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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Fourteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable J. A. MACDONALD, Administrator of the Province, dated the 23rd day of December, 1918,

His Honour Sir FRANK STILLMAN BARNARD, 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 Legislature:*

In greeting you at this the opening of the third Session of the Fourteenth Legislature of British Columbia, I give thanks to Almighty God that He hath granted victory to the arms of Great Britain and her Allies; that her enemies have been compelled to sue for peace; and that a conference of representatives of the Allied nations is now in session to determine the conditions of peace.

My Government recognizes and rejoices in the strength displayed by the British forces, and appreciates the valiant part taken in this war by His Majesty's subjects in the Dominion of Canada, taking modest but just pride in the achievements of the brave men from this Province, many of whom have earned and received tokens of their distinguished conduct.

My Government is not forgetful of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in order that freedom and justice might be secured and the right of self-determination established for all the nations of the earth. Their memories will be cherished by our people, and the principles for which they died, because of their sacrifice, shall be upheld by those who remain.

To those who have been spared and will return soon from overseas, I voice not only my own sentiment, but that of my Government and the people of British Columbia, when I assure them of a hearty welcome, feeling confident that they will resume their vocations with the same fortitude and courage displayed on the field of battle, uniting earnestly with those to whom they will be restored in efforts to re-establish the prosperity of the Province and develop its resources for the benefit of all.

Last summer my Government urged upon the Prime Minister of Canada the importance of summoning a conference, at which the several Provinces, as well as the Dominion, would be represented, for the discussion and co-ordination of plans for the re-establishment of returned and returning soldiers in civil life. As a result, representatives of the Dominion and all the

Provincial Governments met in Ottawa, following which certain plans were formulated in November last and assurances were given to the Federal Government that the hearty co-operation of the several Provinces would be accorded in carrying out the proposals agreed upon. Legislation to implement this pledge on the part of my Government will be placed before you.

A tract of land in the South Okanagan District has been purchased under the provisions of the "Soldiers' Settlement Act" for the benefit of returned soldiers, and you will be asked for appropriations to carry out development-work thereon.

A large area of Crown lands has been surveyed and reserved for the purpose of soldier settlement.

Provision also is being made to acquire homesites within or adjacent to cities, and moneys advanced by the Federal Government for housing purposes will be utilized to erect dwellings thereon. Legislation necessary for these purposes will be placed before you.

A Bill designed to encourage stock-breeding within the Province and providing for a comprehensive grazing policy will be laid before you for your consideration.

A measure will be introduced granting relief in respect of timber licence fees to those engaged in active naval or military service.

It affords me pleasure to advise you that during the past year agricultural production has increased and new industries have been established within the Province. Early in the year my Government took effective steps to place the timber resources of the Province at the convenient disposal of the Imperial authorities for war purposes. Extensive contracts for the building of ships for both British and foreign Governments have been entered into by ship-building firms.

My Government has been active in urging upon the Dominion Government the necessity of completing the contractual obligations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in respect of unfinished work in British Columbia. As a result of the representations made, the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway on Vancouver Island is progressing, and it is confidently expected that further construction in other parts of the Province will be proceeded with during the year.

Construction on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is proceeding satisfactorily, and it is the intention of my Government to prosecute vigorously further extensions during the coming season.

Notwithstanding the comparatively small appropriations for the purpose, the Department of Public Works has effected the necessary repairs to roads, trails, and bridges.

You will be asked to consider the advisability of voting an emergency appropriation for the purpose of providing employment during the coming year by carrying on development-work of a productive character.

I am pleased to advise you that the value of mineral production for the year 1918 shows a substantial increase over that of the previous year. The prospects for the coming year are encouraging. There has been a decline in the production of placer gold, but the output of lode gold has increased. It is expected that the year 1919 will show a marked increase in this class of mining. The production of coal has been very materially increased during the year, and there is a prospect that new coal areas will be developed.

Amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" will be placed before you for consideration.

Engineers appointed to investigate and encourage mining report a feeling of optimism and confidence among operators and prospectors throughout the Province.

A report dealing with the practicability of the electro-smelting of British Columbia iron ores will be laid before you.

It is proposed to submit for re-enactment the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1917."

My Government, through the Hon. the Minister of Education, has entered into an arrangement with other Western Provinces for the standardization of educational text-books.

Necessary amendments to the "Prohibition Act" will be laid before you.

Legislation disfranchising military deserters and other persons exempted from military service will be submitted.

A Bill to authorize the appointment of a Public Utilities Commission will be submitted for your consideration.

A Bill for the establishment of a Public Library Commission will be submitted.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of official school trustees for the better regulation of public schools in alien communities will be laid before you.

You will be asked to consider a Bill providing for the superannuation of Civil Servants. Amendments to the "Civil Service Act" will be submitted.

Protection from tax sales and for the further relief of returned soldiers is proposed.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you at an early date.

The Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

Gentlemen, in leaving you to your deliberations, I have confidence that the work you will undertake will be faithfully performed, and I pray the blessing of Providence upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Columbia.

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

*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.

*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 the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

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

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

*Francis William Henry Giolma*, elected to represent the Electoral District of Victoria City, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Dr. *McIntosh*, and took his seat.

*Richard John Burde*, elected to represent the Electoral District of Alberni, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Dr. *McIntosh*, and took his seat.

*Edward Dodsley Barrow*, elected to represent the Electoral District of Chilliwack, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, and took his seat.

The election returns of the result of the by-elections of Members to represent the Electoral Districts of Victoria City, Alberni, and Chilliwack were read, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals, and the same are as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

29th January, 1919.

"Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the deaths of the Members thereof for the Victoria City and Alberni Electoral Districts; and

"Whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused thereby, and for such purpose writs dated the 17th June, 1918, and the 24th December, 1918, respectively, were duly issued:

"Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that the electors have chosen the undermentioned as representatives in the Legislative Assembly of the Districts aforesaid, namely:—

VICTORIA CITY ..... Francis William Henry Giolma, of Victoria.  
ALBERNI ..... Richard John Burde, of Alberni.

" J. L. WHITE,

" Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

" PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
30th January, 1919.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance of office of the Member thereof for the Chilliwack Electoral District; and

"Whereas it was necessary to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused thereby, and for such purpose a writ dated the 25th day of April, 1918, was duly issued:

"Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that the electors have chosen *Edward Doddsley Barrow* as representative in the Legislative Assembly of the District aforesaid.

" J. L. WHITE,

" Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk 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 on Monday next.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*January 30th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—The Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1918

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—The Preliminary Review and Estimate of Mineral Production, 1918.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—A Return of transactions under section 6 of the "Aeroplane Spruce-cutting Act, 1918."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

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Monday, 3rd February, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *Hanes* rose and proposed to move, under Rule 33, as a matter of urgency and of great public importance, the following Resolution:—

Whereas D'Arcy Tate, a witness before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, did refuse to answer questions put to him by said Committee as to the amounts and names of persons, whether members of the then Legislature or not, to whom he paid part or all of the sum of \$500,000 and other amounts, for gifts, influence, political or campaign purposes, and who did not appear before this House to answer said questions, although a warrant of the Hon. the Speaker of this House was issued to summon said Tate before this House to answer said questions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Speaker do issue his warrant or a subpoena to said D'Arcy Tate to personally appear before the bar of the House forthwith to answer said questions and to answer for his said conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled that the motion did not disclose sufficient importance or urgency to allow the same to be moved without notice. (*See* ruling, April 12th, 1918.)

Dr. *McIntosh* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained.

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. *Anderson* (Kamloops) moved, seconded by Mr. *Pauline* (Saanich),—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We concur gratefully in the expression of thanks to Almighty God for the victory granted to the arms of Great Britain and her Allies, rejoicing in the defeat of their enemies, and trust that the Conference now in session to determine the conditions of peace may result in an agreement between the deliberating Powers which will secure lasting peace to the nations of the world.

We concur in the recognition by His Honour's Government of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in order to secure freedom and justice and the right of self-determination for the nations of the earth. It will be our pleasure to assist every movement for cherishing by our people the memories of those brave men who gave up their lives for the principles of freedom and for the upholding of those ideals for which they died.

We appreciate the gracious welcome extended by His Honour on behalf of the Government and the people of British Columbia to those who shortly will return from overseas, and share the confidence expressed that they will carry with them in their return to civil life the fortitude and courage displayed on the field of battle, resuming earnestly their co-operation with the people of the Province in the development of its resources and industries.

We approve the action of His Honour's Government in urging upon the Prime Minister of Canada the importance of summoning the Conference for the discussion and co-ordination of plans for the re-establishment of returned and returning soldiers in civil life, and note with approval that representatives of the Dominion and the Provinces met in Ottawa, pledging the

hearty co-operation of the several Provinces in the carrying-out of proposals agreed upon. We shall give most careful attention to legislation submitted to implement this pledge on the part of His Honour's Government.

We are pleased to note that tracts of land have been purchased under the provisions of the "Soldiers' Settlement Act" for the benefit of returned soldiers, and will consider the granting of liberal appropriations for the carrying-out of development-work thereon.

We observe also with pleasure that provision is being made to acquire homesites within and adjacent to cities, and that moneys advanced by the Federal Government for housing purposes will be utilized to erect dwellings thereon. Legislation submitted for these purposes will have our careful attention and sympathetic consideration.

We shall give careful attention to any measures submitted for the encouragement of stock-breeding within the Province.

Such legislation as is introduced with a view to granting relief in respect of timber licence fees to those engaged in active naval or military service will have our best attention.

We note with gratitude His Honour's reference to the increase in agricultural productions and the establishment of new industries within the Province during the past year.

We approve heartily the action of His Honour's Government in taking effective steps to place the timber resources of the Province at the disposal of the Imperial authorities for war purposes.

We note also with pleasure the intimation that extensive contracts for the building of ships for British and foreign Governments have been entered into by ship-building firms.

We approve the action of His Honour's Government in urging upon the Dominion Government the necessity of completing the contractual obligations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company within the Province of British Columbia, and that as a result of the representations made construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway on Vancouver Island is progressing. We share the confidence of His Honour's Government that further construction in other parts of the Province will be proceeded with at an early date.

We note with approval the intimation that construction on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is proceeding satisfactorily, and approve the intention of His Honour's Government to prosecute further extension vigorously during the coming season.

We are grateful to note that appropriations for the purpose of the Department of Public Works have secured the necessary repairs to roads, trails, and bridges.

We shall be pleased to consider the advisability of voting an emergency appropriation for the purpose of providing employment by carrying on development-work during the coming year.

It affords us much gratification to learn that the value of mineral production for the year 1918 shows a substantial increase over that of the previous year, and we are encouraged by the knowledge that the prospects for the coming year are most promising.

We are gratified that the production of coal has been increased, and that new coal areas are in prospect of development.

We shall give careful attention to any amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" which may be submitted.

We shall give careful consideration to the report dealing with the practicability of electro-smelting of British Columbia iron ores, and are pleased to be informed that engineers appointed to investigate and encourage mining report a feeling of optimism and confidence among both operators and prospectors.

The proposal to re-enact the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1917," will have our careful attention.

We record our appreciation of the action of His Honour's Government, through the Hon. the Minister of Education, in entering into an arrangement with other Western Provinces for the standardization of educational text-books.

Necessary amendments to the "Prohibition Act" will be carefully considered when submitted.

We approve the intention of His Honour's Government to bring down legislation disfranchising military deserters and other persons exempted from military service.

We shall take under careful advisement the question of the appointment of a Public Utilities Commission, and legislation submitted for this purpose will have our best attention.

The proposed measure for the establishment of a Public Library Commission and the Bill to provide for the appointment of official school trustees will be deliberated carefully.

Consideration of any measure for the superannuation of Civil Servants and amendments to the "Civil Service Act" which may be submitted will be reviewed carefully.

We shall be pleased to consider any measures for protection from tax sales and for the further relief of returned soldiers which may be proposed.

The Public Accounts for the fiscal year will have our attentive scrutiny.

We shall be pleased to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year which may be submitted by His Honour's Government for consideration.

We assure His Honour that all measures laid before us shall have our serious and attentive consideration.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 3rd, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of correspondence between Hon. John Oliver and Rt. Hon. Sir R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and other Members of the Provincial and Federal Governments, touching the matter of a Conference of Provincial Premiers and Members of the Dominion Government held at Ottawa, November 19th to 23rd, 1918.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*February 4th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land 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.

Mr. *Willson* presented the following petitions:—

From the Rossland Water and Light Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 5.)

From the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 4.)

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—A Return of a copy of the rules and regulations governing the granting of homesites and the building of dwellings for returned soldiers.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—The Report of the Minister of Public Works of the Province for the year 1917-18.

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 of the House,

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing."

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.



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Wednesday, 5th February, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 5th, 1919.*

*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 respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands," 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 petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Hall*—From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting enabling powers. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *Whiteside*—From A. J. T. Taylor, asking consideration of claim for relief against the Dolly Varden Mines Company.

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 6.)

By Mr. *Pauline*—From the Corporation of the District of Saanich, opposing Private Bill proposed to be introduced by the City of Victoria. (No. 2A.)

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

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

That, whereas W. J. Bowser, a witness before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and who on the 24th day of April, 1917, did refuse to answer questions put to him by the Committee, the Speaker do issue a subpoena or warrant to the said W. J. Bowser to personally appear at the bar of this House, or rise in his place forthwith to answer the said questions and to answer for his said conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order on the following grounds:—

"This motion of the Hon. Member for North Vancouver is, I think, out of order, as it refers to the action of a Select Committee which does not now exist, and cannot therefore make any report to this House.

"Our Rules only refer to witnesses and the Committee which is dealing with them. Hence I am forced to consult *May* under our Rule 131. I find that *May* (12th ed.), page 521, provides the method of ordering witnesses to the bar of this House, and page 522 provides for ordering any Hon. Member to attend in his place for examination, with which this motion is not in accord. I therefore rule the motion out of order."

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

That whereas D'Arcy Tate, a witness before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and who on the 13th day of April, 1917, did refuse to answer questions put to him by the said Committee:

And whereas said D'Arcy Tate neglected or refused to attend before the bar of the House to answer said questions when a warrant was issued by the Speaker to compel him to do so:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Speaker do issue his warrant or subpoena to compel the said D'Arcy Tate to personally appear at the bar of this House forthwith to answer the said questions and to answer for his conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order on the same grounds stated in dealing with the previous resolution.

Mr. *Bowser* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ross*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 4th day of September, 1917.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Governor" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor: "praying that he will cause all Orders in Council passed since the 4th day of September, 1917, to be made available for the perusal (within the General Office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary) of the Members of this House at any time during office hours; and further, that such address be prepared and presented by such Members of this House as are of the Executive Council."

A debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Is Mr. F. R. E. DeHart, of Kelowna, a member of the Provincial Land Settlement Board?
2. If so, is it his duty, or has it been his duty, to examine areas of lands offered to the Government for settlement purposes?
3. Has he examined any areas of this character in the Okanagan or the Similkameen Valleys?
4. If so, what tracts?
5. Did he examine the Coldstream Estate near Vernon, B.C.?
6. If so, did he make a report or recommendation with regard to such land?
7. Did he examine the holdings of the Southern Okanagan Land Company south of Penticton, recently purchased by the Government?
8. If so, did he make a report or recommendation with regard to such land?
9. Will the Government give the dates of such reports or recommendations (if any) with regard to the Coldstream and Southern Okanagan tracts?
- 10 Will the Government submit such reports or recommendations (if any) to this House?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. Coldstream Estate, in company of Chairman of Board and Director C. R. Ward.

"5. Yes.

"6. Yes.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Report on Coldstream Estate dated April 17th, 1918.

"10. Coldstream Report still under consideration. Will submit report if this House so requires."

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

Why did the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company send fifteen Hart convertible cars from the company shops at Squamish to the Northern Construction Company at Lillooet for repairs?

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

"The Railway Department has no information in respect of Hart cars having been sent to Lillooet for repairs."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. How many applications for grants of under-surface rights were lodged under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904" after said Act was amended in 1917?
2. How many of these applications were dealt with by the Government?
3. How many of these applications were approved by the Government?
4. How many grants were issued by the Government?
5. If any, to whom were the grants issued and the dates of same?
6. When was the amending Act of 1917 disallowed by the Government at Ottawa?
7. How long was the Act of 1917 in force before being disallowed?

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

- "1. One hundred and eighty.
- "2. Two.
- "3. All dealt with.
- "4. All dealt with.
- "5. Elizabeth Dunlop, Charles Wilson, and Angus D. McKenzie, executors and trustees of the last will and testament of Joseph Ganner, deceased; both dated 15th February, 1918.
- "6. May 30th, 1918.
- "7. The Act was passed May, 1917, and gave till September 1st, 1917, in which to file claims."

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

1. Did Mr. Joseph Muir act as a District Fire Ranger on Vancouver Island during 1918?
2. Were his services dispensed with?
3. If so, for what reason?
4. How long had he been in the service?

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

- "1. Yes; Acting Forest Ranger for the fire season.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Services unsatisfactory.
- "4. 1917 and 1918 fire seasons."

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

1. Was a seaplane purchased or hired by the Lands Department from a firm in Vancouver?
2. If so, what was the purchase price or the terms of hiring?
3. Was said seaplane taken over by Department?
4. If so, when, and who was in charge of same?
5. Did any accident happen to said plane?
6. If so, what damage was done to the machine, and was said damage paid for by Department?
7. Was any damage done by said plane to the residence of Dr. J. C. Farrish?
8. If so, what sum was paid said Farrish by Department?
9. What is the total amount which said seaplane has cost Department to date?
10. Has the Department purchased or contracted for another seaplane?
11. If so, when will same be delivered, and the cost of same?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Rented at \$400 per month for two months and a half. In the event of damage to the machine during said period the Department was to effect repairs or pay for the damage. The engine was valued at \$2,500 and the hull at \$5,000. These sums, less rental, to be paid in the event of total destruction of the machine.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. District Forester, Vancouver, August 29th, after proper inspection.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Machine wrecked; yes.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. \$1,138.96.
- "9. Net expenditure on hull and engine, \$6,850; operation expenses, \$501.64; damages to property, \$1,153.96; total, \$8,505.60.
- "10. Question of establishing an aerial service under advisement.
- "11. Answered by No. 10."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Standing Committees for the Session were appointed as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Jackson, Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, Anderson, Thompson, Ross, Rose, and McIntosh.*

Public Accounts—Messrs. *Pauline, M. A. Macdonald, K. C. Macdonald, Fisher, Mobley, Weart, Pooley, Jones, and Bowser.*

Railways—Messrs. *Hall, Anderson, Cowper, Sutherland, McGeer, Pauline, Hawthornthwaite, Ross, W. A. McKenzie, Jones, F. J. A. MacKenzie, and Hanes.*

Agriculture—Messrs. *K. C. Macdonald, Barrow, McGeer, Stewart, Yorston, Jones, F. J. A. MacKenzie, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Giolma.*

Printing—Messrs. *Manson, Nelson, Buckham, Schofield, and Burde.*

Mining—Messrs. *Thompson, Manson, Nelson, Buckham, Fisher, Mobley, Sutherland, Walters, Hall, Weart, Yorston, Willson, Cowper, Hawthornthwaite, W. A. McKenzie, Ross, Schofield, Rose, A. McDonald, Pooley, and Hanes.*

Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Bell, Whiteside, Weart, Walters, Willson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Schofield, Jones, Rose, Burde, W. A. McKenzie, McGeer, and Hanes.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

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Thursday, 6th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. G. Miller.*

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting enabling powers. (No. 2.)

From *A. J. T. Taylor*, asking consideration of claim for relief against the Dolly Varden Mines Company.

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 6.)

From the Corporation of the District of Saanich, opposing Private Bill proposed to be introduced by the City of Victoria. (No. 2A.)

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser* on 5th inst., as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 4th day of September, 1917.

And the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Governor" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor: "praying that he will cause all Orders in Council passed since the 4th day of September, 1917, to be made available for the perusal (within the General Office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary) of the Members of this House at any time during office hours; and further that such address be prepared and presented by such Members of this House as are of the Executive Council."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Friday, 7th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fletcher*.

The following petition was presented:—

By Mr. *Mobley*—From the Dolly Varden Mines Company, asking introduction of a Bill to extend the time for the completion of the railway under the "Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act," chapter 53, Statutes 1917.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

Government House,

February 4th, 1919.

*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 Municipalities," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1918-19.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in all Industries" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

## Monday, 10th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Bowser*—From some 1,500 or more residents of the Municipality of South Vancouver, opposing present system of municipal government.

By Mr. *Hall*—From the Provincial Synod of British Columbia, asking leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the said synod. (No. 7.)

By Mr. *McGeer*—From Beatrice Webber and A. C. Webber, asking leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate their marriage. (No. 1.)

By Mr. *Pauline*—From the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, opposing Victoria City Bill *re* proposed exemption from taxation of lands in other municipalities. (No. 2B.)

The following petition was read:—

From the Dolly Varden Mines Company, asking introduction of a Bill to extend the time for the completion of the railway under the "Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act," chapter 53, Statutes 1917.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the petition out of order.

The petition must be signed by the parties or some of them who are suitors for the Bill. (See *May*, 12th ed., 614.)

Petitions must have original signatures . . . and not the signatures of agents on behalf of others.

Petitions of corporations should be under their corporate seal. (See *May*, 12th ed., 552-3.)

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be suspended to allow of the petition of the Dolly Varden Mines Company, presented on 7th inst., being received.

The petition from the Dolly Varden Mines Company was then received.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'"

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

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

That the name of Mr. *F. W. H. Giolma* be added to the names of those composing the Select Committee on Public Accounts.

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

That the name of Mr. *A. M. Manson* be added to the names of those composing the Select Committee on Agriculture.

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

That clause 128 of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended by striking out the words "Attorney-General" where they occur in the second and fifth lines of that clause, and substituting therefor in each case the words "Provincial Secretary."

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, seconded by Mr. *Weart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the matter of the obligation of the Dominion of Canada and its people to the soldiers (and the dependents of such soldiers) who have served as soldier, sailor, doctor, or nurse in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, or who prior to the date of his or her enlistment resided in the Dominion of Canada, have served in the Naval or Military Forces in any part of the King's Dominions, has been the subject of much general public discussion, and has also been the subject of discussion at Conferences held from time to time at which the Dominion and the Provinces have been represented:

And whereas at such Dominion and Provincial Conference it was agreed that the duty of the re-establishment of all returned or returning soldiers into civil life pertains to the Dominion Government:

And whereas all such members of His Majesty's Forces should be provided with the opportunity of earning at least a living wage, and provided further with the opportunity, as far as may be practicable, to be restored to a position economically comparable with that which was enjoyed at the time of enlistment, and until such opportunity is forthcoming to be provided with an allowance for sustenance upon a proper and a reasonable scale:

And whereas the details of the working-out of such duty or obligation have not been settled except by the making of a certain general provision; among others, the granting of six months' post-discharge pay:

And whereas it is imperative that each of the persons hereinbefore mentioned should be in possession of a knowledge of the kind and extent of support and assistance that is to be granted:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the scale hereinafter set out be humbly recommended to the Dominion Parliament at its forthcoming session as a basis for a plan of support and assistance to be extended to those persons therein described, augmenting the provisions already made.

And be it further *Resolved*, That the actual amount of such assistance be left to the Dominion Parliament to be worked out in conjunction with the pension rate and system to be

adopted; provided, however, that the amount so settled shall be sufficient to properly carry out the spirit and intention of this Resolution.

*Nature of Assistance.*

Artificial limbs and surgical appliances—repairs to and renewals of at expense of the Department.

Assistance, not otherwise specified.

Businesses, plant, stock and live stock—loans up to such amount as may be decided and in special circumstances to be increased for the purchase of.

Educational fees—payment of.

Employment—by assisting the establishment in the Province of Labour Bureaus.

Fees for education.

Funeral expenses—gift of necessary amount to provide fitting funeral.

Fish—gift supplemented by a loan for the purpose of purchasing fishing-gear and equipment necessary for fisherman.

Furniture—gift supplemented by a loan, the amount to be sufficient in all to furnish a home with necessities and reasonable home comforts.

Land—a sufficient advance for improvements, equipment, stock, etc.; a loan for the purchase of plants, seeds, and necessary materials; sustenance during unproductive period of holding.

Live stock.

Medical treatment—at expense of Department.

Mortgages—loans to facilitate transfer of a mortgage effected prior to a soldier's discharge on property used as a home.

Personal equipment—gift supplemented by a loan.

*Persons entitled to Assistance.*

Persons supplied with artificial limbs and surgical appliances as a result of injuries received while on service.

- (a.) Orphans of deceased soldiers.
- (b.) Children of incapacitated soldiers.
- (c.) Children of Canadian soldiers still on active service who have become motherless or neglected.
- (d.) Mothers of deceased or incapacitated Canadian soldiers who are widows and were, prior to the enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them, or whose husbands are so incapacitated as to be unable to contribute materially to their support.

- (e.) Incapacitated fathers of deceased or incapacitated Canadian soldiers who were, prior to enlistment of those soldiers, dependent upon them.
- (f.) Soldiers or soldiers' dependents for whom no special provision is made.

- (a.) Widows with children.
- (b.) Soldiers incapacitated to the extent of being unable to engage in their usual employment.
- (c.) Soldiers who, prior to the date of enlistment, were dependent for their living on business which they owned and concluded.

- (a.) Orphans of deceased soldiers.
- (b.) Children of incapacitated soldiers.
- (c.) Soldiers or soldiers' dependents undergoing vocational or professional training.

All soldiers making application for.

*See Educational.*

Soldiers dying in indigent circumstances.

Soldiers desirous of taking up the vocation of and becoming fishermen.

- (a.) Widows in necessitous circumstances with children.
- (b.) Totally incapacitated soldiers and their dependents.
- (c.) All soldiers and soldiers' dependents to whom furniture is necessary for their establishment in civil life.

Soldiers placed on the land under the land-settlement schemes to be adopted. Soldiers in possession of land and who are not provided with financial assistance.

*See Sustenance.*

*See Businesses.*

Soldiers suffering from illness or injuries or any recurrence of same due to or aggravated by war service.

- (a.) Incapacitated soldiers.
- (b.) Wives of incapacitated soldiers.
- (c.) Widows.
- (d.) Soldiers or soldiers' dependents.

Soldiers to whom such personal equipment is deemed necessary for the exercise of their calling.



*Nature of Assistance.*

Professional instruments and equipment—gift supplemented by a loan.

Rental allowances.

Sustenance—as will ensure to the following a reasonable living:—

- (a.) To a soldier without dependents.
- (b.) To a soldier with a wife.
- (c.) To a soldier with a wife and one child.
- (d.) To a soldier with a wife and two children.
- (e.) To a soldier with a wife and three children.
- (f.) To a soldier with a wife and four or more children.

Provided that a soldier who is a widower with children shall be entitled to the same sustenance as if his wife were living.

- (a.) To a soldier without dependents.
- (b.) To a soldier with a wife.
- (c.) To a soldier with a wife and children.

To bring incomes up to a living allowance.

To bring wages up to the minimum of journeymen.

To bring salaries up to a living allowance.

Tools of trade—gift supplemented by a loan.

Training—vocational and professional.

Transportation—free passage to Canada.

*Persons entitled to Assistance.*

Soldiers to whom such instruments are deemed necessary for the exercise of their calling.

- (a.) Totally incapacitated soldiers.
- (b.) Widows and dependents of soldiers; provided, in the case of widows without children, the allowance may only be paid where their health is such as to prevent their engaging in remunerative occupations.
- (a.) Soldiers awaiting employment, providing (except in special cases) application is made within six months from the date of the acceptance of this scale by the Dominion Government or within six months from the date of the soldier's discharge, whichever last happens.
- (b.) Soldiers waiting to take up land if no other employment available.
- (c.) Blind soldiers undergoing training either in institutions or in their own homes.
- (d.) Students receiving training in commercial or professional occupations.
- (e.) Trainees in technical schools.
- (f.) Convalescents.
- (g.) Soldiers with or without dependents receiving treatment in their own homes or in the homes of friends, and soldiers with dependents undergoing treatment in hospitals or special institutions.

Land settlers during the unproductive period of their holdings.

Widows and soldiers' dependents undergoing vocational or professional training.

- (a.) Apprentices who have resumed their indentures.
- (b.) Trainees in industrial establishments.
- (a.) Students.
- (b.) Students resuming professional training.

Soldiers to whom such tools are deemed necessary for the exercise of their calling.

- (a.) Widows of soldiers without children.
- (b.) Apprentices whose service as such has been interrupted by their service in war.
- (c.) Students whose services as such have been interrupted by their war service.
- (d.) Soldiers incapacitated to the extent of being unable to follow their usual occupation.
- (e.) Dependents of soldiers.
- (a.) Widows of deceased soldiers.
- (b.) Orphans of deceased soldiers.
- (c.) Wives of Canadian soldiers.
- (d.) Children of Canadian soldiers.
- (e.) Fiancees of Canadian soldiers.
- (f.) Canadian soldiers who have served during the present war in the Naval or Military Forces of any part of the King's Dominions other than Canada, or who, having obtained their discharges from the Naval or Military Forces of Canada, have re-enlisted for service in the Naval or Military Forces of that part of the King's Dominions; provided application is made within six months of the date of the acceptance of this scale by the Dominion Government or within six months of the date of discharge, whichever last happens.

<i>Nature of Assistance.</i>	<i>Persons entitled to Assistance.</i>
From Canada.	(a.) Incapacitated soldiers. (b.) Wives or dependents of incapacitated soldiers. (c.) Widows of deceased soldiers. (d.) Orphans of deceased soldiers.
Within Canada.	(a.) Soldiers and their families proceeding to locality in which employment has been found. (b.) Land settlers and their families proceeding to their prospective holdings. (c.) Soldiers and their families proceeding to the locality in which they have been set up in business. (d.) Soldiers travelling to be fitted with artificial limbs, surgical appliances. (e.) Soldiers travelling to receive medical treatment.
Travelling expenses.	(a.) Trainees in technical schools. (b.) Blind soldiers undergoing training in institutions. (c.) Soldiers in commercial or professional classes.
Fares and living allowances.	(a.) Soldiers travelling to be fitted with artificial limbs or surgical appliances. Repayment of any such fares or allowance where already paid by the persons entitled to such benefit. (b.) Soldiers travelling for medical treatment.
Pensions for mothers whose sons have fallen in the war, but who are not now in receipt of pensions because on the enlistment of their sons they were not totally dependent on them, although they have become so since such enlistment.	

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

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Mr. Giolma.—

That whereas it is the opinion of this Legislature, representing the citizens of the Province of British Columbia, that all alien enemies in the Province, whether interned or otherwise, are undesirable:

And whereas it is our belief that in the best interests of this Province and citizens thereof, economically and socially, Canada's doors should be locked for some time at least to all subjects or citizens of Germany and her Allies in the recent world struggle:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature places itself on record as being in favour of deporting all alien enemies now in British Columbia, and of preventing the immigration of any alien enemies into Canada.

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

The Hon. Mr. Sloan moved in amendment to strike out the last clause thereof, and add in lieu thereof the following:—

“And whereas, also, inasmuch as the whole question of immigration, in which we as a Province are vitally interested, will undoubtedly be reviewed at the Peace Conference:

“Be it Resolved, That Canada's representatives at the Conference be asked to adhere firmly to the principle that Canada shall always exercise full control over immigration to this Dominion.

“And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preambles and Resolutions hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper person) at Ottawa.”

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

Whereas D'Arcy Tate, a witness called before the Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and who on the 13th day of April, 1917, was asked the following questions:—

“Mr. Taylor: Now, the question I ask you is, to what extent did you take care of these campaign funds; I want to know what disposition you made of them? A.—Well, I refuse to answer.

“Mr. Taylor: Mr. Tate, I was asking you about two cheques which you were given of \$50,000 each; and you say that there were several others amounting to \$500,000; but there were two cheques issued by P. Welch out of the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Company's moneys, and those were obtained formerly from the Government; the dates are January 16th, 1915, and subsequent dates.

“Q.—To what extent did you take care of campaign funds? A.—I don't think that is a proper question. I fulfilled my duty, and I took care of campaign funds.

“Mr. Taylor: And to what extent did you take care of the campaign funds? A.—I would ask my counsel if that is a proper question for me to answer.

“Mr. Maclean: Well, the position I wish to take is this—

“Witness: In the first instance—

“Mr. Maclean: Just one minute. If the Chairman desires this information I am going to ask Mr. Tate to give it. If you rule, Mr. Chairman, although Mr. Tate does not want to give this information, naturally on account of it being a private matter, yet if you rule that he should give it, and insist that it should be given, then I say Mr. Tate is bound to submit to the ruling of the Chair.

“The Chairman: Mr. Tate is not bound to submit to a ruling of this Chair unless it is right, and I understand by Tate he was obligated by the promoters and joint promoters of this scheme to take from the funds that he obtained in this way—he was to take care of the campaign fund; and my ruling is that that is all pertinent to this inquiry. It is not a case of what I desire or don't desire. I am simply here to give my ruling, and I rule it is pertinent to this inquiry.

“Mr. Taylor: Will you answer the question now, Mr. Tate? How much of this \$500,000—how much of the moneys (you stated them as being \$500,000, and if they were more we will not limit them to that) have you contributed to campaign funds for any party? I don't care what the party is. I want you to name the party afterwards? A.—Well, I still think, Mr. Taylor, that I should decline to answer that question, as being outside the scope of this investigation.

“Q.—Do you refuse to answer? A.—I have to take that responsibility, I am afraid.

“Q.—Then, I understand that you defy the ruling of the Committee? A.—That is not a proper word to use—‘defy.’”

And whereas said D'Arcy Tate refused to answer said questions:

And whereas said D'Arcy Tate did not attend before the bar of the House to answer said questions when a subpoena or warrant was issued by the Speaker of the House to have him do so:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of the House be granted that the said D'Arcy Tate do personally appear at the bar of this House on the 11th February, 1919, or on such other date or dates as may be fixed upon for that purpose by the Speaker of the House, to answer the said questions and any other relative questions, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. *Ross*, on a point of order, objected to the Resolution as being the same as a Resolution moved on February 5th on the same subject-matter.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion to be in order.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

That the petition of the Taylor Engineering Company by A. J. Taylor and the petition of the Dolly Varden Mines Company be referred to a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Pauline*, *Yorston*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Cowper*, with instructions to inquire

into all the allegations contained in the said petitions, and to report its findings and recommendations to this House; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for the attendance of persons, the production of books, papers, and all things necessary in carrying out a full inquiry; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations and to take evidence under oath.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, it was *Resolved*.— That the Public Accounts for the year 1917-18 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since it took office in 1916?
2. From whom was it borrowed and under what authority in each case?
3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?
4. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?
5. Were any commissions paid on account of any of these loans?
6. If so, to whom, and their amount?
7. How much is still due on account of said loans?
8. When are each of these loans to be paid?

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

"1. On account Municipality of the District of South Vancouver, \$790,000 (against which are held as collateral bonds of the municipality amounting to \$989,902.58); on account Land Settlement Board, \$800,000; on account Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, \$1,520,000; on account Consolidated Revenue Fund, \$4,000,000.

"2. Amounts for Land Settlement Board were obtained through sale of debentures to the Workmen's Compensation Board under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1917'; amounts for Pacific Great Eastern Railway borrowed from the Canadian Bank of Commerce under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1916'; South Vancouver was in exchange of securities under authority of the 'South Vancouver Aid Act, 1918'; \$1,000,000 for the Consolidated Revenue Fund obtained from Brent, Noxon & Co. under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1916'; \$3,000,000 borrowed from the Dominion of Canada under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1918.'

"3. South Vancouver, 6%; Compensation Board, 6½%; Pacific Great Eastern, 5%; Brent-Noxon loan, 5%; Dominion loan, 6%.

"4. Compensation Board, 6½%; Pacific Great Eastern, 5%; Brent-Noxon loan, 6.88%; Dominion loan, 6½%.

"5. No commissions were paid.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Total amounts.

"8. South Vancouver loan, 1923; Land Settlement Board, 20 years; Pacific Great Eastern are 6-month Treasury bills; Brent-Noxon loan, 10 years; Dominion loan due 1923 but may be paid sooner."

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

1. What is the total amount to date which has been paid A. Henderson, K.C., of Vancouver, or his legal firm, by this Government since it took office for professional services?

2. What was the date of the last services rendered by said Henderson to the Attorney-General's Department or any other department?

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

"1. Total amount, 1917, \$1,798.70, made up as follows: Vancouver Spring Assizes, counsel fees and disbursements, April 16th to May 15th, \$1,180.45; Kamloops Fall Assizes, counsel fees and disbursements, October 5th to October 19th, \$618.25. Total amount, 1918, \$125, made up as follows: *Re* Mary Ann Wigman, counsel fees on Habeas Corpus application, May 20th to May 31st, \$50; *re* B.C.E.R. and City of Vancouver, counsel fees, August 14th to August 17th, \$25; *re* Vancouver Club prosecutions, "Game Act," counsel fees, November, December, \$50.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many Crown grants have been issued since April 23rd, 1918, under section 28 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by subsection (1) of section 14, chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

2. How many intermediate "certificates of improvement" have been applied for under section 28 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by subsection (2) of section 14, chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

3. How many Inspectors have been appointed under the provisions of section 28 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by subsection (3) of section 14 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

4. If any, what are the names and addresses of such appointees?

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

"1. None; not sufficient time elapsed for pre-emptors to qualify. Crown grants issued since April 23rd, 1918, under section 28, chapter 129, Revised Statutes 1911, in force prior to re-enactment, 297.

"2. None.

"3 and 4. No appointments since re-enactment."

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

1. How many applications to pre-empt lands have been made under the provisions of section 28 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by section 15 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

2. If any such applications have been made, in what Land Recording Offices have the same been made?

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

"1. Fifty-six under section 28A; 31 under section 28B.

"2. Section 28A: Quesnel, 8; Fort Fraser, 10; Fort George, 7; Kamloops, 1; Clinton, 7; Smithers, 15; Similkameen, 3; Prince Rupert, 1; Vancouver, 2; Ashcroft, 2. Section 28B: Quesnel, 11; Fort Fraser, 2; Clinton, 15; Smithers, 1; Ashcroft, 2."

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

1. What leases have been applied for or granted under the provisions of section 72 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by section 21 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

2. If any such leases have been applied for or granted, what are the names and addresses of applicants and the locality of land in each case?

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

"1. Four applied for; none yet issued.

"2. Bert C. Wright, Atnarko, B.C.; Atnarko River, Range 3, Coast District. Leon Belmont, New Hazelton, B.C.; Two-mile Creek, Cassiar District. Rupert H. Davidson, Granite Bay, B.C.; Valdes Island, Sayward District. Geo. F. Messenger, Quesnel, B.C.; on Nazco Road, near Quesnel, B.C."

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

1. What sales of timber lands (if any) have been made under the provisions of section 39 of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by section 18 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918, since April 23rd, 1918?

2. If any such sales have been made, what are the names and addresses of applicants and locality of land in each case?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What leases (if any) have been applied for or granted under the provisions of section 79, subsection (1), chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as enacted by section 23 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

2. If any such leases have been applied for or granted, what are the names and addresses of the applicants and the locality of land in each case?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

How many applications to pre-empt lands have been made under the provisions of section 28B of chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as amended by section 15 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

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

"Thirty-one applications."

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

1. Was the Resolution of the House passed on April 16th, 1918, relative to the abolition of Grand Juries communicated to the Federal Government?

2. If so, what reply was given?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No reply."

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

What public sampling-works, concentrating plants, custom smelters or refineries, or other plants or processes (if any) have been acquired, constructed, maintained, or operated under the provisions of section 3, chapter 43 of Statutes of 1917 ("Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act")?

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

"None."

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

Has a Department of Ore Purchasing been established, maintained, or operated under the provisions of section 11, chapter 43, Statutes of 1917 ("Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act")?

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

"No."

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

1. Is the Government now arranging for another loan?

2. If so, how much, and at what rate of interest?

3. Is the Government contemplating floating any more loans in the near future?

4. If so, for what amount?

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

"1. May issue a loan to repay the amount borrowed from the Dominion Government.

"2. Not decided yet.

"3. Has not been considered.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Government purchase land in the South Okanagan District?

2. If so, how many acres did they purchase?

3. If so, at what price per acre?

4. Did the Government consult the Land Settlement Board before purchasing?

5. If not, why not?

6. Was an offer, or more than one, made to the Land Settlement Board for this property?

7. If so, at what price or prices?

8. If purchased, did the Minister of Lands agree to the purchase before consulting the Government?

9. Had the Government any knowledge of the land being offered at a lower figure?

10. Did the Minister of Lands, before purchasing this land (if it was purchased), consult the Land Settlement Board as to the advisability of purchase, and as to the price of this property?

11. If not, why not?

12. Did the Government or Minister of Lands consider the purchase of the Coldstream Ranch?

13. If so, at what price was it offered?

14. Did the Government or Minister of Lands consult the Land Settlement Board as to the advisability of purchasing this property?

15. If not, why not?

16. What status (if any) has the Land Settlement Board in an advisory capacity to the Government or Minister of Lands on questions of the purchase of land for settlement purposes?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately 22,000.

"3. Total purchase price, \$350,000.

"4. No.

"5. Tract purchased under 'Soldiers' Land Act,' which is under the administration of Department of Lands.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. No.

"9. No; positively informed that it was not.

"10. No.

"11. Answered by No. 5.

"12, 13, 14, and 15. Answered by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture on February 5th.

"16. Functions and duties of Land Settlement Board defined by chapter 34, Statutes of British Columbia, 1917, and amending Acts."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What (if any) diamond or other rock drills or Keystone or other placer drills have been acquired, maintained, operated, or used in and upon any lands or mines or mineral claims or mining properties by the Department of Mines under the provisions of the "Mineral Survey and Development Act"?

2. If any such drills have been acquired, maintained, operated, or used, for what proprietors and on what properties have the same been so maintained, operated, or used?

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

"1. One Keystone drill acquired.

"2. To be used at first by the Western Mines Exploration Syndicate, Ltd., at Black Creek and Horsefly River, Cariboo District; and then by Mr. R. N. Campbell, on the Horsefly River, east of Ward's Pit."

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

1. What is the total mileage of roads in each electoral district as at present constituted in the Province of British Columbia under the administration of the Department of Public Works?

2. What amount of such mileages respectively are within areas under municipal control?

3. What is the mileage of trails in each electoral district under the administration of the Department of Public Works?

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

"1. Alberni, 339.6 miles; Atlin, 393.5 miles; Cariboo, 1,282 miles; Chilliwack, 32 miles; Columbia, 419.8 miles; Comox, 427 miles; Cowichan, 178 miles; Cranbrook, 487.5 miles; Dewdney, 75 miles; Esquimalt, 305.2 miles; Fernie, 389.5 miles; Fort George, 965 miles; Grand Forks, 257

miles; Greenwood, 351 miles; Islands, 212.2 miles; Kamloops, 1,336 miles; Kaslo, 260 miles; Lillooet, 1,745 miles; Nanaimo, 52 miles; Nelson, 12 miles; Newcastle, 177 miles; New Westminster, 3 miles; North Okanagan, 752 miles; North Vancouver, 217 miles; Omineca, 730.5 miles; Prince Rupert, 546.8 miles; Revelstoke, 202 miles; Rossland, 52 miles; Similkameen, 609 miles; Slocan, 314 miles; South Okanagan, 314 miles; Trail, 427 miles; Yale, 760 miles; total, 14,623.6 miles.

"2. None; but there are approximately 300 miles of roads (mostly trunk highways) within municipal areas which have been reconstructed and most of which are partially or wholly maintained by the Government.

"3. Alberni, 338 miles; Atlin, 781 miles; Cariboo, 443 miles; Chilliwack, 32 miles; Columbia, 580 miles; Comox, 116 miles; Cowichan, 8 miles; Cranbrook, 294 miles; Dewdney, 3 miles; Esquimalt, 19.4 miles; Fernie, 371 miles; Fort George, 516 miles; Grand Forks, 143 miles; Greenwood, 50 miles; Islands, 20.2 miles; Kamloops, 54 miles; Kaslo, 715 miles; Lillooet, 558 miles; Nanaimo, none; Nelson, none; Newcastle, 45 miles; New Westminster, none; North Okanagan, 180 miles; North Vancouver, 55 miles; Omineca, 541.5 miles; Prince Rupert, 646.3 miles; Revelstoke, 387 miles; Rossland, 48 miles; Similkameen, 241 miles; Slocan, 236 miles; South Okanagan, 358 miles; Trail, 318 miles; Yale, 138 miles; total 8,207.4 miles."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Public Works to proceed with the erection of a Court-house at Prince George during the season of 1919?

2. If not, why not?

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

"1. Under consideration.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is the Government opposed or in favour of the formation of the Civil Servants' Association?

2. Is the Government willing to afford direct access by a committee of the association to the Executive Council?

The Hon. the Premier on a point of order objected to the question as asking for declaration of Government policy.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* sustained the objection. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, page 128.)

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

Is it the intention of the Department to provide better facilities than now exist for assessment purposes for the residents of Fort George Electoral District by establishing an office at Prince George instead of Quesnel?

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

"Matter under consideration."

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

1. What leases (if any) have been applied for or granted under the provisions of section 79, subsection (2), chapter 129, R.S.B.C., 1911, as enacted by section 23 of chapter 43, Statutes of 1918?

2. If any such leases have been applied for or granted, what are the names and addresses of the applicants and the locality of the land in each case?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

What were the amounts at the credit on December 31st, 1918, of the following accounts: (a) Lands Department Trust Account; (b) Forest Branch Trust Account; (c) Water Rights Branch Trust Account?



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

“(a) Lands Branch Trust Deposit, \$72,641.68; (b) Forest Branch Trust Deposit, \$86,128.42; (c) Water Branch Trust Deposit, \$35,403.46.”

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

1. Has the practice of publishing appointments in the Gazette to the Civil Service been discontinued?
2. If so, when was this done?
3. How many years prior was this practice carried on by former Governments?
4. What are the reasons for not gazetting said appointments?
5. What opportunity has the public now for knowing who has been appointed to the public service?

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

- “1. In part.
- “2. July 1st, 1918 (on appointment of Civil Service Commissioner).
- “3. Practice having varied from time to time no definite reply can be given.
- “4. To avoid duplication of work. All appointments to the Civil Service will appear in the Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner.
- “5. Answered by No. 4.”

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Upon what basis was the recent bonus to Civil Servants given?
2. To whom was it paid, giving names and the amount each one was receiving at the time as a monthly salary, the amount of the monthly bonus, and the amount paid to date to each person?
3. Under what salary was the bonus paid?
4. Was the bonus paid to every Civil Servant under this salary?
5. If not, who was omitted, and why?

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

“1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The recent bonus to Civil Servants was granted on the following basis, namely: Such amounts as the deputy of each department certified as being necessary and desirable within the following limits:—

“Bonus to be figured on the basis of the salaries on the pay-roll of March 31st, 1918.

“Full bonus to those in the Service since April 1st, 1918; to persons appointed since April 1st, 1918, proportionate amount.

“Where salaries have been increased since March 31st, 1918, owing to promotion to more important duties, such increase not to affect the bonus; otherwise increases since March 31st, 1918, figured to March 31st, 1919, to be deducted from the bonus. In the case of an employee with dependents receiving less than \$125 per month, this deduction not to reduce bonus below \$60.

“No bonus to exceed two months' salary; nor be in excess of the amount that will make the total remuneration for the year equal to what may be received by the lowest paid in the next highest class.

“No person to be entitled to such portion of the bonus as remains unpaid should they leave the Service prior to March 31st, 1919.

“‘With dependents’ to be defined as being the sole support of the persons referred to.

“Bonus to be paid 40 per cent. forthwith, 20 per cent. with the salaries of January, February, and March, 1919, respectively.

“(a.) To employees without dependents receiving less than \$125 per month, a bonus of \$60.

“(b.) To employees with dependents receiving from \$50 to \$99 per month, a bonus of \$180.

“(c.) To employees with dependents receiving from \$100 to \$124, a bonus of \$140.

“(d.) To employees with dependents receiving from \$125 to \$149, a bonus of \$100.

“(e.) To employees with dependents receiving \$150 to \$174, a bonus of \$60.

“The names and amount of bonus is set out on the following Orders in Council: 1918, December—2771, Department of Lands; 2772, Department of Public Works; 2773, Department

of Provincial Secretary; 2774, Department of Agriculture; 2775, Department of Premier; 2776, Department of Attorney-General; 2777, Department of Finance; 2778, Department of Education; 2779, Department of Fisheries; 2780, Department of Labour; 2781, Department of Mines; 2800, Department of Land Settlement. 1919, January—108, Department of Lands; 109, Department of Provincial Secretary; 110, Department of Attorney-General; 111, Department of Finance; 112, Department of Public Works; 113, Department of Agriculture; 115, Department of Railways; 121, Department of Provincial Secretary."

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

1. Does the Government still continue to operate Frondeg Farm in accordance with the agreement made with Griffith Hughes in 1917?
2. If not, when was the agreement rescinded?
3. If the agreement was rescinded, what amount was expended on the said operation between 31st March, 1918, and the date of such rescission?

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

"1. No.

"2. September 30th, 1918.

"3. \$6,068.91."

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

1. Who is at present the Civil Service Commissioner?
2. When was he appointed and at what salary?
3. When did the former Civil Service Commissioner resign?
4. What allowance did he receive for services as Commissioner?
5. What is the age of the present Civil Service Commissioner?
6. When was the "Civil Service Act" brought into force?
7. How many appointments have been made since the "Civil Service Act" was brought into force, and what are their names, positions, and salaries?
8. How many competitive examinations have been held under section 8 of the "Civil Service Act," and who competed and who was successful in each case?
9. Were notices of these competitive examinations published in the Gazette as required by section 11 of the "Civil Service Act"?

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

"1. William Hedley MacInnes.

"2. November 11th, 1918; \$333.33 per month.

"3. November 9th, 1918.

"4. None.

"5. Thirty-nine years.

"6. July 1st, 1918.

"7, 8, and 9. Information will be given in Report of Civil Service Commissioner. This will be tabled next week."

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

1. What amount of money was expended on the repairs and upkeep of that part of the Island Highway between the Craigflower Bridge and Parsons Bridge for the year 31st March, 1917, to 31st March, 1918, and the year 31st March, 1918, to this date?
2. During what months in the said years was said money expended?
3. What amount each month?
4. What part of said sum was paid out for labour, material, hauling, and supervision in each year?
5. What is the condition of this part of the said highway at present?

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

"1. 1917-18, \$2,412.34; 1918-19, \$6,716.78.

"2. 1917-18, May, June, July, October, November, December, January, February, March, 1918-19, April, May, June, July, August.

"3. 1917-18—May, \$495.15; June, \$348.01; July, \$306.48; October, \$145; November, \$233.50; December, \$424.15; January, \$335.75; February, \$52; March, \$72.30. 1918-19—April, \$342.10; May, \$365.15; June, \$2,057.93; July, \$3,404.74; August, \$546.86.

"4. 1917-18—Labour, \$1,727.31; material, \$477.10; hauling, \$207.93. 1918-19—Labour, \$5,480.86; material, \$1,130.96. Hire of engine, \$60.06; hauling, \$44.50. Supervision included in the general supervision for the whole of Esquimalt District.

"5. Not good."

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

1. Have any lands been acquired by the Government under the provisions of the "Soldiers' Land Act"?
2. If so, what acreage has been so acquired and where located?
3. If any town lots have been so purchased, what lots have been so purchased and for what price?
4. What price has been paid for same respectively?
5. In addition to any lands that may have been so acquired, what lands (if any) are under consideration for purchase?
6. Is it the intention of the Government to utilize all such lands exclusively for occupation by returned soldiers?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately 22,000 acres in South Okanagan. In addition to lands purchased, other areas have been reserved exclusively for soldiers.

"3. Lots 17 to 20 and 22 to 36, all inclusive, Block 4; Lots 1 and 2, 5 to 12, 19 to 34, all inclusive, and Lot 36, Block 5; Lots 19 and 20, Block 3; Lots 33, 34, 35, and 36, Block 2, District Lot 663, Municipality of South Vancouver, Map 1390.

"4. \$350,000 and \$4,867.78.

"5. Large number of properties have been submitted to Department, none of which have been accepted.

"6. Yes, provided they are taken up sufficiently rapidly by returned soldiers to ensure success of undertaking."

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

1. How many wardens and guards in the Provincial gaols have been relieved or dismissed from office since December 1st, 1916?
2. What were their respective names, ages, positions, salaries they were receiving, and length of time in the Provincial service?
3. How many were given other positions in the service?
4. If so, what are the positions and salaries?
5. How many received retiring allowances, and the amount?
6. Why were they relieved from office?
7. What notice did they receive of their dismissals?

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

"1. Two wardens, four gaolers, seventeen guards, and one matron.

"2. Miss A. Steele, age, 59 years; matron (Kamloops Gaol); salary, \$50; length of time in service, 3 years 5 months 15 days.

"J. Corcoran, 37, guard (Saanich Prison Farm), \$85, 4 years 10 months 8 days.

"D. McKinlay, 29, guard (Saanich Prison Farm), \$75, 1 year 4 months 28 days.

"Geo. Knight, 30, guard (New Westminster Gaol), \$75, 4 months 6 days.

"Geo. F. Hislop, 36, guard (Kamloops Gaol), \$75, 6 months 9 days.

"J. J. Horne (no information as to age), gaoler (Kamloops Gaol), \$96, 8 years 2 months.

"T. J. Jarvis, 34, guard (Kamloops Gaol), \$85, 5 years 3 months.

"J. Dickinson, 41, guard (Kamloops Gaol), \$80, 10 months 13 days.

"Harry Harris, 27, guard (Kamloops Gaol), \$80, 7 months 13 days.

"A. T. Turnbull, 44, warden (New Westminster Gaol), \$110, 18 years.

- "R. Best, 46, guard (New Westminster), \$80, 7 years.  
 "T. Haslam, 50, guard (New Westminster), \$80, 9 years.  
 "Chas. Stapleton, 28, guard (New Westminster), \$80, 4 years.  
 "Wm. Voisey, 37, guard (New Westminster), \$75, 4 years.  
 "F. Saunders, 37, guard (New Westminster), \$75, 3 years.  
 "J. Munro, 51, warden (Saanich Prison Farm), \$120, 17½ years.  
 "J. J. Bothwell, 46, gaoler (Saanich Prison Farm), \$90, 8 years.  
 "J. H. Harrison, 31, gaoler (Saanich Prison Farm), \$85, 6 years.  
 "R. G. Smith, 37, gaoler (Saanich Prison Farm), \$80, 5 years.  
 "J. H. Hunter, 56, guard (Saanich Prison Farm), \$90, 27 years.  
 "E. Conway, 46 years, guard (Saanich Prison Farm), \$85, 12 years.  
 "W. Carter, 42, guard (Saanich Prison Farm), \$85, 4½ years.  
 "A. C. Messer (no information as to age), guard and engineer (Saanich Prison Farm), \$100, 3 years 18 months.  
 "C. F. Luscombe (no information as to age), guard and engineer (Saanich Prison Farm), \$75, 2 years 6 months.  
 "3. T. J. Jarvis, J. Dickinson, H. Harris, A. T. Turnbull, William Voisey, W. Carter.  
 "4. T. J. Jarvis, farmer, Provincial Home, Kamloops; salary, \$96. J. Dickinson, janitor, Court-house, Kamloops; salary, \$80. H. Harris, provincial constable, Sicamous; salary, \$80. A. T. Turnbull, Land Registry, New Westminster; salary, \$90. Wm. Voisey, provincial constable, New Westminster; salary, \$80. W. Carter, guard, Oakalla Prison Farm; salary, \$75.  
 "5. J. Corcoran, \$19.20; D. McKinlay, \$17.50; R. Best, \$160; T. W. Haslam, \$240; C. Stapleton, \$80; W. Voisey, \$75; F. Saunders, \$75; J. J. Bothwell, \$270; J. H. Harrison, \$255; R. G. Smith, \$160; J. H. Hunter, \$270; E. Conway, \$255; W. Carter, \$170; A. C. Messer, \$100; C. F. Luscombe, \$75.  
 "6. Miss A. Steele, relieved of office on account of closing of Kamloops Gaol to females, March 31st, 1917; J. Corcoran, D. McKinlay, and Geo. Knight, on account of reduction of staff; Geo. F. Hislop, on account of dereliction of duty (sleeping while on duty as night guard); J. J. Horne, T. J. Jarvis, J. Dickinson, and Harry Harris, on account of closing of Kamloops Gaol, November 1st, 1918; A. T. Turnbull, R. Best, T. Haslam, Chas. Stapleton, William Voisey, and F. Saunders, on account of closing of New Westminster Gaol, November 1st, 1918; J. Munro, superannuated January 1st, 1919, at \$50 per month; J. J. Bothwell, J. H. Harrison, R. G. Smith, J. H. Hunter, E. Conway, W. Carter, A. C. Messer, and C. F. Luscombe, on account of closing of Saanich Prison Farm, November 30th, 1917.  
 "7. Miss A. Steele; notice received, letter from Inspector of Gaols dated March 7th, 1917—twenty-four days' notice. J. Corcoran and D. McKinlay, letters from Inspector of Gaols dated July 7th, 1917—one day's notice (7 days' salary in lieu of notice). George Knight, one month's notice from Warden Turnbull. George F. Hislop, no notice (dismissed on receipt of Inspector's letter to that effect). J. J. Horne, T. J. Jarvis, J. Dickinson, Harry Harris, A. T. Turnbull, R. Best, T. Haslam, Chas. Stapleton, Wm. Voisey, F. Saunders, J. J. Bothwell, J. H. Harrison, R. G. Smith, J. H. Hunter, E. Conway, W. Carter, A. C. Messer, and C. F. Luscombe, one month's notice."

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

1. Was Dr. J. S. Burris, of Kamloops, relieved from his duties as Gaol Surgeon at Kamloops?
2. If so, why was he relieved and when?
3. Who was appointed to his place?
4. How long has said Burris occupied that position?
5. What notice was given said Burris of his dismissal?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Economy; 15th June, 1918.

"3. Drs. Irving and Murphy were appointed Gaol Surgeons for Kamloops Gaol, also Physicians for Provincial Home, Kamloops, at a salary covering both offices.

"4. Thirteen years five months.

"5. Notified on the 5th June, 1918."

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

1. Was A. C. Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary, retired from office on 30th April last?
2. If so, why was this done?
3. How long was he in the service?
4. Was he given a retiring allowance?
5. If so, how much?
6. Was J. L. White, of Greenwood, appointed Deputy Provincial Secretary one week after the Legislature prorogued?
7. What was his occupation prior to his appointment?
8. Had he been in the Provincial service prior to this appointment?
9. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?
10. What salary is said White now receiving?
11. Why was some Civil Servant not promoted?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Advanced age.
- "3. Thirty-one years.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. \$110 per month.
- "6. Appointment dated 1st May, 1918.
- "7. Druggist.
- "8. No.
- "9. Appointment was considered in best interests of Department.
- "10. \$3,120.
- "11. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. When did the Kettle Valley Railway commence operation of the section from Hope to Princeton?
2. How many months since the above date has it been impossible to use the same section, due to heavy snow, slides, etc.?
3. What is the elevation of the summit on this section of the Kettle Valley Railroad?

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

- "1. July 31st, 1916.
- "2. No information; railway under Federal jurisdiction.
- "3. Coquihalla Summit, elevation 3,660 feet."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Who composes the Returned Soldiers Commission, and their addresses?
2. Who is the Secretary of the Returned Soldiers Association?
3. When was he appointed, and his salary?
4. Is he a returned soldier; and, if so, what service has he seen?
5. What staff is in the employment of the Returned Soldiers Commission; their names, when appointed, and their salaries?
6. What hours does the staff work?
7. Are there any returned soldiers on the staff; and, if not, why not?

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

"1. Major-General R. G. E. Leckie, C.M.G., G.O.C., M.D. No. 11, Victoria; ex-Mayor A. E. Todd, Victoria; William Marchant, Esq., Inspector of Customs, Victoria; His Worship Mayor R. H. Gale, Vancouver; E. W. Hamber, Esq., P.O. Box 500, Vancouver; His Worship Mayor A. W. Gray, New Westminster; F. W. Peters, Esq., general superintendent, C.P.R., Vancouver; J. S. H. Matson, Esq., 1211 Broad Street, Victoria; W. R. Trotter, Vancouver.

- "2. George F. Pyke.
- "3. May 20th, 1918; \$150 per month.
- "4. Yes; nineteen months, eleven of which overseas.

"5. Miss E. G. Tysoe, stenographer and clerk; August 28th, 1917; \$70 per month. Miss V. Trenchard, stenographer; September 3rd, 1918; \$60 per month. Miss G. Blizard, stenographer; September 10th, 1918; \$45 per month. Miss V. Cockett, stenographer; October 22nd, 1918; \$45 per month.

"6. Regular hours from 9 to 5 o'clock. Considerable overtime work is necessitated owing to the fact that large lists containing the names of returning men are received every few days, and the information concerning same must be mailed the same day as telegram is received.

"7. None, except secretary; all other employees female."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. de B. Owen.

The following petitions were received:—

From some 1,500 or more residents of the Municipality of South Vancouver, opposing present system of municipal government.

From the Provincial Synod of British Columbia, asking leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the said synod. (No. 7.)

From Beatrice Webber and A. C. Webber, asking leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate their marriage. (No. 1.)

From the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, opposing Victoria City Bill *re* proposed exemption from taxation of lands in other municipalities. (No. 2B.)

On the ground of urgency as a matter of great public importance, and with leave of the House,—

Mr. Burde moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas an inquiry under the "Public Inquiries Act" was ordered by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and was opened by Mr. Justice Eberts as Commissioner at Port Alberni, B.C., on Wednesday, February 5th, 1919, to investigate alleged destruction and waste of fish in Barkley Sound through the use of purse-seine nets:

And whereas material evidence is excluded by the limitation to Barkley Sound of the scope of said inquiry:

And whereas application has been made by the fishermen who allege the said destruction and waste of fish to have the area of the inquiry enlarged:

And whereas said application has been endorsed by the Port Alberni Board of Trade and the Alberni District Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association:

And whereas the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Province of British Columbia has requested that said application be granted:

And whereas in the public interest it is advisable that all outside evidence bearing on the Barkley Sound area of inquiry should be obtained without restriction:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the requests set forth be humbly recommended to the Dominion Government to instruct the proper officers to grant the request for the enlargement of the inquiry.

Be it further *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted forthwith to the Honourable the Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

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. *M. A. Macdonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on the 10th inst. (*re* deportation of alien enemies), and the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

1. When the Game Department was reconstructed, how many old officials were relieved from office?
2. What were their names, their salaries, their positions, and length of service?
3. Did any of them receive other appointments in the service?
4. What notice of dismissal did they receive?
5. Did any of them receive a retiring allowance?
6. If so, the names, and amount of same?
7. Why were they retired from office?
8. How many new appointments have been made to this service?
9. What are their names, salaries, particulars of previous experience, and their vocation before being appointed?
10. Were any returned soldiers appointed to these positions?
11. If so, their names and salaries and the length of time they served?
12. Were any of the soldiers appointed relieved from office?
13. If so, who were they and why were they relieved?

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

"1. Twenty-eight.

"2. Game Warden: A. Bryan Williams, \$201.66 per month, 13 years' service. Deputy Game Wardens: C. Holst, \$95 per month, 8 years 10 months' service; R. Gidley, \$95 per month, 7 years 5 months' service; G. D. B. Terrell, \$95 per month, 8 years 7 months' service; H. E. R. Bedford, \$85 per month, 6 years' service; A. A. Ward, \$85 per month, 5 years 7 months' service; R. M. Bond, \$75 per month, 1 year 8 months' service; F. G. Morant, \$75 per month, 3 years' service; G. W. Blackmore, \$75 per month, 5 years 6 months' service; R. Dunn, \$75 per month, 4 years' service; A. S. Cochran, \$75 per month, 3 years 10 months' service; A. Carter, \$75 per month, 2 years 10 months' service; F. W. Hughes, \$75 per month, 1 year's service; H. D. Reed, \$75 per month, 1 year 11½ months' service; C. W. Stirling, \$75 per month, 1 year 10½ months' service; S. S. Boyd, \$75 per month, 1 year 9 months' service; G. R. Fisher, \$75 per month, 1 year 2 months' service; H. F. Wearmouth, \$75 per month, 1 year 2 months' service; F. Abrahamson, \$75 per month, 4 months' service; W. J. Claridge, \$75 per month, 10 months' service; J. Hitt, \$75 per month, 4 months' service; A. Beatty, \$75 per month, 10 months' service; A. Bingley, \$75 per month, 10 months' service; F. C. Wildman, \$75 per month, 10 months' service; M. Barry, \$75 per month, 9 months' service; A. H. Hird, \$75 per month, 9 months' service; F. H. Buswell, \$75 per month, 9 months' service; Miss M. G. Blackwood, \$60 per month, stenographer.

"3. Yes.

"4. Notices of dismissal sent out through Game Warden on 23rd March, 1918.

"5. Yes.

"6. A. Bryan Williams, \$604.98; G. A. B. Terrell, \$190; A. A. Ward, \$170; R. Dunn, \$75; F. G. Morant, \$75; R. Rushford, \$75; S. S. Boyd, \$75; H. F. Wearmouth, \$75; A. Beatty, \$75; F. C. Wildman, \$75; A. J. Hird, \$75; J. Abrahamson, \$75; C. Holst, \$109; H. E. R. Bedford,

\$170; G. W. Blackmore, \$170; A. S. Cochran, \$75; H. D. Reed, \$75; C. W. Stirling, \$75; G. R. Fisher, \$75; F. W. Hughes, \$75; A. Bingley, \$75; M. J. Barry, \$75; J. Hitt, \$75.

"7. Reorganization of Department.

"8. Twelve.

"9. R. Gidley, \$105; Chief Game Inspector; 7 years 5 months previously in game department. C. McP. Clarke, \$95; Special Game Warden; returned soldier. H. Pyke, \$95; Special Game Warden; returned soldier. A. J. Hird, \$90; previous experience with game department. W. H. Cameron, \$90; returned soldier. F. H. Butwell, \$90; previous experience with game department. W. H. Dawson, \$90. S. W. Long, \$90; previous experience in game work.

"10. Yes.

"11. C. McP. Clarke, \$95; W. H. Cameron, \$90; H. Pyke, \$95.

"12. Are still employed by the department.

"13. Answered by No. 12."

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

1. Was a reserve put on by the old Government in 1906 and 1911 on Lots 4491 and 4492, New Westminster District, cancelled on May 1st, 1918, as soon as the Legislature arose, in order to sell said lots to F. C. Wade?

2. Where are said lots situated?

3. Did said Wade buy same, and for what price?

4. Were there any other tenders put in?

5. If so, by whom, and the amount of same?

6. Were the Crown grants issued to said Wade for said lots?

7. When was same issued?

8. Is this F. C. Wade now Agent-General for British Columbia in London?

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

"1. Lots 4991 and 4992, containing 4.05 acres, were eliminated from a reserve established in 1906 over all islands in North Arm of Burrard Inlet, also a reserve established in 1911 relating to the whole of New Westminster District in order to sell said areas to Mr. F. C. Wade to make good a title he had already obtained from the Dominion Government for the same land, and by reason of which he was already in occupation.

"2. At the entrance to the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.

"3. Yes; \$10 per acre.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Yes.

"7. July 9th, 1918.

"8. Yes."

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

1. Was one A. Forrester appointed Assessor and Collector at Nanaimo?

2. If so, when and at what salary?

3. Was this appointment made or approved of by the Civil Service Commissioner?

4. Was any advertisement given asking for applications?

5. Why was not some one in the permanent service promoted or a returned soldier appointed?

6. What is the age of said Forrester?

7. Is the Government aware that said Forrester ran for Alderman in Nanaimo in the late civic election and was defeated?

8. Is the Government aware that said Forrester, while acting as Provincial tax-collector, attended a Liberal Convention at Duncan in the Dominion campaign of 1917?

9. Does the Government approve of its Civil Servants taking an active public part in Dominion and civic politics?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. From July 1st, 1918, at a salary of \$150 per month.

"3. Appointment was a promotion within the office.



"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Answered by No. 3.

"6. Fifty.

"7. No.

"8. Regarding questions Nos. 7 and 8, Forrester wired the Department as follows: 'I never attended a Liberal Convention at Duncan or anywhere since I entered the service. Mr. Bate, my predecessor previous to Edwards, held the office of Mayor and Alderman for a great many years while he occupied the position I now fill.'

"9. No."

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

1. Was one J. Smith appointed clerk to the Purchasing Agent?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and the salary paid?
3. Was the said Smith formerly Superintendent of the Victoria City Market?
4. Did the Civil Service Commissioner approve of this appointment?
5. Was any advertisement given of this vacancy?
6. What is the age of said Smith?
7. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June 29th, 1918; \$1,320 yearly.

"3. Yes.

"4. Civil Service Commissioner had not been appointed at time.

"5. No.

"6. Forty-five.

"7. Smith was the best qualified of the applicants for the position and had been a member of the 88th Fusiliers while medically fit. He has had two sons serving in the trenches, both of whom have been wounded."

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

1. Is Donald Downie, of Vancouver, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal for the Vancouver Assessment District?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. Has he rendered a bill for his services for 1917?
4. If so, what is the amount of said bill and has it been paid?
5. If not, why not?
6. Has he rendered a bill for services for 1918?
7. If so, what is the amount of said bill and has it been paid?
8. If not, why not?
9. What were the amounts paid his predecessor, A. M. Harper, for the years 1915 and 1916?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. December 12th, 1916.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$200, which has been paid.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Yes.

"7. Bill rendered, \$260; amount paid, \$200. Bill for holding supplementary Courts of Revision paid, \$97.50.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Harper was paid \$40 in 1915-16, and \$20 in 1916-17."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Equal Guardianship of Infants Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

## Wednesday, 12th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay.

Mr. Jackson presented the First, Second, and Third Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 12th, 1919.

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 been complied with.

No. 1—H. C. Webber and Beatrice Webber.

No. 2—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

No. 4—Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited.

No. 5—Rossland Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited.

No. 6—Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

### REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 12th, 1919.

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 notice were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight days before the opening of the Session.

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill.

No. 7—Provincial Synod of British Columbia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

## REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 12th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit be extended for presenting petitions to the House from February 10th to February 19th, 1919.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Weart* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act, and for validating powers. (No. 3.)

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the First Report from the Select Committee appointed to deal with the petitions of the Taylor Engineering Company and the Dolly Varden Mines Company, as follows:—

## REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 12th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee *re* the petition of the Taylor Engineering Company and the Dolly Varden Mines Company begs leave to report as follows:—

That the evidence submitted to your Committee be printed forthwith for the information of the House.

D. WHITESIDE, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

By Mr. *Willson*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited."

By Mr. *Willson*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company."

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented Bulletin No. 2, 1919, entitled "The Commercial Feasibility of the Electric Smelting of Iron Ores in B.C."

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*February 12th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service 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. *Oliver* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 12th, 1919.*

*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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 12th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax 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 election return of the result of the by-election of a Member to represent the Cowichan Electoral District was read, and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House.

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
11th February, 1919.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the Member thereof for the Cowichan Electoral District; and

"Whereas it was necessary to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused thereby, and for such purpose a writ dated the 24th day of December, 1918, was duly issued:

"Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that the electors have chosen *Kenneth Forrest Duncan*, of Duncan, as representative in the Legislative Assembly of the District aforesaid."

"J. L. WHITE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 10th inst. (*re* questions to be answered by D'Arcy Tate).

The debate was, on motion of Mr. *Yorston*, again adjourned to the next sitting.

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

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

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

1. How many chief constables, Inspectors of Police, detectives, and constables have resigned, been dismissed, or relieved from office since the 1st day of December, 1916, to date?
2. What are their respective names, ages, stations they were located at, their respective salaries, and length of time in the service?
3. How many were given retiring allowances?
4. If so, how many, and the amount in each case?
5. Were any of them given other positions in the service?
6. If so, what are the positions, and the salaries in each case?
7. Why were they relieved from office?
8. What notice did they receive of dismissal?
9. Who took their places in each case, and what salaries are they being paid now?
10. What experience in the Provincial service did these new appointees have?

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

"1. Chief constables, Inspectors of Police, detectives, and constables who have resigned, been dismissed, or relieved from office since 1st day of December, 1916, to date: 1 Inspector, 4 chief constables, 1 detective, 68 constables.

"2. Answered by Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

"3. Nine.

"4. Amount of retiring allowance in each case: J. Simpson, \$366; G. H. Sproule, \$294; J. M. Hutchins, \$190; J. E. Green, \$256; G. S. Blue, \$95; T. J. Wynn, \$300; Colin Cameron; J. T. Black, \$378; J. Hannay, \$95.

"5. Yes. Four.

"6. W. J. Hall, guard, Oakalla Prison Farm, \$80; A. Yates, Provincial constable, Michel, B.C., \$85; James Mead, Provincial constable, Revelstoke, B.C., \$85; G. A. Johuson, Provincial constable, Vernon, B.C., \$80.

"1, 7, 8, 9, 10. The name, age, station, salary, length of service, why relieved from office, notice given, successor and salary and previous experience are as follows:—

- O. W. Geernaert, age 46, Sidney, \$75, 1 year 3 months 2 days' service, resigned; succeeded by J. E. Gilbert, \$80, no previous experience.
- G. D. Banasky, age 39, Nanaimo, \$75, 9 months 3 days' service, retrenchment, 1 day's notice.
- W. H. Prescott, age 44, Jedway, \$85, 9 years 4 months 25 days' service, retrenchment, 1 month 5 days' notice.
- C. D. Brethour, age 26, Prince Rupert, \$75, 9 months 25 days' service, resigned; succeeded by C. S. Emes, \$75, 1 month's experience.
- A. D. McLean, age 36, Vancouver, \$75, 2 months 20 days' service, resigned; succeeded by H. F. Helmsing, \$85, 4 years 7 months' experience.

- C. H. Moss, age 30, Vancouver, \$91, 5 years 1 month 13 days' service, resigned; succeeded by F. T. Larson, \$90, no previous experience.
- J. A. Curley, age 26, Abbotsford, \$75, 8 months' service, resigned; succeeded by J. Renner, \$90, 1 year's experience.
- C. E. Doolittle, age 30, Terrace, \$80, 4 years 11 months 17 days' service, misconduct, 5 days' notice.
- W. C. Aynsley, age 29, Lucerne, \$75, 1 year 1 month 15 days' service, resigned.
- T. A. Mansell, age 29, Hudson Hope, \$90, 5 years 2 months 29 days' service, resigned.
- C. S. Emes, age 30, Prince Rupert, \$75, 3 months 3 days' service, resigned; succeeded by F. J. Moorat, \$75, no previous experience.
- J. R. Rhind, age 34, Vancouver, \$75, 3 months 24 days' service, resigned; succeeded by C. B. Hoby, \$75, no previous experience.
- J. J. Bell, age 28, Field, \$75, 3 years 11 days' service, resigned; succeeded by A. E. Farey, \$80, no previous experience.
- J. H. Kvarno, age 50, Uchuelet, \$30, 19 years 1 month 17 days' service, misconduct, 7 days' notice.
- W. C. Forrester, age 44, Creston, \$85, 5 years 11 months' service, refused transfer from Nakusp, 9 days' notice; succeeded by G. A. Carter, \$110, no previous experience.
- A. C. Pallant, age 35, Alberni, \$80, 5 years 1 day's service, unsuitable, 3 days' notice; succeeded by W. D. Redford, \$75, no previous experience.
- H. E. Brickland, age 25, Chase, \$80, 4 years 5 months' service, resigned; succeeded by D. A. McDonald, \$95, 5 years 1 month 26 days' experience.
- D. J. McAlmon, age 29, Nelson, \$75, 4 months 15 days' service, resigned; succeeded by B. McLellan, \$80, 9 months' experience.
- F. Hibben, age 39, Clayoquot, \$75, 5 years 20 days' service, resigned; succeeded by H. N. Wood, \$85, 3 years 7 months' experience.
- S. C. Gordon, age 29, Alice Arm, \$80, 4 years 3 months 16 days' service, resigned.
- J. W. Hardiman, age 35, Blue River, \$75, 2 years 4 months 2 days' service, resigned.
- C. R. Stewart, age 56, Nass River, \$75, 3 months 21 days' service, end of fishing season, 16 days' notice.
- E. Taylor, age 32, Pender Harbour, \$75, 1 year 19 days' service, misconduct, 1 day's notice.
- W. J. Hall, age 27, Vancouver, \$75, 3 months 17 days' service, resigned.
- H. F. Helmsing, age 35, Vancouver, \$85, 5 years 10 months' service, resigned.
- C. S. Richards, age 27, 150-Mile, \$80, 4 years 2 months 18 days' service, misconduct, 1 day's notice; succeeded by E. B. Irving, \$80, no previous experience.
- J. R. C. Deane, age 49, Port Simpson, \$85, 9 years 8 months 2 days' service, misconduct, 1 day's notice.
- G. B. Pittendrigh, age 25, South Fort George, \$75, 3 years 10 months 21 days' service, misconduct, 19 days' notice.
- F. J. Moorat, age 40, Prince Rupert, \$75, 7 months' service, unsuitable, 21 days' notice; succeeded by C. F. Evans, \$80, 4 years 11 months' experience.
- W. R. Fowler, age 37, Michel, \$75, 1 year 7 months' service, retrenchment, 8 days' notice; succeeded by J. Norgrove, \$75, 1 year 11 months' experience.
- E. Ainsworth, age 40, Corbin, \$75, 1 year 1 month 28 days' service, misconduct, 1 day's notice; succeeded by G. W. Shipman, \$85, 2 months' experience.
- A. E. Grave, age 52, Ganges, \$75, 6 months 10 days' service, return of regular constable, 6 days' notice; succeeded by J. N. Rogers, \$85, 11 months' experience.
- Ashton Yates, age 40, Bull River, \$85, 1 year 5 months' service, retrenchment, 8 days' notice.
- Jas. Mead, age 36, Hazelton, \$85, 4 years 11 months 25 days' service, resigned; succeeded by J. Kelly, \$100, 4 years 10 months' experience.
- C. W. Gilbert, age 30, Vancouver, \$75, 4 years 10 months 19 days' service, resigned; succeeded by J. McDonald, \$110, 5 years 6 months' experience.
- D. E. Bleakley, age 33, New Westminster, \$80, 4 years 11 months 9 days' service, resigned; succeeded by W. J. Voisey, \$80, 4 years' experience.

- G. H. Welsby, age 39, Fernie, \$110, 6 years 4 months 5 days' service, resigned; succeeded by A. McNeil, \$100, 4 years 1 month 10 days' experience.
- T. H. Duncan, age 36, Bull River, \$75, 1 year 8 months 10 days' service, resigned; succeeded by C. H. Martin, \$80, no previous experience.
- W. E. Blair, age 40, Vancouver, \$80, 4 years 9 months' service, resigned; succeeded by W. H. Hadley, \$80, 2½ months' experience.
- F. W. Eccles, age 32, Pender Harbour, \$75, 9 months 4 days' service, resigned; succeeded by W. J. Hall, \$75, 3 months 16 days' experience.
- W. D. Redford, age 23, Alberni, \$75, 8 months' service, resigned; succeeded by H. N. Wood, \$85, 4 years 25 days' experience.
- C. B. Hoby, age 25, Vancouver, \$75, 9 months 21 days' service, unsuitable, 15 days' notice; succeeded by R. H. Young, \$80, no previous experience.
- H. R. Wyatt, age 44, North Bend, \$85, 7 years 3 months 17 days' service, resigned.
- J. Norgrove, age 36, Michel, \$75, 2 years 10 days' service, resigned; succeeded by A. Yates, \$85, 1 year 5 months' experience.
- C. Nichols, age 28, Greenwood, \$75, 2 years 10 months 29 days' service, resigned.
- R. H. Young, age 37, Vancouver, \$80, 1 month 7 days' service, resigned; succeeded by W. A. Wisley, \$80.
- F. T. Larson, age 25, Vancouver, \$90, 1 year 1 month 1 day's service, resigned; succeeded by J. S. Craig, \$90, no previous experience.
- J. Simpson, age 59, Greenwood, \$122, 14 years 6 months' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by J. A. Fraser, \$130, 13 years 11 months 27 days' experience.
- G. H. Sproule, age 67, Princeton, \$98, 11 years 6 months 23 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice.
- J. M. Hutchings, age 43, Ocean Falls, \$95, 7 years 2 months 21 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by W. H. Hadley, \$80, 2 months 15 days' experience.
- J. E. Green, age 51, Vancouver, \$135, 5 years 4 months 2 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by G. A. Hood, \$125, 6 years 7 months' experience.
- G. S. Blue, age 34, Hope, \$95, 5 years 10 months 9 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by D. McDonald, \$90, 5 years' experience.
- T. G. Wynn, age 55, Vancouver, \$180, 9 years 7 months 2 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by F. R. Murray, \$175, 13 years 4 months' experience.
- C. Cameron, age 56, Ashcroft, \$128, 20 years 4 months' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by R. W. Bowen, \$115, 6 years 24 days' experience.
- J. T. Black, Nelson, \$126, 18 years 5 months' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice; succeeded by J. Macdonald, \$110, 4 years 8 months 23 days' experience.
- J. Hanna, age 39, Courtenay, \$85, 5 years 8 months 10 days' service, reorganization, 21 days' notice.
- D. Gibb, South Fort George, \$80, 1 month's service, resigned; succeeded by J. Mead, \$85, 4 years 6 months' experience.
- F. F. O'Halloran, age 38, McBride, \$85, 4 years 6 months 23 days' service, resigned; succeeded by M. C. McPhail, \$80, 2 years 3 months 26 days' experience.
- W. H. Dockstader, age 40, Midway, \$95, 11 years 24 days' service, resigned; succeeded by W. B. Stewart, \$95, 5 years 10 months 14 days' experience.
- L. P. Howe, age 39, Princeton, \$80, 2 months 18 days' service, misconduct, 7 days' notice.
- C. O'Connor, age 43, Moyie, \$90, 5 years 4 months 16 days' service, ill-health, 1 month's notice; succeeded by W. H. Laird, \$80.
- G. A. Johnson, age 26, Kaslo, \$85, 1 year 9 months 6 days' service, resigned.
- D. A. McDonald, age 29, Chase, \$95, 6 years 2 months 8 days' service, resigned; succeeded by P. W. Jupp, \$90, 5 years 1 month, 10 days' experience.
- H. Harris, age 27, Sicamous, \$80, 6 months 19 days' service, resigned; succeeded by G. A. Taunton, \$80, no previous experience.
- F. Wills, age 30, South Fort George, \$80, 23 days' service, resigned; succeeded by P. Carr, \$85, 2 years 6 months 18 days' experience.
- H. H. Carney, age 51, Alice Arm, \$90, 3 months 17 days' service, station closed, 10 days' notice.

- P. O'Hara, age 28, Victoria, \$80, 1 month 15 days' service, misconduct, 1 day's notice.  
 G. H. Howieson, age 35, Revelstoke, \$80, 5 years 10 months 26 days' service, resigned; succeeded by J. Mead, \$85, 4 years 11 months' experience.  
 D. McLean, age 42, Vancouver, \$85, 1 year 2 months 14 days' service, resigned; succeeded by J. McDonald, \$110, 5 years 3 months 16 days' experience.  
 G. A. Taunton, age 21, Sicamous, \$80, 1 month 18 days' service, misconduct, no notice; succeeded by P. Carr, \$85, 2 years 7 months 2 days' experience.  
 H. J. Wilson, age 33, Clinton, \$80, 3 months 4 days' service, misconduct, no notice.  
 R. Rushford, age 38, Cumberland, \$80, 2 years 8 months 9 days' service, resigned; succeeded by C. F. Evans, \$95, 5 years 8 days' experience.  
 H. D. Mainwaring, age 36, Victoria, \$80, 1 year 10 months 17 days' service, resigned; succeeded by E. G. Wolf, \$80.  
 E. G. Wolf, age 26, Victoria, \$80, 8 months 4 days' service, resigned; succeeded by F. J. Fryer, \$90, 4 years 12 days' experience."

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

1. Was one C. W. Grain, Government Agent at Barkerville, dismissed from office?
2. If so, when, and for what reason?
3. How long was said Grain in the Provincial service?
4. Was he given any retiring allowance?
5. What was the age of said Grain at the time of his dismissal?
6. What salary was he receiving?
7. What salary is his successor in receipt of?

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

"1 to 7. Mr. Grain was not Government Agent at Barkerville."

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

1. Was J. E. Hooson, Government Agent at Alberni, dismissed?
2. If so, when and for what reason?
3. How old was said Hooson when dismissed and what salary was he receiving?
4. How long had he been in the service?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. July 1st, 1918; in the public interest.

"3. About fifty; \$2,120.

"4. Since July 1st, 1893. Mr. Hooson was constable at Victoria headquarters and at Rossland from that date until June 30th, 1899; clerk in the Rossland Agency from July 1st, 1899, to June 30th, 1902; Mining Recorder at Rossland from July 1st, 1902, to July 31st, 1912; Government Agent at Fort Fraser from August 1st, 1912, to November 30th, 1916; Government Agent at Alberni from December 1st, 1916, to July 1st, 1918."

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

1. Is the Northern Half of Lot 844 Crown-granted; and, if so, upon what date?
2. What is the address of the bona-fide owner?

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

"1. Yes; November 14th, 1912.

"2. Crown grant was delivered to Messrs. Robertson & Heisterman, Victoria, B.C. No further information as to address available."

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

1. What is the present status of the South-west Quarter of Lot 420, Range 4?
2. Is same Crown-granted; and, if so, to whom and on what date?
3. To what date are taxes paid on this parcel?
4. What is address of beneficial owner so far as known?



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

- "1. Whole of Lot 420 Crown-granted to J. B. Starky on May 30th, 1917.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Information not available except at local Assessor's Office.
- "4. Crown grant was delivered to Martin, Griffin & Co., Vancouver, B.C. No further information as to address available."

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

1. Has the Government surrendered Frondeg Farm to Mr. J. R. Hughes?
2. If so, when?
3. What disposition was made of the stock, both alive and dead, purchased by the Government for the said farm?
4. What disposition was made of the farming implements purchased for the said farm?
5. If said stock and implements were sold, were they sold by public auction or were tenders called therefor?
6. If the same have been sold, whom were they sold to and when, with details?
7. If sold, what prices were received for the same?
8. Were said sales for cash or on time payments?
9. What was the cost of the buildings erected by the Government on the said farm?
10. What was the amount of money paid out for clearing and stumping the said lands?
11. What was the total amount paid for fertilizer supplied to and used on the said farm?
12. What allowance did the said J. R. Hughes make to the Government for said buildings, clearing, and improvements when taking the said farm over from the Government?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 30th, 1918.
- "3. Sold.
- "4. Farm machinery used by Government was the property of Mr. Hughes, with exception of silo-filler.
- "5. Privilege was granted Mr. Hughes of purchasing stock on farm at time of surrender at price placed on same by Government. Previous sales and sales made of stock which Mr. Hughes did not take over were made at highest bids obtainable.
- "6. G. R. Hughes, September 30th, 1918: 29 cows, 4 heifers (2-year-old), 3 yearling heifers, 2 calves, 3 horses, 39 pigs, 125 chickens for the price of \$4,650. H. Silverthorne, November 18th, 1918: 4 horses and 1 colt for the price of \$700. J. Locke, October, 1918: 1 bull at the price of \$80. Miscellaneous cash sales during operation of farm: October, 1917, \$12; November, 1917, \$14.98; December, 1917, \$457.60; January, 1918, \$149.09; February, 1918, \$38.45; March, 1918, \$30.40; April, 1918, \$298.50; May, 1918, \$730.76; June, 1918, \$175.92; July, 1918, \$70.45; August, 1918, \$52.60; September, 1918, \$71.45.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Four horses and one colt sold to H. Silverthorne for note at six months bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. Other sales were for cash.
- "9. \$844.60. This includes some repair-work.
- "10. None.
- "11. \$864.04.
- "12. Turned over to G. R. Hughes to offset depreciation on buildings, implements, machinery, fences, drains, etc."

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

1. Is the South-east Quarter of Lot S39, Range 4, Coast, open for pre-emption?
2. If so, has the Government Agent at Fort Fraser been advised and when?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes; March 11th, 1918."

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

1. What is the present status of the southern portion of Lot 2401, Range 4?
2. If covered by a reserve for Indian purposes, when will the Government deal with same?
3. Is this parcel of land situate in a white settlement and apart from any other Indian reserves?
4. Are there any Indians resident within twenty miles of this parcel?

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

"1. Crown land covered by an application of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs on behalf of Indian Felix George.

"2. Under consideration.

"3. No information.

"4. No information."

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

1. Is the Southern Half of Lot S44, Range 4, open for pre-emption?
2. If so, has the Government Agent at Fort Fraser been advised and when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes; March 11th, 1918."

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

1. What is the present status of South-east Quarter of Lot 425, Range 4?
2. Is same Crown-granted; and, if so, to whom and on what date?
3. To what date are taxes paid on this parcel?
4. What is address of beneficial owner so far as known?

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

"1. Whole Lot 425 Crown-granted to Fred Lance on February 14th, 1917.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Information not available except at local Assessor's Office.

"4. Crown grant was delivered to Messrs. Martin, Griffin & Co., Vancouver. No further information as to address available."

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

1. What is the present status of the North-east Quarter of Lot 397, Range 4?
2. If an application to purchase same is pending, what is date of such application?
3. What prevents disposition of such application (if any)?
4. When will the application be disposed of?
5. Up to what date are the taxes paid?
6. Who is the applicant?
7. What is the address of the applicant?
8. Is one C. E. Mahon interested in this and other applications to purchase in the same vicinity?

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

"1. Included in an application to purchase the North Half of Lot 397, Range 4, Coast.

"2. Application to purchase approved December 24th, 1912.

"3. Departmental requirements not completed.

"4. As soon as requirements are complied with.

"5. Information not available except at local Assessor's Office.

"6. Elizabeth Daniels.

"7. Application to purchase dated from Vancouver, B.C.

"8. C. E. Mahon acted as agent in the application to purchase Lot 397, Range 4, Coast, and other lots in vicinity."

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Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Equal Guardianship of Infants Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Commissioner's Report on the Vancouver Island Riots, 1913-14.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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## Thursday, 13th February, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. S. Osborne.

The petition of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam (No. 3) was received.

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

By Mr. Hall—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

By Mr. Hall—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia."

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. the Premier, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

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