

## Friday, January 21st, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. *Peck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*,—

That the humble Address proposed to be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding thereto the following words:—

“ But we regret that Your Honour's Government has not, up to the present, announced any intention on its part to secure an unbiassed, searching, and complete inquiry into the allegations which are reported to have been made before the Royal Customs Commission regarding the improper use of campaign funds for the purpose of securing protection and assurance for certain interests.”

The debate continued.

Mr. *Davie* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented major estimates for roads for 1927 to 1930, submitted by district officials.

To lie upon the table.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Engineering Act.’”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Railway Department Act’” was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act’” was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Co-operative Associations Act’” was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite” was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Railway Act’” was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act respecting Departmental Inquiries” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. What sum of money has been expended for immigration since January 1st, 1926, and to whom were payments made?
2. How many settlers have been brought into the Province during the calendar year 1926?
3. How many domestics, farm-help, artisans, etc., and under what agencies?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. \$6,000; to the Salvation Army.
- "2. 288.
- "3. Domestics, 58; youths, 51; families (averaging four persons to the family), 179, were brought in by the Salvation Army."

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

1. Does G. B. McDermot occupy a position in the Game Department?
2. If so, what position?
3. If so, since when has he held the position?
4. If so, what salary is attached to it?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Game Warden.
- "3. April 17th, 1926.
- "4. \$3.80 per day, plus \$1 per day subsistence allowance."

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

1. What sums of money have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since November 1st, 1925, up to January 1st, 1927?
2. From whom borrowed and under what authority in each case?
3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?
4. When are these loans payable?
5. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?
6. Have the moneys borrowed been fully expended? If not, how much is still available on each?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- "1. For Refunding Purposes (under authority of 'Revenue Act.' R.S.B.C. 1924)—

4½-per-cent. 25-year Sinking Fund Bonds maturing January 15th, 1951, yielding 4.98 per cent., sold to syndicate composed of: The Canadian Bank of Commerce; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.; V. W. Odium & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; Dymont, Anderson & Co.; Cochrane, Hay & Co., Ltd.; and Aird, MacLeod & Co. ....	\$ 4,000,000 00
(Refunding \$3,000,000 6-per-cent. 5-year Bonds matured July 27th, 1925, and \$1,000,000 6-per-cent. 5-year Bonds matured October 1st, 1925.)	
4½-per-cent. 30-year Serial Bonds maturing in yearly instalments, last payment on June 29th, 1956, yielding 4.78 per cent., sold to syndicate composed of: Dillon, Read & Co.; Wood, Gundy & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and The Canadian Bank of Commerce .....	5,000,000 00
(Refunding \$2,000,000 6-per-cent. 5-year Bonds matured March 21st, 1926, and \$1,000,000 6-per-cent. 5-year Bonds matured April 25th, 1926.)	
5-per-cent. Treasury Bills sold at par to The Canadian Bank of Commerce to temporarily refund \$2,000,000 5-year 6-per-cent. Bonds matured July 15th, 1926, and \$1,000,000 5-year 6-per-cent. Bonds matured August 16th, 1926 .....	3,000,000 00
Total refunding .....	\$12,000,000 00

"New Borrowings—

Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1924' .....	\$2,000,000 00
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1922' .....	400,000 00
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1920' .....	1,600,000 00
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	\$4,000,000 00

2-year 4½-per-cent. Debentures to yield 4.90 per cent., maturing January 15th, 1928, sold to A. R. Ross & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Ernst & Co. and Associates.

Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)'..... 1,000,000 00

30-year 4½-per-cent. Debentures to yield 4.78 per cent., maturing in annual instalments, the last of which matures on June 29th, 1956, sold to syndicate composed of: Dillon, Read & Co.; Dominion Securities Corporation; Wood, Gundy & Co.; A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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\$5,000,000 00

To partly retire outstanding Treasury Bills as at November 1st, 1925, to the extent of ..... 3,094,228 00

Or a new borrowing by way of Debentures now fully expended of ..... \$ 1,965,772 00

From the proceeds of Treasury Bills sold at par to The Canadian Bank of Commerce on a 5-per-cent. basis under authority of Loan Acts, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925; the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921'; and 'British Columbia University Loan Act, 1920' ..... 3,633,360 00

Making the total new borrowings from November 1st, 1925, to January 1st, 1927, now fully expended ..... \$ 5,539,132 00

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did a fire occur at the plant of the Sidney Brick & Tile Company, Ltd., during the year 1926?

2. If yes, what was the amount of the damage done?

3. Was the plant insured? If so, for what sum?

4. In what companies was it insured?

5. To whom was the loss payable under the provisions of the policies?

6. What was the amount recovered?

7. To whom was the money paid and when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Estimated \$20,000 to \$25,000.

"3. Yes; \$20,000 on brick plant; \$8,000 on crating-mill, mill only slightly damaged; \$2,500 on camp, house, and barn, not damaged.

"4. Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; Canada Accident Assurance Company; British General Insurance Company, Ltd.; New York Underwriters Agency; British American Insurance Company; Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd.; Acadia Fire Insurance Company.

"5. Peerless Brick & Tile Company, Ltd., and His Majesty the King in the right of the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Industries.

"6. \$20,005.07.

"7. Peerless Brick & Tile Company, Ltd., and His Majesty the King in the right of the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Industries, deposited in special account, Department of Industries, October 22nd and 29th."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on January 1st, 1927?
2. What was the amount of sinking funds on January 1st, 1927?
3. What amount was owing the Canadian Bank of Commerce and other banks, for money borrowed on Treasury bills, on January 1st, 1927, giving particulars of the same?
4. When will these Treasury bills fall due?
5. What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts passed by the Legislature, giving particulars as at January 1st, 1927?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Gross debt, including Treasury Bills .....	\$77,162,683 00
Less Sinking Funds .....	\$14,157,306 53
Less revenue-producing debt .....	17,315,040 00
	31,472,346 53
Net debt as at January 1st, 1927 .....	\$45,690,336 47

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. General purposes—

Refunding .....	\$ 192,280 00	
Current purposes .....	100,000 00	
	\$ 292,280 00	
Pacific Great Eastern Railway—		
Refunding .....	\$ 52,720 00	
Current purposes .....	223,000 00	
	275,720 00	
Roads and bridges—		
Refunding .....	\$1,000,000 00	
Current purposes .....	2,465,456 00	
	3,465,456 00	
British Columbia University .....		636,000 00
Buildings .....		327,972 00
Land Settlement Board—		
Refunding .....	\$ 755,000 00	
Current purposes .....	547,371 00	
	1,302,371 00	
'Soldiers' Land Act'—		
Refunding .....	\$1,000,000 00	
Current purposes .....	135,109 00	
	1,135,109 00	
Conservation .....		55,312 00
		\$ 7,490,220 00

*Résumé.*

For refunding purposes .....	\$3,000,000 00
For current purposes .....	4,490,220 00
	\$7,490,220 00

"4. January 3rd, 1927.

"5. Consolidated Revenue—

'Loan Act, 1916 .....	\$ 220 00
'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)' .....	450,000 00
	\$ 450,220 00
Industries—'Industries Loan Act, 1920' .....	1,000,000 00
B.C. University—'University Loan Act, 1920' .....	314,000 00

P.G.E. Construction—		
‘ Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1920 ’.....	\$	165 65
‘ Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921 ’.....		481,768 80
		\$ 481,934 45
Buildings—		
‘ Loan Act, 1922 ’ .....	\$	21,288 00
‘ Loan Act, 1923 ’ .....		152,437 65
		173,725 65
‘ Soldiers’ Land Act ’—		
‘ Loan Act, 1921 ’ .....	\$	270 00
‘ Loan Act, 1925 ’ .....		55,000 00
		55,270 00
Land Settlement—‘ Loan Act, 1925 ’ .....		50,000 00
Highways and Bridges—‘ Loan Act, 1925 ’ .....		250,000 00
Conservation—		
‘ Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session) ’ .....	\$	85,000 00
‘ Loan Act, 1922 ’ .....		45,000 00
		130,000 00
B.C.E. Railway—‘ Loan Act, 1921 ’ .....		93,000 00
‘ Crown Property Development Act ’—‘ Loan Act, 1925 ’ .....		75,000 00
		\$3,073,150 10”
		\$3,073,150 10”

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

1. Has a beer licence been granted to any persons to sell beer at Bonnington Falls, in the neighbourhood of Nelson?

2. If yes, when was it granted and to whom?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

*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 4.48 p.m.

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## Monday, January 24th, 1927.

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to an Order of the House dated January 20th, the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return relating to the Export Advisory Committee on log export.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Peck* on the 21st instant, as follows:—

That the humble Address proposed to be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding thereto the following words:—

“ But we regret that Your Honour’s Government has not, up to the present, announced any intention on its part to secure an unbiassed, searching, and complete inquiry into the allegations which are reported to have been made before the Royal Customs Commission regarding the improper use of campaign funds for the purpose of securing protection and assurance for certain interests.”

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neeclands</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>		

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Colley</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Lister* *Sloan*

Debate resumed on the main motion.

Resolution agreed to.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*January 24th, 1927.*

*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. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

How much money was spent on the Porcupine Road, in the Creston Riding, between Ymir and Salmo, during the spring and summer of 1926?

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

"\$1,203.41."

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

How much money was spent on the main road between Salmo and Fruitvale, in the Creston Riding, during the spring and summer of 1926?

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

"\$434.40."

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

1. Did the Department construct a bridge at Dog Creek, situate about 5 miles south of Nakusp, Kaslo-Slocan Riding, during the current year?
2. If yes, what was the cost entailed?
3. What was the quantity of lumber used in the construction of the said bridge?
4. Were tenders called for the said lumber?
5. If not, why not?
6. What firm supplied the lumber?
7. What was the price paid for lumber and dimensioned timber?
8. Were tenders called for the hardware required in the building of the said bridge?
9. If so, what firms were asked to tender?
10. What was the total cost of the hardware used in the construction of the said bridge?
11. What was the total amount expended on timbers and lumber for the said bridge?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$2,840.65, including filled approaches. (Estimated cost of bridge and approaches, \$3,528.)
- "3. 21,458 feet B.M.
- "4. No.
- "5. Only one mill in district considered capable of supplying material promptly.
- "6. White Pine Lumber Company, Nakusp, B.C.
- "7. Lumber, \$25 per M.; dimensioned timber up to 30-foot lengths, \$30 to \$35 per M.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. J. H. Vestrup, Nakusp & A.L. Supply, Nakusp.
- "10. \$153.98.
- "11. \$720.51."

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

1. How much money was spent on the Ymir Road between Nelson and Ymir?
2. Between Ymir and Salmo on the same road?
3. Between Salmo and the International Boundary; all during the spring and summer of 1926?

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

- "1. \$8,049.30.
- "2. \$1,853.12.
- "3. \$930.62."

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

How much money was spent on the Yellowstone Road, in the Creston Riding, leading from Salmo to Queen Mine, during the spring and summer of 1926?

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

"\$653.20."

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

1. What was the amount of assessments "due and uncollected" on the West Nicomen Dyke on January 1st, 1927?
2. What was the amount of assessments "due and uncollected" on the Cameron Drainage-works on January 1st, 1927?

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

- "1. West Nicomen assessments due and uncollected on January 1st, 1927, \$13,705.88.
- "2. Cameron Drainage assessments due and uncollected at January 1st, 1927, \$4,108.64."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

## Tuesday, January 25th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 24th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That we recommend that the Interim Report of the Mental Hygiene Committee, appointed at last Session of this Legislature, be printed for distribution to members of the Legislative Assembly.

J. M. BRYAN, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a copy of the Report of the Directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, dated January 11th, 1927.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, seconded by Mr. *Twigg*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all reports since the last Session concerning construction or engineering changes, colonization, or completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway made to the Government or to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, seconded by Mr. *Twigg*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to examine the provisions of the "Workmen's Compensation Act," and the regulations made thereunder, and to inquire into the administration thereof, and generally to investigate the effects and results of the operation of the said Act, and to report its findings to the House, and that the Committee proposed to be appointed hereunder have power to summon and examine witnesses and to call for the production of books, papers, and records.

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

That, pursuant to Resolutions of this House passed on the 17th and 25th days of January to inquire, *inter alia*, into the administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" and "Workmen's Compensation Act," a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. *Munn*, *Creery*, *Hinchliffe*, *Uphill*, and Mrs. *Smith*, be appointed.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Federal Government at Ottawa dealing with the Resolution passed by the House on December 11th, 1922, touching claims for compensation for reconstruction of that part of the wagon-road between Hope and Spences Bridge destroyed by reason of the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway.

A debate arose.

With the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.



Mr. *Browne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neelands*.—

Whereas it would appear from evidence given at the inquiry into the administration of His Majesty's Customs that \$205,428.75 has been paid by Vancouver liquor organizations, during the years 1923 to 1926, inclusive, to political parties for campaign funds:

And whereas it would appear that these moneys have been paid to secure protection and assurance:

And whereas these statements have been repeated in the public press and by honourable members on the floor of this House:

And whereas the honour of this House and the authority of its legislation is questioned:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

(1.) Whether any moneys have been subscribed to political campaign funds to secure assurance and protection.

(2.) Whether assurance and protection has been promised or given by political parties in consideration of moneys promised or received.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Odlum</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Twig</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Davie</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Poolcy</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Crecry</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Coventry</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Peck</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Catherwood</i>		

Mr. *Coventry* moved, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*.—

Whereas, in regard to eggs, butter, cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other farm products produced in Canada, the foreign tariffs thereon are higher than the corresponding Canadian tariffs on similar articles produced in such foreign countries and imported into Canada:

And whereas this has resulted in a serious diminution in export of such products from Canada into the said foreign countries:

And whereas the farmers and producers of British Columbia are suffering loss thereby:

And whereas it is advisable that the position of the farmers of British Columbia should be strengthened and the Canadian market preserved for them as far as possible:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada that the Canadian tariffs upon said farm products be raised to at least an equality with the tariffs of foreign countries on similar products; that the dumping clause passed by the Dominion Government of 1921 be again adopted; and that the principle of a reasonable tariff on fruit and vegetables be endorsed.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*January 25th, 1927.*

*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. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Savings and Loan Associations," 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. *Perry* presented the Seventh and Eighth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 25th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 25th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate Union College of British Columbia."  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

Mr. *Davie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What is the annual importation in quantity and price of cattle into British Columbia for the past three years?

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

"Imported from other Canadian Provinces.—1923: Beef cattle, 23,768, value \$1,614,332; calves, 4,816, value \$73,930; sheep, 57,986, value \$558,211; swine, 113,488, value \$2,045,657. 1924: Beef cattle, 27,317, value \$1,614,537; calves, 6,329, value \$90,171; sheep, 55,532, value \$580,796; swine, 142,613, value \$2,167,953. 1925: Beef cattle, 34,423, value \$1,976,138; calves, 9,657, value \$192,105; sheep, 46,126, value \$503,836; swine, 135,131, value \$2,723,205.

"From Foreign Points.—1923: Cattle, 105, value \$9,116; sheep, 5,347, value \$32,657. 1924: Cattle, 12, value \$1,352; sheep, 61, value \$338. 1925: Cattle, 79, value \$10,034; sheep, 2,794, value \$17,931.

"Statistics for the year 1926 have not yet been compiled as final returns are not available."

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

1. Is one Biggam a Steam-boiler Inspector in the employ of the Workmen's Compensation Board, now in charge of the "Boiler Inspection Act"?
2. How long has Biggam been in the employ of the Government?
3. Is his record as an Inspector good?
4. If not, what is against him?
5. Did John Peck about January 1st write Biggam notifying him that the Board did not propose to increase his salary this year?
6. Did the Board grant increases to other Inspectors; and, if so, to whom and in what amounts?
7. If the Board did grant increases, why did Biggam not get an increase?
8. Is Biggam's offer of resignation in the hands of the Workmen's Compensation Board?
9. If yes, is it the intention to accept it, and why?

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

"1. No; resigned January 4th, 1927. Resignation accepted January 20th, 1927.

"2. Since April, 1911.

"3. Fair.

"4. Lack of desire to work and co-operate.

"5. Yes.

"6. Yes; to the following Inspectors: Peck, Madigan, Kay, Duckitt, Clark, Tait, Davidson, O'Neill, Excell, an increase of \$5 per month; Bennett, an increase of \$10 per month.

"7. For the reasons given in No. 4.

"8. Resignation accepted and no longer in the Service.

"9. Answered by Nos. 4 and 8."

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

With reference to the list of disbursements mentioned in answer to question 7, appearing on page 6, Votes and Proceedings, January 17th, with regard to the Sidney Brick & Tile Company:—

1. What were the amounts disbursed for the various accounts therein mentioned in each case?

2. What was the total sum of disbursements?

3. From what source or sources was the sum of \$3,985.25 received as referred to in the answer to question No. 8?

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

"1. Aug. 17. Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., insurance.....	\$ 480 00
Aug. 17. T. B. Monk & Co., insurance .....	240 00
Sept. 13. Peerless Brick & Tile Co., to wages.....	400 00

Sept. 30.	Peerless Brick & Tile Co., to wages.....	\$ 600 00	
Oct. 14.	Imperial Bank of Canada, <i>re</i> wages.....		700 00
Oct. 26.	Imperial Bank of Canada, advances <i>re</i> the following accounts:—		
	Dominion Government Telephone rental .....	\$ 75 00	
	G. A. Shave, belting .....	227 18	
	Brethour & Shade, freight service .....	3 75	
	Pacific Sheet Metal Co. ....	4 30	
	Copeland & Wright, gas .....	7 00	
	Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. ....	4 93	
	D. Atkinson .....	4 59	
	A. W. Hollands, butcher .....	69 40	
	Sidney Bakery .....	9 36	
	Sidney Service Station .....	6 20	
	Campbell's Storage & Transfer .....	30 18	
	E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd. ....	\$71 74	
	Ramsay Machine Works .....	186 29	
	Hafer Machine Works .....	361 89	
	Sidney Trading Company .....	166 14	
	Marine Iron Works .....	881 76	
	G. B. Murdie & Co. ....	116 68	
	National Machinery Co. ....	339 75	
	Sidney Mills, Ltd. ....	95 22	
	Expenses, Vancouver, Superintendent and H. C. H., attending sale of belting in Vancouver and inspection of machinery, etc. ....	50 00	
	Telephone, long-distance .....	6 55	
			\$3,527 91
Oct. 26.	Workmen's Compensation Board .....		101 40
Nov. 3.	Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages .....		750 00
Nov. 5.	Imperial Bank of Canada, to advance <i>re</i> the following accounts:—		
	Marine Products, Ltd., belting .....	\$ 75 00	
	Sidney Leather Store .....	1 50	
	Victoria Repair Works .....	6 00	
	Marine Iron Works .....	54 13	
	G. B. Murdie Co., Engineering Co. ....	369 05	
	Sidney Mills, Ltd. ....	700 15	
	E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd. ....	436 62	
	Evans, Coleman & Evans .....	32 36	
	Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. ....	8 75	
	Sidney Trading Co. ....	152 33	
	A. W. Hollands, butcher .....	85 10	
	Parker's Garage .....	59 50	
	Brethour & Shade .....	5 00	
	Bazan Bay Cash Store .....	13 90	
	Heals, towing .....	29 12	
	Sidney Service Station .....	25 78	
	H. C. Walker .....	29 42	
	Sidney Bakery .....	10 97	
	Copeland & Wright .....	6 72	
			2,101 40
Nov. 5.	Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.....		850 00
Nov. 30.	Imperial Bank of Canada, to wages.....		900 00
Dec. 7.	Imperial Bank of Canada, to advance <i>re</i> the following accounts:—		
	G. B. Murdie Co. ....	\$865 06	
	Speedie .....	26 95	
	Rent .....	20 00	
	Copeland & Wright .....	30 28	
	McDonald & Nicoll .....	6 50	

Dominion Government Telephone .....	\$ 7 55
Marine Iron Works .....	22 05
A. W. Hollands, butcher .....	78 00
Sidney Trading Company .....	81 95
Sidney Service Station .....	12 63
Ivel's Pharmacy .....	1 90
Hafer Machine Works .....	13 02
Fairbanks-Morse Co. ....	224 50
National Machinery Co. ....	1 61
Diggon's .....	5 50
Wilson's, Limited .....	186 85
Sidney Bakery .....	14 58
D. Atkinson .....	34 59
Evans, Coleman & Evans .....	48 15
Sidney Mills, Ltd. ....	426 65
Lemon-Gonnason, Ltd. ....	183 95
E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd. ....	288 49
Sheret .....	261 66
Miscellaneous accounts .....	47 68
	————— \$2,900 00
Dec. 16. Arthur Coles, insurance .....	37 50
Dec. 16. Imperial Bank of Canada, <i>re</i> wages.....	850 00
Jan. 7. Imperial Bank of Canada, <i>re</i> wages.....	1,389 91

"2. \$15,828.12.

"3. From surplus of insurance-moneys."

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

In view of the value to the Province of the poultry industry, and in view of the attention which has been drawn to this industry by the world record made recently by a British Columbia hen, is it the intention of the Government to have a Government exhibit of British Columbia poultry at the World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa during the present year?

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

"Provision has been made in the Estimates for next fiscal year for a grant to the British Columbia Poultry Association for the specific purpose of staging an exhibit of poultry at the World's Poultry Congress."

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

1. What are the departments under the supervision of the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. What is the number of employees in each department under said Board?
3. What is the total amount of pay-roll in each department under said Board?
4. As the Workmen's Compensation Board is responsible to the Legislature only for the "Workmen's Compensation Act," what Minister is responsible for the various other functions of the Workmen's Compensation Board?
5. As the Workmen's Compensation Board is responsible to the Legislature, will a complete report be made to the Legislature of its various activities?

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

- "1. Boiler and Machinery Inspection Department; Electrical Energy Inspection Department.
- "2. Boiler and Machinery Inspection Department: Sixteen employees; monthly pay-roll, \$3,300. Electrical Energy Inspection Department: Three employees; monthly pay-roll, \$487.50.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. See chapters 6 and 16, Statutes of 1924.
- "5. Yes. Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year ended December 31st, 1925, already filed."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 26th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Browne* on January 25th, as follows:—

Whereas it would appear from evidence given at the inquiry into the administration of His Majesty's Customs that \$205,428.75 has been paid by Vancouver liquor organizations, during the years 1923 to 1926, inclusive, to political parties for campaign funds:

And whereas it would appear that these moneys have been paid to secure protection and assurance:

And whereas these statements have been repeated in the public press and by honourable members on the floor of this House:

And whereas the honour of this House and the authority of its legislation is questioned:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

(1.) Whether any moneys have been subscribed to political campaign funds to secure assurance and protection.

(2.) Whether assurance and protection has been promised or given by political parties in consideration of moneys promised or received.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

That all the words in the Resolution proposed by the honourable the member for Burnaby and seconded by the honourable the member for South Vancouver on the 25th day of January, 1927, after the first word "Whereas" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"pursuant to the provisions of Part I. of the 'Inquiries Act,' R.S.C., chapter 104, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, by Order P.C. 1467 of the 28th day of September, 1926, authorized the appointment of Commissioners to make certain investigations, *inter alia*, into the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise:

"And whereas the Hon. James Brown, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Saskatchewan; the Hon. William Henry Wright, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario; and the Hon. Ernest Roy, a Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, have been appointed Commissioners for the purpose of conducting the said investigation:

"And whereas the said Commissioners have held inquiry in the Cities of Victoria and Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia:

"And whereas it would appear that certain evidence was given before the said Commissioners with respect to contributions to campaign funds of political parties by brewers, distillers, and others:

"And whereas it is desirable that a transcript of the evidence taken before the said Commissioners at its sittings in the Cities of Victoria and Vancouver should be made available to this Legislature for its examination and perusal:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a transcript of the said evidence be obtained by the Hon. the Attorney-General and laid on the table of the House.

"And be it further Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Odlum*, *Wrinch*, *McPherson*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Neelands*, be appointed to examine the said evidence and to report its findings and to make recommendations, and with power to take evidence under oath.

"And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that legislation should be introduced into the House at this Session dealing with the collection of campaign funds by political parties, both Federal and Provincial, within the Province."

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*January 26th, 1927.*

*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. 21) intituled "An Act respecting certain Defunct Railway Companies," 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. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Have any loans been made under the Land Settlement Board to farmer residents of Salmon Arm Constituency during 1926?

2. What is the total aggregate amount of such loans (if any)?

3. What interest is charged on such loans?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$1,800.

"3. 7½ per cent."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

## Thursday, January 27th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Browne* on January 25th relating to campaign funds, and on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Manson* on January 26th.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Savings and Loan Associations" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Tug-boat Men's Liens for Towage" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics 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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts 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. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Duties of Agents in the Sale of Products of the Soil" Mr. *Twigg* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, the debate on the point of order was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting certain Defunct Railway Companies" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.



Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Nickson Construction Company, Ltd., or the Georgia Construction Company, Ltd., carry out any work on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the last two years?
2. If so, what was the nature of the work?
3. Were tenders called for the work?
4. If not, why not?
5. What was the cost of the work?
6. On what date was the work allotted to them?

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

"1. The Georgia Construction Company, Ltd., has a contract on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

"2. Building a diversion at Bridge 13.7 north of Lillooet.

"3. Yes.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Only 50 to 60 per cent. of the work has been done up to the present time.

"6. Tenders were called for and the contract let by T. Kilpatrick, General Manager, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, to the Georgia Construction Company in May, 1926."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

## Friday, January 28th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented statistics regarding the Oriental population of British Columbia.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the following Bills were severally introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

Whereas, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the "Terms of Union" and under the authority of subsequent legislation, the Province of British Columbia did convey to the Dominion of Canada (in trust, to be appropriated in aid of the construction of the railway mentioned in the said paragraph 11) approximately fourteen and one-half million acres of the public lands of the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the said paragraph 11 of the "Terms of Union" was negotiated and agreed to; and the subsequent legislation hereinbefore referred to was enacted so as to be in accord with and in sequence of the avowed policy of the Government of Canada, which avowed policy was to secure the construction of the railway mentioned in paragraph 11 at the cost of the public lands of Canada, and of such Provincial public lands as were made available for that purpose:

And whereas, in pursuance of the policy hereinbefore mentioned, the Government and Parliament of Canada did by resolution appropriate one hundred million acres of public lands in aid of the construction of the said railway:

And whereas the avowed policy of the Government of Canada (which policy was the basis upon which approximately fourteen and one-half million acres of the public lands of British Columbia were conveyed to the Dominion of Canada) was subsequently abandoned in whole or in part, with the result that British Columbia has not received the equitable consideration to which she has been justly entitled:

And whereas British Columbia has contributed her full quota of land in aid of the construction of the railway mentioned in the "Terms of Union" as if the whole cost of the said railway had been met from public lands and no portion thereof had been met by moneys from the public treasury of Canada:

And whereas approximately \$73,000,000, public moneys of the people of Canada, has been expended in aid of the construction of the railway mentioned in the "Terms of Union":

And whereas one result which has accrued is that the Province of British Columbia, having paid in full by way of land grants, has been compelled to pay a second time as contributing to the payment of the \$73,000,000 hereinbefore mentioned:

And whereas a further result which has followed the completion of the construction of the railway mentioned in the "Terms of Union" has been that the people of the Province of British Columbia have, ever since the completion of the railway, been compelled to pay, for services of the railway, rates greatly in excess of those chargeable by the said railway or by any other railway in any other part of Canada, thus in effect compelling the people of British Columbia to pay a third time for the construction of the said railway:

And whereas no other Province of Canada was required to or did contribute any public lands in aid of the said railway:

And whereas had British Columbia not been required and, in fact, had not contributed any lands in aid of the construction of the railway hereinbefore referred to, she would still have had no advantages over the other Provinces of Canada in respect thereto:

And whereas the lands conveyed by British Columbia in trust to the Dominion of Canada have not been appropriated by Canada for the purposes for which they were conveyed, nor in accord with the said trust:

And whereas the Government of the Province, moved by the reasons (amongst others) hereinbefore recited, has, by a Minute of Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 17th day of February last, requested the Government of the Dominion of Canada to take such steps as were necessary to reconvey to the Province of British Columbia the lands purporting to have been conveyed to the Dominion in sequence of the "Terms of Union":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves of the action already taken by the Government and will support continued vigorous action along constitutional lines for the purpose of securing for the Province of British Columbia just and equitable treatment from the Government of Canada.

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

Mr. Hinchliffe moved, seconded by Mr. M. Manson,—

Whereas, on the 26th day of May, 1926, a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Old-age Pensions" was passed by the House of Commons of Canada:

And whereas the said Bill did not become effective as an Act:

And whereas the Government of Canada has announced its intention of reintroducing the said Bill or of introducing a new Bill respecting old-age pensions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, any Bill that may be introduced or reintroduced in the House of Commons of Canada in respect of old-age pensions should make provision for:—

- (a.) Establishing an old-age pension scheme on a sound economic basis:
- (b.) Operating such scheme with perfect justice as between the Provinces:
- (c.) Minimizing any encouragement to waste, thriftlessness, or dishonesty on the part of potential beneficiaries:
- (d.) The payment of an old-age pension, in certain cases at least, to persons who have not reached the age of 70 years:

(e.) The payment by way of pension, in certain cases at least, of a larger sum or sums than those designated in the said Bill already introduced.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada and the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces of Canada this Resolution and Preamble.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Pooley, seconded by Mr. W. A. McKenzie, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of a complete copy of all, or any, cruises of the Pulp Lease No. X8440 now on the files of the Department.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What sum of money has been collected from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926, from the following sources: (a) "Game Act" fees and licences; (b) "Motor-vehicle Act" fees and licences?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"(a) \$174,890.63; (b) \$824,461.96."

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

1. Is the office of the Game Conservation Board in which Miss Mills actually performs her duties as stenographer situated in the Parliament Buildings? (See answer to question *re* Game Conservation Board, January 18th, 1927.)

2. If not: (a.) Where is such office situated? (b.) Does the Government pay rent for such office? (c.) Does any one else occupy the said office; and, if so, who occupies it?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. (a.) In the office of the Chairman of the Game Conservation Board, M. B. Jackson, K.C., 612 View Street, Victoria. (b.) No. (c.) M. B. Jackson, K.C.

"N.B.—As Chairman of the Game Conservation Board a considerable amount of correspondence is inevitable which necessitates a stenographer, part of whose salary is paid by the Game Branch."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

## Monday, January 31st, 1927.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *G. O. Follis*.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*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,*  
*January 31st, 1927.*

*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. 25) 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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the point of order raised by Mr. *Twiggy* on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Products of the Soil."

Mr. Speaker *Buckham* delivered his reserved decision in the same matter, as follows:—

"*Honourable Members:*

"On the motion for the second reading of Bill No. 2, the third member for the City of Victoria objected to the second reading being proceeded with, alleging that the Bill was one affecting trade and commerce, and should have originated in Committee of the Whole. Rule 58 and Speakers' Decisions at page 164 were quoted in support of the objection.

"*Re* Rule 58, I think the third member for the City of Victoria may have confused the marginal note to Rule 58 with the wording of the rule itself. The rule does not say that a Bill relating to trade and commerce must *originate* in a Committee of the Whole House. The rule says that 'no Bill relating to trade . . . is to be brought into the House until the proposition shall have been first considered in a Committee of the Whole House and agreed unto by the House.'

"A reference to the Votes and Proceedings of this House for January 12th last shows that on that date a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was received by me as Speaker, transmitting the Bill in question and recommending it to the Legislative Assembly.

"Upon the receipt of the Message aforesaid, I proceeded to read the same to the Legislative Assembly, whereupon after hearing the Message the House ordered that the Message and the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith. At this stage of the proceedings I vacated the Speaker's chair and the House went into a Committee of the Whole.

"In the Committee the Bill was considered, and upon my resumption of the Speaker's chair the Chairman of the Committee presented to me the report of the Committee, recommending the introduction of a Bill No. 2 (being the Bill now in question) to the House. I read the report of the Committee to the House, whereupon the House ordered the adoption of the report.

"Honourable members will note that the Bill No. 2 was not before the House at all until after a Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill and recommended its introduction, and not even then until after the House had adopted the report of the Committee.

"Without any reference to the Speakers' Decisions referred to, I find that every possible requirement of Rule 58 has been fully complied with, and I rule that the Bill is properly before the House and may be proceeded with.

"Although I hold that in view of my ruling herein cannot be affected by the Speakers' Decisions referred to, I have traced back the cases cited and find that, in respect to the rulings of Mr. Speaker Eberts and Mr. Speaker Higgins, the Bills referred to had not been introduced by Message and had not been before a Committee of the Whole House before their introduction.

"There is no inconsistency in the decisions referred to and my ruling in the present case."

Mr. *Pooley* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Broune</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>		

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Leary</i>

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on January 13th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Premier or other Minister of the Crown with any person or corporations dealing with any proposal for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, the motion was *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Broune* on January 25th, as follows:—

Whereas it would appear from evidence given at the inquiry into the administration of His Majesty's Customs that \$205,428.75 has been paid by Vancouver liquor organizations, during the years 1923 to 1926, inclusive, to political parties for campaign funds:

And whereas it would appear that these moneys have been paid to secure protection and assurance:

And whereas these statements have been repeated in the public press and by honourable members on the floor of this House:

And whereas the honour of this House and the authority of its legislation is questioned:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

(1.) Whether any moneys have been subscribed to political campaign funds to secure assurance and protection.

(2.) Whether assurance and protection has been promised or given by political parties in consideration of moneys promised or received.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Manson* on January 26th, as follows:—

That all the words in the Resolution proposed by the honourable the member for Burnaby and seconded by the honourable the member for South Vancouver on the 25th day of January, 1927, after the first word "Whereas" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"pursuant to the provisions of Part I. of the 'Inquiries Act,' R.S.C., chapter 104, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, by Order P.C. 1467 of the 28th day of September, 1926, authorized the appointment of Commissioners to make certain investigations, *inter alia*, into the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise:

"And whereas the Hon. James Brown, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Saskatchewan; the Hon. William Henry Wright, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario; and the Hon. Ernest Roy, a Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, have been appointed Commissioners for the purpose of conducting the said investigation:

"And whereas the said Commissioners have held inquiry in the Cities of Victoria and Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia:

"And whereas it would appear that certain evidence was given before the said Commissioners with respect to contributions to campaign funds of political parties by brewers, distillers, and others:

"And whereas it is desirable that a transcript of the evidence taken before the said Commissioners at its sittings in the Cities of Victoria and Vancouver should be made available to this Legislature for its examination and perusal:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a transcript of the said evidence be obtained by the Hon. the Attorney-General and laid on the table of the House.

"And be it further Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Odum*, *Wrinch*, *McPherson*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Neclands*, be appointed to examine the said evidence and to report its findings and to make recommendations, and with power to take evidence under oath.

"And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that legislation should be introduced into the House at this Session dealing with the collection of campaign funds by political parties, both Federal and Provincial, within the Province."

Mr. *Davie* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Davie</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>			

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Oliver</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Odum</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Burrow</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Leary</i>

The debate was resumed.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock.

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

*Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Woodward</i>

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Colley</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Rothwell</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Leary</i>

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

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Colley</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Rothwell</i>			

NAYS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Poolcy</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Woodward</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Leary</i>

The Resolution as amended was carried on the same division.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a copy of the transcript of evidence taken before the Royal Commission relating to Customs and Excise recently sitting in Victoria and Vancouver.

To lie upon the table.

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

1. What is the total amount of revenue received from dog-licence fees for the year 1926?
2. Have any persons been prosecuted for non-payment of fees?
3. If yes, how many? If not, why not?

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

"1. Total collections, \$6,219, which is placed in a special fund, and the balance, after providing for all claims, is subsequently taken into revenue (chapter 47, 1925, section 9).

"2. Yes.

"3. Forty-one."

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

1. What was the amount of income-tax collected for year ended March 31st, 1926?

2. What was amount of personal-property tax collected for year ended March 31st, 1926?

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

"1. \$3,449,290.28.

"2. \$593,918.18."

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

1. What was the total sum of money known as arrears of assessed taxes written off as "uncollectable" for each financial year ended March 31st, 1924 and 1925?

2. What is the amount of arrears of assessed taxes since April 1st, 1926, to January 1st, 1927?

3. How many tax sales has the Government held during each financial year, 1924, 1925, 1926?

4. What was the cost of advertising tax sales in each of the three years?

5. What were the net receipts of such sales during each of these three years?

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

"1. For fiscal year ended March 31st, 1924, \$357,967.63; for fiscal year ended March 31st, 1925, \$693,932.43.

"2. \$851,763.85. This sum is made up of 1926 taxes which became arrears at the end of the calendar year. The previous years' taxes outstanding were added to the rolls prior to April 1st, 1926.

"3. Two in each year—one for lands and one for mineral claims.

"4. 1924: Gazette, \$3,125.40; newspapers, \$10,233.58; total, \$13,358.98. 1925: Gazette, \$4,258; newspapers, \$8,790.68; total, \$13,048.68. 1926: Gazette, \$5,519.10; newspapers, \$10,272.99; total, \$15,792.09.

"5. 1924: Land, \$36,371.28; mineral claims, \$5,424.73; total, \$41,796.01. 1925: Land, \$67,151.52; mineral claims, \$1,902.89; total, \$69,054.41. 1926: Land, \$62,776.64; mineral claims, \$5,812.88; total, \$68,589.52.

"N.B.—The value of a tax sale is not shown by the amount of money received as a result of the sale, but rather from the many payments made by taxpayers immediately prior to the sale in order to keep his property from going to tax sale."

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

1. Does the Government carry as a current asset an item of accounts receivable amounting to \$2,374,889.53 called "arrears assessed taxes"?

2. If so, is this an increase over the amount carried under the same heading as at March 31st, 1925?

3. What percentage of the amount carried as at March 31st, 1925, has been collected?

4. What amount was added under this heading for the twelve months between March 31st, 1925, to March 31st, 1926?

5. What percentage (if any) of the amount carried as at March 31st, 1925, has been written off or been deducted as uncollectable?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes. (The amount in fiscal year ended March 31st, 1925, is given as \$2,305,049.42, an increase of \$69,840.11.)

"3. The total arrears of assessed taxes collected up to December 31st, 1926, applicable to the years 1924 and previous, amount to \$1,227,574.31. If applicable to the sum shown in balance-sheet, March 31st, 1925, the percentage is 53 per cent.

"4. If this relates to arrears for years 1924 and previous, the amount added between March 31st, 1925, to March 31st, 1926, is \$219,906.54; but if it should include the 1925 taxes which



became arrears before March 31st, 1926, and which amount to \$1,161,827.71, the total is \$1,381,734.25.

"5. During the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1926, the amount written off in respect to arrears for fiscal year ended March 31st, 1925, was \$650,172.06. If the percentage relates to the amount shown in balance-sheet for fiscal year March 31st, 1925, the percentage is 28 per cent. If applicable to actual amount outstanding as at March 31st, 1925, the percentage is 16.5 per cent.

"N.B.—Practically all of these arrears of taxes will be collected."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow. And then the House adjourned at 6.45 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 1st, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1928;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1927;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1926, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 1st, 1927.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair."

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

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1926-27, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act."

On the motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Duties of Agents in the Sale of Products of the Soil."

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. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Savings and Loan Associations."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate Union College of British Columbia."

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

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 1st, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to acquire the Assets and Undertakings of the Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, and repealing an Act entitled 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of October, 1912.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. What was the amount of licence fees received under the "Game Act" in 1926?
2. What was the amount received from: (a) Persons resident in rural districts for the \$2.50 licence; (b) persons resident in cities for the \$2.50 licence; (c) persons non-resident in the Province; (d) other licences?

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

"1. Fiscal year 1925-26, \$190,343.57; April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926, \$174,890.63. Figures not determinable as to calendar year.

"2. (a) and (b) 26,821 resident firearm licences were issued in the Province. Information not segregated as to licences issued in rural districts and cities. (c) \$16,286; (d) \$118,157.50."

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

1. What sum of money was expended on roads during the year 1926 on Anarchist Mountain, in the Similkameen Riding?
2. To whom were such moneys paid, with amounts in each case?

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

"1. \$859.75.

"2. Geo. Higginbotham, \$193.50; E. C. Higginbotham, \$153; W. L. Higginbotham, \$14; H. S. Peterson, \$65; Jas. Peterson, \$18.50; C. Q. Peterson, \$15; Jos. LePage, \$55.50; Thos.

Bernett, \$17.50; Jas. Kehoe, \$78.75; Wm. Wilson, \$36.75; C. L. Hammitt, \$42; Jos. Smith, \$29.75; Fred Newman, \$46.75; Geo. Winters, \$41.25; Hugh Gillis, \$7.50; John Turner, \$11.25; F. E. Carvert, \$11.25; J. C. Graham, \$22.50."

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

What sum of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works for engineering-work (other than that done by District Engineers) during each of the financial years 1924, 1925, and 1926?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"\$209,445.53."

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

1. What is the total construction cost, including interest, maintenance, and all developments, such as cultivation, seeding, local drainage, and roads, of the Sumas Drainage and Dyking Scheme up to January 1st, 1927?

2. What is the construction cost?

3. What is the maintenance cost?

4. What is the interest cost?

5. What is the development cost?

6. What amount was spent on development during the calendar year 1926?

7. What amount was spent in cutting willows during the calendar years 1925 and 1926?

8. How many acres were sold by the Land Settlement Board, with names of purchasers, acreage, and purchase price of each lot, up to January 1st, 1927?

9. How many acres have been sold by the Dyking Commissioners, with names of purchasers, acreage, and purchase price of each lot, up to January 1st, 1927?

10. What were the terms upon which land was sold?

11. What have been the total cash payments received from the sale of lands?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. \$4,064,384.15.

"2. \$2,864,661.87.

"3. \$160,955.18.

"4. \$748,038.91.

"5. \$205,260.91.

"6. \$113,971.67.

"7. \$4,914.62.

"8. T. A. Livesley & Co., 600 acres, \$200 per acre; H. N. Ord, 50 acres, \$200 per acre.

"9. Nil.

"10. Option given till drainage was completed, then 15 per cent. cash, balance over fifteen years at 6 per cent. per annum.

"11. \$2,200.

"N.B.—The foregoing information was obtained from the records of the Dyking Commission, which represents the owners of the Sumas Drainage and Dyking District."

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

1. What was the total sum of money due the Treasury by the Land Settlement Board on January 1st, 1927?

2. What amount of interest was paid the Treasury by the Land Settlement Board during the calendar year 1926?

3. What amount of interest was received by the Land Settlement Board during the calendar year 1926?

4. What was the deficit in the Department of the Land Settlement Board on January 1st, 1927?

5. What was the amount of overdue loans on January 1st, 1927?

6. What was the amount of overdue interest on loans on January 1st, 1927?

7. What was the amount of interest overdue on agreements of sale on January 1st, 1927?

8. What was the amount of interest overdue on January 1st, 1927, on loans from the Agricultural Credits Commission?

9. What was the deficit in the Agricultural Credits Commission on January 1st, 1927?

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

- "1. \$5,827,982.22.
- "2. None. *See* 'Land Settlement and Development Act Amendment Act, 1925,' section 2, subsection (2).
- "3. \$45,446.29.
- "4. *Nil*. Land Settlement Board books show a considerable profit for 1926.
- "5. Principal overdue, \$101,011.57.
- "6. Interest overdue, \$92,920.65.
- "7. \$44,591.92 (includes interest on Merville agreements which it is proposed to cancel).
- "8. \$78,124.10.
- "9. Deficit for year 1926, \$7,930.20."

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

- 1. How many acres of the Sumas Reclamation Project under the control of the Land Settlement Board were cultivated and seeded during the seasons of 1924 and 1925, and the cost of the same during each year?
- 2. What were the cash returns for the crop?
- 3. How many acres of the same project under control of the Dyking Commissioners were cultivated and seeded during 1926?
- 4. What have been the cash returns?
- 5. What was the total amount of tax levied by Dyking Commissioners during 1926 against the privately owned lands in this project?
- 6. What amount has been paid?

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

- "1. 1924: Acreage seeded, 4,500 acres; acreage cultivated, 700 acres; cost, \$27,094.55. 1925: Acreage cultivated, 650 acres; fall ploughing, 300 acres; destroying willows, etc.; cost, \$20,400.15.
- "2. 1924: Cash, \$4,626.02; used in operations, \$3,784. 1925: Cash, \$10,200.51; used in operations, \$7,489.
- "3. 5,420 acres.
- "4. Cash and produce still on hand, \$21,100.
- "5. For interest, \$40,448.85; for maintenance, \$28,398.32.
- "6. \$1,264.54.
- "N.B.—The foregoing information was obtained from the records of the Dyking Commission, which represents the owners of the Sumas Drainage and Dyking District."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.48 p.m.