

Wednesday, 12th March, 1919.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 12th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" 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. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Did the Government call for tenders for building a certain portion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway north of Clinton?
2. If so, who were the tenderers in each case and the amounts?
3. Who was the successful tenderer?
4. What was the mileage to be done and particulars of the work?
5. Was the lowest tender accepted?
6. If not, why not?
7. What are the particulars of the amounts to be paid the accepted tenderer?
8. Will the Government table a copy of the contract under which the work is being done?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. On unit price basis: McKinnon, Cooper, Drabble & Company, \$292,152; Cotton Company, Ltd., \$308,806; Palmer Brothers, \$349,656. On percentage basis: Northern Construction Company; Grant, Smith & Company; McDonnell Foundation Company of B.C.; P. B. Sullivan; Campbell, Rennie & Rice; Moon & Silvertown; A. Williams Company, Ltd.; Warren Construction Company; McLeod & Lund; Continental Pacific Construction Company; M. A. Stewart; S. J. Maloney; Christie & Griffin; Robertson & Partners; Watson & Snow.

"3. Northern Construction Company.

"4. Grading, embankment, protection, track-laying, ballasting, fencing, surfacing, telegraph line, erection of buildings, and all necessary work in connection with a single-track railway, complete with station and depot grounds, and all necessary and other appurtenant tracks, from a point at or near Mile 183, north of Squamish, to a point at or near Mile 225, north of Squamish. Length of line 42 miles, approximately.

"5. No.

"6. Not considered advisable to give reasons without consent of persons whose tenders were declined.

"7. In contract.

"8. Yes, if the House so requires."

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

1. In addition to the \$80,000 spent by way of construction on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway since the Government took over the railway, has any money been spent for rails?

2. If so, the amount spent, amount of rails, and when spent?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Total amount spent between May, 1918, and March, 1919, \$786,633.99. Amount of rails and accessories, 14,162.74 tons, as follows:—

	Weight, Tons.	Invoice Cost.	Freight.	Duty.	War Tax.	Total.
Rails	12,143.60	\$386,887 09	\$178,329 09	\$28,926 97	\$594,143 15
Accessories ..	2,019.14	117,461 90	41,871 56	\$23,560 25	9,597 13	192,490 84
Total	14,162.74	\$504,348 99	\$220,200 65	\$23,560 25	\$38,524 10	\$786,633 99."

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 12th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War," 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. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 12th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District."

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

Thursday, 13th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented a copy of the proceedings of the Conference between the Government of Canada and the Provincial Governments, held at Ottawa, Ont., November, 1918.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on March 11th by Mr. *Giolma*, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for the return of the agreement referred to in Bill No. 17 now before this House. Further, for return and production of all correspondence which passed between the Dominion representative on the Indian Lands Commission and this Government or any other Government of the Province, or any member of said Governments, dealing with a suggested policy for the Province in connection with the said lands.

With leave, the motion was withdrawn.

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

1. Has the Minister of Lands received any petitions from settlers located on or about Dragon Lake, near Quesnel, as to lowering said lake?
2. If so, when were they received, and has any answer been given said petitioners?

3. If not, why not?
4. What does the Department propose to do about said petition?
5. What objection is there to meeting the prayer of said petitioners?

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

"1. Petition was made to the Government Agent at Quesnel.

"2. Petition was filed with the Government Agent at Quesnel on April 23rd, 1918, and forwarded to the Water Comptroller. No acknowledgment appears to have been made by the Water Department.

"3, 4, and 5. This matter was brought to the attention of the Department by the Member for Cariboo and investigation is now being carried out."

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

1. Is the Minister aware that the Legislature of the State of Idaho has passed a Bill petitioning Congress to appoint a Commission to work with a like Commission from Canada with the object of reclaiming Kootenay Flats?

2. Is the statement in said Idaho Bill, that the Government of British Columbia proposes to expend the sum of \$1,000,000 on said project, a correct one?

3. What has the present Government spent on this work, and in what way has the work been done?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with this joint work with the United States to reclaim said flats in the near future?

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

"1. No information.

"2. Answered by No. 4.

"3. There have been \$1,613 spent on surveys, etc., by the present Government.

"4. The practicability of the scheme has not yet been demonstrated, and the whole question is under consideration."

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Mines Department since November, 1916?

2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. Motor-cars: 1 Overland, 1 Ford touring, and 1 Ford runabout. No motor-cycles, motor-trucks, nor motor-tractors.

"2. \$2,151.25."

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

1. How many applications were made for grants in 1917 under the "Settlers' Rights Amendment Act" of 1917?

2. What were the names of said applications?

3. How many grants were issued, and to whom?

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

"1. 178.

"2. Janet Bevilockway, Elizabeth Dunlap, Patrick Dolan, Andrew J. McMurtrie, George Cassidy, Estate of Alexander Kennedy, William Roberts, William Hensksman, John Hilbert, Agnes Medrich, Henry Ross, Estate of Charles Bennie, John Gribble, James C. Atkinson, W. M. Thomas, E. A. Hoskin, Bing Kee, Joseph Cuffolo, Henry Wilkinson, Edwin D. Michael, Albert J. Greenway, Walter E. Michael, Richard Marshall, Chas. Wilson, Geo. Wilkinson, Ann Hirst, Mary Ann Rowe, Thomas Rickard, Edward Brenton, Peter G. Brodie, C. Bowater, John Henry Hilbert, Charles Fiddick (2 applications), Alexander Shaw, Charles Wilson and A. D. McKenzie, Duncan Bennie and Janet Bennie, Parker White, Daniel Webster Cochran, Jonah Sargent, Ruth E. Michael and Louisa E. Graham, John Matthews, James Turner, Pritchard & Sons, Isaac O. Overill, Jemima Myles, David J. Thomas (2 applications), Rachel Hornal, David Rupert Ryan (2 applications), Thomas C. Woods, Victoria M. McKenzie, Nancy Robinson, Maria Gibson, Alice Muschamp,

Edward Humphrey Bourne, Geoffrey O. Game, John Thomas, Ellen Wenborn, Ann Rutherford, Herbert E. Peck, William Allsopp, Bernard Gerard, John Hemer, Daniel Blood, Thomas Swan, John Thomas and William Grieve, Theodore Bernard, Margaret D. McDonald, Philip S. Carte, John and Andrew Richards, William Robson, Janet Grieve (2 applications), Patrick Hugh Guthrie, Alfred F. Bentley Church, Charles H. Piggott, Winnifred Mary Workington, Mary McQuillan, Hugh Stewart, James Gordon, John W. Graham, A. E. Mainwaring (2 applications), Bartolo Corso, Richard H. Hurford, George C. Bigelow, Elizabeth Fiddick, Joseph B. Holmes, Joseph Anderton, Johanna Anderton, Hugh Morrison, Thomas Beckensell, Patrick Hugh Guthrie, William Henry Grieve, Richard James Smith, Mary Ann Miller, Thomas Bambrick, Minna C. E. Norris, William Russell, Catherine Haslam (2 applications), James Malpass, John N. Muir (4 applications), John Carson, John Piercy, J. M. McGuckie, James Roberts, Thomas Jones, Andrew C. Walters and Wilfred E. Akenhead, George H. Barnes; Mary Ann Elliott, Edward Abbott, and James Abbott; E. H. Smith, Zilla Johnston, George Tippet, Mary James Eva, Geo. R. Porter, Marie Ginsberg, Lizzie Powers, H. A. and E. H. Norie, Amelia Ann Smith, John Doole, Estate of Robert Beck, Amanda J. Norris, Joseph Hoskin, William Baker, William Pringle, William Woodman and David J. Thomas; Thomas Morgan, Annie Morgan, and Jane Shepherd; Myra Fawcett, Jemima Myles, and Annie Forsburg; Annie Calhoun, A. H. Daniels, Wm. Richardson, Elizabeth Whitfield, Joseph W. Vipond, Geo. Fisher, Annie McDonald, Annie Bellis, Agnes Fletcher and Archie McKinnon, R. Hodson, Louisa Scales, Alice Bonner, Emily J. Adams and Elizabeth Lindhall, James W. Crossan and Jennie Irene Wensley, Mrs. David Williams, George E. Reed, Thomas Preece, T. D. Conway (2 applications), Thomas A. White, Thomas Kinkado, Albion J. Tranfield, Mary W. McLellan and Catherine E. McLellan, James Taylor, Will F. Norris, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Roberts, Joseph McPhee (2 applications), Arthur Mansfield Hilton, Bruce Towler, Geo. D. Bradnall (2 applications), Emma Elizabeth Knight, Ann Jane Smith, John Cecil Smith, Edward Ashwell Mitchell, Donald Robert MacDonald, Bruce Towler, Walter Woodhus, Edmund H. Davis, Bessie Charlotte Fowler, Joseph McPhee, Walter Brown, Agnes Thames Holt, Sophia A. O'Donnell, Amos Godfrey, Enoch Shakespeare, Frew Estate,

"3. Two. Elizabeth Dunlap, Charles Wilson and Angus D. McKenzie (executors and trustees of the last will and testament of Joseph Ganner, deceased)."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Provincial Secretary since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. How many road foremen were employed in Delta Riding by the present Government? Give names of the same.
2. What sums of money were paid to each?
3. Was one David Barton employed as road foreman? If so, for how long? Did he resign or was he discharged?
4. Was one Z. Michaud employed by this Government as road foreman? If so, for how long? Did he resign or was he discharged?
5. What moneys were spent on road-work in Delta Riding by present Government? Give names of roads on which money was spent and amounts on each.

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Nine. F. Baker, \$27; C. Baillie, \$251.05; D. S. Barton, \$248.58; R. S. Inglis, \$56; Z. Michaud, \$120; D. W. Poppy, \$67.50; H. Radford, \$473.87; G. Raucier, \$756.12; S. A. Woods, \$1,929.50.

"3. Yes; March 1st to June 8th, 1917. No record.

"4. Yes; May 1st to June 4th, 1917. No record.

"5. \$27,985.90. Abbotsford-West Yale, \$228.75; Hjorth, \$360.75; Pacific Highway, \$12,679.48; Rock Bunkers, Cloverdale, \$161.78; Scott Road, \$4,000; Yale Road, \$10,555.14."

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

1. When W. H. MacInnes went to Seattle with Pacific Great Eastern or P. Welch books, did he stop continuously in Seattle for the fifty-five days or was he back and forward from Seattle to Vancouver?
2. If the latter, how many days was he actually away from Vancouver and stopping in Seattle?
3. What books did said MacInnes take to Seattle?
4. Why were said books taken to Seattle?
5. Why was some official of the Government not entrusted with taking these books to Seattle?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

- "1. No. Part of time in Victoria, and in Seattle, and in Vancouver.
- "2. Twenty days in Seattle.
- "3. Books of P. Welch and of Foley, Welch & Stewart.
- "4. Under arrangement made with Foley, Welch & Stewart when Pacific Great Eastern agreement was effected, as P. Welch had to have access to records in order to adjust his partnership affairs.
- "5. The Department of Railways had no official who was not otherwise engaged."

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

1. Referring to Lot 341, Range 4, Coast District, purchased from Thomas Wallace under the provisions of the "Land Settlement Act" by Order in Council dated November 15th, 1917, what has been done with said lands?
2. What amount of money has been spent on the said lands?
3. What was the purpose of said expenditure (if any)?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. Nothing.
- "2. Nothing.
- "3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Referring to the answers of the Minister dealing with Frondeg Farm dated February 12th, 1919, and the purchase from the Government in November, 1918, of four mares and one colt for \$700 by one Silverthorne, is the Minister aware that the said Silverthorne has sold the four mares for the sum of \$1,200?
2. Is the said Minister aware that the said Silverthorne is now asking \$300 for the stud colt?
3. Does the Minister know where these four mares now are?
4. If yes, where are they?
5. Has the said Silverthorne paid the Government the purchase price of \$700 yet for the said four mares and one colt? If yes, when were they paid for?
6. What price did the said Silverthorne pay for the sets of harness received by him from the said farm?
7. What price did the said Silverthorne pay for the sleighs received by him from the said farm?
8. If the said articles were not purchased by the said Silverthorne, were they gifts to the said Silverthorne?
9. If the said articles were gifts, why were they given to the said Silverthorne?
10. What other property of the Government was given away from the said farm, with details of each article and names of recipients in each case?
11. What was the reason they were not sold?
12. If the said articles were not purchased by or were not gifts to the said Silverthorne, how did the same come into his possession?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. No.

- "3. No.
 "4. Answered by No. 3.
 "5. Note not yet due.
 "6. Harness and other equipment were property of G. R. Hughes.
 "7. Answered by No. 6.
 "8. Answered by No. 6.
 "9. Answered by No. 6.
 "10. None.
 "11. Answered by No. 10.
 "12. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Has the Department of Lands any knowledge of the destruction by fire of Mark Christensen's sawmill near Boundary Falls, B.C.?
2. If so, was the said Christensen indebted to the Government at the time of said fire?
3. What was the amount and nature of the said debt (if any)?
4. What amount was collected on said accounts?
5. How much of said amount collected (if any) was returned to M. Christensen?
6. If any part of the amount collected was returned to said Christensen, why was the same returned?
7. Was the machinery of said mill seized and sold by any Government official?
8. If so, by whom?
9. What was the total amount realized from said sale?
10. Was any claim made by Christensen upon the Department for damages arising out of said sale?
11. If so, what was the amount of his claim?
12. How much of his said claim was paid (if any)?
13. How much of said claim remains unpaid?
14. If a sale was held, was the same a public or private sale?
15. If a private sale, under what statutory authority was such private sale held?
16. If a public sale, what notice or advertisement was given?
17. If notice of sale was given, was the same left at his premises on a Sunday?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Royalty, as follows: Mark Christensen, old 1914 account, \$30; subsequent account, \$26.05; total, \$56.05.
- "4. Foregoing amount, plus \$5 seizure expenses.
- "5. \$30.
- "6. See Order in Council No. 2249.
- "7. Christensen had already sold the more valuable portions of the wrecked machinery. The remainder was seized on October 2nd. As payment had not been received, sale was made on Saturday, November 10th, of only sufficient to cover our account. The material sold was scrap-iron and relics of engine and edger, Christensen having already sold all brass parts and fittings.
- "8. Ranger Brice.
- "9. \$38.55.
- "10. No.
- "11, 12, and 13. Answered by No. 10.
- "14. Owing to the small amount involved, tenders were not invited by advertisement, but competitive offers were obtained by the Ranger, the highest being accepted.
- "15. Section 60, 'Forest Act.'
- "16. Answered by No. 14.
- "17. No."

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Railways Department since 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. None."

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

1. In addition to \$1,428.41 spent on drilling mining properties under the "Mineral Survey and Development Act" of 1917, what other amounts were paid, for what purpose, and to whom?
2. Were these other amounts charged up to the amount of \$100,000 authorized by said Act?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. (a.) Salaries of Resident Engineers (G. A. Clothier, J. D. Galloway, R. W. Thomson, P. B. Freeland, A. G. Langley, and W. M. Brewer, to March 31st, 1918, \$8,939.41; from April 1st, 1918, to February 28th, 1919, \$19,800. (b.) Office supplies and expenses of Resident Engineers to March 31st, 1918, \$1,411.25; from April 1st, 1918, to February 28th, 1919, \$600.93. (c.) Travelling expenses, Resident Engineers (including purchase of two automobiles and charter of river-boat up Iskoot River and return—see Public Accounts for fiscal year ended March 31st, 1918), to March 31st, 1918, \$7,758.37; from April 1st, 1918, to February 28th, 1919, \$6,134.28.

"2. The amount authorized by the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act' was supplemented by \$25,000 under Vote 156 in Estimates 1918-19, against the total of which the said expenditures were duly charged."

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

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. Cowper, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Proportional Representation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District" was committed. Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration 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. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors."

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline.</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>			

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Rules were suspended, and then, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That *K. F. Duncan*, Esquire, be appointed an additional member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Friday, 14th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Sweet*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 14th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum 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. *Sloan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide Iron Ore for Experimental Purposes in Aid of Iron and Steel Production in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 13th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to provide Iron Ore for Experimental Purposes in Aid of Iron and Steel Production in the Province," 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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act,'" and recommends amendment thereto by striking out the words "expiration of a period of six months from the termination of the present War" in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines of clause 2, and substituting therefor the words and figures "thirty-first day of March, 1920"; and by striking out the words "expiration of a period of six months from the termination of the present War" in the seventh and eighth lines of clause 3, and substituting therefor the words and figures "thirty-first day of March, 1920."

*Government House,
March 14th, 1919.*

Ordered, That the said Message, the Bill, and the proposed amendment 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 Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" as recommended by the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution, Bill, and amendment reported.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. *McGeer* presented an interim report from the Select Committee appointed under Resolutions of the 20th and 24th days of February, 1919, to deal with schemes and suggestions made with a view to rehabilitating soldiers, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries Babcock; and upon hearing Mr. Babcock and upon making further investigation, your Select Committee is of the opinion that in formulating measures for the rehabilitation of soldiers full consideration should be given to the fisheries, for two main reasons, the first being that your Committee believes that the fishing industry, if properly developed, would provide employment for a large number of returned men, and the second was that by the proper development of that industry the

high cost of living problem would be solved in a measure in at least one of its many phases. While your Committee made some investigation into the possibilities of the returned soldier engaging in what is known as the "salmon-fishing industry" in such places as the Fraser River and elsewhere, your Committee is not of the opinion, in view of the condition of that industry, that it presents the best possibilities for the successful employment of returned men, the reason for such conclusion being that it is the opinion of your Committee that a policy of conservation is at once necessary to re-establish that industry so that it may be made one of profitable possibilities for those engaging in it. For instance, your Committee ascertained the fact that in 1918 the total catch of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River was 75,000 cases, as compared with 553,000 cases which were captured in 1914, the brood-year of the 1918 run. It is the opinion of your Committee that similar depletions are being made on the Nass River, Rivers Inlet, and most of the minor sockeye waters.

Your Committee also ascertained that in connection with the halibut-fishing carried on on this Coast the 1918 catch shows a decrease of 14,000,000 lb. Your Committee, in view of the provisions of the "British North America Act" and subsequent legal interpretation of that Act, making it obligatory that the Dominion Government assume the full protection and encouragement of the fisheries of this Province, and in view of the fact that a direct revenue during the past ten years has been collected by the Dominion Government of between \$45,000 and \$50,000 a year, and under the new provisions as provided in the regulations recently issued by the Dominion Government that revenue is to be increased to \$250,000 a year, deems it advisable that the Government of the Province of British Columbia should recommend to the Dominion Government in definite terms the necessity of developing the fishing industry in the Province of British Columbia along lines which will mean the engaging of large numbers of returned men, and at the same time amply protect that industry from depletion and ultimate destruction.

With reference to deep-sea fishing, your Committee ascertained that deep-sea trawling had been conducted out of the ports of British Columbia in 1917 and 1918 on a profitable basis, and that the operations afforded evidence of an ample wealth of food-fish to provide the possibilities of the development of an industry as yet practically unexploited. The extent of possible profitable employment in such an industry is evidenced by the facts shown by the operation of a trawler known as the "James Carruthers." This trawler was operated out of Prince Rupert in 1918, and made a total of forty-nine trips, making in all 151 days. The approximate catch was 2,000,000 lb., consisting of flounders, sole, witch, brill, and other fish. The amount which each fisherman received for the season's work was approximately \$2,000 during the operation of the boat. It is understood that the boat was inactive for a period of six weeks owing to the fact that no cold-storage facilities were available to handle the catch.

Your Committee also found that a considerable amount of training is necessary before a man should engage in this particular occupation, and that more vessels of a suitable type would be necessary.

In the light of the above facts, your Committee humbly recommends that the Government of the Province of British Columbia urge upon the Dominion Government the establishment on the Pacific Coast of a trawling-school for the training of men to engage in deep-sea trawl-fishing by providing a number of suitable vessels equipped for deep-sea fishing officered by experienced navigators, engineers, and fishermen, who would act in the capacity of instructors, and to whom returned soldiers could be apprenticed for instruction in navigation, the operation of steam and gas engines, care, casting, and hauling of trawling-nets, and the dressing, storing, curing, packing, and shipment of fish; the men during their apprenticeship to be paid a proper living wage and to be given a bonus from the ship's earnings after capital expenditure had been provided for. It is believed by your Committee that, well managed, such an operation would be sufficiently profitable to furnish the means of operation and maintenance, and create a sinking fund that would reimburse the Government and permit the vessel to be transferred to organizations of the men who would be desirous of operating on their own behalf in the course of time. It is the opinion of your Committee that at the present time there is room for ten such training-ships on the Pacific Coast of Canada, each of which could provide training for at least twenty-five apprentices. Such a school, it is believed by your Committee, could be directed and operated in connection with the Naval Training School now established at Esquimalt. In further connection with the deep-sea fishing industry, it is the opinion of your Committee that the Dominion Government

should establish at suitable places in the Province, such as Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Victoria, fish curing, packing, and marketing schools for the practical training of overseas men in the curing, packing, and marketing of fish, and through which the catches of the trawlers could be distributed. Your Committee is of the opinion that such a proposal, if established, would mean the development of an industry through which it would be possible to distribute fish not only in the Province of British Columbia, but throughout the North-west, as far as and including the Province of Manitoba.

Your Committee further recommends that, in the event of the Dominion Government not seeing its way clear to inaugurate and maintain such a training-school or to lay down some broad lines for the development along lines of conservation, the Dominion Government be requested to turn over the entire fisheries of the Province of British Columbia to the Government of the Province of British Columbia, *by way of leasing such fishing grounds or areas to the Province*; and in the event of such being done by the Dominion your Committee humbly recommends that the Government of this Province take into its consideration the advisability of laying down a policy embracing the putting into effect and the carrying-out of the recommendations hereinbefore made.

G. G. McGEER.

The report was received.

Ordered, That the report be considered on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Manson* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 14th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing begs leave to present its first report, as follows:—

That the following documents be not printed, namely:—

Monthly Cash Statement of the Corporation of South Vancouver.

Return of the Minister of Lands, February 24th, under "Soldiers' Land Act."

Return of the Minister of Lands, February 4th.

Rules and Regulations *re* Homesites.

Report of the Civil Service Commission, February 14th.

And that the following documents be printed, namely:—

Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Second Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board.

Balance-sheet of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, May 31st, 1918.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Mr. *Bowser* presented a petition from 1,403 people of South Vancouver, *re* municipal matters.

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

Whereas it appears that no audit of the accounts of the Prohibition Commissioner was made for the fiscal year 1917-18 until the month of December, 1918:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the accounts of the said Commissioner up to the 31st day of December, 1918, and the said audit be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts forthwith, with power for the said Committee to inquire into all details pertaining to the same.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley</i> ,	<i>Giolma</i> ,	<i>Bowser</i> ,	<i>Hawthornthwaite</i> ,
<i>Jones</i> ,	<i>Burde</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> ,	<i>Couper</i> ,
<i>McDonald</i> , A.,	<i>Ross</i> ,	<i>McKenzie</i> , W. A.,	<i>McIntosh</i> .
<i>MacKenzie</i> , F. J. A.,			

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Farris,</i>			

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

1. What is the cost of the Commissions appointed to inquire into the prohibition irregularities to date?
2. What sum is the Commissioner receiving by way of remuneration per day?
3. What sum is the Government counsel receiving by way of remuneration per day?
4. What sums have been paid to or earned by the said Commissioner and counsel to date?

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

- “1. \$1,133.25.
- “2. Not receiving any remuneration per day.
- “3. Not receiving any remuneration per day.
- “4. \$250 paid to Commissioner; nothing paid to counsel.”

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

1. Did the Government appoint W. C. Findlay, late Prohibition Commissioner, as a Justice of the Peace?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to rescind said appointment?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. October 1st, 1917.
- “3. Yes.”

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

1. Has the Government bought or are they negotiating for purchase of a piece of land near the Prison Farm at Saanich?
2. If so, from whom was it purchased and the price paid?
3. What was the necessity of buying it?
4. Were any tenders called for before purchasing same?

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

- “1. No.
- “2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

Who was the counsel or solicitor for one James Kelly, of Vancouver, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act,” and whose sentence was remitted by Order in Council dated the 26th day of March, 1918?

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

“J. A. Russell.”

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

Who was the counsel or solicitor for one Henry Thompson, of Victoria, who was sentenced for the infraction of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act,” and whose sentence was remitted by Order in Council dated March 12th, 1918?

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

“Ernest Miller.”

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

Who was the counsel or solicitor for one Angello Antonello, of Prince Rupert, who was convicted for an offence against the “Liquor Act” and whose sentence was remitted on February 5th, 1918, by Order in Council?

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

“Department received petition signed by eighty-nine citizens of Prince Rupert petitioning for pardon of Antonello.”

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

1. Was one Esias Freeman convicted at Vancouver for an infraction of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act”?

2. If so, on what date?

3. What punishment was imposed?

4. Was the accused released before completion of sentence?

5. If so, by what authority and on what date?

6. Who acted as counsel or solicitor for the accused?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. July 5th, 1918.

“3. Imprisonment for six months at hard labour.

“4. Yes.

“5. By Order in Council approved November 14th, 1918.

“6. No one acted as counsel or solicitor.”

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

1. Was one Wm. Low convicted at Vancouver for an infraction of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act”?

2. If so, on what date?

3. What punishment was imposed?

4. Was the accused released before completion of sentence?

5. If so, by what authority and on what date?

6. Who acted as counsel or solicitor for the accused?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. December 10th, 1917.

“3. Imprisonment for six months at hard labour.

“4. Yes.

“5. By Order in Council approved August 9th, 1918.

“6. J. A. Russell.”

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

1. Was one Dominic Pallentiere convicted at Victoria for an infraction of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act”?

2. If so, on what date?

3. What punishment was imposed?

4. Was the accused released before completion of sentence?

5. If so, by what authority and on what date?

6. Who acted as counsel or solicitor for the accused?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. February 1st, 1918.

“3. Twelve months' imprisonment.

"4. Yes.

"5. By Order in Council approved September 6th, 1918.

"6. Ernest Miller."

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

1. Was one John F. McAllister convicted at Vancouver for an infraction of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act"?
2. If so, on what date?
3. What punishment was imposed?
4. Was the accused released before completion of sentence?
5. If so, by what authority and on what date?
6. Who acted as counsel or solicitor for the accused?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. March 21st, 1918.

"3. Six months' imprisonment.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No one acted as counsel or solicitor."

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

1. Has one Smarge or one Joe Durrell a hand-logger's licence on Haslam Lake?
2. If so, is either one or both of them operating on same?
3. Is either one or both using a donkey-engine in connection with said hand-logger's licence?
4. Does the Department permit the use of a donkey-engine on a hand-logger's licence?
5. Is said Smarge a German?

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

"1. No.

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

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Department of Lands since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

"1. Twenty-three Ford runabouts for Forest Protection Service; two Ford cars for Water Rights Branch.

"2. \$15,503.16."

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

1. Has the Government entered into any agreement with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company regarding the administration of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company Belt as approved by the House in a resolution passed in 1918?
2. If so, what are the terms of said agreement, and will a copy of same be tabled?

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

"1. The negotiations which are being carried on with respect to dual control of minerals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt are not yet completed."

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amounts have been advanced to Pacific Great Eastern Railway since the Government took road over?
2. When were these advances made?

3. When are they repayable?
4. What interest is being charged the railway?

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

- "1. \$1,000,000.
- "2. November 23rd, 1918, \$500,000; February 5th, 1919, \$500,000.
- "3. November 23rd, 1918, due May 23rd, 1919; February 5th, 1919, due August 3rd, 1919.
- "4. Five per cent."

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

1. To whom were the following hand-loggers' licences issued, viz.: H.L.L. 2072, H.L.L. 1910, H.L.L. 1911, and H.L.L. 1912?
2. Are the said licences still in existence?

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

- "1. H.L.L. 2072 issued to Ed. Eddison; H.L.L. 1910 issued to Joseph Sexton; H.L.L. 1911 issued to M. D. Carr; H.L.L. 1912 issued to Thos. L. Carr.
- "2. H.L.L. 2072 still in existence; others have expired."

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Department of Public Works since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

- "1. 23 Fords, 4 McLaughlins, 1 Chevrolet, 1 Overland, 1 Saxon, 2 motor-cycles, 1 Maxwell motor-truck, 6 Knox tractors, 1 Winton Six, 1 Haynes, and 1 Cadillac, the three latter being converted into tractors.
2. \$34,148.86, less \$3,205.58 allowance on old cars,"

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

1. Did the Government make a final payment to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company on account of the railway traffic-bridge at Prince George?
2. If so, when was it paid and the amount, and to what vote was it charged?
3. Did the said company not owe the Province the sum of \$169,750.83 on account of improvements at Prince Rupert?
4. Why was this amount not kept out of said payment to this company?
5. Did the Minister of Public Works make the statement that this would be done?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. August 1st, 1918; \$200,000; Consolidated Revenue Fund, chapter 31, 1918.
- "3. Yes.
- "4 and 5. The amount was deducted from the final payment."

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Department of Agriculture since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

- "1. Six motor-cars; one tractor.
- "2. Cost of motor-cars, \$3,673.35; cost of tractor, \$795."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

Mr. *McGeer* presented an interim report from the Select Committee appointed by Resolutions of the 20th and 24th days of February to consider schemes and suggestions made with a view of rehabilitating soldiers, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee was attended on by representatives of the Provincial Great War Veterans' Association in the person of Captain Whittaker, President of that association, and Walter Drinnan, Esquire, Field Organizer of that association in the Province of British Columbia, and representatives of other soldier bodies, who made representations to your Committee with reference to the conditions and circumstances surrounding the rehabilitation of soldiers returning to the Province of British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the necessity of the maintenance of an organization financially assisted by the Provincial Government for the purpose of extending relief to and the assistance of soldiers' dependents who are in need of relief and assistance from time to time.

Your Committee on investigation find that, while considerable work along this line has been done by the Soldiers' Aid Commission of the Province, the Labour Bureaus established or in course of establishment throughout the Province, soldier organizations such as the Great War Veterans' Association, the Comrades of the Great War, the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, the British Campaigners' Association, and other associations, yet your Committee is of the opinion that the growing burden will prove altogether too heavy for these associations and bodies without a further substantial measure of relief and assistance from the Provincial Government.

Your Committee humbly recommends that the Government take into its consideration the advisability of reorganizing the Soldiers' Aid Commission with a view of establishing it on the following basis:—

That it consist of a Chairman, a representative of the Government; three civilians, representing the civilian population; three returned soldiers, representing the returned soldiers and their dependents. And that the Commission be given full and sweeping powers to extend aid and relief to soldiers and the dependents of soldiers by extending relief either directly to the individual or through the medium of soldier organizations; and, further, that the Commission shall have power to assist in the maintenance of soldiers' organizations having as their interests the welfare of the soldiers, either returned or returning to British Columbia.

It is further recommended that the Government take into its consideration the advisability of placing a vote of \$250,000 in the Estimates of this Session and the advisability of placing at the disposal of the said Commission the said \$250,000. It is provided further that the Government consider the advisability of granting the Commission power to raise further moneys by public subscription or donation to supplement such fund.

G. G. MCGEER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 14th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners 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 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 14th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, the debate was adjourned to Monday next.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Better Housing" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. Were Orders in Council passed at various times authorizing the Minister of Finance to invest certain sinking funds?
2. How much of these sinking funds has been invested by the Minister?
3. When was this done, the amounts invested, and the interest the money is earning?
4. Has an annual statement of these investments of said sinking funds been submitted to the Legislature as called for in said Orders in Council?
5. If so, where do these statements appear?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. March 12th, 1917, \$399,211.97; June 5th, 1917, \$292,998.45; December 1st, 1917, \$435,791.43; November 6th, 1918, \$463,650; total, \$1,691,651.85.
- “ 3. Interest is being earned at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum.
- “ 4. Yes.
- “ 5. In the Public Accounts.”

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

What was the total amount paid to Price, Waterhouse & Co. for services rendered in British Columbia as auditors?

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

“\$17,890.74.”

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

1. When was Charles N. Gowen appointed Inspector under the “Amusements Tax Act”?
2. What is his salary?
3. What are his duties?

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

- “ 1. July 1st, 1918.
- “ 2. \$75 per month.
- “ 3. General inspection of the collection of amusements tax for Vancouver Island.”

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

1. What motor-cars, motor-cycles, motor-trucks, and motor-tractors have been purchased by the Department of Finance since November, 1916?
2. What was the total cost of these cars?

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

- “ 1. None.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors” 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. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act.’”

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act, 1914’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia” was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

Monday, 17th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 60) 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. *Oliver* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale to the Canadian Northern Pacific 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.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors" was again committed.

Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

Bill read a second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of March 14th, returning Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" and proposed amendment to the said Bill, was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, the Bill was then amended by striking out the words "expiration of a period of six months from the termination of the present War" in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines of clause 2, and substituting therefor the words and figures "thirty-first day of March, 1920"; and by striking out the words "expiration of a period of six months from the termination of the present War" in the seventh and eighth lines of clause 3, and substituting therefor the words and figures "thirty-first day of March, 1920."

Bill as amended *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting.

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

1. When was J. E. Green, Chief Detective of Vancouver, relieved from further services?
2. Why was he relieved?
3. Has one G. A. Hood been appointed as his successor as Chief Detective?
4. If so, when, and at what salary?
5. What previous detective experience had the said Hood?

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

- "1. May 31st, 1918.
- "2. Reorganization of police.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. June 1st, 1918; \$125 per month.
- "5. Hood has served under the Superintendent of Police at headquarters since December 1st, 1911, and has proved to be an efficient officer."

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

1. Has the Commissioner made any reports to the Attorney-General in writing from time to time covering the enforcement of the "Prohibition Act," as provided for by section 56 of the Act?

2. If not, why not?

3. If yes, what are the dates of said reports?

4. If yes, what was the nature of said reports?

5. What remarks were made by the said Commissioner as to the working of the law?

6. Who were prosecuted under the provisions of said section as shown by said reports, with the fines or sentences covering each case?

7. What amount of business was transacted by each vendor under the Act as shown by said reports?

8. Will the Attorney-General table said reports?

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

"1. No.

"2. The late Prohibition Commissioner was dismissed on December 11th, 1918, and had not at that time made the reports required to be filed with the Attorney-General on December 31st of each year. The new Prohibition Commissioner was appointed on January 23rd, 1919, and has had no opportunity as yet to make a report.

"3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Answered by No. 2."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Lands of the Province for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

On the motion of Mr. *Weart*, Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" 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 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, 17th March, 1919.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hanes* presented a petition from Alex. C. W. Gage, J. D. Robertson, and Orlando V. Witt, of South Vancouver, *re* appointment of war veterans as Civil Servants.

The petition from 1,403 people of South Vancouver, *re* municipal matters, was received.

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

Whereas under section 14 of the memorandum of agreement made on the 22nd day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, represented by the Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart (Foley, Welch & Stewart) *et al.*, it is agreed "that the parties of the second part covenant that all rolling-stock, equipment, plant, and machinery now in, upon, or about the said line of railway or adjacent thereto, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for use by them or any of the said companies in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway, are the properties of the said companies, and are to be transferred, set over, and delivered to the Province":

And whereas E. F. White, who held power of attorney for P. Welch, contractor, and who gave evidence before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, stated that they had three sawmills—two small ones and a fairly good-sized one—one mill sawing 40,000 to 50,000 feet, sawing almost wholly for construction-work, and primarily were put there for sawing for the benefit of the railway, and also that one mill referred to was purchased and operated for the benefit of the construction:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing whether or not any sawmills were turned over to the Government under above-mentioned section 14 of the agreement, and for copies of reports made by R. D. Anderson and Mr. Morrissey, Government employees, of lists of equipment, materials, etc., on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Fort George.

On objection taken by the Hon. the Premier, Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order, the subject-matter of the motion having been already dealt with this Session.

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

1. Have any permits been issued to any person to grow seed-crops under the "Seed Protection Act" of 1918?
2. If so, what are their names, with full particulars?
3. To what extent have seed-crops been grown under said Act?
4. Has the Government established any seed-protection areas in the Province under section 13 of said Act?
5. If so, what are the particulars of said areas?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Was a public road gazetted through the land of one Joseph Read between Salmo and Erie?
2. If so, when was this done, at whose instance, and for what purpose?
3. Was the said Read consulted or notified that this road was to be gazetted through his land?
4. Did not said Read always oppose the Department gazetting said road?

5. Has said Read put in a claim to the Department for the land covered by said road?
6. If so, for how much?
7. Does the Department intend to reimburse said Read for his land?
8. Did the Government Engineer ever report to the Department on the advisability of gazetting said road?
9. If so, when, and the purport of said report?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 2nd, 1919; Salmo Cedar Company to give access to their Post, Pole, and Shingle-bolt Camp at Parks.
- "3. No; under the 'Highway Act' it is unnecessary to give formal notice.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$657.
- "7. No.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. September 12th, 1918. In describing the location of the road the Engineer favoured the line as gazetted rather than that suggested by Mr. Read, the former being a direct route and on a much better grade to the point where he assumes the Great Northern Railway Company will have their station and to the Government wagon-road."

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

1. Was an application made to the Department to establish a pound district in North Saanich?
2. If so, when was said application made, and by whom?
3. Did the Department receive a petition from certain residents of the district against said pound district?
4. If so, what decision has the Department arrived at?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. December 2nd, 1918, by A. T. Goward, Local Manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Notice of objection is being advertised in accordance with clause 5 (1) and (2) of the 'Pound District Act.'"

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

1. Is Moses B. Cotsworth employed in any of the departments of the Government at present?
2. If so, in what capacity and in what department?
3. What is the period of his engagement and at what remuneration?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Does the Civil Service Commissioner give any publicity to vacant positions in the Service?
2. Does he ask publicly for applications?

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

- "1 and 2. Yes, if the position is to be filled by appointment from outside the Service."

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

1. How many criminally insane convicts are there at present in this Province?
2. Where are they at present incarcerated?
3. What is the length of the term of imprisonment in each case?

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

"1. At Mental Hospital, Essondale, 15; at Mental Hospital, New Westminster, 15; at Penitentiary, New Westminster, awaiting transfer to Mental Hospital, 6; total, 36. In addition, there are 61 inmates of the Mental Hospitals with active criminal tendencies.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. At Essondale: 2, life; 4, five years; 4, two years; 2, three years; 2, three months; 1, three terms of four years. At New Westminster: 2, life; 1, fourteen years; 2, seven years; 1, four years; 1, two years and a half; 1, two years; 1, twenty months; 1, twelve months; 1, ten months; 1, two months; 2, indeterminate; 1, admitted after expiry of sentence in Penitentiary. At Penitentiary: 1, life; 2, twenty years; 1, ten years; 1, seven years; 1, two years."

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

1. How much grain has been distributed to date under the "Seed-grain Act" of 1918?
2. What was the amount sold for cash?
3. What was the amount sold on time, and to whom?
4. Has the Minister of Agriculture taken security in each case as required under section 7 of said Act?
5. If not, in what cases was security not taken, and why?
6. How much has been repaid in the cases where time was given?
7. What was the due date of the payments in each case?

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

"1. Wheat, 75 tons; oats, 161 tons; barley, 40½ tons.

"2. \$6,898.89.

"3. Cranbrook, \$5,579.07; Fort George, \$535.50; Fort Fraser, \$1,453.50; Grand Forks, \$221.16; Kamloops, \$5,674.45; Kispiox, \$3,075.75; New Westminster, \$1,085.93; Vernon, \$2,419.75; total, \$20,045.11. Details of persons receiving grain are on file in the Department of Agriculture.

"4. Yes, in so far as information supplied to the Department could be acted upon.

"5. Wm. Geo. Smith, Cranbrook; Registrar reported that party was only squatting on a portion of the lot for which seed was obtained and he had since left the Province. C. W. West, Cranbrook; claim made by this party that seed was not applied for nor received. John Lawson, A. J. Miller, Wm. Weaver, Harry White, P. Lund, A. B. Fenwick, H. H. McClure, E. R. Thompson, Joseph Orr, all of Cranbrook; description of land affected insufficient in detail for Registrar to accept.

"6. Cranbrook, \$1,334.77; Fort George, \$148.95; Fort Fraser, \$172.07; Grand Forks, \$180.67; Kamloops, \$2,154.02; Kispiox, \$434.51; New Westminster, \$612.60; Vernon, \$524.16; total, \$5,561.75.

"7. January 1st, 1919."

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the year 1918.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment, seconded by Dr. *Rose*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That" on the motion "That the Speaker do leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

Whereas the promises of economy and retrenchment made by the members of the present Government during the election campaign leading up to the general election of 1916 have not been adhered to, but, on the contrary, the fixed charges of Government have been increased and new offices have been created at high salaries, and filled by the appointment of political friends of the Government, without regard to efficiency or any comprehensive scheme of Civil Service reform:

And whereas the members of the Liberal Party, during the said election and after, made the promise of the abolition of patronage a prominent plank in their platform, but, notwith-

standing such promises, have undertaken no measure to implement the same. On the contrary, it is found that the "baneful curse of political patronage" exists to-day and has existed since the advent of the present Government, with the active connivance of the Honourable the Premier and members of the Administration:

And whereas since the present Government obtained office large numbers of men who have fought in the recent war have returned and are returning from overseas and find themselves faced by lack of opportunity to provide themselves with a means of living, and although other authorities in Canada, both Federal and Provincial, have under way definite plans for the speedy relief of this situation, yet this Government has no practical or immediate plan to advance; and, moreover, has filled Civil Service vacancies with party hacks to the detriment of those whom it is our first duty to consider:

And whereas the appointment of Royal Commissions was denounced by the Hon. the Premier and his elected supporters on every hustings in the Province, and yet it is found that more Royal Commissions have been appointed for various purposes (and chiefly to avoid the direct responsibility which properly rests upon Administration) since the advent of the present Government than in any similar period in the past, and the overhead cost of administration has been tremendously increased thereby, to the detriment of the taxpayer in the most difficult financial period the Province has ever known:

And whereas the Premier and his supporters actively denounced the policy of passing Orders in Council by a former Government and promised reform in this regard, yet it is found that the Orders in Council passed by the present Administration since its advent to office have been more numerous than in any similar period since the Province entered Confederation:

And whereas the interests of the taxpayer demand that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway should be completed to Prince George at the earliest possible moment, and from there carried into the Peace River, so that the earnings of the completed road may assist in paying the fixed charges now existing (and thereby relieve the taxpayers), as well as the development of new country rich in agricultural resources and other possibilities, yet the Government has taken no steps to meet this urgent condition:

And whereas the Hon. the Premier and his supporters promised the public that the most rigid economy would be practised in the operation of public works, yet it is found that the proportionate cost of administration has in all constituencies increased, with a smaller capital expenditure, and that appointees to this service have been selected by vote in the Local Liberal Associations and without any qualification other than active party allegiance:

And whereas unjustifiable increases in general taxes, as well as a surtax and poll-tax, have been added to the financial burdens of the small land-owners and labourers, as well as an amusement-tax, to be imposed on those attending moving-picture shows and other classes of innocent entertainment:

And whereas promises were held out by the Hon. the Premier (then Minister of Agriculture) and members of his Administration (more especially the Hon. the Minister of Lands) that important and far-reaching improvements in the administration of public lands, timber, and water, including land settlement and greater agricultural development, would be secured to the people on the accession to office of the present Government, but so far no important change has been made in the general policy of the former Government. No improvements have so far been offered for the relief of the pre-emptor, but, on the contrary, intending pre-emptors are not allowed to secure records on unsurveyed lands and no adequate policy of further survey is being advanced. Notwithstanding the urgency of the irrigation situation in the Dry Belt of the Province and the very complete data on this situation on the files of the Department, as well as in the knowledge of the departmental officials, the Minister has taken no step which can be considered as a serious and practical attempt to solve the pressing requirements of the situation, all of which is to the great detriment of the public at large and more particularly the resident and landholders of the area affected:

And whereas, with the object of increasing lumber shipments and other natural products of the Province, and securing a permanent means of conveying the same to the markets of the world, the "British Columbia Shipping Act" was passed in 1916, and a great impetus was given to the industry of ship-building in the Province, thereby creating new markets for lumber, as well as greater sources of employment for our residents and workmen, and it is now found that the present Administration definitely abandoned the policy involved, contrary to the welfare of

the workmen, merchants, and other residents of the Province. This situation, although urgent during the late war, is now more severely felt, as we find ourselves (although possessing one of the largest available bodies of merchantable timber in the world) unable to take any adequate part in fulfilling the post-war requirements of the Allied nations for lack of our own tonnage:

And whereas, when the "Workmen's Compensation Act" was passed in 1916, it was solemnly undertaken by the Government of the day, with the workmen and employers affected, that a sum not exceeding \$50,000 would be annually paid out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province towards the expenses of administration of the said Act, thereby reducing the annual cost to the parties affected by such legislation, but the present Administration has refused to implement this undertaking, although, undoubtedly, many of the parties affected were influenced to accept said Act upon the strength of said undertaking. This situation has become more burdensome by reason of the excessive cost of administration of the Board, consisting as it does of a very large and high-salaried staff of officials and servants of various sorts:

And whereas the present Administration abolished the existing system of agricultural credits under which much useful aid (financial and otherwise) had been rendered to the agriculturists of the Province, and substituted therefor the "Land Settlement and Development Act," but failed to secure the necessary funds to make such Act a workable reality:

And whereas the selection of the members of the Land Settlement Board under the said Act has not been made with an eye to experience or efficiency, but rather to satisfy the demands of party followers, and does not therefore inspire confidence in the ability of the said Board to judiciously and impartially distribute the large sums of the taxpayers' money which it may hereafter be called upon to handle. This is most strikingly shown in the recent changes in the personnel of the Board, which it has been necessary to entirely remodel after two years of unfruitful experimenting:

And whereas it has frequently been publicly stated by members of the present Administration that the Provincial Police Force during the previous Administration was in reality a political organization operating to assist the Conservative Party, while, as a matter of fact, up to November 24th, 1916, when the present Government took office, it was an effective, capable, and non-political organization, and that promotions in the Service were made on the bases of efficiency and length of service. Under the present Administration promotions and appointments are secured by political "pull" and without reference to efficiency or length of service, all to the detriment of the public welfare:

And whereas prior to the accession to office of the present Administration the game laws of the Province were administered with a view toward the preservation and increase of small and large game, and, at the same time, secured a revenue which was commensurate with the expenditure, and the present system is not in accord with the requirements of the public or the best interests of the Province:

And whereas the present Government has represented to the people that the late Government was corrupt and extravagant and that a thorough audit of its affairs by competent auditors would disclose the correctness of such representations, and although all the books and files of the various departments have been and are now under the control of the present Administration, yet such representations have not been found to be correct. In addition to which the work of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature since 1916 has been absolutely futile in fastening any blame for maladministration upon any member of the late Administration or on any Civil Servants:

And whereas large sums of public money have been disbursed to secure such an audit by the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, with no tangible result:

And whereas the attitude of the Administration in refusing the fullest opportunity for investigation of its affairs, by Select Committees of the House as well as the Public Accounts Committee (although hardly more than two years in office), is not calculated to inspire public confidence:

And whereas the Hon. the Premier and many of his supporters continuously denounced the policy of securing non-resident experts for the public service, yet they sent abroad for the present Comptroller-General and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, notwithstanding the fact that many capable and experienced men qualified to fill such appointments were residents of and taxpayers and electors of the Province:

And whereas the cumbersome, unwieldy, and inefficient system of accounting and auditing introduced by the present Comptroller-General does not adequately meet the necessary requirements:

And whereas the Administration have recently appointed a Civil Service Commissioner, without consideration for the well-founded claims of returned soldiers, or advancement in the Service of competent and well-qualified Civil Servants, but, on the contrary, have made this selection without calling for applications and with the sole object of rewarding a party follower. This has resulted in the adoption of an experimental system of bonuses which is found to be inadequate, unjust, and bristling with inequalities, which favour the political friends of the party in power. Moreover, this appointment is not calculated to secure the confidence of the members of the Service in the plan of regrading, the system of pensions, and other work now being inaugurated under his supervision:

And whereas the members of the Administration have on frequent occasions in the Legislature neglected to answer questions regarding public matters propounded by the elected representatives of the people, and on other occasions have given answers characterized by evasion, and which is not calculated to maintain the confidence of the public:

And whereas the Hon. the Minister of Mines, although purporting to place on the statute-books much legislation for the assistance of the important industry of mining, has done nothing practical to enforce the legislation provided, and it is found that, although this most important industry presents many opportunities for the public welfare, no practical advantage has accrued from the methods or policies of the present Minister of Mines:

And whereas the present Session of the Legislature is drawing to its close, and by reason of the return of large and increasing numbers of soldiers the situation is urgent, yet no general practical or satisfactory line of policy regarding the undertaking of public works to meet this very pressing situation has been advanced, but, on the contrary, the statements of the Administration as to their policy in this respect is evasive and inadequate and does not inspire the confidence of those who are most vitally interested:

And whereas in recent months the operation of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act," under the Department of the Attorney-General, has been prominently and most unfavourably before the public, by reason of the scandalous and dishonest conduct of the late Prohibition Commissioner, as well as by reason of the incompetent and indecisive policy of the Department and its officials, on account of their failure to properly administer the said Act, or to see that the interests of the public were properly protected:

And whereas, for the reasons aforesaid, neither the Hon. the Premier nor the members of his Administration have given any evidence of possessing the necessary qualities of leadership or efficiency required to properly and adequately administer the affairs of the Province during the trying times which have just elapsed, nor during the critical times of the present or of the immediate future:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly has no confidence in the Hon. the Premier as leader or in the present Administration.

Dr. *McIntosh* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*.—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas," in the first line of Mr. *Pooley's* amendment to the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the members of the present Government, prior to the election of 1916 and since, promised to give a rigid and impartial inquiry into the financial position of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the disposition of the moneys already provided:

"And whereas the present Attorney-General was elected as a member of the present Government on the definite pledge that the Pacific Great Eastern irregularities, including the \$500,000 campaign funds, would be fully probed in Court:

"And whereas this solemn promise has not been fulfilled, but, on the contrary, the Government, with the aid and sanction of the Leader of the Opposition and his followers, has refused to call witnesses to determine to whom said \$500,000 was paid or to produce copies of all the documents asked for:

"And whereas the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, in November, 1918, publicly called attention to certain alleged irregularities on the part of the Minister of Railways in connection

with the Pacific Great Eastern rolling-stock itemized in the agreement of sale dated September 1st, 1917:

And whereas the Attorney-General, in reply to these public criticisms, is reported to have said that ethical reasons prevented him from expressing an opinion on the so-called discrepancies in the absence of the Minister of Railways:

"And whereas the Minister of Railways, on his return from Ottawa in December, 1918, offered to give the Leader of the Opposition every facility to investigate this so-called scandal and to deal with the question at the meeting of the Legislature or sooner:

"And whereas the Leader of the Opposition has for unstated reasons failed to call for this investigation:

"And whereas the Minister of Railways has failed to refer to this matter, and the people of British Columbia are waiting for and entitled to an explanation:

"And whereas the Government, by sustaining the ruling of the Chair, resisted all efforts to appoint a Select Committee of the House to investigate certain of the so-called Findlay irregularities:

"And whereas the Government refused to empower the Public Accounts Committee to investigate the accounts relative to the late Prohibition Commissioner to the end of 1918:

"And whereas inadequate facilities have been provided for the returned soldiers who wish to take up land in British Columbia which may be directly or indirectly productive for his sustenance this year, and as a consequence many have gone or will go to settle in the Prairie Provinces or in the United States, and others may be out of employment in the Province:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly has little confidence in the Hon. the Premier as Leader in the present Administration, and has less confidence in the Leader of the Opposition."

On objection taken by Mr. *Weart*, Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order as reflecting upon a vote of the House this Session and as dealing with a matter upon which the House had already expressed its opinion this Session.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>	

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

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

Debate on the main question resumed.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *King*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.