

Thursday, 26th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.

The Hon. the Premier presented copies of correspondence between Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt and the Government in the matter of his resignation as a member of the Advisory Board of the Industrial Commission.

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

1. Did the Department bore a well on the property of M. McMillan at Cobble Hill?
2. If so, at what depth was water struck?
3. What amount of water will the well supply?
4. What is the total amount expended on this work, giving particulars of who did the work and the amounts paid in each case?
5. Was one Fritz in charge of this work?
6. If so, how long did he work and what amount was paid him: (a) For wages; (b) for expenses?
7. Did he cease work before it was finished?
8. If so, why?
9. Was said Fritz a British subject?
10. Did the Government own the drilling-machine?
11. If not, whose machine was used and the amount paid for hiring same?
12. How long did it take to do said work?
13. Is the public of Cobble Hill allowed to use the water taken from said well?
14. What is the assessed value of the land per acre on which this work was done?
15. Who requested the Government to do the work?
16. For whose benefit was this work supposed to be done?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes, four holes.
 - "2. 354 feet from surface.
 - "3. Supply apparently ample, quantity unknown.
 - "4. \$6,017.52. H. C. Fritts, \$1,767.35; W. H. Bugbee, \$600.43; miscellaneous help and board, \$375.56; express, freight, hauling water, etc., \$252.26; Ramsay's Machine Works, \$1,928.53; Imperial Munition Board, \$137.73; National Machine Company, \$156.75; Canadian Pacific Railway, transportation of machine and casing, \$183.91; Jones & Rant, rent of machine, \$525; total, \$6,017.52.
 - "5. H. C. Fritts was in charge of the work.
 - "6. From April 1st, 1919, to August 14th, 1919. (a) \$1,360; (b) \$407.35.
 - "7. Yes.
 - "8. Transferred to finish a well at Kitwanga.
- it becomes evident that it will be impossible for the survey to provide for work in British
- "9. Citizen of United States. No other competent man available at time of employment.
 - "10. No.
 - "11. Messrs Jones & Rant; \$525.
 - "12. April 1st, 1919, to November 4th, 1919.
 - "13. This is not a public well, but investigation is being made with a view to supplying residents of Cobble Hill.
 - "14. \$60 per acre.
 - "15. Messrs. M. McMillan, T. Watson, and A. Lambert.
 - "16. Benefit of applicants.

"N.B.—This work suffered a chapter of accidents and was considered to be altogether too costly for a private well. An investigation is under way looking to community user. Practically all well-drilling has met with set-backs, which necessitates revision of policy which was inaugurated in 1915."

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

1. Are there shipments of hay being brought in from the State of Washington into British Columbia and being sold by hay-dealers in Kamloops and other parts of the Province?
2. Is there any duty being paid on this hay?
3. Is the Government contributing anything towards the freight on the hay?
4. If so, what amount?
5. Is there any local hay for sale in the vicinity of Kamloops?

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

- "1. Hay is being brought in from the State of Washington by stock-owners.
- "2. Understand duty suspended.
- "3. Yes, to accredited stock-owners who lost fodder crops through drought.
- "4. One-third cost of transportation.
- "5. No applications for assistance in procuring hay have been received from Kamloops."

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

1. Is the Assistant Engineer of the Water Rights Branch an American citizen?
2. If not, why does he say that he is?
3. If he is, cannot a returned soldier be found to fill his position?

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

- "1. Not known to whom reference is made.
- "2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What were the gross earnings of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from June 1st, 1918, to December 31st, 1918?
2. What were the operating expenses and net earnings of the said railway during the same period?
3. What were the gross earnings, net earnings, and operating expenses, respectively, of the said railway from June 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919?

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

- "1. \$217,155.71.
- "2. Operating expenses, \$296,822.49; net earnings, deficit, \$79,666.78.
- "3. Gross earnings, \$217,542.24; net earnings, deficit, \$99,373.96; operating expenses, \$316,916.20."

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

1. Is Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan Secretary of the Women's Institutes and also Secretary of the Advisory Board of the Women's Institutes?
2. If so, what salary does she receive on account of each position?
3. Did Mrs. MacLachlan attend a conference in Alberta last year?
4. If so, who requested her to make said trip and what were the expenses of same?
5. What have the expenses of Mrs. MacLachlan amounted to from January 1st, 1919, to January 31st, 1919?
6. Have any complaints been received from any members of the Advisory Board as to Mrs. MacLachlan?
7. If so, from whom?
8. Have any complaints been received as to her being an unsatisfactory Secretary of the Women's Institutes?
9. If so, from whom?

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

- "1. Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan is Secretary of Women's Institutes.
- "2. \$75 per month as Secretary of Women's Institutes.
- "3. Yes.

"4. The Acting Superintendent of Women's Institutes; \$115.15.

"5. None for this period.

"6. Yes.

"7. Mrs. J. S. Chalmers, Thrums, B.C.

"8. Yes.

"9. Kootenay Valley Women's Institute at Thrums, and Creston Women's Institute."

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Statutes Expiration Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—A Return of copies of all communications between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honourable the Secretary of State in any way relating to the disallowance of chapter 71 of the British Columbia Statutes of 1917, and the disallowance of an Act passed at the 1919 Session of the Legislature entitled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.'"

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—A Return of all correspondence or copy thereof between the Government or Minister of Education and the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia relative to the finances of the University since March 15th, 1919.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, praying leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act. (No. 10.)

The petition was received.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 26th, 1920.

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. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly," 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.

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 5.05 p.m.

Friday, 27th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. N. E. *Smith*.

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

1. Has one Sinclair, engineer in connection with the Sumas Dyking, sold any plans to the Land Settlement Board in connection with this work?
2. If so, what amount did the Board pay him for same?
3. Did the said Sinclair offer to sell a set of plans to Maxwell Smith when he was Chairman of the Board?
4. If so, what answer was given him, and from whom did Sinclair obtain these plans?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. *Nil*.
- "3. No such offer on record.
- "4. No record of Maxwell Smith ever having obtained any plans. F. N. Sinclair has made proposition *re* his plans to Land Settlement Board, which to date has not been accepted. There are several letters on file showing that an offer of co-operation was made by Sinclair to Maxwell Smith. Answer made to Sinclair was that an independent investigation would be made."

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

1. Did Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., tender on the insurance of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway last year?
2. With what company was said insurance placed?
3. Were the companies with whom the insurance was placed British, Canadian, or American companies?
4. What is the annual premium paid on account of this insurance?

5. Were the United States Fire Insurance Co., the New Jersey Insurance Co., the Stuyvesant Insurance Co., the Insurance Co. of the State of Pennsylvania, and the British Crown Assurance Corporation licensed to do business in this Province?

6. If so, why was the insurance not placed with these companies?

7. Is the Hon. the Minister of Finance a member of the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., and also a director of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Firemen's Fund Insurance Company.

“3. American. The British Crown was the only non-American company tendering, and their tender was not received in time, nor until the other tenders had been opened and insurance placed.

“4. \$9,528.36.

“5. Yes.

“6. Not considered advisable. The report of the Chief Engineer of the Railway Department is as follows:—

“July 22nd, 1919.

“‘Re P.G.E. Insurance—Memo. for the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Railways.

“In reply to the advertisement calling for tenders for the carrying of the insurance of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company's buildings, bridges, and rolling-stock, etc., two bids have been received. The lowest tender is submitted on behalf of four companies, known as non-board companies, whose assets appear to me to be small, taking into consideration the risk they are willing to assume. The higher tender is on behalf of a board company whose assets are greater than the combined assets of the four non-board companies, and it would appear to me that, in this case, to award this insurance risk to the higher bidder is the safest procedure.

“‘A. F. PROCTOR, Chief Engineer.’

“7. No official information as to the first part of the question, and, as to the latter part, the Hon. the Minister of Finance is a director of the P.G.E. Railway.”

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act’” was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. Was Mr. Harold Hornsey brought from Alberta to be given a position here?
2. Did he formerly hold a position in the Alberta Civil Service?
3. Is he a returned soldier, a resident of British Columbia?
4. Could not a returned soldier from British Columbia have filled his position?

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

“1. No.

“2, 3, 4. Answered by No. 1.”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act respecting the Adoption of Children” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned until the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens."

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 27th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen," 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. *Jackson* presented a report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the sugar situation, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 27th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to inquire into the sugar situation begs leave to report as follows:—

That your Committee finds it unable to make satisfactory progress during the time at its disposal, and asks leave that it be granted power to hold sittings of said Committee during the session of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 27th, 1920.

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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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 4.25 p.m.

Monday, 1st March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Premier—The Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—The Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ending December 31st, 1918.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by *Mr. Pauline*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Honourable the Minister of Mines or any official of the Department of Mines and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any official of either company, with respect to the dual control of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Whereas a charge has been made in this House as follows:

That the Hon. the Premier instructed the Walsh-Day Lumber Company to disregard all instructions given in letter by Anderson and Morrissey, and has violated section 14 above referred to (section 14 of Agreement dated February 22nd, 1918, being Schedule to the "Pacific Great Eastern Railway Settlement Act, 1918"), and by this act obstructing or preventing Civil Servants or Government employees in the performance of their conscientious duty, or in protecting what was to become valuable assets to the Province:

And whereas the said words were taken down and no action has since been taken by this House in regard thereto:

And whereas the report of May 1st, 1917, of the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and matters appertaining thereto, which was submitted to and adopted by this Legislative Assembly, contains a brief outline of arrangement

as follows: "The incorporation of this railway was effected pursuant to a previous agreement entered into by Foley, Welch & Stewart, a firm of railway contractors, with Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of British Columbia, on February 10th, 1912, which agreement was given the effect of a Statute as Schedule A to chapter 34 of Statutes of 1912. By this statutory agreement the firm undertook to incorporate a company to construct the railway. They gave their personal guarantee that the company would build, equip, and operate the road, etc. The incorporators and first directors of the company (Pacific Great Eastern Railway) were Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart, D'Arcy Tate, and two others, employees of the firm. Mr. Tate became vice-president and general counsel":

And whereas said report contains specific findings as follows: "(2.) The total share capital of the company was issued to Foley, Welch & Stewart. (3.) The contract which was let by the company for the construction of the road to P. Welch was in reality a contract to the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, the promoters and owners of the company, and was put in the name of P. Welch to conceal the real nature of the transaction." Also: "3. (b.) The contract made by the company with Foley, Welch & Stewart in name of P. Welch was an improper one. It enabled Foley, Welch & Stewart, acting through the company, to fix for themselves without competition the prices they were to pay themselves in the name of P. Welch for the construction of the road":

And whereas the said "Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act, 1918," is still being violated by the parties to the agreement forming a Schedule thereto, by allowing car-loads of equipment and plant to be removed:

And whereas the Hon. W. J. Bowser, a member of this Legislative Assembly, while Premier or Attorney-General, was a member, or allowed his name to be used as a member, of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, which said firm received upwards of \$250,000 for fees and disbursements from Foley, Welch & Stewart, Government contractors, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart):

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, vice-president and chief counsel of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, received \$500,000 from P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart) and Foley, Welch & Stewart, Government contractors (of which two cheques from P. Welch, Nos. 5583 and 5584, to D'Arcy Tate, dated January 16th, 1915, and for \$50,000 each, forms a part of said \$500,000; also the following cheques from Foley, Welch & Stewart, Nos. 553, 556, and 560, to D'Arcy Tate for \$50,000 each, dated August 1st, 1916; August 30th, 1916; and September 11th, 1916, respectively), out of which he financed the Conservative campaign funds and used same for obtaining political influence, the two cheques dated January 16th, 1915, being proceeds of the sale of debentures guaranteed by this Province and advanced to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and to P. Welch for railway-construction purposes:

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, vice-president and chief counsel of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and R. D. Thomas, secretary-treasurer thereof, withdrew \$15,000 in cash from the said company's account on February 28th, 1916, and have not accounted for said money, or did not have permission from the directors of said company to withdraw same:

And whereas the report of May 1st, 1917, of the above-mentioned Select Committee contains the following sentence: "Your Committee feels that, in view of the absence of material witnesses and the inability of your Committee to act after the expiry of the Legislature, further investigations should be by another form of tribunal":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House take into immediate consideration the advisability of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into, investigate, and report its findings to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, or to this Legislative Assembly if in session. The said Royal Commission to have full power and authority and instructions to continue sessions from time to time; to take evidence under oath; to call for any or all witnesses, papers, documents, letters, telegrams, records, books of account, ledgers, cash-books, bank-books, deposit slips, bank records, private ledgers, lists of material, equipment, plant, machinery, etc., vouchers, cancelled cheques; to commit for contempt of Court; to admit evidence contained in report of Select Committee, dated May 1st, 1917, to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which said report was received and adopted by this Legislative Assembly. The inquiry and report of findings to cover all the affairs above mentioned, including:—

- (a.) A full inventory of everything the Province was to receive under section 14 of the agreement forming Schedule to the "Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act, 1918":

- (b.) A full inventory of what has been actually taken over by the Province under said Settlement Act or chapter 65 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1919:
- (c.) The actual amounts of money received by the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, or any of them, from the entire undertaking:
- (d.) The disposition of the \$500,000 received by said D'Arcy Tate, and the names of the individuals to whom any portion of said money was paid or given and the amounts each person received, together with the use to which said money was put, whether for personal, private, political, campaign funds, bribery, or other purposes:
- (e.) The disposition of all cheques and cash received by or paid out by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited; the Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited; Patrick Welch, John W. Stewart, Donald McLeod, D'Arcy Tate, Foley, Welch & Stewart, or any other person or firm or company connected with the undertaking, and to whom any portion or all of said cheques or proceeds of said cheques in money was eventually paid by parties receiving same, or the purpose for which said money was used, and the amounts each person received, whether for political, campaign, personal use, bribery, or any other purpose. The following amounts to be part of the inquiry: Amounts drawn from the railway-construction or other funds and charged to John W. Stewart: \$100,000 on 2-21-1914; \$100,000 on 6-1-1914; \$100,000 on 8-6-1914; \$100,000 on 11-25-1914; \$100,000 on 1-16-1915; \$10,000 on 1-28-1915; \$1,000 on 6-4-1915; \$10,000 on 5-31-1916; \$2,000 on 7-14-1916; \$50,000 on 8-31-1916; \$104,450 on 9-13-1916; \$1,000 on 11-21-1916; \$800 on 12-11-1916; \$5,000 on 12-18-1916; \$50,000 on 2-28-1917. Amounts drawn by P. Welch from railway-construction or other funds, some charged to J. W. Stewart, some to Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited, to Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, for which a note was given, some to D'Arcy Tate, etc.: \$100,000 on 2-21-1914; \$100,000 on 6-1-1914; \$100,000 on 8-6-1914; eight cheques for \$50,000 each on 8-22-1914; \$200,000 on 10-10-1914; \$100,000 on 11-25-1914; \$100,000 on 1-16-1915; \$400,000 on 1-25-1915; \$10,000 on 1-28-1915; \$200,000 on 6-28-1915; \$40,000 on 6-28-1915; \$10,000 on 6-21-1916; \$50,000 on 8-31-1916; \$11,600 on 10-10-1916; \$1,000 on 11-21-1916; \$5,000 on 12-18-1916; \$2,500 on 12-21-1916; \$50,000 on 2-28-1917; \$30,000 on 2-16-1917. And amounts drawn from Foley, Welch & Stewart's account to D'Arcy Tate and P. Welch, as follows: \$50,000 to Tate on August 1st, 1916; \$50,000 to Tate on August 30th, 1916; \$50,000 to Tate on September 11th, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on August 3rd, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on August 31st, 1916; \$50,000 to P. Welch on September 13th, 1916; and P. Welch to D'Arcy Tate, \$15,000 on February 28th, 1916; and P. Welch to yourselves, \$20,000 on February 21st, 1916.

And that this Resolution be incorporated in any instructions that may be given to a Royal Commission.

The Hon. the Premier, on a point of order, objected to the motion on the ground that the House had no power to issue a Royal Commission.

Mr. Speaker *Keen*: I think the point of order is well taken. I find on reference to section 4 of "Public Inquiries Act" that it is provided that Royal Commissions are to be issued under the Great Seal by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council where the subject of the inquiry is not regulated by any special law, and I know of no special law to the contrary.

The motion is further out of order inasmuch as it assumes to dictate the frame and scope of the Royal Commission asked for.

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

1. Is C. B. Peterson, Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Lands, still in the Service?
2. What was the date of his appointment?
3. What was his salary when first appointed?
4. What is his present salary and, if increased, on what date was the same increased?
5. Where was his domicile previous to appointment?
6. What were his qualifications for the appointment?
7. What was his occupation prior to appointment?
8. What war service did he render, if any?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 1st, 1917.
- "3. \$180 per month.
- "4. Increased to \$200 per month April 1st, 1917, and to \$250 per month (present salary), April 1st, 1919.
- "5. Prince Rupert.
- "6. Fifteen years' financial training.
- "7. Auditing and agency business.
- "8. Civilian duty."

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

1. Was one William Turnbull appointed as Lumber Commissioner in the Forest Branch of the Department?
2. What was the date of his appointment as such?
3. What is his present salary?
4. What are his qualifications for the position?
5. What previous experience, if any, did the said Turnbull possess of the lumber and timber business?
6. Was the said Turnbull previously employed in the Lands Department?
7. If so, in what capacity?
8. What was his salary when first appointed?
9. What was his age when first appointed?
10. What war service did he render, if any, and between what dates?
11. Is the said W. Turnbull the same W. Turnbull who was editor or reporter of the *Prince Rupert News* prior to the general election of 1916?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 1st, 1919.
- "3. \$250 per month.
- "4. Publicity and commercial experience and special study for present work.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Secretary to the Minister.
- "8. \$150 per month.
- "9. Thirty-five years and ten months.
- "10. Civilian duty.
- "11. Yes, editor."

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

What amount has been expended by the Department during each of the years ending December 31st, 1917, 1918, and 1919 on: (a) Hastings-Barnet Trunk Road; (b) Fraser Avenue; (c) Kingsway; (d) Marine Drive through South Vancouver?

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

"1917: (a) \$11,795.18; (b) \$10,152.10; (c) \$80,500 (revote since 1915-16); (d) *nil*. 1918: (a) \$10,312.17; (b) \$5,020.34; (c) *nil*; (d) *nil*. 1919: (a) \$7,438.65; (b) \$4,589.12; (c) *nil*; (d) \$4,061.48 (South Vancouver Municipality, Richmond Electoral District)."

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 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Baugh Allen*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legislative Library and Bureau of Statistics Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Cowper* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 2nd, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the following documents be not printed, namely:—

1. Return of correspondence with Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt.
2. Return of correspondence relative to the finances of the British Columbia University.
3. Return of correspondence relative to the disallowance of the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act."
4. Return under the "Iron-ore Supply Act."
5. Return under the "Soldiers' Land Act."
6. Return relating to alienation of lands in the Indian reserve.
7. Annual report of the Provincial Library.
8. The report of the Public Library Commission.
9. Report of the Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation.

That the following documents be printed, namely:—

1. Annual report of the Provincial Game Warden.
2. Annual report of the Department of Railways.
3. Annual report of the Department of Labour.
4. Annual report of the Department of Industries.
5. Report of Professor Gwillim, Inspector of Oil Survey in the Peace River District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. COWPER, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

Whereas, under the Terms of Union of this Province with the Dominion of Canada, it is incumbent on the Dominion Government to maintain in British Columbia the Geological Survey:

And whereas from the pioneer work of Dawson to the present day the services of the Geological Survey have been of inestimable value to the mineral industry of this Province;

And whereas recent advices show that, out of a total number of twenty-one geologists available for field-work throughout the Dominion, eight already have tendered their resignations, and others are likely to do so, thus leaving very few fieldmen for the whole Dominion:

And whereas during the six years prior to 1914 the Geological Survey maintained an average of nearly twelve geological and topographical field-parties in British Columbia alone, it becomes evident that it will be impossible for the survey to provide for work in British Columbia trained geologists from the remaining staff to continue the geological work so necessary to the mineral development of this Province:

Be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia expresses its appreciation of the great value of the work of the Geological Survey of Canada as assisting the mineral development of this Province, and views with apprehension the depletion of the survey staff, especially at this time, when, with the world entering upon a period of reconstruction, it is most important to our mining industry that all possible knowledge of British Columbia geology shall be made available.

And be it further Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia does strongly urge the Dominion Government:—

- (1.) To take some immediate action to prevent further depletion of this most valuable branch of the Civil Service:
- (2.) To offer adequate inducements to engineering and scientific students of Canadian universities to undertake training with a view to employment on the Geological Survey of Canada, in order to provide trained men for the future:
- (3.) To complete and publish the results of the geology of such districts as have been topographically mapped:
- (4.) To adopt a policy assuring the maintenance on an adequate basis of the work of the Geological Survey of Canada in British Columbia, to the end that the letter and spirit of the terms of the "British North America Act" may be implemented and the development of British Columbia expedited.

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.

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

1. How many creameries are there in operation in the Province and where located?
2. How many established dairies in the Province and where located?
3. What supervision does the Department exercise over creameries and dairies?
4. What is the last annual output of each creamery and each dairy?
5. What was the total amount of pounds of butter imported into the Province during each year—1917, 1918, and 1919?
6. What was the value of these annual importations?
7. What is the estimated value of the last annual output of the creameries in the Province?
8. What is the estimated value of the last annual output of the dairies in the Province?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Actually manufacturing butter, 22: Armstrong, Cranbrook, Grand Forks, Hefley, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Vernon; Vancouver Creamery, Fraser Valley (2), Meadow Brook; P. Burns & Co., D. Spencer, located at Vancouver; Clayburn, New Westminster; Comox, Cowichan, Nanaimo, Saltspring Island; Northwestern Creamery at Victoria. Condensers in British Columbia licensed as dairies, 3: B.C. Milk Condensing Company at Sardis; Pacific Milk Company at Ladner and Courtenay. Cheese-factories in British Columbia, 4: Fraser Valley Association at Sardis and Clayburn; Ferrara Cheese Company at Chilliwack; Revelstoke Creamery. Farm dairy factories for fancy cheese: Agassiz, Aldergrove, Barnston Island.

"2. Dairies handling and distributing milk and cream or manufacturing ice-cream. 45: Comox, Cranbrook, Chilliwack, Duncan, Fernie, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Kelowna; at Nanaimo, Clark, J. J. Dickenson, Maple Leaf Dairy, McKenzie; at Nelson, City Dairy and Curlew; at New Westminster, Burchett, City Dairy, McLeod, New Westminster Creamery; North Vancouver, Revelstoke, Vernon; at Vancouver, Almond's, Limited, Beaconsfield, Caldwell, City Dairy Company, East End, Fraser Valley Milk Producers (2), Grand View, College Farm Dairies, Gibson's Dairy, Royal Island Dairy (Eburne), Silverdale, Spencer's, Limited, Steves, Valley Dairy, White Lunch; at Victoria, Bredin Dairy, City Dairy, Cowichan, Northwestern, Rose Farm Dairy, Standard, Vancouver Island Milk Producers."

"3. Inspection of creameries and dairies is conducted under the provisions of the 'Agricultural Associations Act, 1915,' Part VI. The regulation of creameries and dairies by the issuance of licences to the institutions and the testers employed is carried on under the provisions of the 'Dairies Regulation Act.'

"4. The Province secures and shares in the use of figures on Federal statistical return forms under an agreement which regards the individual returns as confidential. Creamery butter, 1,668,290 lb., value \$1,018,197.73; dairy butter, 630,000 lb., value \$357,500; total, 2,298,290 lb., valued at \$1,375,697.73.

"5. Imports of butter from all sources into British Columbia, 1917-18-19, as follows:—

1917—Butter, lb.: Canadian, 7,550,736; foreign, 253,390; total, 7,804,126. Value: Canadian, \$2,814,403; foreign, \$93,254; total, \$2,907,657.

1918—Butter, lb.: Canadian, 5,980,183; foreign, 754,240; total, 6,734,423. Value: Canadian, \$2,648,353; foreign, \$266,591; total, \$2,914,944.

1919—Butter, lb.: Canadian, 4,563,212; foreign, 978,546; total, 5,541,758. Value: Canadian, \$2,441,318; foreign, \$425,850; total, \$2,867,168.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. 1,668,290 lb. of butter, valued at \$1,018,997.

"8. Dairies: Milk, fresh, gals., 9,470,377, valued at \$3,977,558; ice-cream, gals., 217,225, valued at \$355,124; dairy butter, lb., 630,000, valued at \$357,500. Cheese-factories: 304,502 lb., valued at \$88,305. Condensers: Evaporated and sterilized cases, 243,215, valued at \$1,362,004."

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

1. What disbursements have been made since March 31st, 1919, on account of the expenses of the various Commissioners of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Provincial Legislation in Canada?

2. When were these disbursements made?

3. Covering what period of time and for what expenses?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. Paid, September 12th, 1919, King's Printer, Statutes and letter-paper, June, 1919, \$43.45; paid, October 10th, 1919, King's Printer, printing reports of Committee, July and August, \$31.95; paid, October 30th, 1919, A. V. Pinco, expenses as member of Board of Commissioners to Winnipeg and return, August 23rd to 31st, \$203; paid, October 30th, 1919, H. E. A. Courtney, expenses as member of Board of Commissioners to Winnipeg and return, August 23rd to 31st, \$212; paid, October 30th, 1919, J. N. Ellis, expenses as member of Board of Commissioners (Vancouver to Victoria and return, \$12, July 12th; Vancouver to Winnipeg and return, \$211.60, August 23rd to 31st), \$223.60; paid, December 4th, 1919, Frank Ford, contribution *re* uniformity of legislation in Canada, \$200; total \$914.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Giolma asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Provincial Government loaned or given any money to any of the ex-service men's organizations in British Columbia?

2. If so: (a) To what organizations; (b) for what purposes were the grants made; (c) for what amounts in each case; (d) and who endorsed the cheques in each case for the associations?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Particulars of (a), (b), (c), and (d) as follows:—

Great War Veterans' Association, Vancouver; general work of Association; \$5,000; C. W. Whittaker.

Great War Veterans' Association, Vancouver; expenses of convention of Association; \$2,000; C. W. Whittaker.

Vancouver Branch Overseas Mechanics' Club; expenses of delegates to Ottawa; \$500.60; Merchants Bank of Canada for draft.

Repatriation and Community Service League; general work of League; \$1,000; F. R. Rounsefell and A. C. Cox.

Repatriation and Community Service League; general work of League; \$2,500; J. Newson Storry.

Reception 102nd Battalion; grant towards expenses of reception; \$350; J. S. Mathews.

Returned Soldiers' Club, Vancouver; assistance towards expenses of Club; \$400 per month; J. R. T. Dunlop.

Great War Veterans' Association, Victoria; grant towards building fund; \$3,500; cheques not yet returned from bank.

Great War Veterans' Association, Vernon; grant towards establishment of Club; \$650; cheques not yet returned from bank.

Great War Veterans' Association, Nanaimo; grant towards establishment of Club; \$600; cheques not yet returned from bank.

Vancouver Branch Overseas Mechanics' Club; grant towards establishment of Club; \$1,000; cheques not yet returned from bank.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act.’”

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Sixth Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls from December 1st, 1918, to November 30th, 1919.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Flinton*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* on February 20th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence passing between Colonel A. Bruce Powley, Inspector of Labour Bureau at Vancouver, in the month of November last, and the Department of Labour dealing with the question of the employment of labour by one Peterson, contractor on the Pacific Highway, and the supplying of said labour by Sells's Employment Agency; also for a copy of the correspondence between the Labour Department and the Public Works Department dealing with the above matter; also copy of all correspondence received by the Attorney-General's Department in reference to the employment of labour for the Pacific Highway contract given to one Peterson.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on February 23rd, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing all moneys paid out by the Government to or on behalf of the disbursements and expenses of the Chairman of the Game Board since the 31st day of March, 1919, to date, with dates and details of all items appearing in all vouchers pertaining thereto.

Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Whereas taxation created by the war and reconstruction needs following the war imposes heavy burdens, thereby further increasing the cost of living for every citizen:

And whereas to avoid injury to the development of Canada it is of paramount importance that the expenditure of the great revenue thus obtained should be confined to necessary and productive purposes, and that waste of public money wherever it may occur should be eliminated:

And whereas for purely historical reasons, without profit in revenue, there continues to exist double government, at double expense, in a portion of British Columbia arbitrarily marked out for the purpose:

And whereas dual control of the narrow strip of territory known as the Railway Belt, forty miles wide by several hundred miles long, makes impossible a natural division of the Province into administrative districts, as a consequence of which the cost of government is greatly increased:

And whereas a large block of land, known as the Peace River Block, is also under the handicap of dual administration:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House requests the Dominion Government to restore to the Province the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block, in order that double expenditure by dual administration may be eliminated and that the areas in question may be administered under a single authority in the interests of economy and efficient public service.

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.

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

Has the Department under consideration the clearing of the outlet of Burns Lake, the level of which was raised during railway construction, with the object of lowering the level of the said lake to its former level, thereby reclaiming a large area of desirable agricultural lands?

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

“The Department is investigating this situation with a view to taking such action as the public interest demands.”

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

1. Who was appointed to the Commission dealing with mothers' pensions and health insurance, and the residence of each member?
2. What allowance is paid each member on account of services and also on account of salaries?
3. What has each member received to date?
4. When will said work be over?
5. What is the total cost of said Commission to date?

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

“1. E. S. H. Winn, of Victoria; D. McCallum, of Victoria; T. B. Green, of New Westminster; and Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria.

“2. Messrs. Winn and McCallum: Travelling expenses and \$10 per diem for hotel and other expenses. Mr. Green and Mrs. Spofford: Travelling expenses and \$10 per diem each for hotel and other expenses, and \$20 per diem each for services whilst actually employed as Commissioners.

“3. Per diem allowances. Messrs. Winn and Green, \$150 each (expenses); Mr. McCallum and Mrs. Spofford, \$155 each (expenses).

“4. In the near future.

“5. Accounts passed to date total \$1,827.43.”

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

1. Has the Rupert Marine Iron Works, of Prince Rupert, been doing any repair-work on the Government launches?
2. If so, to what amount, and were tenders called for same?
3. Is Geo. R. Naden, Deputy Minister of Lands, a shareholder or director in said company?

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

“1. In February, 1918, repaired the launch ‘Euclataw.’

“2. \$1,007.66; no.

“3. No.”

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is Major Martyn connected with the Department of Industries?
2. If so, in what position, at what salary, and date of appointment?
3. Was any notice given to the public of the filling of this vacancy?
4. If so, how many applications and how many passed the examination?
5. Did Major Martyn pass said examination?
6. Was said Major Martyn formerly President of the Liberal Association at Port Haney, in Dewdney Riding?
7. Has said Major Martyn made application for a loan to the City of Victoria under the better-housing scheme?
8. If so, what was the amount of said loan and was same accepted?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Deputy Minister, known as Industrial Commissioner; \$250 per month; June 16th, 1919.

“3. Yes.

“4. Twenty applications; nine wrote examinations; one selected.

“5. Yes.

“6. No.

“7. No information.

“8. Answered by No. 7.”

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

1. Is Major J. W. Clark employed by the Government in connection with the Soldiers' Settlement Board?
2. If so, when was he appointed and at what salary?
3. Has said Major Clark made an application to the City of Victoria for a loan under the better-housing scheme?
4. If so, has said application been approved, and for what amount?

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

- "1. Yes, as Superintendent of British Columbia Soldier Settlement.
- "2. September 26th, 1918, at \$250 per month.
- "3. No information.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Is one A. P. McInnes a Game Warden in Cariboo District?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. What are his duties?
4. What part of the Province has he jurisdiction over?
5. What is his salary?
6. Is he the same man as A. P. McInnes who was fined the sum of \$1,000 for shooting a cow caribou a few years ago?

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

- "1. No.
- "2 to 6. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many of the applications for loans applied for to the Land Settlement Board during 1919 were granted?
2. What amount has been paid on applications received during 1919?
3. How many loans and what was the total amount granted on applications received during 1919 and paid out in the different loaning districts 1 to 5, inclusive?
4. How many and who were the Directors serving on the Land Settlement Board during 1919?
5. What was the total salary drawn by the Chairman and each Director during 1919?
6. What was the total expenses of the Directors of the Land Settlement Board for 1919?
7. What was the total amount paid on account of salaries to the staff during 1919?
8. What was the total amount of expenses paid on account of the staff during 1919?

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

- "1. One hundred.
- "2. \$110,255.
- "3. Districts not divided up for loaning purposes.
- "4. Seven, as follows: M. H. Nelems, part time as Director; J. A. Macdonald; D. D. Munro; C. R. Ward; W. S. Latta; R. D. Davies; F. R. E. DeHart, part time.
- "5. Salaries: Chairman, \$3,300; J. A. Macdonald, \$2,125; D. D. Munro, \$2,125; C. R. Ward, \$2,125; W. S. Latta, \$1,225; R. D. Davies, \$900; F. R. E. DeHart, \$1,225; M. H. Nelems, \$175 as Director.
- "6. Expenses: J. A. Macdonald, \$2,043.65; D. D. Munro, \$2,286.05; C. R. Ward, \$2,110.95; W. S. Latta, \$819.98; R. D. Davies, \$743.95; F. R. E. DeHart, \$1,530.17; M. H. Nelems, \$111.50 as Director.
- "7. Salaries of staff, \$17,039.44.
- "8. Expenses of staff, \$1,665.03."

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

1. How many land areas have been purchased and set aside for settlement by the Land Settlement Board, with particulars of location, area, and price paid in each case?

2. How many land areas have been thrown open for settlement by the Land Settlement Board?

3. At what price and terms are these lands being offered for sale?

4. How many settlers have been placed on these areas, with full particulars as to settlers and prices paid by them?

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

"1. (a.) Eleven settlement areas established as follows: Telkwa, 17,242 acres, 5,156 acquired, \$29,074.14; Vanderhoof, 35,358 acres, 12,740 acquired, \$68,609.75; Marten Lake, 14,268 acres, 1,894 acquired, \$10,085; Prince George, 18,663 acres, 9,356 acquired, \$45,130; Smithers, 5,310 acres, 638 acquired, \$3,200; Rose Lake, 6,521 acres; Alexandria, 3,707 acres; Ten-mile Lake, 4,875 acres; Francois Lake, 4,000 acres; Colleymount, 5,000 acres; Tatalaska Lake, 7,500 acres. (b.) Four development areas: Courtenay, 14,000 acres, \$67,262.08; Creston, 7,000 acres (portion acquired), \$84,848.61; Kelowna, 400 acres, \$34,543.52; Fernie, 1,500 acres.

"2. (a.) Three; Telkwa, Vanderhoof, Marten Lake. (b.) Land now being developed.

"3. (a.) From \$3 to \$15 per acre, with rebate of \$500 to British Columbia returned soldiers; ten per cent. cash for returned soldier; twenty per cent. cash for civilian; balance as arranged up to fifteen years. (b.) Selling price not yet fixed.

"4. (a.) Sixty-seven; majority returned soldiers; 10,254 acres; \$71,622.78. (b.) Between three hundred and fifty and three hundred and seventy-five returned soldiers employed on development work."

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

1. Did one Thomas Morrison, of Rutland, borrow the sum of \$10,000 from the Land Settlement Board?

2. If so, when, and what was the rate of interest?

3. What security was taken by the Land Settlement Board?

4. For what term of years was the loan made?

5. For what purpose was the loan made?

6. What sum was the property purchased for by him?

7. How long was he in possession of the property before applying for loan?

8. Is it true that he does not reside on the property, but lives in Rutland?

9. Is said Thomas Morrison the person who sold the Christian Ranch, Kelowna, to the Land Settlement Board?

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

"1. Thomas Morrison, who gives his address as Kelowna, did.

"2. June 12th, 1918, at 7½ per cent.

"3. Mortgage on Lot 1040, Kamloops Division of Yale District.

"4. Twenty years.

"5. (a) Improving land; (b) buying stock and erecting buildings; (c) paying off mortgage.

"6. No information.

"7. No information.

"8. No information, but he had a manager residing on property when the loan was granted.

"9. Yes."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Ross*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legislative Library and Bureau of Statistics Act.'"

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 5.25 p.m.

Thursday, 4th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, 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 "but no such person shall be allowed to take any book out of the House," in the last two lines of that clause.

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

1. Under what terms and conditions was the well on the property of M. McMillan at Cobble Hill dug?
2. Were said arrangements in writing; if so, under what date and between what parties?
3. What proportion of the sum of \$407.35, being the expenses allowed to H. C. Fritts on this work, were appropriated to bills and accounts of expenses of the said Fritts at the Westholme Hotel, Victoria?
4. Covering what debts were the said expenses at the Westholme Hotel paid?
5. Was said Fritts supposed to be on the work at Cobble Hill continuously during the time that he was paid for said service?
6. Were any deductions made for the days that the said Fritts was away from the said work?

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

"1. Messrs. M. McMillan, T. Watson, and A. Lambert signed an undertaking, in consideration of the Government furnishing the drill and other machinery and undertaking the work of drilling, to furnish all necessary transportation from the nearest railway station, casing, fuel, water, lubricants, labour, and food for the Superintendent. Mr. McMillan further agreed to convey the site of the well to His Majesty the King, free of charge, on completion of the work.

"2. Yes; March 5th, 1919. Messrs. M. McMillan, T. Watson, and A. Lambert signed the undertaking summarized above.

"3. \$183.25. \$105.25 for 118 meals and \$78 for room, over a period from April 5th, 1919, to August 16th, 1919.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Yes, exclusive of time spent in superintending repairs to plant made in Victoria.

"6. No; time spent away from Cobble Hill was spent in superintending repairs."

Mr. *Nelson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What answer (if any) was received from the Secretary of State for Canada regarding the request embodied in a Resolution of this House of March 24th, 1919, relating to the control of lake and river transportation in British Columbia by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada?

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

“No reply received to date.”

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

1. What amount has the Government borrowed to date from the Federal Government on account of the better-housing scheme?
2. What portion of this amount has already been loaned to municipalities, with full particulars?
3. What does the Government intend to do with the balance in their hands?
4. Does the Government intend to borrow more money from the Federal Government?
5. If so, what amount?
6. What interest does the Government pay the Federal Government?
7. What interest does the Government charge the municipalities?

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

“1. The Government has signified its intention of taking from the Federal Government an entire allotment of \$1,500,000, of which \$750,000 has already been taken.

“2. The Provincial Government has already allotted to municipalities approximately \$1,250,000. Of the amount of \$750,000 obtained from the Federal Government there has actually been paid over to municipalities \$479,300, as follows: Esquimalt, \$13,000; Kamloops, \$30,000; Langley, \$7,500; New Westminster, \$10,000; North Vancouver (City), \$25,000; North Vancouver (District), \$38,000; Oak Bay, \$2,000; Penticton, \$5,000; Point Grey, \$54,000; Port Coquitlam, \$2,800; Prince George, \$26,000; Prince Rupert, \$75,000; Saanich, \$40,000; South Vancouver, \$50,000; Trail, \$6,000; Vancouver, \$75,000; Victoria, \$20,000.

“3. Carry out its undertaking with the municipalities.

“4. Government proposes to take its full allotment.

“5. Answered by Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

“6. Five per centum per annum.

“7. Five per centum per annum.”

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

1. Who has been appointed as Public Libraries Commissioners?
2. When were these appointments made?
3. What allowance, if any, for services and expenses is allowed the Commissioners?
4. What amount has been paid each Commissioner to date?
5. What has been the total cost of said Commission to date?

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

“1. Miss Helen G. Stewart, of Victoria; Malcolm B. Jackson, M.L.A., of Victoria; Dr. G. G. Sedgewick, of Vancouver.

“2. June 13th, 1919.

“3. No allowance for services; allowance for travelling and other personal expenses necessarily incurred in discharge of official duties.

“4. Miss H. G. Stewart, \$145.95; Dr. G. G. Sedgewick, \$24.

“5. \$476.51.”

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

1. Did the Department of Lands build a Forester's house at Myrtle Point last year?
2. If so, what was the size of same and what was the estimate of the cost?
3. Is said house finished?
4. If so, when?
5. What is the amount paid on account of wages to date?
6. Was a certain amount of said wages charged up to the Forestry Department?
7. If so, what was the amount so charged?

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

“1. Ranger's house begun in November.

“2. 30 x 44 feet; 5 rooms, bath-room, pantry, and clothes closets; \$2,500.

- "3. Yes.
 "4. January 30th.
 "5. One bricklayer (hired), \$124; balance, Ranger and Assistant Ranger (labour), \$453.
 "6. Yes.
 "7. Total amount."

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Was an application made last year by Joseph Brown and Samuel Weaver, of Mud Bay, to obtain a grant of certain tide-flats in Mud Bay?
2. If so, were these applications favourably considered and were grants issued, and for what areas and at what price?
3. Did any other persons make application for these lands?
4. If so, what was done with his or her application?
5. Are the said Brown and Weaver relatives to the Hon. the Premier?

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

- "1. Application made by Samuel Weaver. No application by Joseph Brown.
- "2. Not favourably considered.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Not favourably considered.
- "5. Weaver is the nephew of the Premier's wife, and Brown is the husband of Weaver's sister."

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

1. Has one J. L. Watson been appointed as head of the Free-text Book Department?
2. When was he appointed and at what salary?
3. Were any applications advertised for in connection with this appointment?
4. What is the age of said Watson?
5. Why was some one in the Service not promoted?
6. Is said Watson a brother-in-law of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 23rd, 1920; \$175 per meusem.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Forty-two years.
- "5. Best man available for position was selected.
- "6. Yes. Might also add: (a) That he has been resident in British Columbia for twelve years; (b) that he is a married man with a family; (c) that he is a B.A. of Toronto University, graduating with first-class honours in English and modern languages; (d) that he taught in the schools of British Columbia for twelve years; (e) that he was overseas for three years; (f) that he was mentioned in dispatches for meritorious services."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in certain Industries in the Province of British Columbia."

Question proposed—"That the Bill be read a second time now."

The Hon. the Attorney-General moved in amendment,—

"To leave out the word 'now,' and substitute therefor the words 'this day six months.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Mr. Jackson presented the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 4th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 4th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 4th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt respecting the User of Sewers in Municipalities adjacent thereto and to grant Reciprocal Rights in respect of the same."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 4th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting 'The Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The reports were received.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legislative Library and Bureau of Statistics Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. Ross, adjourned until the next sitting.

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

1. Has the salary of F. J. Gillespie, Commissioner for the District of South Vancouver, been raised?
2. If so, when, to what amount, and for what reason?
3. Will the Hon. the Minister of Finance table copies of all reports received from said Commissioner covering the period from the time same were tabled last Session?
4. What were the total amounts the Government advanced or guaranteed on account of South Vancouver and what securities were deposited with the Government on account of same?
5. Has any of the South Vancouver indebtedness been paid off since the Commissioner took office?
6. What was the amount of the overdraft South Vancouver had with the bank when the Commissioner was appointed?
7. What is the amount of the overdraft with the bank at the present time?
8. Have any bonds of South Vancouver been sold since the Commissioner was appointed?
9. If so, what are the particulars of said sales, the amounts received, and to whom paid?
10. Is it the intention of the Government to sell the bonds of South Vancouver they are now holding?
11. If so, when and at what price will they be sold?
12. Does the Government intend to dissolve said receivership?
13. If so, when?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. December 1st, 1919; \$4,500; in recognition of his efficiency.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$790,000 advanced by Treasury notes maturing as to \$160,000 March 15th, 1923, and as to \$630,000 May 1st, 1923, against the security of local improvement and sewer bonds of the District of South Vancouver to a value of \$989,902.58; \$467,370.12 temporary loan from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, against the security of tax arrears from 1916 to 1919, inclusive, and 1920 taxes, all exclusive of amounts to be set aside for sinking fund; \$277,000 guaranteed on Treasury notes, against cash in bank, \$106,088.15, and hypothecated taxes.
- "5. Yes; \$416,870.74, and sinking funds set aside, \$69,302.32.
- "6. \$132,370.12, April 30th, 1918.
- "7. \$467,370.12, February 28th, 1920.
- "8. Yes.

"9. \$277,000 6 per cent. Treasury notes, dated March 1st, 1920, sold to the Lumberman's Trust of Portland, Oregon, at 94, to retire obligations to Spitzer, Rorick & Company, maturing in New York on March 1st, 1920.

"10. Not at present.

"11. Answered by No. 10.

"12. Not at present.

"13. Answered by No. 12."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What amount of money was realized for the year 1919 from the "Amusements Tax Act" in the following places: Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops, Vernon, Nelson, Kelowna, and Penticton?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"The receipts during the fiscal year 1918-19 were as follows: Vancouver, \$137,788.45; Victoria, \$37,285.51; New Westminster, \$5,237.23; Kamloops, \$2,196.77; Vernon, \$1,643.86; Nelson, \$2,679.04; Kelowna, \$678.35; Penticton, \$698.20."

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1919.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1918-19.

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 5.45 p.m.

Friday, 5th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 1920.

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. 28) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities," 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.

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

1. Were Laidlaw & Ritchie, of Nelson, sub-contractors on the Vernon Court-house?
2. Did they put in a claim to the late Government in 1914 for additional stone-work amounting to \$2,707.50?
3. Did the late Government refuse to pay this claim?
4. Has the present Government paid this claim in full?
5. If so, when?
6. Was M. A. Macdonald acting as solicitor for said Laidlaw & Ritchie?
7. To whom was said cheque issued, the date, and for what amount?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. No.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. June, 1919.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Laidlaw & Ritchie; July 11th, 1919; \$2,707.50."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

- Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915.'"
 Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered on Monday next.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
 Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million eight hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
 March 5th, 1920.

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. 29) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million eight hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.
March 5th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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.

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 4.25 p.m.

Monday, 8th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Inkster.*

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

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 March 8th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith for reconsideration Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements," and recommends the amendment thereto by striking out the whole of Schedule A to the said Bill and substituting the amended Schedule enclosed herewith.

Government House,
March 8th, 1920.

Ordered, That the said Message, the Bill, and the proposed amendments 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 amendment of a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements" as recommended by the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution, Bill, and amendments reported.

Report adopted, and Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted for the purpose of considering said amendments at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Department of Public Works hold a convention of its District Engineers in 1919?
2. If so, when, where, and what officials were in attendance?
3. What was the total cost of said convention to the Department?

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

"1 to 3. Answered at Session, 1919. (See Legislative Journals, page 142.)"

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

1. What tuition fees are charged in the University of British Columbia?
2. How many students are in attendance at said University?
3. What tuition fees are charged in the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Manitoba, Queen's University, and McGill University?
4. If no tuition fees are charged in the University of British Columbia, why not?

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

"1. No tuition fees are charged in the University of British Columbia, but all students are required to pay a registration fee of \$10 annually.

"2. Session 1919-20: 890 students; and, in addition, 640 enrolled for short courses.

"3. University of Alberta: Tuition fees \$40, approximately. University of Saskatchewan: Tuition fees \$6 per subject; about \$30 per year. University of Manitoba: Tuition fees—Arts \$36, Science \$55. Queen's University: Registration fee \$14; class fees \$25; various other fees. McGill University: Tuition fees—Arts \$58, Applied Science \$197, Medicine \$167.

"4. This was the policy that was adopted when University was established and has not been altered."

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

1. Under the "Vancouver Settlers' Rights Agreement Ratification Act" of 1910, and chapter 60 of 1913, what total acreage (not including foreshore) has been Crown-granted to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company?
2. What acreage of foreshore has been granted?
3. What is the maximum amount of foreshore grantable under said Acts?
4. Prior to 1910 what acreage was granted under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904"?

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

- "1. 20,000 acres.
- "2. None.
- "3. Areas not surveyed.
- "4. 4,280.1 acres."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

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Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>		

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>			

To be committed to-morrow.

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

1. How much revenue has been brought into account by the Collector of Taxes at Quesnel: (a) For the fiscal year 1918; (b) for the fiscal year 1919; (c) for the nine months from April 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919?
2. How much of this revenue for the current year was from: (a) Arrears of taxes; (b) interest?

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

- "1. (a) \$171,964.13; (b) \$162,407.25; (c) \$359,041.61.
- "2. (a) \$176,223.54; (b) \$23,267.40."

Dr. *Sutherland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Did Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, Victoria, write any insurance for any department of the Government prior to November, 1918?
2. If so, was the insurance cancelled, and when?
3. If cancelled, what was reason for cancellation?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. For the reasons set out in the following correspondence:—

" 'VICTORIA, November 14th, 1918.

" 'Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.,
711 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

" 'DEAR SIRS,—I understand that a couple of risks of insurance have been placed with your firm by some of the departments of the Government of British Columbia since I accepted the office of Minister of Finance.

" 'In accordance with our conversation, I shall be glad if you will immediately cancel any such risks that have been placed with you since June 11th, 1917, and for the future I would suggest that you refuse to accept any business from the Provincial Government unless it is placed after tenders have been considered, or where there is a *pro rata* allotment to the different companies.

" 'I realize that this is an injustice both to the firm and to the companies which it represents, but in the long run I think it will prove to be in the interests of all concerned.

" 'Yours faithfully,

" '(Sgd.) JOHN HART, *Minister of Finance.*'

" 'GILLESPIE, HART & TODD, LTD.

" 'VICTORIA, B.C., November 20th, 1918.

" 'Hon. J. Hart,

Minister of Finance,

Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

" 'DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of November 14th, requesting cancellation of fire insurance policies placed with our firm by the Government of British Columbia since June 11th, 1917.

" 'In future, on account of yourself being connected with our firm, we will refuse to accept any business from the Provincial Government, unless it is placed with us after tenders have been considered or where there is a *pro rata* allotment to the different companies.

" 'We enclose herewith list of policies that we wish cancelled and we would thank you to give this matter your immediate attention.

" 'Yours faithfully,

" 'GILLESPIE, HART & TODD, LTD.

" '(Sgd.) E. D. TODD, *Director.*' "

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Village Municipalities."

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, section 3 was struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"3. Section 7 of said chapter 136 is repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:—

"7. The election of Benchers shall take place in the year 1921 on the Monday immediately preceding the thirty-first day of March, and thereafter every second year on the Monday immediately preceding the thirty-first day of March in such year."

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, the following section was added to the Bill:—

"6. Said chapter 136 is amended by inserting therein the following subsection as subsection (6) of section 36:—

"(6.) They may call to the Bar and admit to practise as a barrister in British Columbia and as a solicitor of the Supreme Court any person being a British subject of full age and good repute, having been admitted into the Society as a student-at-law since the fourth day of August, 1914, and not later than the thirty-first December, 1921, and who was a member of the Allied Forces within the meaning of section 2 of the "Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918." or of the Royal Air Force, and was prior to his becoming a member of said Force or Forces a resident of British Columbia, and who has been standing on the books of the Society for five years less the period of his said service in the Force or Forces aforesaid, and has been in actual attendance in the chambers of a practising barrister and solicitor of British Columbia for the reduced period aforesaid: Provided, however, that the attendance in chambers aforesaid shall in no case be less than a period of three years: Provided also that in other respects the provisions of this Act and of the rules of the Law Society of British Columbia, including Rule 68A in respect to fees, shall apply to such person."

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the report of the Commissioner of the District of South Vancouver, covering the year May 1st, 1918, to May 1st, 1919, and monthly cash statements and balance-sheet covering the year January 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919.

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.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. Connell*.

Mr. *Cowper* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 9th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We recommend that the following document be printed, namely:—

1. Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

We recommend that the following documents be not printed, namely:—

1. Return relative to regulations under the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."

2. Return relative to Civil Servants appointed and dismissed.
 3. Report of Provincial Industrial School for Girls.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. COWPER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. Was one Henry Hawkensen employed as Road Foreman at Bella Coola in the season of 1919?
2. If so, what salary was paid to him during that time, giving particulars of the number of days he was employed?
3. Did the said Hawkensen during the fishing season of 1919 operate a gill-net licence while he was in the employ of the Government?
4. Was an expense item in favour of Mrs. Mygard for cooking for the workmen paid during the season of 1919?
5. If so, for what amount?
6. During the winter of 1919 and 1920, was there certain cribbing-work done at Bella Coola?
7. If so, what wages were paid the men for doing this work, giving particulars of the rate of pay for rock-work and for other work?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$175; thirty-five days on road-work.
- "3. No information.
- "4. Yes, but the name is Nygaard.
- "5. \$84.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Foreman, wages paid \$288.75, rate \$5.50; driller, wages paid \$67.50, rate, \$5; rockmen, wages paid \$1,118.25, rate, \$4.50; team and teamster, wages paid \$61.25, rate \$8.50; labourers, wages paid \$311, rate \$4."

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

1. Were tenders called for the clearing of the right-of-way for the diversion of the main trunk road between Dog Prairie and Quesnel during the season of 1919?
2. If so, how many tenders were received, from what parties, and what price in each case?
3. To whom was the contract awarded and the price of same?
4. What was the total amount paid to the contractor?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Five: Neil McMillan, \$50 per acre; W. H. Saunders, \$55 per acre; Alfred B. Hamilton, \$60 per acre; J. F. Hill, \$75 per acre; T. Sears, \$300 for right-of-way.
- "3. Neil McMillan; \$50 per acre.
- "4. \$596.28."

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Do the records in the office of the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies show that the Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, is a shareholder and director of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.?
2. Do the records in the said office show that the said Hon. John Hart is a director of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes."

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

1. How many free ferries are being operated by the Government?
2. Where are these located?

3. How many subsidized ferries in the Province?
4. Where are these located and what was the amount of subsidy granted this last year?
5. How many passengers were handled by each ferry during last year?
6. How many horses and vehicles were handled by each ferry during the year?
7. How many autos and auto-trucks were handled by each ferry?
8. What amount of money has the Government invested in each ferry?
9. What is the annual cost of each ferry to the Government?
10. Does the Government intend to take over the subsidized ferries; if so, when?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

“1. Fifty.

“3. Six.

“2 and 4 to 9. Answered as follows:—

Location.	No. Passengers.	No. Horses and Vehicles.	Amount Invested.	No. Autos and Auto-trucks.	Cost of Maintenance.
Columbia River, Brisco	*	*	*	*	\$ 285 10
Columbia River, Castlegar	11,414	844	1,078	\$ 7,136 00	1,713 30
Columbia River, Donald	*	*	*	*	160 27
Columbia River, Goldstream	*	*	*	*	190 52
Francois Lake (April-September)	2,594	938	54	3,742 58	2,456 00
Fraser River, Agassiz	4,384	381	1,502	660 00	4,220 00
Fraser River, Alexandria	1,522	874	44	4,300 00	1,135 83
Fraser River, Barnston Island	1,600	18	....	2,500 00	450 00
Fraser River, Big Bar	338	107	....	2,500 00	675 00
Fraser R., Chilliwack-Harrison (private)	1,118	...	....	.....	855 00
Fraser River, Dunster	2,229	319	....	2,500 00	900 16
Fraser River, High Bar	629	178	....	1,136 89	450 00
Fraser River, Lytton	4,304	*	*	400 00	677 20
Fraser River, McAllister	279	*	*	50 00	315 00
Fraser River, McBride	1,144	365	....	2,399 41	950 79
Fraser River, Mission	37,786	6,127	13,087	{ 9,653 00 [†] 34,703 00 [‡] }	4,380 80
Fraser River, Quesnel	6,614	4,607	459	1,090 00	1,642 57
Fraser River, Soda Creek	2,065	2,198	16	1,350 00	941 42
Fraser River, Pavillion Mt. (20 M.P. above Lillooet)	1,823	71	....	100 00	450 00
Upper Arrow Lake, Hall's Landing	4,094	2,270	....	5,009 00	1,378 15
Horsefly River, Woodjam	*	*	*	*	40 75
Kootenay River, Lewis	*	*	*	*	35 00
Kootenay River, Reclamation Farm	1,092	3,419	495	1,600 00	1,181 05
Nechako River, Braeside	390	656	15	2,649 04	435 00
Hulatt River, Hulatt	32	17	....	2,771 38	274 57
Hulatt River, Miworth-No. 3 Ind. Reserve	458	337	12	2,820 63	1,172 08
North Thompson, Black Pool	2,349	736	2	692 00	615 64
North Thompson, Birch Island	1,224	248	....	543 00	639 52
North Thompson, Chinook Cove	984	529	....	500 00	871 93
North Thompson, Clearwater Crossing ...	6,323	1,232	....	700 00	769 55
North Thompson, McClure Station	418	287	....	1,368 44	547 50
North Thompson, Mt. Olie	8,310	1,514	8	270 00	1,062 00
North Thompson, Vavenby	539	377	5	1,595 93	450 00
Quesnel River, Gravel's Landing .....	....	....	....	1,747 87	.....
Shuswap Lake, Sorrento-Scotch Creek	1,515	489	55	1,575 00	1,713 46
South Thompson River, Ducks	2,193	468	3	†	620 69
South Thompson River, Pritchard	10,205	1,021	65	300 00	716 91
Stuart River, Fort St. James	1,021 [§]	502	167	2,990 00	968 88
Stuart River, Sturgeon Point	82	202	....	.....	278 00
Skeena River, Cedarvale	6,014	391	....	3,000 00	701 23

Location.	No. Passengers.	No. Horses and Vehicles.	No. Autos and Auto-trucks.	Amount Invested.	Cost of Maintenance.
Skeena River, Copper City	*	*	*	\$1,000 00	\$ 498 25
Skeena River, Hazelton	*	*	*	*	499 65
Skeena River, Kitwanga	1,136	60	....	4,500 00	945 00
Skeena River, Pacific	489	52	....	4,000 00	668 05
Skeena R., Remo (formerly Breckenridge)	965	24	....	600 00	843 03
Skeena River, Terrace	5,144	1,883	223	2,500 00	1,381 94
Skeena River, Usk	3,735	992	....	2,628 75	898 75
Takla Lake, Takla Lake .....	....	....	....	.....	100 00
Upper Nass River, Grease Harbour .....	....	....	....	.....	198 50
North Arm Kootenay Lake, Nelson	41,991	2,825	2,959	9,000 00	5,642 33
Subsidized Steamers and Ferries.					Subsidy.
Fraser River, Fort George-Soda Creek ...	251	75	....	.....	10,000 00
Arrow Lake, Arrowhead	1,337	38	....	.....	2,400 00
Dog Lake	462	*	*	*	1,250 00
Shuswap Lake	423	....	....	.....	4,000 00
Okanagan Lake, Kelowna	10,160	555	2,910	.....	3,500 00
Okanagan Lake, Summerland	1,574	*	*	*	1,500 00

* No returns. † Old. ‡ New. ¶ No figures.

"10. Under consideration."

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

1. Was a road-gang employed on the Quesnel-Fort George Road between Quesnel and Blackwater during the season of 1919?

2. Who was the foreman in charge of this work and how much was paid him for his services in this connection?

3. What were the names of the other members of this gang and what amount of wages was paid in each case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. G. Ayres, Foreman, \$335.37; M. Montgomery, Foreman, \$483; D. Murdock, Foreman, \$60; R. Wyllie, Foreman, \$188.

"3. E. Alcock, \$605.25; G. Bowers, \$42; C. Butler, \$203.37; A. Baker, \$135.25; A. Brown, \$161.50; F. Biberdorf, \$240; J. G. Campbell, \$8; G. Duclos, \$441.25; W. Henry, \$112; J. Iverson, \$140; J. Lindquist, \$80.75; W. Livingstone, \$142.50; T. Lewis, \$237.50; G. Laud, \$102; M. A. Montgomery, \$414; H. McGill, \$141.75; J. McDonald, \$142.75; J. McKay, \$187.50; W. McGill, \$256; L. Nelson, \$55.25; E. Nelson, \$236.68; A. Orr, \$291.03; I. Paul, \$48; L. Rioux, \$140; J. Russell, \$15; J. Robertson, \$40; O. Smith, \$32; W. Stymeist, \$362; D. Schimichd, \$225."

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

1. Has the Agent-General or the Provincial Government appointed any representative or representatives or agent or agents in Manchester, England, or Glasgow, Scotland?

2. If so: (a) What are their names; (b) are they ex-members of the C.E.F.; (c) and what are their salaries?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Does Dr. A. R. Baker do any dental work for the Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. If so, who pays for said work?

3. When did he first undertake said work?

4. What amount has been paid (if any) by the Government covering such work since April 1st, 1919?

5. How many patients have been attended during said period?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Does Dr. A. R. Baker do any dental work for the Girls' School, Vancouver?

2. If so, who pays for said work?

3. When did he first undertake said work?

4. What amount has been paid (if any) by the Government covering such work since April 1st, 1919?

5. How many patients have been attended during said period?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Does Dr. A. R. Baker do any dental work for the Boys' Industrial School?

2. If so, who pays for said work?

3. When did he first undertake said work?

4. What amount has been paid (if any) by the Government covering such work since April 1st, 1919?

5. How many patients have been attended during said period?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. When was Dr. Stanley Paulin appointed Surgeon at the Boys' Industrial School at Point Grey?

2. Does the salary of the said Paulin of \$600 a year cover all the operations performed at the Boys' Industrial School by the said Dr. Paulin?

3. If not, how many operations has he performed since the date of his appointment until March 1st, 1920?

4. What amount has been paid said Dr. Paulin for said operations up the March 1st, 1920?

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

"1. July 14th, 1919.

"2. No.

"3. Five.

"4. \$135."

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
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 9th, 1920.

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. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the '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.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1920.

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. 33) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown," 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.

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

What was the total revenue derived in Vancouver for the last fiscal year: (1) From the amusement-tax; (2) from the automobile-tax; (3) from the personal-property tax; (4) from the income-tax?

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

"(1) \$137,788.45; (2) \$112,860; (3) \$223,182.62; (4) \$681,951.49. (NOTE.—The latter two items include payments by corporations with head offices in the City of Vancouver on personalty situated and income earned outside the Vancouver Assessment District.)"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The debate continuing, the same was, on the motion of Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie*, 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 5.40 p.m.