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SESSION 1926-27

Thursday, December 16th, 1926.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Sixteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of October, 1926,

His Honour ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to this the Third Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the last Session of this House General Viscount Byng of Vimy completed his term of office as Governor-General of Canada and returned to the Motherland, bearing with him the sincere appreciation of the Canadian people for his public service, and the very best wishes for himself and Viscountess Byng.

The high post of representative in Canada of His Majesty the King has recently been filled by the appointment of Viscount Willingdon as Governor-General. We of British Columbia join with our fellow-Canadians in extending a warm welcome to Viscount Willingdon and the Viscountess.

It is a matter of pleasure to note that business conditions in the Province have continued to improve and that substantial increases have occurred in timber, agriculture, mineral, and fishery production.

It is gratifying to observe that the products of British Columbia, in competitive exhibition with the products of other parts of the world, have won highest awards.

My Government has continued its efforts to obtain elimination of unjust and discriminatory transportation rates.

Renewed application has been made by my Government for the return by the Government of the Dominion of the unalienated portions of the lands granted in aid of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Construction of main trunk roads has been carried on vigorously during the year and substantial progress has been made. Simultaneously every effort has been put forth to provide requisite settlers' roads.

A report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire, *inter alia*, into the problem of mental disease in this Province will be submitted for your consideration.

The Annual Reports of the Departments of Government will be placed before you.

The Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1925-26 and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal year 1927-28 will be submitted for your consideration.

Legislation designed for the assistance and protection of the agricultural industry and for the protection of the public in connection with loan companies will be presented.

The removal by death of Arthur Ormiston Cochrane, late member for the Electoral District of North Okanagan, is very deeply regretted.

I now leave you in confidence that your duties will be faithfully performed and with the prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may be with you in your deliberations.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Smith Paterson*.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That this House express its sincere regret at the untimely death of *Arthur Ormiston Cochrane*, Esquire, member for the Electoral District of North Okanagan; and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Cochrane and the family of the late member the condolence and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

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

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1925, to March 31st, 1926.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1926.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.
Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Pensions Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1926.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended October 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Summary of Mining Operations for the Ten Months' Period January 1st to October 31st, 1926.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1925.

By the Hon. the Premier (on behalf of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended June 30th, 1926.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1925.

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended September 30th, 1926.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended September 30th, 1926.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1927.

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Monday, January 10th, 1927.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return pursuant to section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from the British Columbia Electric Power and Gas Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of declaring its status and powers, and of acquiring tramways, street-railways, and interurban railways on the Mainland of British Columbia and on Vancouver Island, and for other powers.

Mr. *Lyons* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating an agreement relating to the Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, and for other powers.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from the Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited, and the Yorkshire & Pacific Securities, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain arrangement between the petitioners, and for other powers.

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

Mr. *Odlum* (Vancouver City) moved, seconded by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* (Vancouver City),—

That the following humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

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

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

That there be added to the Select Standing Committees a Committee on Forestry, which said Committee shall have like and similar powers to the other Select Standing Committees of this House; and that such Committee shall consist of eleven members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn, McRae, Leary, Perry, Kergin, Odlum, M. Manson, Bruhn, Davie, Burde, and Walkem*.

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

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Report of the Public Schools for the School-year ended June 30th, 1926.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a petition from the Royal Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,” and for other powers.

Mr. *Neelands* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain by-laws, and for other powers.

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.

On the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, 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-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.27 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Right Hon. *Stanley M. Bruce*, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, addressed the members of the House.

Upon the conclusion of the address Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Duties of Agents in the Sale of Products of the Soil," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
January 12th, 1927.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Duties of Agents in the Sale of Products of the Soil," 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 the Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

Mr. *Odlum* presented a petition from Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and the Congregational College of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of the union and amalgamation of the petitioners, and for other powers.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Royal Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922," and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating an agreement relating to the Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, and for other powers.

From the British Columbia Electric Power and Gas Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of declaring its status and powers, and of acquiring tramways, street-railways, and interurban railways on the Mainland of British Columbia and on Vancouver Island, and for other powers.

From the Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited, and the Yorkshire & Pacific Securities, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating a certain arrangement between the petitioners, and for other powers.

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.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 10th instant, for the appointment of a Select Standing Committee on Forestry, and it was *Resolved*,—

That there be added to the Select Standing Committees a Committee on Forestry, which said Committee shall have like and similar powers to the other Select Standing Committees of this House; and that such Committee shall consist of eleven members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn*, *McRae*, *Leary*, *Perry*, *Kergin*, *Odlum*, *Burde*, *Walkem*, *Bruhn*, *M. Manson*, and *Lister*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of nine members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn*, *Bryan*, *Woodward*, *Odlum*, *Perry*, *Browne*, *Uphill*, *Lyons*, and *Bruhn*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of fourteen members, as follows: Messrs. *Rothwell*, *Wrinch*, *Colley*, *Woodward*, *Odlum*, *McPherson*, *Paterson*, *Harrison*, *Stoddart*, *Catherwood*, *Coventry*, *Lister*, *Jones*, and *Bruhn*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of twelve members, as follows: Messrs. *Kergin*, *Munn*, *Wrinch*, *Leary*, *McPherson*, *McRae*, *Harrison*, *Uphill*, *Schofield*, *Wallinger*, *Lister*, and *Bruhn*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of four members, as follows: Messrs. *Bryan*, *Rothwell*, *Neelands*, and *Hinchliffe*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of fifteen members, as follows: Messrs. *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Kergin*, *McPherson*, *Munn*, *Woodward*, *Leary*, *McRae*, *Colley*, *Stoddart*, *Burde*, *Pooley*, *Jones*, *W. A. McKenzie*, *Lyons*, and *Twigg*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of fifteen members, as follows: Messrs. *Paterson*, *Bryan*, *Colley*, *Rothwell*, *Perry*, *Wrinch*, *McPherson*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Burde*, *Walkem*, *Neelands*, *Catherwood*, *Peck*, *Hayward*, and *Wallinger*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of thirteen members, as follows: Messrs. *Perry*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Bryan*, *Kergin*, *Odlum*, *Leary*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Harrison*, *Creery*, *Browne*, *Hinchliffe*, *Davie*, and *M. Manson*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.03 p.m.

Thursday, January 13th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain by-laws, and for other powers.

From Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and the Congregational College of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of the union and amalgamation of the petitioners, and for other powers.

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.

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

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Department of Lands and the Capilano Timber Company, Limited, relative to any actual or proposed transfer of Crown timber lands to the said Company in addition to or in lieu of the holdings of the said Company in the Capilano District as at the 1st day of January, 1926.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* informed the House that there was no such correspondence.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Premier or other Minister of the Crown with any person or corporations dealing with any proposal for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

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

With the leave of the House, questions Nos. 9 and 11 standing in the names of Mr. *Coventry* and Mr. *Lyons*, respectively, on the Order Paper to-day, were *Ordered* to be dropped, the required information to be supplied privately.

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

1. Was one J. Carmichael employed in the Forest Service in the Lillooet Riding?
2. If so, in what position?
3. How long was he so employed?
4. When was he relieved of his duties and under what grounds?
5. Have any complaints been made against the said Carmichael charging failure to carry out his duties?
6. If so, what were the complaints and by whom were they made?
7. Was the said Carmichael a returned soldier?
8. Who has been appointed to the position and is the appointee a returned soldier?

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

"1. Yes; temporarily.

"2. Patrolman.

"3. Four months.

"4. Services ended automatically on September 17th, 1925.

"5. Under reorganization carried out, not considered advisable to re-employ.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Yes.

"8. C. Durban, who was 12 years of age when war started."

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

1. Have any licences for the sale of beer by the glass been granted in the Dewdney Electoral Riding?
2. If so, at what points?
3. Did the voters of the Dewdney Electoral Riding vote against the sale of beer by the glass at the plebiscite held in 1924?
4. If licences for the sale of beer by the glass have been issued for any portion of Dewdney Electoral District, did the voters in the particular polling division of Dewdney Riding vote in favour of the sale of beer by the glass or otherwise at the 1924 plebiscite?
5. Have the voters of any portion of the Dewdney Riding since the 1924 plebiscite voted in favour of the sale of beer by the glass by any subsequent referendum?
6. If so, what portions of the said riding and when was the referendum held?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. In Cities of Port Coquitlam and Port Moody.
- "3. See Gazette, 1924, page 3135.
- "4. Port Coquitlam: Yes, 202; No, 142. Port Moody: Yes, 142; No, 86.
- "5. No.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Did a fire occur on the right-of-way or near the right-of-way of the Nakusp & Sandon Railway in the neighbourhood of Summit Lake in July, 1925?
2. If so, how much timber was destroyed by the said fire?
3. How did the said fire start?
4. At what date was the fire reported to the Forest Branch?
5. What was the cost of fighting the said fire?
6. Have any moneys been received by the Forestry Department in compensation therefor?
7. If yes, from whom?
8. Has an account of the expense or any portion of the expense been sent in to any persons or corporations?
9. If so, to whom?
10. Have they been paid?
11. If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No detailed cruise made. Roughly estimated at 100,000,000 board-feet.
- "3. Unknown; presumed to be spark from locomotive.
- "4. July 15th, 1925.
- "5. \$11,043.02 cost to Forest Branch.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Canadian Pacific Railway Company.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Canadian Pacific Railway.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. Answered by No. 10."

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

1. Was Pulp Licence NS440 on Queen Charlotte Islands sold to the Powell River Company? If so, on what date?
2. What was the price paid for such timber licence?
3. On what date did the advertisement of such sale first appear? In what newspapers?
4. Did such advertisement state the area of such licence?
5. Did such advertisement give any information as to the amount of timber to be sold or that was offered for sale?
6. Did the advertisement announce the upset price of the different kinds of timber in the said licence?

7. How much money was spent on advertising the sale?
8. What were the upset prices for each kind of timber?
9. What terms of payment were provided for?
10. How much cash was paid?
11. How many tenders were received and from whom? What were the prices?
12. What is the estimated quantity of the timber contained within the boundaries of said licence?
13. What is the acreage?
14. Were there any negotiations by any person or persons or corporation for the said licence prior to its being advertised?
15. If so, by whom?
16. Did the Powell River Company cruise the said licence before making a tender? If so, when? How long were their cruisers engaged thereon?
17. Did George H. McKinnon, a timber-cruiser, protest in writing to the Minister of Lands against such sale being made at this time of the year when communication with Graham Island is difficult and the season is not propitious for examining timber?
18. Did any other person or persons make a protest to the Minister of Lands?
19. Did any person or corporation make request for time to inspect said timber with a view of making a bid to purchase this timber? If so, when, and who were the parties? Was extra time granted? If not, why not?
20. What amount of money is the timber valued at?
21. What are the average prices in the Province paid for timber of this grade and kind per thousand feet on the stump?
22. Why were tenders called for at this period of the year?
23. What facilities are provided for passengers to reach the Queen Charlotte Islands in the winter-time?
24. How often do the regular steamers run in the winter-time?
25. Is this timber licence easily accessible for inspection in the winter months?
26. What length of time was required and taken by the Government cruisers to cruise this body of timber, and during what period of the year was this carried out?
27. Does the contract providing for the sale of this timber contain any provisions requiring this timber to be cut in any stated period? If so, what?
28. Are the purchasers required to erect any mill on or near the licence? If so, what are the requirements?

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

- "1. Yes; on January 4th, 1927.
- "2. Spruce, 75 cents per M.; other species, 50 cents per M. Plus royalty, annual rental fees, and forest-protection tax as provided by Statute.
- "3. Sale advertised in *Prince Rupert News*, *Vancouver Star*, and *Vancouver Evening Sun*. First appeared November 1st in *Prince Rupert News*. Also advertised in *B.C. Gazette*.
- "4. No.
- "5. No.
- "6. No.
- "7. Accounts from newspapers not all received.
- "8. Spruce, 75 cents per M.; hemlock, 50 cents per M.; cedar, 50 cents per M.; yellow cedar, 50 cents per M.; white pine, 50 cents per M.
- "9. Stumpage and royalty to be paid as timber is cut and scaled and upon receipt of account.
- "10. \$95,608.14.
- "11. One; Powell River Company. Prices received answered by No. 2.
- "12. 1,168,544,000 feet B.M.
- "13. 60,116 acres, subject to readjustment upon survey.
- "14. Yes.
- "15. Powell River Company.
- "16. Yes; between June 15th and September 15th, 1926.
- "17. Yes. Communication not difficult. Canadian Government Merchant Marine maintains regular weekly schedule. Logging operations conducted on island throughout the winter and supplied through regular transportation facilities. With detailed information available in

Department, only limited field checking necessary by interested parties. Department's Rangers doing cruising-work daily at this period of the year.

"18. Yes. The Lumber Products Company, of Los Angeles, California, and Ladner & Cantelon, solicitors, Vancouver, on behalf of the Lumber Products Company, of Los Angeles, California. Coincident with the representations made by Messrs. Ladner & Cantelon, Mr. R. H. Peoley also made representations to the Hon. the Prime Minister.

"19. Yes. The Lumber Products Company, of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. Leon Ladner on behalf of said company, immediately prior to the sale. The Los Angeles Company had carried on operations at Masset Inlet of an unsatisfactory character. Their operations consisted of the very minimum of manufacture to permit export. Product was then shipped to Los Angeles to be further manufactured there. This company is not operating at the present time and is not the owner of the licences at Masset Inlet, but acquired cutting rights from the licence-holder. The Lumber Products Company was advised that if they would erect a pulp and paper plant in connection with the existing licences, which it is understood approximate over two billion feet, such additional Government timber as might be available and required to supplement the present supply up to capacity of proposed unit would be rendered available under the terms of the 'Forest Act.'

"20. \$694,312.50 plus royalty.

"21. No other sales comparable. Sales for ordinary logging are readily accessible for immediate operation, and contract requires cutting in from one to five years. Pulp-licence sales are for thirty years, and the contract requires utilization of smaller and lower-grade material. Pulp-sales made to Whalen Pulp and Paper Company, under tender in 1914, averaged following prices: Hemlock and balsam, 25 cents per M.; spruce, 60 cents per M.; other species, 91 cents per M. These sales were, however, on the lower coast, mostly water-front claims, and with transportation charges \$2 to \$3.50 per M. feet less than from the Queen Charlottes, and in addition X8440 requires 25 miles of main-line railway to develop the timber.

"22. Because cruising and investigation of the tract had been completed. Period of the year was not a factor.

"23. See time-table.

"24. See time-table.

"25. Yes.

"26. June 15th to September 15th, 1926; done jointly with the Powell River Company.

"27. Yes; thirty years.

"28. They have already erected a plant in compliance with the Statutes and of capacity greater than required for this timber."

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

1. Was one A. E. Farey, of Lillooet, employed in the Forestry Department?
2. If so, covering what period?
3. What were his duties?
4. Have any complaints been filed against him?
5. If so, by whom and of what nature?
6. Is the said A. E. Farey still in the employ of the Forestry Department?
7. If not, why not; and when was he discharged?
8. Do the departmental records show whether the said A. E. Farey was a returned man or not?
9. Is he a returned man?

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

"1. Yes; temporarily.

"2. Summer months, 1923-24-25.

"3. Patrolman.

"4. Under reorganization carried out, not considered advisable to re-employ.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. Services ended automatically on September 18th, 1925.

"8. Yes.

"9. Yes."

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

1. Was one J. H. Templeman in the employ of the Forestry Department in and about the Chilcotin District?
2. Was the same J. H. Templeman officer in charge of grazing and range development in the same district?
3. Is the said J. H. Templeman still in the employ of the Government in either capacity?
4. If not, when were his services dispensed with?
5. What was the reason therefor?
6. At whose request was the said J. H. Templeman discharged, if he was discharged?
7. Who now occupies either of the said positions?
8. Have any complaints been filed against the said J. H. Templeman in either of the said capacities?
9. If so, by whom?

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

- "1. Yes; in temporary capacity.
- "2. Was Assistant Ranger and Acting-Ranger.
- "3. No.
- "4. April 30th, 1926.
- "5. Rearrangement of staff considered necessary.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. D. B. Melville, a returned soldier.
- "8. Much discontent in district and considered advisable to reorganize.
- "9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. How many lots have been sold on the University lands subdivision?
2. To whom have such lots been sold, and at what prices and on what terms were such sales made?
3. What amounts have been expended in permanent improvements on the University lands subdivision?
4. What expenses have been incurred in making sales of lots in such subdivision?
5. Was an agreement entered into with certain persons for the sale of a portion of the University lands for a cemetery?
6. Was such agreement later cancelled?
7. Was any sum of money paid by the Department of Lands or by the Government of British Columbia to any person, persons, or corporation in settlement of claims arising out of the cancellation of such agreement?
8. If any money was paid, to whom was it paid?
9. Has the Department of Lands or the Government agreed to pay any money in settlement of claims arising out of the cancellation of such agreement? If so, to whom?
10. Are there any claims against the Department of Lands or the Government arising out of such cancellation of an agreement? If so, what are they?

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

- "1. Thirty-six lots sold and twenty-one lots leased.
- "2. To various persons at prices ranging from \$865 to \$3,895 per lot, in accordance with published price-list, at terms of either cash in full or one-quarter cash and the balance in one, two, and three years with interest at 6 per cent. for lots sold. Terms of leases ninety-nine years at rental of 6 per cent. on published sale price.
- "3. To December 31st, 1926, \$961,385.89.
- "4. To December 31st, 1926, there has been expended on advertising the project generally \$3,662.25. Commissions paid, \$4,050.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. G. A. McLoney, through his attorney, W. S. West.
- "9. Answered by Nos. 7 and 8.
- "10. No."

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

1. Has an export warehouse licence been issued to the Manitoba Refineries, Limited?
2. If so, when?
3. At whose request was this issued?
4. What was the reason ascribed for granting the said licence?
5. What other liquor warehouse licences have been granted during the past two years, and to whom, and when?

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

"1. See Annual Report of Liquor Control Board, 1925-26, page O 17. An application for consent to the issuing of a Customs bonded warehouse licence by the Federal Department of Customs was made to the Attorney-General of British Columbia and refused.

"2. March 31st, 1926.

"3. Manitoba Refiners of British Columbia, Limited.

"4. See 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924,' chap. 146, sec. 63.

"5. See Fourth and Fifth Annual Reports of the Liquor Control Board. In addition to those reported in said Annual Reports, North American Importers, Limited, June 22nd, 1926."

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

1. Was one W. W. Boyd employed in the Forest Service in the Lillooet Riding?
2. If so, in what position?
3. How long was he so employed?
4. When was he relieved of his duties and under what grounds?
5. Have any complaints been made against the said Boyd charging failure to carry out his duties?
6. If so, what were the complaints and by whom were they made?
7. Was the said Boyd a returned soldier?
8. Who has been appointed to the position and is the appointee a returned soldier?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Forest Guard and Ranger.

"3. Summer work, 1913-14-15, and April 16th, 1920, to April 30th, 1926, inclusive.

"4. April 30th, 1926. Reorganization considered necessary.

"5. Much discontent in district and considered advisable to reorganize.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Yes.

"S. C. E. Robertson, who was 15 years of age when war started; now married man with four children."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.38 p.m.

Friday, January 14th, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Harrison*, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Tug-boat Men's Liens for Towage" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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 6.20 p.m.

Monday, January 17th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to an Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return relating to the question of transfer of Crown timber lands and the Capilano Timber Company, Limited.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented the following petitions:—

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

From the Christian Brothers of Ireland, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating the petitioners and other persons, and for other powers.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented a Return of moneys received and paid by the Official Administrator required by section 53 of the "Administration Act."

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.

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

Mr. *Bryan* presented a petition from the First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of giving it the necessary power to construct a bridge across the First Narrows at Burrard Inlet, and for other powers.

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

Whereas the "Mothers' Pensions Act" as at present constituted and administered has certain undesirable effects upon citizens who may be potential beneficiaries under the said Act, and particularly in that it tends to discourage thrift, economy, and providence for the future:

And whereas, in the interests of the Province, this Legislature should make every effort to reduce to a minimum the aforesaid undesirable effects:

And whereas the extension on sound lines of the benefits of the said Act would be in the interest of the Province generally:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to examine the provisions of the "Mothers' Pensions Act," and the regulations made thereunder, and to inquire generally into the administration thereof, and to report to this House its findings in regard thereto, and to recommend to this Legislature such action as to the said Committee may appear advisable, in order to secure the extension of the benefits of the "Mothers' Pensions Act," and the reduction to a minimum of its present undesirable effects; and that the Committee to be appointed hereunder have power to summon and examine witnesses, and to call for the production of books, papers, and records.

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

That all the words of the preamble of the said Resolution, and the first three words of the Resolution, and the words "in order to secure the extension of the benefits of the 'Mothers' Pensions Act' and the reduction to a minimum of its present undesirable effects" be struck out.

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return in answer to question No. 2 standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Was one F. Christy employed in the Forest Service in the Lillooet Riding?
2. If so, in what position?
3. How long was he so employed?
4. When was he relieved of his duties and under what grounds?
5. Have any complaints been made against the said Christy charging failure to carry out his duties?
6. If so, what were the complaints and by whom were they made?
7. Was the said Christy a returned soldier?
8. Who has been appointed to the position and is the appointee a returned soldier?

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

- "1. Yes; temporarily.
- "2. Assistant Ranger.
- "3. Four seasonal periods.
- "4. Duties terminated automatically on October 31st each season.
- "5. Under reorganization carried out, not considered advisable to re-employ.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. R. Webster, who tried to enlist in both Canada and England and was rejected owing to an arm-injury. Worked on munitions overseas."

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

1. Has any work been carried out on the Duncan Court-house at Duncan? If so, what was the nature of the work?
2. Were tenders called for the work?
3. Who tendered, and what was the amount of the tender in each case?
4. Who was awarded the contract?
5. If there were any tenders called for and if the lowest tenderer did not get the work, what was the reason therefor?

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

"1. General repairs, including extra accommodation for the Provincial Police, a private office for the Government Agent, and improvements, including new vault for Agency General Office, with new entrance to Court-house and sanitary conveniences.

"2. Yes.

"3. Turley Bros.: Police addition, \$6,032.95; Agency, \$2,575.55; repairs, \$927.50. J. M. Campbell: Police addition, \$8,826; Agency, \$401.50; repairs, \$522.50. Kerley Bros., lump sum only, \$11,162.25.

"4. J. M. Campbell.

"5. Having regard to small difference in tenders, contract awarded to local contractor employing local labour. This matter discussed with local member."

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

1. What is the percentage of employment of Orientals in the major industries of the Province for the years 1900 to 1926 respectively?
2. What is the proportion of Chinese and Japanese for the corresponding period?

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

"1. No information prior to establishment of Department of Labour in 1918.

"*Lumbering*.—1918, 39.68 per cent.; 1919, 40.71 per cent.; 1920, 30.10 per cent.; 1921, 27.15 per cent.; 1922, 25.63 per cent.; 1923, 22.34 per cent.; 1924, 21.78 per cent.; 1925, 20.46 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"*Mining*.—1918, 14.52 per cent.; 1919, 15.62 per cent.; 1920, 11.55 per cent.; 1921, 15.46 per cent.; 1922, 8.56 per cent.; 1923, 8.04 per cent.; 1924, 6.73 per cent.; 1925, 6.18 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"*Fishing*.—1918, no information; 1919, 24.09 per cent.; 1920, 27.79 per cent.; 1921, 32.56 per cent.; 1922, 30.58 per cent.; 1923, 35.48 per cent.; 1924, 31.65 per cent.; 1925, 37.29 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"2. *Lumbering*.—Chinese: 1918, 24.18 per cent.; 1919, 25.47 per cent.; 1920, 18.16 per cent.; 1921, 15.49 per cent.; 1922, 14.46 per cent.; 1923, 12.68 per cent.; 1924, 11.40 per cent.; 1925, 11.06 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Hindus: 1918, 3.41 per cent.; 1919, 4.76 per cent.; 1920, 3.38 per cent.; 1921, 3.19 per cent.; 1922, 3.61 per cent.; 1923, 2.79 per cent.; 1924, 3.47 per cent.; 1925, 2.42 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Japanese: 1918, 12.09 per cent.; 1919, 10.48 per cent.; 1920, 8.56 per cent.; 1921, 8.47 per cent.; 1922, 7.56 per cent.; 1923, 6.87 per cent.; 1924, 6.91 per cent.; 1925, 6.98 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"*Mining*.—Chinese: 1918, 12.05 per cent.; 1919, 12.49 per cent.; 1920, 10.21 per cent.; 1921, 11.44 per cent.; 1922, 7.63 per cent.; 1923, 5.66 per cent.; 1924, 5.56 per cent.; 1925, 5 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Hindus: 1923, 0.54 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Japanese: 1918, 2.47 per cent.; 1919, 3.13 per cent.; 1920, 1.34 per cent.; 1921, 4.02 per cent.; 1922, 1.02 per cent.; 1923, 1.84 per cent.; 1924, 1.17 per cent.; 1925, 1.18 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"*Fishing*.—Chinese: 1918, no information; 1919, 16.18 per cent.; 1920, 22.41 per cent.; 1921, 12.35 per cent.; 1922, 12.29 per cent.; 1923, 15.35 per cent.; 1924, 14.98 per cent.; 1925, 22.33 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Hindus: 1918, no information; 1922, 0.41 per cent.; 1923, 0.48 per cent.; 1924, 1.35 per cent.; 1925, 0.18 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available. Japanese: 1918, no information; 1919, 7.84 per cent.; 1920, 4.65 per cent.; 1921, 19.71 per cent.; 1922, 19.60 per cent.; 1923, 17.86 per cent.; 1924, 15.42 per cent.; 1925, 14.78 per cent.; 1926, figures not yet available.

"No information in Department concerning agriculture."

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

1. What is the total amount contributed and paid to the Province of British Columbia by the Dominion Government under the "Canada Highway Act, 1919"?
2. What is the amount spent each fiscal year in each of the electoral districts?
3. On what roads has this money been spent, giving the names, amounts, nature of construction, and mileage constructed?

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

"1. \$1,251,955.

"2. This amount was credited to 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1919,' section 7 (a), and 'Highway Loan Act, 1920,' and is included in expenditures under said loans as shown in Public Works Reports, 1919-20, 1920-21, 1921-22, and 1922-23. See also Annual Report, Commissioner of Highways, Dominion of Canada, 1923-24, page 23.

"3. See answer to question 2."

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

1. Were tenders called for a boarding-house and cottage at Tranquille?
2. How many tenders were received and who were the bidders with their respective bids?
3. To whom was contract awarded?
4. Is the work completed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Boarding-house, six tenders: H. J. Davies, \$20,965; Thos. Carson, \$21,000; Interior Construction Company, \$21,449.50; Kamloops Construction Company, \$21,896; E. H. Shockley, \$22,200; Rodger & Purdy, \$23,450. Cottage, six tenders: Thos. Carson, \$3,500; H. J. Davies, \$4,290; Rodger & Purdy, \$4,547; Kamloops Construction Company, \$4,565; Interior Construction Company, \$4,793.40; E. H. Shockley, \$5,277.

"3. Boarding-house, H. J. Davies, \$20,965; cottage, Thos. Carson, \$3,500. Before tenders were opened Thos. Carson phoned that unless he secured both contracts he would not wish to take the cottage as his figures were based on doing both together. He was formally advised

that his tender for cottage was accepted and replied that he wished to be relieved. The tender of next lowest tenderer was therefore duly accepted—namely, H. J. Davies, \$4,290.

"4. Boarding-house completed; cottage completed December 4th, 1926, except portion of painting. Final report not received."

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

1. Were tenders called for gravelling the portions of the Cariboo Road, Fraser Canyon, under the contracts of A. B. Palmer & Co. and W. P. Tierney Co.?

2. If so, when?

3. How were they called?

4. In what papers did the notices appear and for what period?

5. If tenders were not called for, what is the reason ascribed?

6. Who carried out the work?

7. What was the cost of this work?

8. Is the work finished?

9. If tenders were called for, who tendered?

10. What were the amounts?

11. Who got the contract?

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

"1. No. Work urgently required to open road for traffic and contractors being on ground the sub-grade was required to be completed by contractor under terms of original contract. Gravelling required to be carried out simultaneously with this operation.

"2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1.

"6. A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., Vancouver.

"7. \$63,471.05.

"8. Yes.

"9 and 10. Answered by No. 1.

"11. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Were tenders called for Athalmer School building?

2. Who tendered and what is the amount of each bid?

3. Who got contract and at what price?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. F. P. Rogers, \$8,795; R. Kerr, \$10,906; J. Henderson, \$12,076; G. Leask, \$14,800. The lowest tenderer, F. P. Rogers, wrote to the Department before tenders had been accepted that he had made an error in his figures of \$823, and asked permission to withdraw his tender, but as the revised figure, \$8,795 plus \$823, total \$9,618, was still the lowest tender, he was awarded the contract with the approval of the School Board.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Were tenders called for the building of a new ferry-boat to operate between Ladner and Woodward's Landing?

2. If so, what is the date on which the notice appeared in the British Columbia Gazette?

3. On what date were tenders supposed to be received?

4. Who tendered thereon?

5. What were the amounts of the various tenders?

6. Who obtained the contract and at what figure?

7. What was the date on which the successful tender was accepted?

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

"1. Tenders called for timber hull.

"2. February 11th, 1926.

"3. February 22nd, 1926.

"4. Westminster Marine Railway Company, Ltd., \$12,475; Edward Mercer, of Star Ship Yard Company, \$14,049.19.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Edward Mercer, of Star Ship Yard Company, \$14,049.19, upon the recommendation of the Consulting Naval Architect, who advised that the Westminster Marine Railway Company were not prepared to comply with the full provisions of the contract, which stipulated that hull must be built under a proper shed.

"7. February 25th, 1926."

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

1. What is the total construction cost, including accrued interest and maintenance expenditure, of the Sumas Drainage and Dyking Scheme up to the end of last financial year?
2. What is the construction cost?
3. What is the amount of the maintenance expenditure?
4. What is the debt charged against each acre of land in the classifications from (a) to (k) respectively?
5. How is the maintenance part of the levy arrived at?

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

"1. \$3,716,277.85 as at March 10th, 1926, date of turn-over from Land Settlement Board to Bruce Dixon, Inspector of Dykes, New Westminster.

"2. \$2,864,661.87 as at above date.

"3. \$134,324.42 for 1923-24-25 and up to March 10th, 1926.

"4. (a) \$171.06 (no privately owned lands in classification (a)); (b) \$153.96; (c) \$136.85; (d) \$119.74; (e) \$76.98; (f) \$61.58; (g) \$41.05; (h) \$25.66; (i) \$15.39; (j) \$10.26; (k) \$5.99.

"5. In the levy referred to the rate was struck on November 15th. All ordinary maintenance expenditures from January 1st, 1926, to November 1st were included in this levy, together with a liberal estimate of requirements for the remaining two months of the year. The levy was made against all the lands in the district.

"(Re questions Nos. 4 and 5, information supplied by Bruce Dixon, New Westminster, the present Commissioner for Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.)"

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

1. Has the Department purchased a large quantity of drain-tiles for use in the relaying of the lawns at the Parliament Buildings?
2. If yes, from whom have they been ordered and at what prices?
3. What quantity has been ordered?
4. Were tenders called therefor? If not, why not?
5. If yes, from whom were tenders received?
6. What were the prices submitted?
7. Was the contract granted to the lowest tenderer? If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes. Clay tiles.

"2. Evans, Coleman & Evans, Victoria—4-inch drain-tiles, 4 cents; 6-inch drain-tiles, 6½ cents; total, \$252.

"3. 5,000 feet of 4-inch; 800 feet of 6-inch.

"4. No. The Baker Brick & Tile Company only manufacturer of clay tile in vicinity of Victoria. Purchases from Evans, Coleman & Evans at manufacturer's price, they being selling agents of the maker.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Answered by No. 2.

"7. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Were tenders called for the Tilton Creek Division of the Cariboo Road, Fraser Canyon route?
2. How many tenders received, names of bidders, with approximate total of each bid?
3. To whom was contract awarded?
4. What did the work cost and when completed?

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

"1. This diversion included in section proposed originally to be carried out by day-labour, but as contractor submitted a bid lower than departmental estimate it was deemed in public interest to accept bid.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Raymond Leighton.

"4. \$31,939.30. Completed January, 1926."

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

1. What mileage of road-work was done by sub-contract or by sectionmen under the contract to Cotton Company, Limited, in the Mount Olie vicinity in 1922?

2. What unit rates were paid by Cotton Company, Limited, to sub-contractors or sectionmen?

3. What are the names of the sub-contractors or sectionmen, with the estimated quantities paid them by Cotton Company, Limited, in each case?

4. Did the Minister of Public Works give consent in writing to these sub-contracts as required by the contract?

5. Did the Government receive payment for the plant rented to Cotton Company, Limited? If so, what amount and on what date?

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

"1. No recognized sub-contracts let.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. This matter still in course of adjustment with Cotton Company, Limited."

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

1. Did the Department of Industries dispose of the Sidney Brick & Tile Company's plant at Sidney Island?

2. If yes, to what concern was the plant sold?

3. Under what terms has the sale been effected?

4. If the plant was sold to individuals, what are their names?

5. On what date was the agreement covering the sale?

6. Since the date of the aforesaid agreement, have any disbursements been made by or on behalf of the Department of Industries?

7. If so, when and to whom?

8. What payments have been received by the Department of Industries on account of the purchase to the present date?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Peerless Brick & Tile Company, Ltd.

"3. Purchase price, \$46,519.87; payable, \$2,500 on November 27th, 1926, \$2,500 on May 27th, 1927, \$5,519.87 on May 27th, 1928, and \$6,000 on May 27th in each succeeding year until the full sum of \$46,519.87 shall have been paid and fully discharged, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

"4. Sold to limited company.

"5. May 27th, 1926.

"6. Yes.

"7. Plant suffered loss by fire, August 18th, 1926. Since that date Department disbursed moneys protecting insurance cover and rebuilding and reconditioning the plant as follows:—

"September 13th. Peerless Brick & Tile Company, to wages.

"September 30th. Peerless Brick & Tile Company, to wages.

"October 14th. Imperial Bank of Canada, advance *re* wages.

"October 26th. Imperial Bank of Canada, advance *re* following accounts: Dominion Government, telephone rental; G. A. Shave, belting; Brethour & Shade, freight service; Pacific Sheet Metal Company; Copeland & Wright, gas; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company; D. Atkinson; A. W. Hollands, butcher; Sidney Bakery; Sidney Service Station; Campbell's Storage & Transfer; E. G. Prior & Company, Ltd.; Ramsay Machine Works; Hafer Machine Works; Marine Iron Works; Sidney Trading Company; G. B. Murdie & Company; National Machinery

Company; Sidney Mills, Ltd.; expenses, Vancouver Superintendent and H. C. H., attending sale of belting in Vancouver and inspecting machinery, etc.; telephone, long distance.

"October 26th. Workmen's Compensation Board Account, October 20th, 1926.

"November 3rd. Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.

"November 5th. Imperial Bank of Canada, to advance *re* the following accounts: Marine Products, Ltd., belting; Sidney Leather Store; Victoria Repair Works; Marine Iron Works; G. B. Murdie Company Engineering Works; Sidney Mills, Ltd.; E. G. Prior & Company, Ltd.; Evans, Coleman & Evans; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company; Sidney Trading Company; A. W. Hollands, butcher; Parker's Garage; Brethour & Shade; Bazan Bay Cash Store; Heals, towing; Sidney Service Station; H. C. Walker; Sidney Bakery; Copeland & Wright.

"November 5th. Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.

"November 30th. Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.

"December 7th. Imperial Bank of Canada, to advance *re* the following accounts: G. B. Murdie Company; Speedie; rent; Copeland & Wright; McDonald & Nicoll; Dominion Government Telephone; Marine Iron Works; A. W. Hollands, butcher; Sidney Trading Company; Sidney Service Station; Ivel's Pharmacy; Hafer Machine Works; Fairbanks-Morse Company; National Machinery Company; Diggon's; Wilsons, Ltd.; Sidney Bakery; D. Atkinson; Evans, Coleman & Evans; Sidney Mills, Ltd.; Lemon-Gonnason, Ltd.; E. G. Prior & Company, Ltd.

"December 16th. Arthur Coles, insurance.

"January 7th. Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.

"S. \$3,985.25."

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

1. What is the total amount of income and personal-property taxes uncollected up to December 31st, 1926?

2. What are the total amounts written off as non-collectable during each of the years 1924, 1925, and 1926?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. \$1,056,805.83.

"2. 1924, \$2,249.02; 1925, \$62,270.85; 1926, \$97,815.27."

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

1. Were tenders called for trusses and floor system, Alexandria Bridge, Cariboo Road, Fraser Canyon?

2. How many tenders received, with names of bidders and approximate total each tender?

3. Who was awarded the contract?

4. What is the total cost of the work?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Two. J. Coughlan & Sons, 249,000 lb. at 6.7 cents, \$16,683; Ross & Howard, 249,000 lb. at 6.5 cents, \$16,185.

"3. The contract was awarded to J. Coughlan & Sons, this firm being in the best position to carry out the work, which was completed at cost of \$16,615.20.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a petition from the Lions' Gate Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of empowering the Company to erect a toll-bridge across the First Narrows or Lions' Gate of Burrard Inlet, and for other purposes.

The following petitions were received:—

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

From the Christian Brothers of Ireland, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating the petitioners and other persons, and for other powers.

From the First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of giving it the necessary power to construct a bridge across the First Narrows at Burrard Inlet, and for other powers.

The Hon. the Premier presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1926.

The Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1926.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 18th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petitions.

No. 1—British Columbia Electric Power and Gas Company, Limited.

No. 2—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

No. 3—The Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited, and Yorkshire & Pacific Securities, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 18th, 1927.

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 petitions have not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of petition, Bill, and notices were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

No. 4—Petition of The Royal Trust Company.

No. 5—Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and The Congregational College of British Columbia.

No. 6—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bills without payment of double fees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 18th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time-limit for presenting petitions be extended to January 20th; for receiving petitions to January 24th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders:—

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Electric Power & Gas Company, Limited."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting The Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited."

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Lyons*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to acquire the Assets and Undertakings of the Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, and repealing an Act entitled 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of October, 1912.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Odium*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate 'Union College of British Columbia.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Neelands*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver."

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.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 18th, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite," 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 Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 18th, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Department 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. Mr. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 18th, 1927.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry 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.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Tug-boat Men's Liens for Towage" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented the Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

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

Please give the names of the officials and employees of the Game Conservation Board, indicating in each case the office or position held, the salary paid, and the length of service under the Board.

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

"Name, F. R. Butler; position, secretary; salary, *nil*; length of service, 6 years 3 months. Name, Miss E. M. Mills; position, stenographer; salary, \$75 per month; length of service, approximately 3 years."

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

1. How many Dyking Commissioners are there representing the West Nicomen Dyking District?
2. Who are the present Commissioners?
3. When and where were they appointed or elected?

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

"1, 2, and 3. As a result of a petition, dated January 22nd, 1918, to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by the property-owners of West Nicomen Dyking District, the Land Settlement Board was appointed by Order in Council, dated April 2nd, 1918, to fill the vacancy created by the resignations of the former Commissioners for the West Nicomen Dyking District. The Land Settlement Board as constituted at the present time consists of one member only—namely, W. S. Latta."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.48 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE.

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

January 19th, 1927.

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 provide for Old-age Pensions," 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 following petition was received:—

From the Lions' Gate Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of empowering the Company to erect a toll-bridge across the First Narrows or Lions' Gate of Burrard Inlet, and for other purposes.

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.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to provide for the Protection of Employees in certain Industrial Occupations.”

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Colley*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vital Statistics Act.’”

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Railway Department Act.’”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Co-operative Associations Act.’”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting Tug-boat Men’s Liens for Towage” was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 19th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 7—M. J. Lannon, J. G. Colmen, *et al.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 19th, 1927.

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 petitions have not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of the petition, Bill, and notices were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

No. 8—Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

No. 9—The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited.

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bills without payment of double fees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders:—

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Christian Brothers of Ireland.”

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

On the motion of Mr. *Bryan*—Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act granting Powers to The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited."

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

1. What is the total value of goods of all kinds imported from the United States of America by the Department of Education during the year ended December 31st, 1926?

2. What was the value of supplies so imported to be used in teaching the following named subjects, namely: Reading, history, geography, arithmetic and mathematics, writing, and also for writing material?

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

"1 and 2. Educational journals and periodicals for Education Office, Normal Schools, and Inspectors, \$192.67; supplies for Summer School, \$43.90; supplies for office of Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, \$14.50; supplies for office of Supervisor of Technical Education, \$48.24; intelligence tests and standardized tests for use of Normal Schools and Inspectors of Schools, \$1,907.90; primary hand-work material for use in Normal Schools, \$350; books and other supplies used in teaching reading, history, geography, arithmetic, mathematics, writing and writing material in the Normal Schools and the School for the Deaf and the Blind, \$466.94. Suitable supplies of the kind purchased from the United States are not available in Canada. Intelligence tests, standardized tests, and primary hand-work material for Normal Schools not made in Canada."

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

1. Whether representatives of the Union Municipalities approached the Government with regard to legislation empowering municipalities and school districts to levy a tax on the lines of the income-tax on residents of that municipality or school district to be applied to the financing of schools?

2. If so, what satisfaction were they given?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Matter is under consideration."

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

1. What mileage of Yoho Park Road construction under contract to Fred J. Dawson in 1924 was sublet?

2. What are the names of the sub-contractors and the unit rates paid to them?

3. Did the Minister of Public Works give his consent in writing for these sub-contracts as required by the contract?

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

"1, 2, and 3. No recognized sub-contracts let."

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

1. Has any portion of the beach at White Rock, Surrey, been disposed of by the Dominion Government?

2. Was the consent of the Provincial Government requested?

3. Was such assent given?

4. What steps are being taken to preserve this and other beaches for the public benefit?

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

"1. Yes; some 4½ acres, prior to settlement of foreshore question between the Province and the Dominion.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. The whole question of foreshore in the Province is under review, with a view to definitely determining what foreshore should be permanently reserved for general use and what should be available for industrial development."

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

1. Did the Government, during the current year, replace certain sidewalks at Arrowhead?
2. What was the quantity of lumber used in said work?
3. Were tenders called for the said lumber?
4. If so, from whom?
5. If not, why not?
6. Who was the successful tenderer and at what price?
7. What was the quality of timber ordered?
8. When was the order supplied?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 28,336 feet.
- "3. As lumber was urgently required, quotations were obtained from the mill operating in that locality where prompt delivery could be assured. Price was considered reasonable.
- "4. White Pine Lumber Company, Ltd.
- "5. See answer to No. 3.
- "6. White Pine Lumber Company, Ltd., \$30 per thousand f.o.b. Arrowhead.
- "7. No. 1 fir.
- "8. Delivered about June 24th, 1926."

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

1. Has a report been made with reference to proposed construction of a road from Barkerville to Goat River on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway?
2. Who made such report (if any) and when?
3. What recommendations were made in said report (if any) as to the advisability of building such road?
4. How many snowslides were reported in this proposed road?
5. What was the estimated cost for snow-sheds on said road?
6. What was the estimated cost of said road?
7. What is the estimated cost of connecting the Cariboo Highway east from Prince George via McBride to the Alberta boundary?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Athol Stewart, Assistant Engineer, September 24th, 1913.
- "3. It was stated in report poor policy to spend money on this road until further settlement takes place.
- "4. Twenty-two.
- "5. \$30,000.
- "6. \$231,000, based on rough reconnaissance and is merely approximate; no allowance made for contingencies.
- "7. \$487,500, utilizing abandoned C.N.R. grade and including all bridges."

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

1. What was the actual cost of construction of the Eburne bridges built under contract by Nickson Construction Company and Hamilton Bridge Company?
2. Were any changes made during construction? If so, what were the changes and the cost thereof?
3. What were the amounts of the accepted tenders by these two firms?

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

"1. Nickson Construction Company, \$149,553.09; Hamilton Bridge Company, \$43,951.91; Columbia Bitulithic Company, paving of bridge proper \$9,438.30, paving of road approaches \$5,939.78; advertising, engineering, inspection, traffic regulation, and miscellaneous, \$12,757.08; total cost, \$221,640.16.

"2. No; though additional work was done, carrying foundations to a greater depth, etc., at contract unit prices, cost \$12,837.95; extras not included in contract, cost \$4,667.74; and 'piling delivered' referred to in 3, cost \$13,144.40.

"3. Nickson Construction Company's tender was on a unit basis and amounted to \$118,903, which figure did not include the cost of 'piling delivered' at a unit rate of 20 cents per lineal foot. Hamilton Bridge Company's tender was on a lump sum basis and amounted to \$42,830. Reasons for increased cost over lump sum are: Extras, floor-plates, light-standards, cabin walls, \$1,121.91."

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

1. At what periods during 1926 was the Island Highway between Victoria and Duncan closed?
2. If at such times traffic was diverted over the Mill Bay Ferry, thereby carrying enormously increased traffic over the Saanich roads?
3. If due to the introduction of the ferry the traffic over the Saanich roads has been greatly increased at all times?
4. If the slips of the Mill Bay Ferry were built at Government expense?
5. If the operations of the ferry were subsidized by the Government?
6. If the Municipality of Saanich has received any compensation or increased assistance in funds for road-building and road-repairing as a result of this increased traffic over their roads?

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

- "1. April 25th to May 14th (portion closed at a time while tarviating). December 16th to 24th (Malahat closed entire length owing to weather conditions).
- "2. The above periods do not constitute the 'peak' of traffic.
- "3. No census of traffic taken.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. No.
- "6. Yes; under the terms of Part III. of 'Highway Act' relating to 'classification and improvement of highways.'"

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

1. Were repairs carried out in the Court-house at Prince Rupert a short time ago?
2. If so, what was the nature thereof?
3. Who did the work?
4. How long did he take to complete the work?
5. What was the cost thereof?
6. Where was the person employed?
7. Where is his place of business?
8. Was he a resident of Prince Rupert?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Damp-proofing parapet, repairing plaster, and adding storm-sash to certain windows.
- "3. Local labour under the Department's regular foreman.
- "4. Seven weeks.
- "5. \$1,884.18.
- "6. In this instance, Prince Rupert.
- "7 and 8. The foreman's headquarters are in Victoria, but on special work may be sent to other localities."

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

1. On what dates were the various buildings at the Point Grey University completed?
2. On what dates were the respective buildings taken over?
3. Have any repairs been done to any of the said buildings since the respective dates on which they were taken over?
4. Were any of the buildings gone over with the cement-gun? If so, which building?
5. When was the work done?
6. Who did it?
7. What was the cause of it?
8. Why was it necessary to do this work?
9. Were tenders called for it?

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

"1. See No. 2.

"2. Library, September 16th, 1925; Administration and Agriculture, March 7th, 1925; Arts, April 7th, 1925; Auditorium, May 8th, 1925; Applied Science, September 11th, 1925; Engineering, July 23rd, 1925; Forest Products Laboratory, June 22nd, 1925; Science Building, October 31st, 1925; Power-house, September 4th, 1925.

"3. No. Only what is covered by maintenance clause in contract.

"4. No.

"5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. See No. 4."

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

1. What is the total cost of surveying the Cariboo Road, Fraser Canyon, up to the time construction started?

2. What is the cost of engineering to December 31st, 1926, on the Cariboo Road, Fraser Canyon, since commencement of construction-work?

3. What is the total cost to December 31st 1926, on this new route to the Interior known as the Cariboo Road, through the Fraser Canyon?

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

"1. \$19,382.63.

"2. Total engineering	\$ 113,323 80
Less preliminary survey expenditure, Lytton-Spences Bridge Section	9,499 94

Total engineering costs of constructed section (= 5.84 per cent. of total cost of work exclusive of engineering).....	\$ 103,823 86
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"3. Total expenditure, Hope-Lytton	\$1,889,416 12
Less engineering costs, including Lytton-Spences Bridge Section	113,323 80

Total cost of work exclusive of engineering	\$1,776,092 32"
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Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, January 20th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker *Buckham* delivered the following ruling relating to a notice of motion of Mr. *Browne* dealing with the matter of campaign funds:—

"Honourable Members:

"On Tuesday evening the honourable the member for Burnaby filed with the Clerk notice of a proposed resolution, and, as was my duty (*May*, 13th Edition, page 190), I took the notice of the proposed resolution into my consideration. I formed the opinion that the proposed resolution was not in order and last evening I so advised the honourable member, who now advises me that he is not disposed to accept my view.

"In order that I may have the benefit of the advice of the honourable members I have directed the Clerk to put the notice on the Order Paper for Monday next. The point of order may then be formally raised and debated."

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.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Departmental Inquiries," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 20th, 1927.

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 respecting Departmental Inquiries," 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* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 20th, 1927.

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 not been complied with, inasmuch as the copy of the petition, Bill, and notices were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session.

No. 10—The Lions' Gate Bridge Company, Limited.

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill without payment of double fees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to empower the Erection of a Toll-bridge across the First Narrows, or Lions' Gate, of Burrard Inlet" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, seconded by Mr. *Hayward*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (1) The names of the members of the Export Advisory Committee representing the manufacturers at the present time and the names of those who have been members since November 1st, 1925, but who are now no longer members thereof; (2) the same information as regards the loggers' representatives; (3) for the period from November 1st, 1925, to November 1st, 1926, inclusive, the names of those persons or corporations to whom leave was granted by said Committee to export logs, and in each case the amount exported, the port of destination, the classification of logs, and the dates;

(4) the names of those persons or corporations to whom permission to export was refused by said Committee during the period from November 1st, 1925, to November 1st, 1926, inclusive, giving dates of such refusals in each case.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Is Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., still employed by the Provincial Government in connection with the application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for revision of the railway rates and removal of discriminations against British Columbia?

2. If so, when was G. G. McGeer first employed?

3. (a.) What amounts of money have been paid to the said Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., for his professional services? (b.) How much money has been paid to him for expenses in each year? (c.) What amount of money is now owing to him for legal services and for expenses?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of Gerald G. McGeer, K.C.?

5. Is Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., employed on contract?

6. If yes, what are its terms?

7. What amount of money per diem is Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., charging the Provincial Government for his services?

8. What amount of money is allocated per diem for the expenses of Gerald G. McGeer, K.C.?

9. What amounts of money were paid to Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., or charged by him for his services and expenses for the months of September and October, 1926?

10. What amount of money is the Government committed to in respect of: (a) The services of Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., for the months of September and October, 1926; (b) the expenses of Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., for the months of September and October, 1926?

11. If the Government has no information respecting question No. 9, will the Hon. the Premier obtain such information and make answer to this question immediately?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Continuously since January 26th, 1921. See Journals, 1926, page 62.

"3. (a) and (b). See Public Accounts as follows: 1922-23, page A 75; 1923-24, page O 75; 1924-25, page O 68; 1925-26, page N 60; of which the following sums represent expenses and disbursements for postage, telegrams, telephones, printing, binding, etc.; maps, records, statistics and transcripts, expert assistance, advertising, travelling and miscellaneous expenses incurred incidental to the preparation and presentation of the freight-rates case, the express-rates case, and the Crow's Nest Pass rate case, between January 26th, 1921, and December 31st, 1925, the balance being solicitor's and counsel fees as allowed after taxation, and include all expenses incidental to Mr. McGeer's office and the office staff employed by him *re* freight rates: 1922-23, \$23,645.44; 1923-24, \$12,487.36; 1924-25, \$2,464.10; 1925-26, \$5,035.

"N.B.—The Province of Alberta contributed the sum of \$18,443.68 towards counsel fees and expenses. See page N 60, Public Accounts, 1925-26.

"(c.) Not known until account rendered and taxed.

"4. Not under advisement at present time.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Bills have been taxed by Department Taxing Officer and have been allowed at a somewhat lower rate than the regular tariff by reason of the extended nature of the work.

"8. *Nil*; being an uncertain amount and subject to production of vouchers covering transportation expenses, but a sum of \$10 per diem for subsistence has heretofore been allowed while away from home.

"9. No moneys have been paid to G. G. McGeer, K.C., for his services or expenses for the months of September and October, 1926, although in the course of his retainer it was necessary for him to proceed to Edmonton on October 26th, 1926, and do other incidental work for which account will be rendered in due course.

"10. (a) and (b). Amount not determinable until settlement of account covering these months.

"11. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. What is the annual rental which the Powell River Company is supposed to pay on Pulp Licence X8440?

2. What is the rate of royalty which they will be called upon to pay for every cord of timber cut on such licence?

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

"1. \$6,575.19, subject to adjustment on survey.

"2. Whatever the rates are at time of cutting. Under present Act timber used for pulp takes pulp royalty, while timber manufactured into lumber takes lumber royalty."

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

1. Did Major Clarke make an economical survey of the irrigation districts in the Okanagan during last summer?

2. If so, on which Department's authority?

3. Is the Hon. the Minister prepared to make a Return of a copy of the report of this survey to the House?

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

"1. Major Clarke gathered together a large amount of statistical data.

"2. Lands Department.

"3. Report will be made to House when completed."

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

1. Is one A. D. McFarlane, barrister, of Victoria, employed by the Department?

2. If not by the Department, has the Department any information showing whether said McFarlane is employed by the Commissioners in charge of the Sumas Dyking Project?

3. If so, in what capacity?

4. What are his duties?

5. What salary does he receive?

6. If not employed at a fixed salary, what remuneration has he received to date and covering what period?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes; employed until recently by the Commissioners, Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.

"3. In legal capacity.

"4. Employed on special work in connection with the following matters: Final settlement with the contractors, Marsh Construction Company; assessment roll; Court of Revision; appeals to Judge from Court of Revision; Sumas legislation; preparation of documents and securities as required by Act, and other matters.

"5. Not on salary.

"6. \$6,000, covering period of approximately eighteen months up to December 31st, 1926. This amount covers considerable disbursements as well as fees, but particulars are not in the possession of the Department."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.03 p.m.