

Tuesday, 4th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the pressing necessity and urgency of bringing down legislation at the present Session of Parliament, whereby eggs coming from China or other foreign lands shall be legibly marked when exposed for sale, stating and showing the country or place from which they came.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to close the Provincial Botanical Office?
2. What was the total cost of maintenance during the last fiscal year?
3. If the Government have decided to discontinue this Department, state the grounds for so doing.

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$5,510.99.

"3. Work will be carried on by the University of British Columbia."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount of money expended to date on account of the construction of the Hope-Princeton Wagon-road?
2. In what years were such expenditures made, giving amounts expended each year?
3. What are the particulars of the work done to date, and number of miles completed?
4. What work (if any) is required to complete this road?
5. What amount of money (if any) is required for completing construction of this road?

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

"1. \$177,767.41.

"2. 1912-13, \$74,918.44; 1913-14, \$91,019.07; 1914-15, \$11,034.85; 1915-16, \$795.05.

"3. Twenty miles (approximately) completed; four miles half completed.

"4. Seventy-two miles to complete, less the four miles half completed.

"5. \$130,000."

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st March and April 3rd were received and read a first time.

Resolutions read a second time and taken as read.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$ 125,662.35 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1916.

11,301,374.86 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917.

\$11,427,037.21

The Chairman reported the Resolution.  
Report considered forthwith and adopted.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."  
*Ordered*, That the same be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a first time.  
To be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was again committed.  
Reported complete with amendment.  
Report to be considered at next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of an Allowance to John Herbert Turner" a debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday next (afternoon sitting).

On the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the Present War" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Statement showing particulars of bonds and expenditures of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in connection with right-of-way and construction of line from North Vancouver to Fort George.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert Cameron*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 5th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That after hearing the petitioners in favour of the undermentioned Bill, as well as some of the property-holders affected by the Bill and in opposition thereto, we report that your Committee adjourned for the purpose of giving the parties an opportunity of coming to some amical arrangement.

Your Committee further report that we this day assembled for the purpose of hearing what settlement (if any) has been arrived at, when it appeared that the petitioners for the Bill were opposed to enter into any arrangement, and thereupon advised your Committee that they did not desire to proceed further with the Bill.

Bill (No. 52) intitled "An Act respecting certain Local Improvement Assessment By-laws of the City of Victoria."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

1. Is the Hon. Attorney-General the head of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge?
2. Is the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge the solicitors for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?
3. At what date did the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge become the solicitors for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?
4. If the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge are not now the solicitors for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, at what date did they cease to be the solicitors for the said railway company?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The firm were never appointed solicitors for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, but have done a portion of the work of the company, principally dealing with passing of titles to their right-of-way.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Is the Hon. Attorney-General the head of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge?
2. Is the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge the solicitors for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company?
3. At what date did the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge become the solicitors for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company?
4. If the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge are not now the solicitors for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, at what date did they cease to be the solicitors for the said railway company?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The firm are not solicitors for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and have never been.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. Answered by No. 2.”

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

1. What amount of money has been received from the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway as taxation upon its lands as per Schedule to chapter 33, Statutes of 1912?

2. Has any application been made to the Government by any municipality for any portion of such taxes on account of Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway lands within its municipal limits?

3. If so, what action (if any) has the Government taken in respect to such application?

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

“1. No money has been received from the company as taxation on its unalienated lands as per Schedule to chapter 33, Statutes of 1912. These lands are exempt from taxation. The company has made the following payments, in terms of said Schedule, on its unalienated lands: 30th June, 1913, on 1,101,725 acres at 1½ cents per acre, \$16,525.87; 30th June, 1914, on 1,087,118 acres, \$16,306.77; 30th June, 1915, on 1,063,254 acres, \$15,948.81.

“2. The North Cowichan Municipality claimed a proportion of such statutory payments.

“3. The application was refused as the municipality has no legal claim to any proportion of such statutory payments.”

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to validate a By-law of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, being ‘By-law for Temporarily Diverting Special By-law Moneys, 1916’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911’” was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900’” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture” was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to provide for the Payment of an Allowance to John Herbert Turner” was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Maggowan,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>
To be committed at next sitting.			

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at next sitting:—  
Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" a debate arose, which was adjourned to Friday next.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th April, 1916.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following as section 2, and renumber the succeeding sections:—

"2. Section 8 of chapter 34 of the Statutes of 1913, being the 'Jury Act,' is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"'8. In each county respectively the County Court Judge shall be Selector of Jurors, and he shall select from the last revised registers of voters for electoral districts or portions of electoral districts embraced in the county the requisite number of persons resident in said county to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors for the next succeeding year.'"

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of an Allowance to John Herbert Turner" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Thursday, 6th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. M. Comyn Chine.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ross, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and refered to the Municipal Committee.

On the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all guarantees given by the Province in respect to bonds or other securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. M. A. Macdonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What disposition (if any) has been made of the sum of \$250,000, voted by this House at the Session of 1915 in respect to the Dominion Trust Company, Limited?
2. Has any application been made to the Government by any person or persons, or corporation, for the payment out of the whole or any part of the moneys voted?
3. If so, who were the applicants?
4. What answer was made to such applicants?

The Hon. Mr. Campbell replied as follows:—

"1. No disposition has been made.

"2. Yes.

"3. Messrs. Bradshaw and Stacpoole, A. N. Daykin, Mrs. Sarah McClelland, G. W. Proctor, Mrs. G. Bulkley, Depositors' Committee.

"4. That the Government cannot apportion this amount until the list of creditors is made up by the Liquidator and settled by the Court, after which the Government will be in a position to arrange for the distribution of the money."

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

1. What is the total amount of the bonds of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company guaranteed by this Government under authority of chapter 57, Statutes of 1913, section 2: Under subsection (a); under subsection (b); under subsection (c); under subsection (d); and under authority of chapter 61, Statutes of 1914?

2. What amount of money has been received from the sale of the bonds issued as per question 1?

3. What disposition has been made of the moneys received from the sale of bonds as per question 2?

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

"1. \$11,975,000.

"2. Nothing from sale of bonds. From pledges, \$3,839,107.67.

"3. Released to the company under Certificates 1-5, \$2,978,453.36."

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a third time and passed.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911'" a point of order was raised by Mr. *Williams*.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the Present War" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

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

1. Has the Hon. the Minister of Railways made any report or reports to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as to the conduct of the Department of Railways, as required by section 5 of chapter 45, Statutes of 1911?

2. What was the date on which each such report (if any) was submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor?

3. What was the date on which each such report (if any) was submitted to the Legislature, as per section 5 of chapter 45, Statutes of 1911?

4. If any of the reports required by section 5 of chapter 45 have not been made to the Lieutenant-Governor and submitted to the Legislature, what is the reason, in each case, for ignoring the provisions of the Statute?

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

"1. Whilst no formal annual reports have been submitted under the Statute referred to, a full and comprehensive report dealing with the work of the Department since its formation, and with the railway development throughout the Province, has been in course of preparation for some time past and will be printed and distributed before the end of the year.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. The provisions of the Statute have not been lost sight of. It was thought advisable to postpone the annual report until the railways had developed, and then present a final and comprehensive report."

QUARTER TO SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

*Thornton Fell*, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Trespass Act."

(No. 5) An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915.

(No. 6) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."

(No. 7) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."

(No. 21) An Act to amend the "Forest Act Relief Act."

(No. 24) An Act to provide for the Payment of an Allowance to John Herbert Turner.

(No. 50) An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness.

(No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

(No. 54) An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia.

(No. 55) An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith.

(No. 57) An Act to validate a By-law of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, being "By-law for Temporarily Diverting Special By-law Moneys, 1916."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.



Friday, 7th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Sweet*.

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

1. What is the amount of Provincial revenue—as near as can be conveniently ascertained—for the fiscal year ending March 31st last?
2. What is the amount of Provincial expenditure—as near as can be conveniently ascertained—for the fiscal year ending March 31st last?

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

“1. Approximately \$6,000,000.

“2. Approximately \$9,400,000 paid out up to date on account of services rendered during the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1916.”

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

1. What steps (if any) has the Government taken at any time during the last two years to induce the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway to proceed with the construction of its terminals in British Columbia so as to provide work for the unemployed?
2. Why has not the work of the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway terminals been proceeded with?
3. What reply (if any) was received from the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in answer to the representations of the Government?

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

“1. Sir Richard McBride and the present Prime Minister have always impressed on the company the necessity of doing all the work possible on their terminals.

“2. The work has been proceeded with slowly, evidently from a desire to modify and revise the proposed works. This is a matter which is receiving very careful consideration before a final decision is arrived at. It appears probable that the work will not be further delayed. The filling-in of the land surrounding the station at Vancouver will be started immediately, and as soon as the plans and specifications are completed tenders will be called for at once, and it is hoped that the excavation and basement will be put in within six weeks.

“3. Replies have been of a verbal nature that the company will do everything possible to meet the wishes of the Government.”

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service.”

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers” was resumed.

The debate was, on the motion of Mr. *MacKenzie*, again adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Monday, 10th April, 1916.

QUARTER-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Robson*.

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

1. Have any of the sub-contractors employed upon the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway been paid in full by the principal contractor?

2. If any of the sub-contractors have not been paid in full, what was the reason, in each case, for non-payment?

3. What is the amount owing, or claimed, in each case?

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

"1. The principal contractor states that all sub-contractors have been paid in full.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Have any moneys been paid to the Hon. J. H. Turner on account of the sum of \$5,000 to be paid to him on the 31st day of December, 1915, as per Order in Council dated 15th day of December, 1915?

2. If any moneys have been paid on said account, what was the amount paid, and the date of payment?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. If none of the capital stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company has been sold (as per answer to question on Monday last), under what authority is the railway company doing business?

2. If none of the capital stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company has been sold, under what authority are J. W. Stewart, D'Arcy Tate, Timothy Foley, E. F. White, and Frederick Wilson acting as directors?

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

"1. In connection with the inception and organization of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company all statutory requirements were complied with. Amongst others the provision of section 22 of chapter 36 of the Statutes of 1912. These matters were investigated by the Attorney-General's Department before the guarantee was delivered to the company, and again investigated by the English solicitors of the house of Brown, Shipley & Co. before paying over the money for the bonds sold.

"2. The stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is held as follows: Firm of Foley Bros., Welch & Stewart, 186,750 shares; D'Arcy Tate, 62,490 shares; Timothy Foley, 240 shares; J. W. Stewart, 240 shares; P. Welch, 240 shares; F. Wilson, 20 shares; E. F. White, 20 shares. Having complied with the provisions of section 22 of chapter 36, the above-named shareholders are qualified to do business on behalf of the company."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was resumed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 7th, 1916.*

*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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies 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 of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise to Women" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

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Tuesday, 11th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Robson.*

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

1. Were any timber lands ever reserved for the Island Power Company, Limited?
2. If so, during what years were such lands so reserved?
3. What is the description of the lands so reserved?
4. Who were the incorporators or shareholders of said Island Power Company, Limited?
5. Were G. I. Wilson and W. Farrall incorporators or shareholders of said company?
6. Who were the solicitors for said company?
7. Was G. I. Wilson a business associate of the present Premier?
8. Was the present Premier, during the years when said reserve was on, ever called upon to advise as to the legal status of said reserve?
9. If so, on what occasions, and what was his advice?
10. Were the said lands or any parts thereof ever granted as timber licences?
11. If so, when, and to whom?

12. Who was Acting Minister of Lands when said timber licences were directed to be issued?
13. Was the Acting Minister then or is he now aware that said applications for timber licences were made in pursuance of a contract between the parties claiming to be interested in said lands?
14. Do any of the notices of such applications appear on pages 357 or 630 of the British Columbia Gazette, 1908?
15. What solicitors (if any) acted for the various applicants?
16. Did the Acting Minister have the advice of the Deputy Minister in dealing with these applications for timber licences; and did he then have before him any history of the reserve (if any)?
17. At the time when the applications for said timber licences were dealt with, had a reserve been placed on all Government timber lands in British Columbia?

The Hon. Mr. Ross replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. The lands were first reserved for the Island Power Company by Gazette notice bearing date May 13th, 1903, and appearing in the British Columbia Gazette May 14th, 1903, while the Hon. W. C. Wells was Chief Commissioner of Lands. This reserve was cancelled, and a subsequent reserve was created by notice appearing in the Gazette on May 12th, 1904. This reserve was kept in force until November 10th, 1906.

"3. The following areas were reserved by the Gazette notice of May 12th, 1904:—

"Area No. 1.—All the land situate at Port Neville lying west of the 126th meridian between Sunderland Channel and Port Neville.

"Area No. 2.—That portion of Thurlow Island extending six miles eastward from the westerly end of Thurlow Island.

"Area No. 3.—Commencing at a point three miles west of Chatham Point; thence westerly along the southerly shore of Johnstone Strait two miles and a half; thence south three miles; thence east two miles and a half; thence north to place of beginning.

"Area No. 4.—Beginning at Beaver Inlet and extending northerly along the westerly shore of Loughborough Inlet a distance of three miles; thence in a north-westerly direction a distance of three miles; thence southerly three miles; thence easterly three miles to point of commencement.

"Area No. 5.—All the lands situate on McBride's Bay, at the head of Loughborough Inlet, and being three miles wide and extending north a distance of three miles.

"Area No. 6.—All the lands lying at the head of Phillips Arm, and being two miles wide and extending in a north-easterly direction a distance of four miles.

"Area No. 7.—All the lands lying west of Timber Limit No. 110 and north of the 50th parallel, beginning at Upper Campbell Lake and extending in a westerly direction along the said parallel a distance of six miles; thence in a northerly direction a distance of six miles; thence in an easterly direction six miles; thence in a southerly direction six miles to the place of beginning.

"Area No. 8.—All that territory not included in the E. & N. Railway Company's Land Grant adjoining each side of Buttle Lake and its tributaries, extending back two miles on each side of Buttle Lake and half a mile on each side of the tributaries.

"4. A. E. Tregent, George I. Wilson, C. Tetley, E. F. Hand, and W. Farrell, all of Vancouver.

"5. Messrs. Farrell and Tregent were the chief shareholders in the said company. Messrs. G. I. Wilson, Tetley, and Hand were nominal shareholders, who held one share each for the purpose of forming the company, which shares were afterwards transferred to Farrell and Tregent for a nominal consideration.

"6. F. W. Tiffin, Vancouver.

"7. Understand they were interested together in some business ventures.

"8. The present Premier was not a member of the Cabinet during the years the said lands were under reserve.

"9. Answered by No. 8.

"10. Yes.

"11. Original Nos. 19182 and 19181, issued to J. W. Thickens on December 11th, 1907; Original Nos. 19298, 19184, 19190, 19191, and 19183, issued to J. W. Thickens on December 14th,

1907; Original Nos. 19180 and 1416, issued to J. W. Thickers on December 11th, 1907; Original No. 19179, issued to Thos. Magnesen on December 19th, 1907; Original Nos. 19192 and 19193, issued to Thos. Magnesen on December 14th, 1907; Original Nos. 19171, 19172, and 19173, issued to Geo. Y. Hibbard on December 14th, 1907; Original Nos. 19174, 19175, 19176, 19177, and 19178, issued to A. G. Eakins on December 14th, 1907; Original Nos. 19194 and 19195, issued to Arthur McGuire on December 14th, 1907; Original Nos. 19414, 19415, 19416, 19417, and 19418, issued to D. Smith Findley on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 19399, 19400, 19401, and 19402, issued to Alex. Johnson on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 19403, 19404, 19405, and 19406, issued to Albert Fraser on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 19407, 19408, and 19409, issued to C. E. McIlroy on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 19410, 19411, 19412, and 19413, issued to T. T. Gadd on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 19414, 19415, 19416, 19417, and 19418, issued to D. Smith Findlay on December 17th, 1907; Original Nos. 20845, 20846, 20847, 20848, 20849, 20850, 20851, 20852, and 20853, issued to A. F. Sutherland on January 27th, 1908; Original No. 26674, issued to W. E. Simpson on April 10th, 1908; Original Nos. 26707, 26709, and 26717, issued to A. F. Sutherland on March 30th, 1908; Original Nos. 23976, 23977, 23978, 23979, 23980, 23981, 23982, 23983, 23984, 23985, 23986, 23987, 23991, 23992, 23997, 23998, 23999, and 24000, issued to A. F. Sutherland on February 12th, 1908; Original No. 26658, issued to W. E. Simpson on April 10th, 1908; Original Nos. 19169 and 19170, issued to J. J. Bottger on December 11th, 1907.

"12. Hon. R. G. Tatlow was Chief Commissioner of Lands when the decision was made to issue the first licences on February 13th, 1907.

"13. No information.

"14. No.

"15. Messrs. McPhillips and Heisterman, of Victoria, for John W. Thickers; Messrs. Burnes and Walkem, of Vancouver, for Theodore Magnesen; Messrs. McKay and O'Brian, of Vancouver, for Arthur McGuire; Messrs. McPhillips and Heisterman, of Victoria, for John J. Bottger.

"16. The correspondence files would indicate that the status of the reserve was considered by Mr. W. J. Goepel, Deputy Commissioner of Lands, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands prior to the decision to issue the first licences.

"17. A general reserve was placed upon all Crown timber on December 27th, 1907, but the same was not held to apply to lands legally staked before said date. Certain of the licences referred to above were issued subsequent to the general reserve, but under stakings made prior to the date of said reserve."

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

1. Were the contracts for the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company lump-sum contracts, or as per different units?
2. If lump-sum contracts, what was the lump-sum contract in each case?
3. If contracts were per unit, what was the unit price in each case?
4. What was the amount or price of the lowest tender in each case?
5. What was the amount or price of the accepted tender in each case?

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

"1. Per unit prices.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. (*See Report below.*)

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Answered by No. 3."

(Report.)

#### CANADIAN NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

##### *Prices paid to Grading Contractors.*

*New Westminster to Hope.*—Clearing, per acre, \$125; grubbing, per acre, \$200; solid rock excavation, per cubic yard, \$1; loose rock excavation, per cubic yard, 60 cents; hard-pan excavation, per cubic yard, 50 cents; earth excavation, per cubic yard, 28 cents; overbreak excavation, per cubic yard, 60 cents; box culverts, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$22; temporary trestles, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$25; concrete, per cubic yard, \$10; trestle bridges, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$27; tracklaying,

per mile, \$400; ballasting, per cubic yard, 38 cents; fencing, per rod, \$1; telegraph-line (erection and poles), per mile, \$150; tunnels, per lineal foot, \$75.

*Hope to Lytton.*—Clearing, per acre, \$65; grubbing, per acre, \$175; solid rock excavation, per cubic yard, 93 cents; "other material," per cubic yard, 33 cents; box culverts, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$28; temporary trestles, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; masonry, first class, per cubic yard, \$14; masonry, second class, per cubic yard, \$10; concrete, per cubic yard, \$11; trestle bridges, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$33; tracklaying, per mile, \$500; ballasting, per cubic yard, 40 cents; fencing, per rod, \$1.10; telegraph-line (erection and poles), per mile, \$150; tunnels, per lineal foot, \$75.

*Lytton to Kamloops.*—Clearing, per acre, \$65; grubbing, per acre, \$175; solid rock excavation, per cubic yard, 90 cents; "other material," per cubic yard, 32 cents; box culverts, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$28; temporary trestles, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; masonry, first class, per cubic yard, \$14; masonry, second class, per cubic yard, \$10; concrete, per cubic yard, \$11; trestle bridges, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$33; tracklaying, per mile, \$500; ballasting, per cubic yard, 40 cents; fencing, per rod, \$1.10; telegraph-line (erection and poles), per mile, \$150; tunnels, per lineal foot, \$75.

*Kamloops to Mile 100 North.*—Clearing, per acre, \$65; grubbing, per acre, \$175; solid rock excavation, per cubic yard, \$1; loose rock excavation, per cubic yard, 55 cents; hard-pan excavation, per cubic yard, 45 cents; earth excavation, per cubic yard, 28 cents; box culverts, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$25; temporary trestles, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; masonry, first class, per cubic yard, \$14; masonry, second class, per cubic yard, \$10; concrete, per cubic yard, \$10; trestle bridges, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; tracklaying, per mile, \$400; ballasting, per cubic yard, 40 cents; fencing, per rod, \$1.10; telegraph-line (erection and poles), per mile, \$150; tunnels, per lineal foot, \$75.

*Mile 100 North to Y.H.P.*—Clearing, per acre, \$100; grubbing, per acre, \$175; solid rock excavation, per cubic yard, \$1.35; loose rock excavation, per cubic yard, 55 cents; hard-pan excavation, per cubic yard, 45 cents; earth excavation, per cubic yard, 28 cents; box culverts, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$25; temporary trestles, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; masonry, first class, per cubic yard, \$14; masonry, second class, per cubic yard, \$10; concrete, per cubic yard, \$10; trestle bridges, per 1,000 feet B.M., \$30; tracklaying, per mile, \$400; ballasting, per cubic yard, 40 cents; fencing, per rod, \$1.10; telegraph-line (erection and poles), per mile, \$150; tunnels, per lineal foot, \$75.

#### *Contract Prices in connection with Steel Bridges.*

*Bridge No. 1.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co.: Concrete in pedestals and abutments, \$16 per cubic yard; metal in substructure, 5.5 cents per pound. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork erected complete, 7.22 cents per pound; timber, \$37 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 50 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 2.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co.: Concrete in shafts of piers and abutments, \$18 per cubic yard; concrete in base of pier No. 4, \$23 per cubic yard; metal in shafts, 5.5 cents per pound; metal in pier-protection, 10 cents per pound. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork erected, truss spans, 6.11 cents per pound; steelwork erected, plate girders, 5.73 cents per pound; timber, \$40 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 3.*—John Galt Construction Co.: Concrete in piers and abutments, \$15 per cubic yard; metal in substructure, 12 cents per pound; rock excavation, \$4 per cubic yard. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork in truss spans, 6.03 cents per pound; steelwork in plate girders, 5.75 cents per pound; timber, \$40 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 4.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co., Ltd.: Concrete in shafts, \$15 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$20 per cubic yard; metal in shafts, 5.5 cents per pound; metal in cutting edges, 8 cents per pound; riprap, \$1.50 per cubic yard. Canadian Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork erected, 5.7 cents per pound; timber in place, \$38 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 50 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 5.*—The substructure to this bridge was put in by Force Account. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork, 7.17 cents per pound; timber, \$40 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 6.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co.: Concrete in shafts, \$16 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$22.50 per cubic yard; reinforcing metal, 5.5 cents per pound; metal in cutting edges, 8 cents per pound; riprap, \$2 per cubic yard. Canadian Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork

erected, 5.17 cents per pound; timber, \$39 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 50 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 7.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co.: Concrete in shafts, \$16 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$22.50 per cubic yard; reinforcing steel, 5.5 cents per pound; metal in cutting edges, 8 cents per pound; riprap, \$2 per cubic yard. Canadian Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork erected, 5.17 cents per pound; timber in place, \$39 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 50 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 8.*—Graff Construction Co.: Concrete in shafts and abutments, \$17 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$22 per cubic yard; piling, 50 cents per lineal foot; metal in concrete, 8 cents per pound; metal in cutting edges, 7 cents per pound; riprap, \$2 per cubic yard. Canadian Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork erected, 5.17 cents per pound; timber in place, \$39 per 1,000 feet B.M.; laying track, 50 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 9.*—Graff Construction Co., Ltd.: Concrete in shafts, \$17 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$22 per cubic yard; piling, 50 cents per lineal foot; metal in concrete, 8 cents per pound; metal in cutting edges, 7 cents per pound; riprap, \$2 per cubic yard. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork in truss spans, 6.11 cents per pound; steelwork in plate-girder spans, 5.86 cents per pound; timber, \$40 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridge No. 10.*—Armstrong, Morrison & Co.: Concrete in shafts, \$15 per cubic yard; mass of bases of piers, \$19 per cubic yard; piles below cutting edges, 50 cents per lineal foot; metal in substructure, 7.5 cents per pound. Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.: Steelwork, 6 cents per pound; machinery, 20.5 cents per pound; wire ropes, 26.75 cents per pound; wire-rope dressing, 25 cents per pound; gasoline-engine, \$1,100; concrete in counterweights, \$25 per cubic yard; two houses, \$1,000; timber, \$40 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridges Nos. 11 to 15.*—Boyles & Co.: Concrete, \$14.50 per cubic yard; riprap, \$1.50 per cubic yard; anchor-bolts, 7 cents per pound. United States Steel Co., Ltd.: Steelwork (delivered only), 3.9 cents per pound. E. E. Davis & Co.: Steelwork (erected only), 85 cents per pound; timber, \$30 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

*Bridges Nos. 16 to 19.*—The substructure to these bridges was put in by Force Account. United States Steel Co., Ltd.: Steelwork (delivered only), 3.9 cents per pound. E. E. Davis & Co.: Steelwork (erected only), 85 cents per pound; timber, \$30 per 1,000 feet B.M.; tracklaying, 35 cents per lineal foot.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo" was discharged.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 11th, 1916.*

*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 authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo," 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. *Campbell* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 11th, 1916.*

*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 amend the 'Taxation 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 adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was resumed.

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

Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911'" called.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* delivered his ruling on the point of order raised by Mr. *Williams* on the 6th instant, as follows:—

"On the third reading of this Bill a point of order has been taken by the Hon. Member for Newcastle, that the Bill should not proceed further, as the powers of the railway company, which was incorporated by chapter 79 of the Statutes of 1911, are gone by section 79 of the 'Railway Act' and amendments thereto, the incorporators not having carried out the provisions of that section.

"The Naas & Skeena Railway Company was, as I have said, incorporated under a Private Act of the Legislature, being chapter 96 of the Statutes of 1911, and not under section 8 of the 'Railway Act.'

"It may be found that the company still has some corporate powers under its Act of Incorporation, and that it has not fully carried out all the provisions of the Act giving it life. But, from my research, it has complied with all the rules and procedure of the House by way of advertising, petition, first and second readings, committees, report, and the Bill is now down for third reading. As to the point that the powers of the company are null and void, it not having observed fully the provisions of sections 79 and 79 (a) of the 'Railway Act,' is a point of law that the Speaker is not called on to express an opinion. I am of opinion that the Bill is in order and may be proceeded with."

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

Referring to questions *re* the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company: Upon what information did the Government advise His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to recommend to this House Bill No. 46—Session of 1914—providing further aid toward the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway?



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

“All communications and advice between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Government of British Columbia regarding further aid towards the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway were of a confidential nature.”

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

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Wednesday, 12th April, 1916.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *Schofield*.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers” was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trust Companies Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 12th, 1916.*

*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 provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*April 12th, 1916.*

*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. 31) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of the Minister of Lands for the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

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Thursday, 13th April, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the Present War" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise to Women" was resumed.

On the motion of Dr. Young, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to secure a Record of all Importations of Workmen" a point of order was raised by the Hon. the Premier as to the power of the House to deal with the matter.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1916.*

*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. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures 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. *Ross* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1916.*

*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 to amend the 'Companies Clauses 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. *Ross* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1916.*

*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 'Companies 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. *Ross* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1916.*

*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. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale 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. *Taylor* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 13th, 1916.*

*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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

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## Friday, 14th April, 1916.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Vernon Venables*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Ross*, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Land Surveyors Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

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## Monday, 17th April, 1916.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. M. Comyn Chinc*.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount expended by the Government on the new wing and additional wing of the Provincial Home, Kamloops?

2. Were tenders called for by advertisement for the construction of said wings, and in what papers did they appear?

3. If so, what was the amount of each tender received and the names of the parties tendering?

4. What was the name of the contractor to whom the work was awarded and the amount of tender?

5. What was the amount paid for extras (if any) or for work done not mentioned in the contract?

6. Were tenders asked for from the public for any work done in addition to the work mentioned in the original contract?

7. If so, what was the amount of each tender received and the names of the parties tendering?

8. To whom was the contract for additional work awarded and what was the amount?

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

"1. \$138,046.41, including the boiler-house, which served both the Home and gaol.

"2. Tenders were invited for East Wing; advertisement inserted in the *Colonist, Province, News-Advertiser, Columbian, Week, Kamloops Standard, B.C. Building News, and Revelstoke Mail & Herald.*

"3. Johnston & Co., Ltd., \$45,529 for East Wing; Thos. Turnbull, \$63,900 for East Wing.

"4. Johnston & Co., Ltd., \$45,529 for East Wing.

"5. \$80,174.06 for additional work comprising new West Wing; boiler-house and heating system for both wings.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Johnston & Co., Ltd., West Wing \$46,000, and boiler-house at cost plus 10 per cent., totalling \$18,654.16; Leek & Co., heating system \$14,112.40."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Government at any time advertise for sale any lands known as the "Sirdar Townsite"?

2. Was such proposed sale (if any) cancelled?

3. For what reason was such sale cancelled?

4. Are the Canadian Pacific Railway Company or the British Columbia Southern Railway Company the owners of the land in question?

5. If so, how did such railway company obtain title to said lands?

6. Does the railway company collect rent for the use of the lands occupied by the public school?

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

"1. Yes. Seven small lots along the railway right-of-way on which squatters had improvements were advertised for sale.

"2. Yes.

"3. Lands required for railway purposes.

"4. Yes.

"5. Crown grant.

"6. The railway company has given a lease to the Board of School Trustees of Sirdar of Lot 172 for school purposes with a nominal rental of \$1 per annum. This lease is renewable from year to year until the lands are required for railway purposes."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What is the total amount received by the Province from the sale of liquor licences during the years 1913-14 and 1914-15?

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

"Amount received from sale of liquor licences during the year 1913-14, \$64,766.25; and during year 1914-15, \$64,423.76."

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
*April 17th, 1916.*

*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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

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Tuesday, 18th April, 1916.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *Schofield* presented a report from the Municipal Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 18th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has carefully considered, at numerous sittings, the provisions of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

A number of amendments to the Bill as well as to the general "Municipal Act" were submitted for the consideration of the Committee on behalf of certain ratepayers and certain classes of ratepayers as well as on behalf of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Such amendments as have been approved by the Committee have been incorporated in the Bill which is now recommended to the favourable consideration of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. SCHOFIELD,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

Mr. *Macgowan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What (if any) action does the Government propose to take in connection with lands, coal rights, water rights, stocks in companies, and other properties owned or held by Germans or their representatives in British Columbia?

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

“By section 91 of the ‘British North America Act’ the Parliament of Canada has exclusive legislative authority in all matters relating to aliens, and therefore we have no power to legislate so as to discriminate against aliens.”

Mr. *Macgowan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Does the Government propose to take any action along lines similar to Australia in the disfranchisement of German-born electors for the period of the present war?

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

“The Government is now considering this question.”

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What number of leases have the Spruce Creek Power Company obtained from the Crown on Spruce Creek, in the Atlin Mining Division, and at what rentals?
2. What rentals (if any) are in arrears, giving the amount?
3. Up to what year have the rentals been paid?
4. What water records have been granted by the Crown to the company, and what is the amount of arrears for rentals (if any)?
5. Is the company at present operating the leases, or any of them; and, if so, what leases?
6. Has the Government taken any steps to collect the rents; and, if so, what steps?

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

“1. Sixteen, as follows: Six creek leases at \$75 annual rental; ten bench leases at \$50 annual rental, with \$1,000 annual expenditure in development-work on each lease.

“2. To December 31st, 1915, \$7,175 on all.

“3. Eight paid to 1908; eight paid to 1909.

“4. Water Records No. 11 and No. 92; \$4.20 and \$67.20 respectively.

“5. Yes; No. 187 (‘Pretoria’) and No. 228 (‘Bloemfontein’).

“6. Company has been in prolonged litigation. Its attention has at various times been called to the matter of rentals. The litigation being ended, the company is now arranging for payment of arrears of rental.”

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount of money collected from the owners of timber lands and the holders of timber licences, for the purposes of the Forest Protection Fund, during each of the years 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16?
2. What is the total amount contributed to the said Forest Protection Fund during each of the years before mentioned?
3. What is the total amount of lumber reported as cut in the Province during the year from January 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915, as per section 22 of chapter 76 (1912)?
4. What is the total amount returned as the wholesale selling price of such lumber, free on board-at point of manufacture, as per section 22, chapter 76 (1912)?

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

“1. For the fiscal years from April 1st to March 31st the collections for the Forest Protection Fund from the owners of timber lands and other holders of licences and leases were as follows:—

1912-13 .....	\$105,259 42 (at 1 cent per acre).
1913-14 .....	165,018 33 (at 1½ cents per acre).
1914-15 .....	122,330 47 (at 1½ cents per acre).
1915-16 .....	114,795 35 (at 1½ cents per acre).



"The totals as shown in the Public Accounts include certain refunds made by railway companies and others for patrol and fire-fighting which are not included as contributions within the meaning of this question.

"2. The total contributions to the fund are as follows:—

1912-13—Licensees, etc. ....	\$105,259 42	
Government .....	105,259 42	
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1913-14—Licensees, etc. ....	\$165,018 33	
Government .....	165,018 33	
		330,036 66
1914-15—Licensees, etc. ....	\$122,330 47	
Government .....	166,000 00	
		288,330 47
1915-16—Licensees, etc. ....	\$114,795 35	
Government .....	166,000 00	
		280,795 35
Total .....		\$1,109,681 32

"In replying to questions 1 and 2, I should point out that section 125, subsection (2), of the 'Forest Act' provides that the Government should contribute from revenue amounts equal to the sums receivable from owners of timber lands and holders of licences, etc. The estimated areas in respect of which contributions are thus payable to the fund are:—

Licences .....	8,460,000 acres.
Leases .....	945,000 "
Crown grants .....	1,669,199 "
Total .....	11,074,199 acres.

"At 1½ cents per acre, therefore, the sums receivable from owners and holders of timber lands and from the Government should each be approximately \$166,000 per annum, the total revenue of the fund being thus in the neighbourhood of \$332,000 per annum.

"The Government contribution thus being in each year in the neighbourhood of \$166,000, an amount is voted annually in the Estimates by way of deposit to meet this charge.

"At April 1st, 1914, taking contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis, the fund had a credit of \$15,144.83. The severe financial depression, intensified by the outbreak of war in the following August, reduced immediate collection, while at the same time the Province experienced what was in many ways the worst fire season on record. Consequently there was a very heavy expenditure on fire-fighting during the summer, and in order to carry the fund until collections should come in a special warrant of \$100,000 was approved on January 15th, 1915, and placed to the credit of the fund. This amount will be repaid from collections, and as it is not a contribution but a loan, it is not included among the contributions in the answer to question 2. Although the 'Forest Act Relief Act' allows payments to be temporarily deferred during the war, the Forest Protection Fund contributions must be paid before any licensee taking advantage of this 'Relief Act' can reinstate his licence. Hence there is full security for all arrears. The fund, moreover, improved its position during the past year by a substantial surplus over operating cost. For these reasons it would be somewhat premature at the present time, under the exceptional circumstances created by the war, to make any *pro rata* increase in the levy for this year.

"Should it prove at the expiry of the 'Relief Act' that any licences now in arrears are not reinstated, then the amounts contributed by the Government to the Forest Protection Fund in respect to the areas comprised in such licences will be refundable to the Treasury.

"3. The total amount of lumber cut in 1915, as referred to in section 22 of chapter 76 of the Statutes of 1914, has not yet been obtained.

"4. The wholesale selling-price of such lumber is not computable until the returns of cut lumber referred to in the previous question have been obtained.

"I should point out that the work involved in carrying out section 22 of the 'Timber Royalty Act' is very considerable, and in view of its complex character, and the need of establishing, from the start, an efficient system of returns under the Act, it necessitates the special assignment of officials thoroughly familiar with the lumber industry and departmental work.

While a small vote of \$5,000 was included in last year's Estimates for the expense of this work, it was not necessary for it to be undertaken until the present year. As the officials in question were not available owing to the depletion of staff by enlistment last year, and the pressing need for assisting the lumber industry in the crisis through which it has been passing by a campaign for wider markets for British Columbia products, a revote of the \$5,000 has been made in the Estimates just passed for the carrying-out of the work during the present calendar year."

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

1. Has the Government established an assisted school on Pender Island?
2. How many children attend such assisted school?
3. What is the area of the Port Washington School District?
4. Who are the owners of the land embraced in the Port Washington School District?
5. What amount of school taxes is contributed by the owners of land in the Port Washington School District?
6. What was the amount of taxes contributed by the owners of land in Port Washington School District to the Pender Island School before the separation?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Since the opening of the school in August, 1915, twelve children have been enrolled; the average daily attendance for March was 9.60.
- "3. 975 acres (approximately).
- "4. Andrews Bros., A. Davidson, L. G. Hamilton, Max Enke, J. McKinnon, Wm. Reid, Thos. Reid, J. Willey, James Simpson, S. Percival, M. Walsh, H. Bagshaw, Wm. Falconer, W. P. Holland, L. H. Shapter (Est.), A. K. Richardson, N. N. Grimmer, P. H. Grimmer, G. W. Grimmer, Washington Grimmer, H. G. Scott, F. Moore, Miss Bradley, J. F. Cartnell, Captain P. Nye, P. M. Newnham, Ferguson Bros., and C. A. Proctor.
- "5. No assessed school taxes for 1916.
- "6. \$77.10 contributed in 1915."

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

1. Has the Government erected public schools at the following points: Powell River, Britannia Mine, Britannia Beach, Granby Bay, Bevan?
2. If so, has land on which buildings are erected been deeded to Board of Trustees or Government?
3. If not so deeded, why has departmental rule requiring site to be conveyed been varied in the case of these towns?
4. Is there a public highway leading to all or any of these schools?

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

- "1. A four-room Government school-house was erected at Powell River in 1912; a two-room school at Bevan (No. 7 Mine) in 1912; and a two-room school has just been completed at Granby. The Government has not yet erected school-houses at Britannia Mine nor at Britannia Beach.
- "2. Yes, in the case of Powell River and of Bevan.
- "3. At Granby the need of a school-house was so urgent that the Department decided to proceed with the erection of the building on receipt of a promise from the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company that they would secure in favour of the school trustees a ninety-nine years' lease of a school-site from their New York directors. The Department is unable to state whether this agreement has yet been implemented.
- "4. A public highway leads to the Bevan School; the Powell River School is built on certain town lots and is presumably accessible by road or street; no information is at present available regarding means of access to the Granby site."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What is the total cost of printing the full report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture?
2. Was any other printing done by the King's Printer for this Commission?
3. If so, at what cost?

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

“1. Full report, 2,000 copies, \$1,522.21.

“2. Yes.

“3. First report, 10,000 copies, \$427.50; office stationery, etc., \$59.15.”

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to authorize the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trust Companies Act’” was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia University Act’” was 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. 31) intituled “An Act to authorize the Sale to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve.”

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Clauses Act.’”

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act.’”

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Land Surveyors Act.’”

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*April 18th, 1916.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act relating to Trade-unions” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.