

Friday, March 1st, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. What is the area covered by the Garibaldi Reserve?
2. (a.) What is the acreage of timber land offered to the Government of British Columbia within the boundaries of the reserve? (b.) What is the price asked by the owners of the timber; is it by the thousand F.B.M. or a lump sum?
3. (a.) What amount of privately owned area which has been logged and burnt over does the Government intend to take over? (b.) Is it the intention of the Government to cancel Government charges in order to obtain this timber land? (c.) Are these charges in the form of rentals, stumpage, or royalties?
4. (a.) What company logged part of the area covered by the Garibaldi Reserve? (b.) What number of relief-men were housed in the camps of that company? (c.) What amount of money was paid to that company for that accommodation?
5. What was the total amount of timber removed from Lot No. 18, Coast Range 1, Port Neville, Log-mark T 11?

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

- "1. 973 square miles.
- "2. (a.) 2,583 acres. (b.) Cancellation of indebtedness to Department, amounting to \$48,614.01. The company is now in liquidation and the Department holds all equity in the timber lands as security for payment of the account under the provisions of the Dominion timber regulations.
- "3. (a.) None. (b.) No. (c.) Answered by 3 (b).
- "4. (a.) Several companies logged at various times and locations on area now included in the park. (b.) and (c.) No information in the Department of Lands.
- "5. 1,684,724 board-feet."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, March 4th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon A. E. de L. *Nunns*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Manson* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 1st, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds."

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company Act, 1934.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act, 1934.'"

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Adoption of Children."

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Armstrong Incorporation Act, 1913.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Goat-breeders' Protection Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 4th, 1935.

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. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Civil Service Superannuation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 4th, 1935.

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. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 4th, 1935.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

In reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn* the Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return:—

1. Were tenders called for supplying coal to Government institutions for the fiscal years 1934-35?
2. If so, in which newspapers were the tenders advertised, and in how many issues of each newspaper?
3. What grade of coal was specified for each institution?
4. What is the name and address of each firm who submitted tenders in each case?
5. What price was submitted by each firm for each grade of coal for each institution?
6. Which tender was accepted in each case?
7. What grade of coal is being supplied to each institution?
8. Did the Tulameen Coal Company, of Princeton, during the past ten years supply coal to the Mental Institution at Essondale?
9. If so, in which years, and what grade of coal was supplied?
10. What tonnage was supplied (if any) by the Tulameen Coal Company in each year?
11. What price was paid per ton in each year?

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Report of Revision Committee of the Educational, Finance, and Administration Commission.
To lie upon the table.

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1934.

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

1. On what date did the fuel-oil tax come into effect?
2. What sum of money was collected from this tax prior to November 15th, 1933?
3. What sum of money has been collected from this tax since November 15th, 1933. to January 30th, 1935?

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

"1. June 1st, 1932.

"2. \$120,099.95.

"3. \$820,870.30."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What is the total sum loaned or granted to industry under clause (i), section 4, and section 6 of "An Act respecting the Department of Industries," chapter 111, R.S.B.C. 1924?
2. What is the total amount of said loans or grants that have been repaid to the Province?
3. What is the estimated net loss sustained by the Province due to failure by industries to repay loans?

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

"1. \$1,477,511.66. Loans from Treasury to Department, \$1,125,000; interest received and reloaned, \$352,511.66.

"2. \$1,095,270.92. Principal, \$735,355.02, repaid to Province; interest, \$359,915.90, paid to Province.

"3. \$564,447.63, of which security is held amounting to approximately \$30,000."

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

1. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the District Municipality of Burnaby?
2. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the City Municipality of North Vancouver?
3. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the District Municipality of North Vancouver?
4. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the City of Prince Rupert?
5. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the City of Merritt?
6. What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by the City of Port Coquitlam?

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

"1. \$50,000.

"2 to 6. Nil."

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

1. Was there a Deputy Minister of Industries in the year 1932-33? If so, who held such office, and what annual salary did he receive?
2. Who is the present Deputy Minister of Industries, and when was he appointed?
3. What are his qualifications, and what salary does he receive?
4. What are his duties?
5. How many assistants are there in this Department, and what are their salaries?

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

- "1. Yes; V. A. Rollins; \$5,400 gross per annum as Purchasing Agent and Deputy Minister of Industries.
- "2. E. G. Rowebottom; January 1st, 1934.
- "3. Practical business experience; \$4,000 gross per annum.
- "4. See 'Department of Industries Act,' chapter 111, R.S.B.C. 1924.
- "5. One; \$1,284 gross per annum."

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

- 1. Did Hon. R. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Works, make a trip to Ottawa in the month of April or May, 1933?
- 2. If so, what number of days was charged for travelling and other expenses?
- 3. What was the total sum (if any) charged as travelling expenses?
- 4. Did Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines, make a trip to Ottawa in the month of April or May, 1933?
- 5. If so, what number of days was charged for travelling and other expenses?
- 6. What was the total sum (if any) charged as travelling expenses?
- 7. Did these Ministers arrange with the Dominion Government for a new unemployment agreement?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Twenty-seven.
- "3. \$383.75.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Twenty-four.
- "6. \$348.30.
- "7. No information."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

- 1. Is a Miss Jessie M. Rothwell, resident in Prince Rupert, B.C., in receipt of a pension from the Teachers' Pensions Fund?
- 2. (a.) Is Miss Rothwell being employed by the Commissioner of Prince Rupert as a substitute teacher? (b.) If yes, is it the policy of the Department of Education to permit the employment of teachers who are in receipt of a pension?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a.) and (b.) No information in this Department. Substitutes are appointed and paid by Local Boards of School Trustees, or, in the case of Prince Rupert, the Commissioner, without grant from this Department."

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

- 1. Who was on duty at Casey Lookout, July 30th, 1934?
- 2. Did he report Fire Number 258?
- 3. If so, when, and to whom?
- 4. What location did he give?
- 5. What did the party he reported to do?
- 6. If anything, when did he do it?
- 7. Who was put in charge of this fire?
- 8. When was he put in charge of it?
- 9. When was he laid off?
- 10. How much pay did he get over the whole period?
- 11. How many hours' pay was given to other men fighting this fire: (a) As fire-fighters; (b) as cooks; (c) as cooks' helpers; (d) as packers; (e) as timekeepers; (f) or any others?
- 12. How much was paid for pack-horses and saddle-horses on this fire?
- 13. How much was paid for food-supplies for this fire?

14. How much was paid transportation of food-supplies for this fire, not including packers and pack-horses?

15. How much was paid for transportation of men for this fire?

16. How much was paid for transportation reporting fire and its progress?

17. What was the total cost of fighting this fire, less of course the part such as general office and general official expenses and other things which will be mixed up with district expenses?

18. What was the extent of the fire (that is, how many square miles did it burn)?

19. Did it go into the United States of America?

20. Did it go into the Province of Alberta?

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

"1. A. Pascuzzo.

"2. Yes.

"3. August 1st, to local Assistant Ranger.

"4. Wigwam Valley. Details not available in Victoria records.

"5. Immediately on return of scouts already in field locating fire, organized crew and sent them to fire.

"6. See No. 5. Crew left for fire early morning of August 2nd.

"7. Assistant Ranger C. Morrow.

"8. Was automatically in charge on receipt of report of the fire occurrence.

"9. Seasonal employee. Service, 1934, May 28th to September 25th.

"10. \$396.23.

"11. Total wage cost on this fire, \$1,017.40. Classes of labour are not segregated in Victoria records. Details not available.

"12. \$101.

"13. \$140.77.

"14. Not segregated in accounts.

"15. Not segregated in accounts.

"16. Not segregated in accounts.

"17. \$1,344.59.

"18. Approximately 80,480 acres.

"19. Yes.

"20. No."

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

1. Was the attention of the Department drawn to an alleged defect or weakness in the dykes at Sumas at any time during 1934?

2. If so, what action was taken to remedy the alleged defect or weakness?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Maintenance of the dykes at Sumas is a function of the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District. No application received from Sumas area for any Government assistance to remedy the alleged defect or weakness of dykes."

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

1. Were any free clinics in operation last year in this Province; and, if so, how many?

2. Where are they located?

3. How many free treatments of disease were given?

4. How many free treatments were given for venereal diseases in each?

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

"1 and 2. Dental clinics at various parts of the Province under the auspices of the B.C. Dental Association, Canadian National Dental Association, Women's Institutes, and the Provincial Board of Health. T.B. clinics under the direction of the Provincial Board of Health are held at stated intervals throughout the Province. This service is continuous the year round. V.D. clinics, one in Victoria, one in Vancouver, one at Hospital Camp 201, Deroche. Provision is made for treatment throughout the Province by the local physicians of all indigent

cases by the Provincial Board of Health and drugs furnished for all cases on the reporting of the case by the local physician.

"3. Dental clinics have been held throughout the Province at various points, but no records are available as to the number treated during the year. There were 1,964 new cases examined at the T.B. clinics and 1,237 re-examinations, making a total of 3,201 examined, of whom 2,530 received X-ray examinations.

"4. Vancouver V.D. clinic, 43,471 treatments; Victoria V.D. clinic, 16,472 treatments."

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

1. Has the Department received any communications dealing with the frequent and serious floodings of the Surrey Dyking District?

2. If so, has any action been taken?

3. If not, is any action under consideration?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. This is a private dyke over which the Department has no control. Prevention of flooding is a function of the Surrey Dyking District."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Have any new motor-cars been purchased by the Provincial Police from Hanson's Garage, Cranbrook, since March 31st, 1934?

2. If yes, how many; what was the make of each such car; and what was the amount paid for each one?

3. Were any old cars traded in on new equipment, if any?

4. If yes, what allowance was made for each old car?

5. What amount has been expended by the Provincial Police in the payment of gas, oils, parts, repairs, and car or truck hire since March 31st, 1934, at Hanson's Garage, Cranbrook?

6. Has any money been expended by the Provincial Police in any other garage in Cranbrook by way of new cars purchased since March 31st, 1934?

7. If yes, from whom were they purchased; what make of car was so purchased; and what amount was paid for each such car?

8. What amount, if any, has been paid to other garages in Cranbrook for the purchase of gas, oils, repairs, and car or truck hire since March 31st, 1934?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. One: 1934 Standard Fordor Sedan; \$879 net.

"3. Yes: one old motor-cycle.

"4. \$95.

"5. \$818.70.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. \$120.85."

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

1. Has one W. J. Wilkinson, of Pemberton, B.C., been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Province?

2. If the said Wilkinson has been appointed, what are his qualifications for the position, and on whose recommendation was he appointed?

3. If one W. J. Wilkinson has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, is he the same W. J. Wilkinson who operates a hotel and beer-parlour at Pemberton, B.C.?

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

"1, 2, and 3. One John William Wilkinson, of Pemberton, B.C., was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Province on November 13th, 1934, and said appointment was rescinded on January 30th, 1935, upon the Commissioner of the Liquor Control Board advising the Government that the said Wilkinson was the operator of a beer-parlour."

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

1. What sum of money has been collected to January 30th from gun-licence fees for the fiscal year 1934-35?
2. Of the total sum so collected, what amount was contributed from big-game hunters non-resident of British Columbia?

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

- "1. \$120,794 from resident and non-resident firearms licences.
- "2. \$9,500."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Attorney-General's Department receive a communication from a W. J. Cox, through his solicitor, W. H. M. Haldane, applying for the Department's sanction of an application for a brewery licence?
2. If yes, was permission granted on behalf of the Province?
3. If no, on what grounds was the application refused?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. On grounds of public interest. In British Columbia there are eleven brewers' licences for a population of 694,263 (1931 census); i.e., one brewer's licence to every 63,115 people. In Quebec there are five brewers' licences for a population of 2,874,255 (1931 census); i.e., one brewer's licence for every 574,851 people."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. What remuneration and expenses have the members of the Economic Council and of the Industrial Relations Board been paid to date?
2. What are their daily rates of pay and expenses?

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

"1. Economic Council: Members receive no remuneration; total expenses to date, \$2,394.10. Board of Industrial Relations: Remuneration (three members), \$1,020; expenses (three members), \$446.25. The Deputy Minister of Labour and Chairman of the Economic Council receive no remuneration as members of the Board of Industrial Relations.

"2. Economic Council: See answer to question 1. Board of Industrial Relations: \$10 per diem to three members for each day of meetings, and actual travelling expenses."

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

1. Did the Public Works Engineer at Powell River receive a petition from I. V. MacKay, Stuart Island, regarding relief conditions on Dent Island?
2. If yes, was the petition, or a copy of the same, forwarded to the Minister?
3. If yes, what action has been taken?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Am informed relief has been given."

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

1. Did one Albert F. McGuire, of Fernie District, under the Department, receive any wages or relief during the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1934, and January, 1935?
2. If so, how much, and for what months?
3. Did said Albert F. McGuire receive any remuneration from the Department in any of the above months for use of horses, truck, and car?
4. If so, how much, and for what months?

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

- "1. No, not under this Department in Fernie District.
- "2, 3, and 4. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Did one Howard W. McGuire, of Fernie District, under the Department, receive any wages or relief during the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1934, and January, 1935?

2. If so, how much, and for what months?

3. Did said H. W. McGuire receive any remuneration from the Department in any of the above months for use of horses and truck?

4. If so, how much, and for what months?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

"1. No, not under this Department in Fernie District.

"2, 3, and 4. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Did one Charles J. McGuire, of Fernie District, under the Department, receive any wages or relief during the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1934, and January, 1935?

2. If so, how much, and for what months?

3. Did said Charles J. McGuire receive any remuneration from the Department in any of the above months for use of horses, truck, and car?

4. If so, how much, and for what months?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

"1. No, not under this Department in Fernie District.

"2, 3, and 4. See answer to No. 1.

"NOTE.—Charles J. McGuire hauled bridge-timber for use of the Department from Letcher's Mill at Flagstone to Fernie, under contract with Mr. Letcher. At Mr. Letcher's request, the General Foreman at Fernie consented to pay Mr. McGuire, deducting such payment from Mr. Letcher's account. All arrangements were made by Mr. Letcher, who contracted with the Department to deliver timber in Fernie at \$20 per thousand."

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 5.17 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1935.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson rose to a question of privilege and moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Weir,—

That the accounts of the Government with the Hanson Garage Company, Limited, to date be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

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

Return of Refunds pursuant to Section 124A of the "Taxation Act" during the Calendar Year 1934.

Return of Orders in Council approved during Calendar Year 1934 pursuant to Section 43 of the "Revenue Act."

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to certain matters raised by Mr. Pooley upon a question of privilege:—

Honourable Members,—On Thursday, February 28th, Mr. Pooley, the honourable member for Esquimalt, on a question of privilege, referred to the following question and answer, appearing

on Votes and Proceedings No. 11, page 5, and complained of the answer given, and desired a ruling from the Speaker as to the answer being in order.

Question: "What were the expenses of each person, including the Premier?"

Answer: "Information will appear in Public Accounts in due course."

It is customary, where our own Standing Order is not specific in its direction, next to follow precedents established in this House by Speakers' Decisions, and next, under Standing Order No. 1, by the usages of the British House of Commons.

I would refer honourable members to the Journals, 1932, pages 26, 27, 28, in which there appear the decision of Mr. Speaker Davie in regard to numerous questions, the answers to which were to the effect, "That such will appear in the Public Accounts which have not yet been presented to the House." I would also refer honourable members to the decision of Mr. Speaker Keen contained in "Speakers' Decisions," Vol. 2, page 55, where questions were asked as to certain disbursement, and the answers given were that, "items will appear in the Public Accounts." Both Mr. Speaker Keen and Mr. Speaker Davie ruled that such answers were sufficient.

An example similar to the one under review is contained in the Journals of 1931, page 71, March 12th, as follows:—

"Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

"What amount was spent during 1930 upon such roads and trails?"

Answer: "Information will be shown in 1930-31 Public Accounts."

It is very obvious to me, after a diligent search of the Journals for many years past, that the practice of answering to the effect, that "the information sought will appear in Public Accounts, not yet published" has not been followed with consistency, but only occasionally, though with more consistency since 1930.

It should also be remembered that a Minister has the right to refuse a reply. B.H.C. 267, H.D. 3s. 14.

Further, that the Public Accounts are always referred to the Standing Committee on same.

It should be evident unlimited detailing of answers to questions in the Votes and Proceedings will soon develop a daily bulky volume containing a mass of detail involving considerable time and expense and hampering the conduct of public business.

On the other hand, the fundamental right of the private member to seek information must be jealously guarded.

In regard, therefore, to the following decision, I desire to make it distinctly clear that it does not affect the regularity or otherwise of questions on the current year's expenditures, but deals only with the regularity of answers, such as the one under review.

I feel bound both by the decision of Mr. Speaker Davie and the decision rendered by the late Mr. Speaker Keen, both of which were sustained on appeal, and thereby stand as an Order of this House.

I rule that the answer filed was in order, and that if not satisfactory to the questioner an Order of the House for a Return could be asked for.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* thereupon presented a Return in reply to the questions asked by Mr. *Pooley*, more particularly referred to and set out in the above decision.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act, 1929'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to indemnify and relieve Edward Dodsley Barrow respecting the Receipt of certain Moneys from the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited, while a Member of the Legislative Assembly" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That the name of Mr. Manson be added to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. McGeer:—

1. Upon what dates and for what amounts were moneys borrowed by the Government of British Columbia during the years 1916 to 1934, inclusive: (a) For Capital Account; (b) for Current Account; (c) all other loans?
2. What was the amount of each loan?
3. What was the sale price and the rate of interest payable upon each loan?
4. What were the discounts, commissions, and other costs and expenses on each such loan?
5. What was the total of all such charges and expenses referred to in question 4?
6. What were the amounts of interest paid on each of the said loans and the total amount of interest paid out by the Government in respect of the said loans in the following detail: (a) Interest on bonds; (b) interest on bank loans; (c) other interest charges?
7. What is the total amount of the indebtedness of the Province of British Columbia payable in: (a) Canada; (b) Great Britain; (c) United States; (d) elsewhere?
8. What amounts were repaid on account of all loans during the years 1916 to 1934, inclusive, showing the following detail: (a) Paid in Canada; (b) paid in Great Britain; (c) paid in the United States; (d) paid elsewhere?
9. What were the amounts paid or received on account of exchange rates, showing the following detail: (a) Premiums paid on Canadian funds; (b) discounts paid on account of Canadian funds; (c) the dates upon which the said premiums and discounts were paid?
10. Upon what dates and for what amounts and at what rate of interest did the Government of the Province of British Columbia borrow moneys from the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any department thereof, during the years 1916 to 1934, inclusive?
11. What are the amounts of interest and capital that have been paid on account of such borrowings mentioned in the last preceding question, showing the following detail: (a) The

amount of capital repaid each year; (b) the amount of interest paid each year; (c) the total of capital repaid during the years 1916-34; (d) the total of interest paid?

12. What is the amount now owing by the Government of the Province of British Columbia to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and what rate of interest is payable in respect of such amounts?

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. McGeer:—

1. On February 28th, 1935, what was the total amount, if any, of the Treasury bills due or owing to: (a) The Dominion Government; (b) the Bank of Commerce or any other banks?

2. On February 28th, 1935, what was the amount, if any, owing to the following accounts as a result of capital borrowings being used to finance current expenditures or deficits: (a) Miscellaneous; (b) P.G.E. construction; (c) highways and bridges; (d) buildings; (e) Court-house, Victoria; (f) unemployment relief; (g) unemployment relief, municipalities?

3. On February 28th, 1935, what amount was owing for the accounts, namely, money deposits and (or) special funds as a result of their being used to finance current expenses or deficits: (a) Superannuation Fund; (b) Teachers' Pensions Fund; (c) intestate estates deposits; (d) suitors' funds deposits; (e) surplus money from tax-sale deposits; (f) Official Guardian deposits; (g) rural districts school tax; (h) contractors' deposits; (i) Fire Marshal Act Fund; (j) Forest Reserve Account; (k) bequests and other funds?

4. On February 28th, 1935, what was the total of accounts payable and accrued liabilities?

5. On February 28th, 1935, what was the total unfinanced deficits of the Government?

Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Anscomb:—

What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars, as on January 1st, 1935? 6

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Anscomb:—

1. What sums have been borrowed by the Government since November 15th, 1933, to the present date?

2. From whom in each case was the amount borrowed, and under what authority?

3. What has been the rate of interest on each loan?

4. When are loans repayable?

5. Has each loan been fully expended; if not, what balance remains available?

6. For what purpose was each loan borrowed?

The Hon. Mr. Weir presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Pooley:—

1. Have any new appointments been made to the Government Service since the present Government assumed office?

2. If so, how many new offices were created?

3. What are the salaries in each case?

4. On what basis were the salaries fixed?

5. In fixing said salaries, were the provisions of the "Civil Service Act" relative thereto followed in each case? If not, give names and office of recipients in each case and the reasons why the provisions of the Statute were departed from.

The Hon. Mr. Weir presented the Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

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

1. What has been the total revenue to the British Columbia Government from the Peace River Block since this Government secured jurisdiction over that territory?

2. What has been the total expenditure by the British Columbia Government in the Peace River Block since this Government secured jurisdiction over that territory?

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

"1. It is impossible to segregate the figures for the area named.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has any change been made in the position of Assessor in Golden since November 15th, 1933; and, if so, what change, and what is the reason for making it?

2. If a change has been made, who is holding the position of Assessor at present, and what are his qualifications?

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

"1. Yes; Government Agent is now also Assessor; in the public interest.

"2. A. W. Anderson; qualifications gained during twenty-two years' service in Government Agencies."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on November 15th, 1933?

2. What was the total amount of sinking funds in the Treasury on November 15th, 1933?

3. What was the gross debt of the Province on January 1st, 1935?

4. What was the amount of sinking funds in the Treasury on January 1st, 1935?

5. What was the amount owing the Canadian Bank of Commerce and other banks (if any) by way of overdraft or borrowed on Treasury bills on January 1st, 1935, with particulars?

6. What was the total amount of Treasury bills of the Province held by the Federal Government on January 1st, 1935?

7. When do these Treasury bills fall due, and what is the rate of interest on each?

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

"1. As at November 1st, 1933, \$166,998,595.54.

"2. As at November 1st, 1933, \$30,180,149.20.

"3. As at November 1st, 1934, \$169,902,872.37.*

"4. As at November 1st, 1934, \$31,951,832.83.*

"5. Canadian Bank of Commerce, Treasury bills, \$5,715,906.48,

"6. \$13,564,234.73.

"7. Various dates between January 4th, 1935, and December 14th, 1935; 4½ per cent.

"* NOTE.—As per last date of compilation."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Have any new motor-cars been purchased by the Department of Education from Hanson's Garage, Cranbrook, since March 31st, 1934?

2. If yes, how many; what was the make of each such car; and what was the amount paid for each one?

3. Were any old cars traded in on new equipment, if any?

4. If yes, what allowance was made for each old car?

5. What amount has been expended by the Department of Education in the payment of gas, oils, parts, repairs, and car-hire since March 31st, 1934, at Hanson's Garage, Cranbrook?

6. Has any money been expended by the Department of Education in any other garage in Cranbrook by way of new cars purchased since March 31st, 1934?

7. If yes, from whom were they purchased; what make of car was so purchased; and what amount was paid for each such car?

8. What amount, if any, has been paid to other garages in Cranbrook for the purchase of gas, oils, repairs, and car-hire since March 31st, 1934?

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

"1. No.

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

"5. \$356.80.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. \$41.25."

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

1. How many gaols were in existence in this Province last year?
2. Where are they located?
3. How many inmates were in these gaols during the calendar years 1933 and 1934?

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

"1. Four.

"2. Kamloops, Nelson, Oakalla, and Prince George.

"3. Kamloops: 1933, 135; 1934, 351. Nelson: 1933, 325; 1934, 304. Oakalla: 1933, 2,229; 1934, 1,923. Prince George: 1933, 123; 1934, 56."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1935.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year ended December 31st, 1933.

Annual Report of Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1934.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1934.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1935.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on February 25th, as follows:—

That this House appoint a Special Committee for the purpose of examining the "Mothers' Pensions Act," of making inquiries into the methods of administration of mothers' pensions

under this Act, and of bringing in recommendations for amendments to the Act and changes in the regulations and methods of administration, if, in the opinion of such a Special Committee, these amendments and changes are necessary to secure a more equitable and efficient functioning of the Mothers' Pensions Service.

Mrs. Smith moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McKeen,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That," and to insert the following: "this House approves of the course pursued by the Government in its proposals for the co-ordination of the social welfare services under expert supervision, and is of the opinion that the information which it will be possible to obtain under careful and painstaking administration will result in the protection of the interests of all justly entitled under the provisions of the various Acts in that behalf."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Swales</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Connell</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>			

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Kenny</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>McKee</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Kenny</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>McKee</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Swales</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Connell</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>			

Main motion as amended agreed to on the same division.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*:—

1. What was the cost to the Province (with details) from the preliminary hearing to finality at Ottawa of the case *Rex vs. George*?
2. Who were the recipients thereof, and what were the services rendered by each?

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year ended December 31st, 1933.

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

1. Did the Government at any time conduct experiments at the Tranquille Sanatorium with coal supplied from Interior mines?
2. If so, in which years were such experiments conducted?
3. What coal companies (if any) shipped coal to Tranquille for testing purposes?
4. Who was in charge of the testing operations (if any) for each coal company?
5. Did the results of the tests (if any) carried out prove that Interior coals could be used to advantage at Tranquille with the equipment in use at that institution?
6. If not satisfactory, what were the reasons advanced by those conducting the tests for the failure?

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

"1. Yes.

"2, 3, and 4. 1924, Middlesboro Collieries, Ltd., none; 1925, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., G. B. Saunders and A. E. Wilson; 1927, Coalmont Collieries, Ltd., none; 1931, Tulameen Coal Mines, Ltd., Messrs. Bennett, Edwards, and Rentoul; 1932, Tulameen Coal Mines, Ltd., Mr. Bennett; 1932, Middlesboro Collieries, Ltd., Mr. Crawford; 1934, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., G. B. Saunders; 1934, Middlesboro Collieries, Ltd., Mr. Fairfoull.

"5. Yes; in one instance.

"6. See answer to No. 5. The Department of Public Works does not control the fuel-supply for Tranquille."

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

1. Has the Government granted any exemption under the "Hours of Work Act" to fire departments within the Province?
2. If yes, is it the intention to continue these exemptions?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many men were employed at Jaffray Road Camp last year?
2. What were their names and what did each receive?
3. Were there any private trucks used; and, if yes, who were the owners, and what remuneration did they receive?
4. Were there any private cars repaired in the Public Works Department shops from Jaffray; and, if yes, what was the cost, and who paid the cost?
5. What was the cost of about a quarter of a mile of highway between Jaffray and Wardner, including taxes worked out and relief-work?

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

"1. 116.

"2. R. Anselmo, \$19.20; F. Anderson, \$32.80; M. Baran, \$19.20; E. W. Brett, \$19.20; J. Becker, \$19.20; J. Baccille, \$19.20; J. Blake, \$19.20; A. Carolla, \$19.20; A. Crei, \$38.40; J. Cenk, \$12.80; P. Carolla, \$19.20; J. DiGeorge, \$19.20; J. DiIure, \$19.20; A. Fleming, \$9.60; R. Ferguson, \$19.20; J. Goralski, \$19.20; H. Haigh, \$38.40; C. Haeki, \$1.60; N. Juraseak, \$19.20; C. King, \$19.20; C. Koterak, \$19.20; J. Mlinarchuk, \$19.20; N. Miscisco, \$57.60;

S. Morley, \$17.60; W. Morris, \$19.20; R. Martin, \$19.20; M. Nee, \$19.20; N. Pointon, \$81; N. Pinotti, \$19.20; E. Price, \$38.40; G. Regitts, \$19.20; F. Rossi, \$19.20; J. W. Ashmore, \$9.60; F. Atherton, \$19.20; P. Bossio, \$19.20; J. Baker, \$19.20; W. J. Belanger (foreman), \$190.80; T. Biggs, \$19.20; F. Bennett, \$19.20; J. G. Caravetta, \$19.20; O. Corrigan, \$19.20; D. M. Clowers, \$19.20; B. Crow, \$4.80; E. D'Amico, \$19.20; N. Daniluk, \$19.20; F. Fowler, \$19.20; M. A. George, \$19.20; N. George, \$19.20; A. Herchuk, \$19.20; W. Herchuk, \$19.20; M. Jenaski, \$19.20; G. King, \$19.20; N. Kennedy, \$19.20; T. Morris, \$19.20; S. Muraca, \$19.20; A. Marasco, \$19.20; S. Maximick, \$38.40; A. McNeil (cook), \$129.03; E. Nosella, \$12.80; T. Pavlok, \$19.20; F. Petras, \$19.20; J. Pachara, \$19.20; J. Rauter, \$19.20; W. Swiderski, \$19.20; H. Anderson, \$19.20; P. Audia, \$19.20; J. Badanic, \$19.20; A. Borelli, \$19.20; G. Bossio, \$19.20; E. Burt, \$19.20; W. Clowers, \$19.20; C. Cataldo, \$38.40; L. Cesarin, \$38.40; J. Costanzo, \$38.40; A. Dicken, \$8.55; R. Derbyshire, \$12.80; M. Fetzko, \$19.20; J. Fabi, \$38.40; A. Gigliotti, \$38.40; J. Hamilton, \$19.20; J. Hartley, \$19.20; W. J. Johnson (truck and driver), \$195; M. Janco, \$19.20; C. Kapchiak, \$38.40; A. W. Lees, \$38.80; S. Melussi, \$38.40; J. Mindak, \$19.20; R. Miscovich, \$19.20; T. Minchuk, \$11.20; A. E. McBean, \$19.20; T. Oakley, \$11.20; C. Picco, \$19.20; J. Parsons, \$19.20; J. P. Quigley, \$19.20; D. Rossi, \$19.20; F. Sirianni, \$19.20; C. Stowe, \$19.20; J. Stockwell, \$19.20; H. Stewart, \$19.20; M. Tully, \$19.20; P. Vanderberg, \$12.80; A. Wallace, \$19.20; W. C. Barr (and team) \$169.60; J. Smolik, \$12.80; W. Stockwell, \$19.20; J. Taverna, \$38.40; J. Vecchio, \$38.40; A. Wallner (truck-driver), \$204.30; W. Wallwork, \$19.20; A. Rosicky, \$8; A. Schrolla, \$19.20; T. Skelton, \$19.20; J. Tymchuk, \$19.20; M. Vecchio, \$38.40; F. Wasziewicz, \$19.20; J. Warskowski, \$16.

"3. Yes; W. J. Johnson, \$195.

"4. Yes; \$52.41 in lieu of car-rental for transporting five men a distance of 6 miles daily during a period of seven months; Public Works Department.

"5. Indeterminate."

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

1. What was the total amount spent by the Public Works Department in the various Provincial ridings during the calendar year 1934?

2. How many trucks, gas-shovels, and tractors were given or loaned to the Dominion unemployment camps during the calendar year 1934? What was the value of the above machinery?

3. Was any new machinery purchased during the calendar year 1934? If so, state amount and cost.

4. (a.) Has any hard surfacing been carried out during calendar year 1934? (b.) If so, in what Provincial ridings? (c.) Give amount in each Provincial riding. (d.) Give cost of same. (e.) What type of paving was used?

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

"1. Impossible to supply this information without undertaking a Provincial-wide survey of vouchers in twenty-eight district offices, an operation which would involve a very great amount of additional accounting-work. This information for the fiscal year April 1st, 1934, to March 31st, 1935, will be published in due course in the Public Accounts and Report of the Minister of Public Works.

"2. 118 trucks, 51 tractors, 24 gas-shovels, and 2 steam-shovels were loaned to the Department of National Defence; value, \$282,787.04.

"3. Yes; 2 caterpillar tractors, 1 bulldozer, 2 hoists, 72 motor-vehicles, 9 snow-ploughs, 6 snow-blades; cost, \$144,657.30.

"4. (a.) Yes. (b), (c), and (d). Alberni-Nanaimo, repairs and resurfacing and 8.9 miles new construction, cost \$12,302.92; Cariboo, new construction 2.3 miles, cost \$1,653.38; Chilliwack, repairs and resurfacing, cost \$1,138.91; Comox, repairs and resurfacing, cost \$3,042.41; Cowichan-Newcastle, resurfacing, cost \$6,002.05; Cranbrook, new construction 4.55 miles, cost \$12,559; Creston, resurfacing and 0.91 mile new construction, cost \$3,874.72; Delta, resurfacing and 0.42 mile new construction, cost \$3,999.14; Dewdney, 4.9 miles new construction, cost \$5,629.01; Esquimalt, repairs and resurfacing, cost \$11,543.77; Fernie, 1 mile new construction, cost \$1,514.84; The Islands, repairs and resurfacing, cost \$1,576.68; Mackenzie, repairs, cost \$136.66; New Westminster, 0.56 mile new construction, cost \$3,796.68; Rossland-Trail, 3.86 miles new construction, cost \$7,137.86. (e.) Bituminous surface treatments."

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

1. Has the Department received a petition from parents of children attending Murrayville School, in the Municipality of Langley, laying a complaint against the teacher at that school?
2. If so, has the matter been investigated?
3. What action, if any, has been taken?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. A copy of the Inspector's findings and recommendations was sent to the Langley Board of School Trustees for its attention. A copy was also sent to the correspondent for the petitioners."

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

1. Was any foreign cement and clinker imported into British Columbia during the period 1930-34?
2. If yes, what were the countries of origin, tonnage, and value?

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

"1. No information. Statistics relating to cement importations to Canada compiled by Canadian Customs and released through Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Period years 1910 to 1932 covered in Canada Year Book, 1933, page 380.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1935.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Swailles*,—

To strike out all words after the word "That," and to insert the following: "this House regrets that in the Government's presentation of the Budget there is no due consideration of the problem of giving the unemployed work and wages."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Manson</i>		

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

Savage
Bakewell
Swailes

Winch, E. E.
Uphill

Price
CConnell

Winch, H. E.
Steeves, Mrs.

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Barrow
Gillis

Bruhn
Pooley

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

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 11.25 p.m.

Thursday, March 7th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Bakewell* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the hazard in the logging industry has arisen steadily since the introduction of overhead methods, until it is six times as dangerous as in 1919, the hazard being three times that in coal-mining, which declined during a like period:

And whereas overhead methods have been shown to be uneconomical from the standpoint of actual operating costs, and tend to increase the pressure for overproduction by the overcapitalization consequent on the use of large stationary units of equipment:

And whereas present methods are impoverishing the Province by the destruction of young growth, on which future timber supplies depend:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House do insist on the enforced adoption of flexible equipment adapted to selective methods of logging, to be applied to this practice, under section 140 of the "Forest Act," wherever it is deemed economically feasible in the opinion of the Forest Branch.

A debate arose.

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

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

Have any Road Foremen been dismissed from office since November 15th, 1933, in Esquimalt, Saanich, The Islands, Cowichan-Newcastle, and Nanaimo Districts, with names in each case and reason for dismissal?

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

"Yes. Esquimalt, C. Muir, W. C. Shawyer, W. H. Smith, W. O. Sweatman, J. Poirier, R. M. Elliott, W. May, J. Foster, and J. Eddy; Saanich, J. McN. Paterson, J. Russell, A. Guy, F. Holmes, and P. Fisher; The Islands, S. Booth, G. T. Michell, W. Horth, and H. L. Ricketts; Cowichan-Newcastle, D. W. Cochran and W. J. Porter; Alberni-Nanaimo, T. M. Patterson. The reason for dismissals was either retrenchment, reorganization, or because it was in the public interest."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of fuel used in the Vancouver Court-house in the years 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934, respectively?
2. What was the bill for water consumption in the Vancouver Court-house in the years 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934, respectively?
3. Was a Mr. F. Lade employed as Chief Engineer in 1932 and 1933?
4. If yes, is he still in the Provincial employ?
5. If not now in Provincial employ, when did he leave; and did he resign, or was he discharged?
6. If discharged, for what reason?

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

"1 and 2. *See* Public Accounts.

"3. Yes.

"4. No.

"5. Services dispensed with effective April 30th, 1934, with one month's salary in lieu of notice.

"6. In the public interest."

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

1. Has the Department appointed any one as engineer to supervise construction of the proposed toll-bridge at New Westminster?
2. If yes: (a) Who has been appointed; (b) at what salary; (c) when was the appointment made?
3. Have any public funds been expended in connection with the proposed toll-bridge at New Westminster?
4. If so: (a) What amount has been so expended; (b) in what way?

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

"1 to 4. This information will be laid before the House in due course."

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

1. Have any public funds been expended on assistance to sufferers from flooding in the Sumas, or other dyked area of the Lower Mainland?
2. If so, how much has been expended to date, and what amounts were expended in the various districts?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Estimated over \$6,000 expended to date, but as accounts have not been received cannot give segregation by districts.

"NOTE.—This information was supplied by the Department of Labour."

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

1. What sum, if any, was allotted to Burnaby Electoral Riding during 1934 as part of the Dominion Government million-dollar loan incidental to unemployment and relief measures?
2. What portion of such sum, if any, was spent in the respective municipal and unorganized areas in such electoral riding?
3. What was the nature of the work performed, if any?
4. What are the names of the individuals, if any, in each area who were authorized to engage men to work in connection with this relief measure?
5. If any, what official position did each of the foregoing persons occupy in the public service at that time?

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

"1. \$15,350 has so far been allocated in the fiscal year 1934-35 from the Dominion loan made to enable British Columbia to undertake a programme of Provincial public works.

"2. 60 per cent. municipal; 40 per cent. unorganized.

"3. Reconstruction, improvement, and drainage of roads; bridge-building.

"4 and 5. J. Diederich and G. Murphy, Road Foremen, and A. Mouldey, Bridge Foreman."

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

1. Was one P. Martin employed as Relief Foreman at Sicamous West during 1933 and part of 1934?
2. Was his work satisfactory?
3. Was he dismissed from the Service?
4. If so, on whose recommendation?
5. If so, was one Cecil Fore appointed to that position?
6. When was he first appointed?
7. On whose recommendation was he appointed?
8. Is he a regular resident of Sicamous?
9. What were his wages and expenses, if any, for each calendar month since his appointment?
10. Is he still employed by the Department?
11. How many men were working under him during each calendar month from the time he started until he left the Service?
12. Who is now employed as Relief Foreman for Sicamous West?
13. How many men are now working out their relief at Sicamous West?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

- "1. No; employed as straw-boss when and as required.
- "2. Yes.
- "3, 4, and 5. No; see answer to No. 1.
- "6 and 7. Cecil Dore (not Fore) was not appointed but was employed as straw-boss, when and as required from August 1st, 1934.
- "8. No information.
- "9. August, \$17.50; September, *nil*; October, \$21.60.
- "10. No.
- "11. He was working with two men in August; not working September; with one man in October.
- "12. No one.
- "13. One man."

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

1. Was a Dodge motor-car formerly used by the Chief Engineer and other officials of the Department of Public Works disposed of?
2. If so, was said motor-car sold by tender, or was it sold by private sale?
3. If sold by tender, who tendered; what was the amount of each tender; and which tender was accepted?
4. In which year was the said Dodge motor-car purchased, and what was the cost?
5. If said motor-car was sold privately, who valued the car for the Department of Public Works prior to the sale?
6. What amount, if any, was paid for said motor-car?
7. On what date was said car sold?
8. Who is at present using the said Dodge motor-car?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2 and 3. See answer to No. 1.
- "4. 1932; \$1,534, less \$1,000 allowed on Buick Sedan A-23 traded in.
- "5, 6, and 7. See answer to No. 1.
- "8. Minister of Public Works."

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

1. What amount of grazing fees are in arrears at latest available date?
2. What amount of lease rentals on Provincial lands are in arrears at latest available date?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows—

- "1. \$29,476.67 as at December 31st, 1934.
- "2. \$139,805.37 as at February 28th, 1935."

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

1. Is a Mr. Burpee employed by the Provincial Government?
2. If so, has he been engaged in a survey of a farm half a mile west of the C.P.R. Depot at Golden?
3. What is the purpose of said survey?
4. Who is the owner of said farm?

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* replied as follows—

“1 to 4. Mr. Burpee is not employed by the Department of Lands, and said Department has not carried out any survey-work of the nature referred to.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.13 p.m.

Thursday, March 7th, 1935.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Referring to questions answered by the Hon. the Minister on the 19th instant, for what reason is Mr. T. Taylor drawing a retiring pension?
2. From what fund is this allowance being paid?

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

“1. The Government thought proper to grant an allowance to Mr. Taylor, as has been done in other cases from time to time.

“2. Retiring allowances.”

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

1. Have any Royal Commissions been appointed by this present Government since assuming office?
2. If so, what was the name of each Commission?
3. Who were the Commissioners on each of the Commissions, and what was the cost of each Commission?
4. What amount did each Commissioner receive for his service and expenses?
5. Were any other commissions, investigations, or public inquiries carried out?
6. If so, give name of each such commission, investigation, or public inquiry?
7. What was the cost and expense in connection with any such commission, investigation, or inquiry?

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

“1. Yes, under the ‘Public Inquiries Act.’

“2. Matters relating to costs, production, etc., of fuel, gasoline, etc.

“3. The Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald; \$962.76 to date.

“4. None to date.

“5. Yes.

“6. Two inquiries under the ‘Departmental Inquiries Act’: (a) To inquire into the management and operation of the Boys’ Industrial School; (b) to inquire into the management and

operation of Tranquille Sanatorium and Farm: (c) one inquiry under section 316 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'; (d) one inquiry under section 444 of the 'Municipal Act' into certain matters connected with the administration of the North Vancouver General Hospital.

"7. (a) \$2,180.10; (b) \$4,263.20; (c) no information, expenses a charge on City of Vancouver; (d) \$162.50."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,167,329.43 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1936.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Whittaker* (in the absence of Mr. *Johnson*)—Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay."

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 7th, 1935.

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. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7th, 1935.

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. 48) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1935.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unemployment Relief Act, 1933,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 7th, 1935.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unemployment Relief Act, 1933,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision relating to questions put by members:—

Honourable Members.—Regarding the questions 3, 35, and 40 on Order Paper No. 21, Friday, March 8th, these are ordered struck from the Order Paper, as the information in answer thereto has been filed with the Public Accounts Committee.

In regard to question No. 26 on to-day's Order Paper No. 21, and sub-questions Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. These are ruled out of order, as such questions deal with matters not within the official knowledge or duties of the Minister to whom they are addressed. *See* Speakers' Decisions, Vol. 2, pages 49, 50 (Mr. Speaker Weart), as follows:—

"I am of the opinion that as the matters referred to in the series of questions put by the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition come within the provisions of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,' and are under the jurisdiction of the Board, and are not matters of administration for which the Attorney-General's Department is responsible, therefore he is not obliged to answer the questions."

The information sought could no doubt be secured by the honourable member privately, and I am advised such information is being prepared.

Question 28 on to-day's Order Paper No. 21 is ruled out of order, as it seeks an expression of opinion by the Minister of the obligations required under a Statute, and an expression of opinion on a question of law. 2 B.C. Dec. 53; 1 B.C. Dec. 127; Camp. 128-9; *May*, 242.

Question 23 on to-day's Order Paper No. 21, sub-question 1 might be answered by the Minister, though, properly speaking, it is a question to be answered by the municipality concerned. Sub-questions 2, 3, and 4 are completely out of order, as using the medium of the question paper to seek a declaration of Government policy. 2 B.C. Dec. 51; 1 B.C. Dec. 128.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker.*

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate 'An Act relating to Trade-unions'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Price*:—

What purchases of liquor were made by the Liquor Control Board during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934, giving in each case: (a) Date of such purchases; (b) name of shipper; (c) description of liquor ordered; (d) quantity of liquor ordered; (e) prices in currency of country of origin; (f) discounts, cash, or any other allowances?

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

Report of the Causes of Flooding in the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.

Report on January Flood Situation in Fraser Valley, 1935.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour—

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

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

1. Have any cars or trucks been purchased by this Government during the year 1934, and in January and February of 1935?

2. If so, how many, and by what departments?

3. Were any of these cars or trucks of British Columbia manufacture?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Agriculture, 4 cars, 2 trucks; Attorney-General, 39 cars; Education, 6 cars; Lands, 5 cars, 21 trucks; Mines, 1 car; Provincial Secretary, 2 cars, 2 trucks; Public Works, 8 cars, 66 trucks.

"3. No."

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

1. Is J. B. Bryson, of Pavilion, employed by the Government?

2. If yes: (a) In what capacity; (b) for how long has he been employed; (c) at what rate of wages?

3. Are all or any of the following employed by the Government: Robin Bryson, Wilfred Bryson, Clarence Bryson, Glenn Bryson, and Norval Bryson.

4. If yes: (a) In what capacity; (b) at what rate of wages are they employed?

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

"1. No.

"2. See answer to No. 1.

"3. Yes; three.

"4. (a) and (b). Robin Bryson, General Foreman, \$147.67 per month; Wilfred Bryson, tractor-driver, \$4.80 per day; Norval Bryson, garage mechanic, \$5 per day."

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

1. Was any work done on the bridges between Marpole and Sea Island and Sea Island and Lulu Island at Eburne during 1934?

2. If yes, by whom was this work carried out?

3. Were tenders called for?

4. Who were the person or persons in charge?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Department's forces; motor overhauled by Canadian Electrical Manufacturing Company.

"3. See answer to No. 2; bids for timber were secured through Provincial Government Purchasing Agent.

"4. Government engineers."

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

1. Has the Government insured the trucks owned by the Public Works Department against public liability?
2. If so, how many trucks were insured?
3. What companies have the insurance?
4. What agency or agencies placed the business?

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

- "1. See Votes and Proceedings, February 25th, 1935, page 5.
- "2. 435.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. A. H. Cox."

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

1. Was one W. May formerly Road Foreman for the Cobble Hill section of the Esquimalt Electoral District?
2. If yes, when did he cease to hold such position, and why?
3. If yes, did he retire voluntarily or were his services dispensed with?

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

- "1. See Votes and Proceedings No. 20, 1935 Session.
- "2. April 17th, 1934.
- "3. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Has the Government at any time since 1930 carried on work in connection with a road leading to the Bear Creek timber limits of the B.C. Southern Interior Light & Power Co.?
2. If yes, when?
3. If yes, what was the cost of same?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 1931.
- "3. \$8,971.66 on reconstruction of Tulameen-Bear Creek Road; length, 5 miles. A grant was also made by special warrant in the amount of \$11,000 to the Southern Interior Light and Power, Limited, 'as a grant in aid of the construction of a new logging-road.'

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

1. Was one G. L. Fraser appointed to investigate affairs of the Wayside Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd. (N.P.L.)?
2. If so: (a) What is his official position, and what remuneration does he receive; (b) have any assistants been provided for the said Fraser; and, if so, whom, and at what remuneration; (c) what was the date of said Fraser's appointment; (d) have any interim or final reports yet been submitted; (e) what costs have been incurred to date in connection with said investigation; (f) what amount has been charged to date for services of said Fraser; (g) under what authority will the expenses of said investigation be paid; (h) does the investigation cover matters related to technical work of developing and operating the company's mines and also matters related to the company's fiscal policy; (i) what is said Fraser's regular occupation; (j) what qualifications, if any, does said Fraser possess for conducting a mining investigation?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a.) My representative under section 10 of the 'Securities Act,' and will be paid reasonable fees and expenses. (b.) George A Touche & Co., chartered accountants, instructed, and will be paid reasonable fees and expenses. (c.) August 15th, 1934. (d.) No; the Court of Appeal granted an interim injunction preventing investigator from making report. Judgment is to be handed down shortly. (e.) \$3,446. (f.) Mr. Fraser has been paid \$2,500 to date. (g.) 'Securities Act.' (h.) For scope of investigation see 'Securities Act.' (i.) Barrister and solicitor. (j.) Legal training necessary for proper handling of investigation under Act in question."

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

1. Was J. A. Russell appointed to investigate affairs of the Nicola Mines and Metals, Ltd. (N.P.L.)?

2. If so: (a) What is his official position, and what remuneration does he receive; (b) have any assistants been provided for the said Russell; and, if so, whom, and at what remuneration; (c) what was the date of said Russell's appointment; (d) have any interim or final reports yet been submitted; (e) what costs have been incurred to date in connection with said investigation; (f) what amount has been charged to date for services of said Russell; (g) under what authority will the cost of said investigation be paid; (h) what is said Russell's regular occupation; (i) what qualifications does he possess for conducting a mining investigation?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) My representative under section 10 of the 'Securities Act,' and will be paid reasonable fees and expenses. (b.) Yes; H. G. Findlay, accountant. Account allowed at \$592.50. (c.) October 31st, 1934. (d.) No; the Court of Appeal granted an interim injunction preventing investigator from making report. Judgment is to be handed down shortly. (e.) \$2,408.76 (f.) \$1,791.26. (g.) 'Securities Act.' (h.) Barrister and solicitor. (i.) Legal training necessary for proper handling of investigation under Act in question."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Nicola Pine Mills or the B.C. Southern Interior Light & Power Company at any time been indebted to the Government for stumpage royalties?

2. If yes, has the Government at any time since 1930 cancelled any amount so owing?

3. If yes, when?

4. If yes, what amount?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3 and 4. On taking over the Railway Belt on July 31st, 1930, it was found that the Nicola Pine Mills owed to the Dominion Government timber dues amounting to \$16,834.67, which became an account receivable by the Province, but was not protected by the liens on mill and equipment as provided in sections 125 and 126 of the 'Forest Act.' This amount was written off as uncollectable at the urgent request of the community as an aid to negotiations being carried on with the object of keeping the mill plant in operation, under authority of Order in Council No. 808, approved June 24th, 1931."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1935.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Tupper, seconded by Mr. Murray, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the honourable the first member for Vancouver East did on the 6th day of March at the evening session of this Legislature prefer charges of incompetency and inefficiency against operating officers of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:

And whereas the honourable member charged specifically that the railway was allowed to be tied up for a period of ten days or more by storm conditions due to lack of judgment on the part of operating officers:

And whereas the honourable member asked that the matter be investigated by a committee of this Legislature:

And whereas the honourable member agreed to produce witnesses who were on the job at the time to testify as to the accuracy of the charges:

Therefore be it Resolved—

1. That this Legislature instruct the Railway Committee of the Legislature, and it is hereby instructed, to make a full investigation into the above-mentioned specific charge.

2. That the said Railway Committee be empowered to require all necessary witnesses to be present and to give evidence.

3. And that the said Railway Committee will report back to this Legislature a full report of their investigations.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Pharmacy and the Regulation of the Sale and Use of Poisons and Drugs" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bakewell*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Goat-breeders' Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Civil Service Superannuation."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay."

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes."

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unemployment Relief Act, 1933.'"

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline."

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act.'"

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on a point of order raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General regarding certain questions:—

Honourable Members,—During this afternoon session the Hon. the Attorney-General rose to a point of order on question 16 on to-day's Order Paper No. 21. Regarding sub-questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of question 16, I must rule these out of order as no ministerial responsibility is involved, the industries in question being under Federal jurisdiction. Camp. 127-9; B.C. Dec., Vol. 2, p. 49-50.

Sub-question 5 is answered in a Return filed in answer to question No. 19.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.