Vancouver and Victoria. (b) Two centres in Vancouver, one group of about twenty-five in each centre in the mornings and a second group of twenty-five in each centre in the afternoons; three centres in Victoria, one group in each centre in the mornings and a different group in each centre in the afternoons. (c) Yes; the Department gives the same grant for each teacher of pre-primary classes as it gives for each teacher in the elementary schools."

Mr. Eyres asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions :---

1. What per cent. of the teachers employed in the public schools of the Province are university graduates?

2. How does that per cent. compare with the per cent. of university graduates employed in the public schools of other Provinces of Canada?

3. What per cent. of the total enrolment of pupils in the public schools of this Province is attending our secondary schools?

4. Is this per cent. higher or lower than in other Provinces?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:---

"1. 32.9 per cent.

"2. The percentage of university graduates in the public schools of the Provinces of Canada ranges from 32.9 per cent. to 2.3 per cent. Next to British Columbia comes Manitoba with 18.8 per cent., then Ontario with 17.2 per cent. "3. The secondary schools of the Province enrol 23 per cent. of the total enrolment.

"4. The percentage for British Columbia—namely, 23 per cent.—is the highest in Canada, then follows Alberta with 19 per cent. and Ontario with 18.2 per cent.; the lowest is 14 per cent."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major H. Martin.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena" was committed, reported complete without amendment, and *Ordered* to be read a third time at 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 amend the 'Constitution Act."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Lands Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Maitland-Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pearson-Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Old-age Pension Act.'"

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On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act.'"

Mr. Bennett asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :---

1. Has the bounty on coyotes been increased?

2. If yes, to what extent?

3. When does the increase begin?

The Hon. Mr. Maitland replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. From \$2 to \$5.

"3. On April 1st, 1945, this being the beginning of this year's bounty season, which ends October 31st, 1945."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Happy Valley Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. Patching asphalt surface, grading, gravelling, and repairs to bridges.

"2. Where needed, over entire length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$273.63."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Albert Head Road and Duke Road, Esquimalt, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such roads was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Ripping, grading, and gravelling.

"2. Throughout its length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$54.10."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on Atkins Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Widening, ditching, ripping and regrading, and gravelling.

"2. Throughout its length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$1,070.27."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Otter Point Road to Jordan River, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. Otter Point Road to Jordan River: Grading, gravelling, and clearing drainage; brushing-work still in progress. West Coast Road: Resurfacing 2 miles from Sooke Village north; reconstruction one-half mile at Jordan River; protection of sea-front, Jordan River; grading, gravelling, repairs to asphalt surface, brushing, and ditching; repairs to bridges with partial reconstruction of Jordan River Bridge.

"2. Otter Point Road to Jordan River: Entire length from Sooke Village to junction with West Coast Road. West Coast Road: From Sooke Village to Jordan River.

"3. Otter Point Road to Jordan River: Answered by No. 1. West Coast Road: Answered by No. 1.

"4. Otter Point Road to Jordan River: \$55.96. West Coast Road: \$23,629.11."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the East Sooke Road from Metchosin to East Sooke, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:----

"1. Grading, gravelling where needed, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.

"2. From start of road at its junction with Rocky Point Road to the end at East Sooke.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$599.65."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Millstream Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. Grading, gravelling, and bridge construction and repairs; surfacing double flush-coat for one-half mile from Island Highway.

"2. Total length.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$1,627.39."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Rocky Point Road, Esquimalt District, from Rocky Point corner on the East Sooke Road to Rocky Point, since March 31st, 1944?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. Grading and normal maintenance.

"2. From Rocky Point corner with East Sooke Road to Rocky Point.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$235.45."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Thursday, March 1st, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Anscomb, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. Has the Okanagan Highway been reconstructed in the vicinity of Postill during the year 1944?

2. If yes, (a) what was the total mileage of such work and (b) what width of roadway was constructed?

3. What quantity of gravel was used for surfacing?

4. What was the total cost of the work?

5. Will the asphalt surfacing be completed during the year 1945?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 2.5 miles and (b) thirty feet.

"3. 4,287 cubic yards of crushed gravel.

"4. \$17,500.

"5. Yes; providing materials are made available by the Oil Controller."

Mr. Shepherd asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Has the Government purchased any property recently in the Metchosin District?

2. If so, (a) for what purpose, (b) how many acres, and (c) what was the price paid?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Establishment of a Boys' Industrial School, (b) 100 acres (approximately), and (c) \$25,000, including buildings and improvements."

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Are any alterations being made to the main building at the New Westminster Mental Hospital?

2. If yes, for what purpose are such alterations being made?

3. Is the work being carried out by day-labour or by contract?

4. If by contract, what tenders were received and what was the amount of each tender?

5. What firm is carrying out the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. To bring this building up to modern standard and conform with other portions of the building modernized some years ago.

"3. Contract.

"4. Bennett & White Construction Company, \$294,800; A. Sullivan, \$313,000; Marwell Construction Company, \$319,950; J. A. Pollard Construction, \$364,352.

"5. Bennett & White Construction Company, Limited, Standard Bank Building, Vancouver."

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Is the Government providing additional accommodation at the Home for the Aged in Coquitlam?

2. If yes, of what does this work consist?

3. If yes, is the work being undertaken by contract or day-labour?

4. If by contract, what tenders were received and what was the amount of each tender?

5. To whom was the contract awarded?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:----

"1. Yes.

"2. Erection of a reinforced concrete structure to accommodate 100 patients.

"3. Contract.

"4. Dawson, Wade & Company, \$144,800; Coast Construction Company, \$149,500; Smith Brothers & Wilson, \$151,847; Commonwealth Construction Company, \$153,988; Bennett & White Construction Company, \$154,954; J. C. Dill, \$162,118; Northern Construction and J. W. Stewart, Limited, \$160,000; A. Sullivan, \$168,462.

"5. Dawson, Wade & Company, Limited, 775 Clarke Drive, Vancouver."

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 5.18 p.m.

Friday, March 2nd, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. N. S. Noel.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Kenney, 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,---

That on Monday, March 5th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day; one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. Leary asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:---

1. Have stand-by suppression crews been used in British Columbia to combat forest fires and, if so, with what effect?

2. Has a school or other like institution for the specialized training of Forest Service field personnel been established?

3. Have students been employed during vacation period as a partial solution of the man-power shortage in forest protection and suppression work?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:----

"1. Yes: since 1941 a few stand-by suppression crews have been used with excellent results on small fires. During 1942 and 1943 most of the crews were in coastal areas to combat expected enemy attack or sabotage. The personnel of these Coast crews were alternative service workers (conscientious objectors) detailed by the Federal Department of National War Services. In 1944, senior high school students were employed along with a few adults in both Coast and Interior. The record since 1942 of fires attacked is as follows: Size of fire at time of attack, spot fires (up to 1/4 acre); number of fires, 178; average spread between time of attack and before being extinguished, 0.14 acre. Size of fire at time of attack, over ¼ acre up to 1 acre; number of fires. 70; average spread between time of attack and before being extinguished, 0.35acre. Size of fire at time of attack, over 1 acre up to 5 acres; number of fires, 57; average spread between time of attack and before being extinguished, 11.93 acres. Size of fire at time of attack, over 5 acres up to 50 acres; number of fires, 39; average spread between time of attack and before being extinguished, 93.50 acres. Size of fire at time of attack, over 50 acres; number of fires, 12; average spread between time of attack and before being extinguished, 785 acres. This indicates a high degree of effectiveness on small fires and less effect on large fires. The obvious conclusion is to organize to perfect detection and communication facilities to attack more and more forest fires in the incipient stage.

"2. Initial steps have been taken in establishment of a ranger school at an early date to provide refresher courses for existing Forest Service ranger staff and a course of training leading to ranger work for assistant rangers and other field personnel.

"3. Yes; during the 1944 season senior high school students were employed for an average period of 100 days as crewmen to provide sixteen eight-man stand-by firesuppression crews located strategically throughout the Province. These crews successfully attacked a total of 118 fires during the period of employment which coincided with the most hazardous part of the fire season." Mr. Leary asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:--

1. Was any work carried out in 1944 at Mirror Lake on the Balfour-Kaslo Road?

2. If yes, what was the nature of such work?

3. What was its cost?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. Widening by rock excavation.

"3. \$5,136."

Mr. Leary asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :--

1. Was the Slocan Valley Highway improved at or near Lemon Creek during the year 1944?

2. If yes, what was the length of the section of highway improved?

3. If yes, was the work carried out by contract or day-labour?

4. What was the type of work undertaken?

5. What was the cost of the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. One and one-quarter miles.

"3. No.

"4. Reconstruction on revised location.

"5. \$12,912."

Mr. Mowat asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:----

1. Is there any danger of the Douglas fir in Cathedral Grove perishing within the next decade because of overmaturity?

2. If yes, should steps be taken to remove the dead trees?

3. Have any measures been taken in the Coast cut-over areas to ensure the abatement of fire-hazard resulting from logging operations and, if so, what are they?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows :---

"1. Some of the older trees will die from time to time, but it will be a gradual process extending over a very long period.

"2. The value of these trees from the park standpoint is in their great size; as long as they stand they will fulfill this function and will not be removed.

"3. The provisions of the 'Forest Act' (section 113A) have been enforced with the result that, during 1944, 27,278 acres of cut-over lands were control-burned. Of 932 logging operations in 1943 in the Vancouver Forest District (to which area section 113A applies) 904 disposed of snags and dead standing trees to the satisfaction of the Chief Forester. Full information concerning snag-falling in 1944 has not yet been compiled, but it promises to be at least equally satisfactory."

Mr. Webber asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:--

1. How many miles of the Okanagan Highway from Penticton to the International Boundary have been resurfaced since March 31st, 1944?

2. What was the nature of this resurfacing and what was its cost?

3. How many miles of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway from Kaleden to Princeton have been surfaced since March 31st, 1944, and at what points?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:-

"1. 16.8 miles.

"2. Mile 106.4 to Mile 107.9, resurfacing after reconstruction, \$10,186.72; Mile 108.6 to Mile 113.5, seal coat, \$5,213.24; Mile 154.9 to Mile 165.3, seal coat, \$10,215.31.

"3. None."

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 5.38 p.m.

Monday, March 5th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon H. A. Collison.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 respecting the Regulation of Tourist Camps," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 2nd, 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. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Regulation of Tourist Camps," 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 the following papers:-

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission of the Province of British Columbia for the Period of April 1st, 1943, to March 31st, 1944.

Mrs. Steeves asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:-

1. Are any negotiations being held with the bondholders of the District of North Vancouver with a view to obtaining a refunding of the bonded indebtedness of the District of North Vancouver?

2. If yes, are the ratepayers of said District of North Vancouver or any other organization of the citizens of the district being consulted in such negotiations?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Preliminary discussion.

"2. With the Commissioner."

Mr. Gillis asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Was any work undertaken on the Cariboo Highway in the vicinity of Mile 113 during 1944?

2. If yes, has this work been completed?

3. What has been the cost to date?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. \$8,300."

Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Did the Department of Public Works carry out any work on the Coquitlam arterial road during 1944?

2. If yes, what work was accomplished?

3. What amount was expended thereon?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Widened by 10 feet over a distance of 1,130 feet, curb and gutters installed together with man-holes and catch-basins, and necessary connections to culverts; (b) surfacing 820 lineal feet plant-mix mulch 10 feet wide.

"3. (a) \$6,100 and (b) \$2,200."

Mrs. MacInnis asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :---

1. Does the Government give financial assistance to the cafeteria operated by the Provincial Employees' Association?

2. What arrangements, if any, does the Government make in regard to making available the building where the cafeteria is now located?

3. What assistance, if any, is given by the Government in the matter of providing (a) equipment and (b) personnel?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:--

"1. Yes; the Government meets any deficit incurred in the operation of the cafeteria.

"2. No official arrangement. It is understood that during the Session of the Legislature the Civil Service Branch of the Canadian Legion agreed with the Provincial Employees' Association to make its quarters available.

"3. (a) Original equipment was supplied by the Government, additional equipment or replacements are included in the deficit, if any, paid by the Government; (b) none, except as wages may form part of the deficit, if any."

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Mr. R. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Did the Department of Public Works carry out any work on the Ioco-Port Moody Road during 1944?

2. If yes, what work was accomplished?

3. What amount was expended thereon?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. One mile widened by 8 feet and eight permanent culverts installed.

"3. \$5,200,"

Mr. Gillis asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :---

1. Was any work undertaken on the Merritt-Kamloops Road during the year 1944?

2. If yes, of what did such work consist?

3. What quantity of rock and other material was excavated on this work?

4. What was the cost of the work?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Mile 10.4 to Mile 10.9: Widening existing road from 15 to 30 feet, elimination of two cribbings, and finishing road to grade and curvature.

"3. 10,000 cubic yards.

"4. \$11,602.64."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.52 p.m.

Monday, March 5th, 1945.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. Rolston, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.