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Tuesday, January 24th, 1928.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Sixteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 15th day of December, 1927,

HIS HONOUR ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to this the Fourth Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of British Columbia. Since you last met the Province has suffered a severe loss in the death of the late Premier, Honourable John Oliver, whose passing was deeply mourned by all our people. His unselfish public service and high personal character will long be an inspiration to the people of this Province.

The year 1927 was an eventful one in the history of Canada as marking the Sixtieth Anniversary of Confederation. British Columbia joined with her sister Provinces in celebrating this occasion, which was happily accompanied by general prosperity throughout the Dominion.

In connection with the Diamond Jubilee, the Dominion was honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and His Royal Highness Prince George. Their Royal Highnesses included British Columbia in their tour and were most loyally received. Their presence served to awaken renewed expressions of attachment of our people to the Throne.

The Province was further honoured by the first official visit of His Excellency The Viscount Willingdon as Governor-General of Canada, who was accompanied by Her Excellency the Viscountess.

The Dominion was also favoured by a visit from the Right Honourable Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and is now further favoured by a visit from the Right Honourable L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. There is no doubt that the effect of the presence of these distinguished visitors will be to consolidate still more firmly the unity of the Empire.

My Premier and my Attorney-General represented the Province at the Dominion-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa last November. The Conference was conducted with entire harmony. There is reason to hope that the result will be an adjustment of the outstanding differences between the Dominion and the Province that will be of general material benefit.

I am pleased to note that throughout the year just closed there has been a continued improvement in business conditions as indicated by greater production in our basic industries, increased bank clearings, and continued activity in the building trade.

I am pleased also to note that the credit of the Province continues to stand high in the money markets of the world.

Since you last met the "Old-age Pensions Act" has been brought into operation with beneficent results.

Upon the request of my Ministers His Excellency the Governor-General in Council was pleased to appoint a Commissioner, the Honourable Mr. Justice William Melville Martin, to inquire into the claim of this Province for the reconveyance by the Government of Canada of the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block. The Commission has completed its investigations and it is anticipated that the Report of the Commissioner will shortly be presented.

A Bill to ratify the amalgamation of the City of Vancouver and the Municipalities of South Vancouver and Point Grey will be placed before you.

Amendments to various Acts will be submitted for your consideration.

The Report of the Special Commissioner appointed to investigate the irrigation problem in the dry belt will be presented to you.

The Reports of the various Departments of my Government, the Public Accounts, and the Estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your consideration.

I leave you in the hope that the work of the Session will inure to the benefit of the people of British Columbia and I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *Charles de V. Schofield*, Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of members to represent the Electoral Districts of North Okanagan, New Westminster, and Nelson was read as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"January 23rd, 1928.

"Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the deaths of the members thereof for the North Okanagan, New Westminster, and Nelson Electoral Districts; and

"Whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused thereby, and for such purpose writs dated May 20th, 1927; August 10th, 1927; and October 3rd, 1927, respectively, were duly issued:

Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received it appears that the electors have chosen the undermentioned as representatives in the Legislative Assembly of the districts aforesaid, namely:—

“NORTH OKANAGAN.....William Farris Kennedy.
 NEW WESTMINSTER.....Arthur Wellesley Gray.
 NELSON.....James Albert McDonald.

“J. L. WHITE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the results of the by-elections in the Electoral Districts of North Okanagan, New Westminster, and Nelson be entered upon the Journals of the House.

William Farris Kennedy, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *Pooley* and Mr. *Jones*, and took his seat.

Arthur Wellesley Gray, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, and took his seat.

James Albert McDonald, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, and took his seat.

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

That this House place on record its deep sorrow and sense of loss in the death of the late Prime Minister, the Honourable John Oliver, who for many years devoted his great gifts to the service of the Province, and whose high personal character won the respect of all who knew him; and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Oliver and members of the bereaved family.

On the motion of Dr. *Wrinch*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Dr. E. J. Rothwell, member for the Electoral District of New Westminster; and that the Clerk convey to Mrs. Rothwell and the family of the late member the condolence and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;
8. On Forestry;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1926.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1927.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Pensions Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1927.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended October 31st, 1927.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Reports of the Oakalla Prison Farm and the Provincial Gaol at Nelson for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Return pursuant to section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of lands exchanged under chapter 14 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1926-27, "Townsite Crown Lands Exchange Act."

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1926.

Financial Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st 1926.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Preliminary Review and Summary of Mining Operations for the Year ended December 31st, 1927.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1927.

The Hon. the Premier made the following statement:—

"MR. SPEAKER,—In accordance with constitutional practice on similar occasions and with the permission of the Crown, it is my duty to acquaint the House with the proceedings which took place consequent upon the lamented death of the Honourable John Oliver on Wednesday, the 17th day of August last.

"Upon the morning of the following day I received His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's command to await upon him. In the course of the interview the Lieutenant-Governor did me the honour to propose that I should undertake the formation of a new administration. I conceived it my duty to accept the responsibility. I ascertained from my colleagues of the Executive Council that they were content to retain their respective portfolios and I advised His Honour to that effect. On the late afternoon of Saturday, the 20th of August, I again attended upon His Honour and was sworn as President of the Executive Council.

"Some months ago the Honourable Mr. Sloan advised me that his physician had urged upon him the exercise of every care and the avoidance of too great labour until such time as his health was completely restored after his severe illness of some months ago, and Mr. Sloan asked to be relieved of the portfolio of Provincial Secretary. In deference to the request of my colleague I recommended to His Honour the acceptance of the resignation of the Honourable Mr. Sloan

as Provincial Secretary and the appointment in his stead of my colleague the Honourable T. D. Pattullo. Mr. Pattullo was sworn as Provincial Secretary on the 30th day of December, 1927."

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 4.10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of the compulsory assessment of certain lands, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Gray* (New Westminster) moved, seconded by Mr. *McDonald* (Nelson),—

That the following humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*—

Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the Year ended December 31st, 1927.

By the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Machinery for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

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 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, January 26th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Findings of the Royal Commission held pursuant to the "Public Inquiries Act" with relation to the administration of the "Government Liquor Act."

Final Report and Interim Report of the Royal Commission under the "Public Inquiries Act" *re* the John A. Gauthier charges.

Report of the Royal Commission under the "Public Inquiries Act" *re* the Frank Carlow charges.

To lie upon the table.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of the compulsory assessment of certain lands, and for other purposes, was received.

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.

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

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

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended September 30th, 1927.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry shall consist of nine members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn, McRae, Leary, Odlum, Kergin, Wallinger, Bruhn, M. Manson, and Lister*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of seven members, as follows: Messrs. *McPherson, Bryan, Munn, Uphill, Stoddart, Lyons, and Walkem*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of fourteen members, as follows: Messrs. *Paterson, Wrinch, Stoddart, Gray, Leary, McPherson, Colley, Woodward, Catherwood, Coventry, Lister, Jones, Bruhn, and Kennedy*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. *Kergin, Leary, Wrinch, McPherson, McDonald, Schofield, Wallinger, and Lister*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of five members, as follows: Messrs. *Harrison, Gray, Hinchliffe, Neelands, and Bryan*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of sixteen members, as follows: Messrs. *I. A. Mackenzie, Kergin, McRae, Munn, Harrison, Woodward, Burde, Leary, McPherson, McDonald, Stoddart, Pooley, Jones, W. A. McKenzie, Walkem, and Twigg*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of thirteen members, as follows: Mr. *Bryan*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Colley, McDonald, Burde, Gray, Paterson, Kennedy, Catherwood, Peck, Hayward, Wallinger, and Neelands*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of ten members, as follows: Messrs. *Perry, I. A. Mackenzie, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Woodward, Odlum, Hinchliffe, Davie, M. Manson, Browne, and Creery.*

With the leave of the House, Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hinchliffe*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for the production of all Reports made by the Honourable Mr. Justice Murphy, Commissioner, appointed to investigate alleged irregularities in connection with the personnel of the Liquor Control Board staff.

Resolution agreed to.

Pursuant to such Order, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return.

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

1. Has the Government given any consideration regarding health insurance?
2. When will such legislation be introduced?
3. If not introduced, will consideration be given towards "a settlers' maternity or medical assistance scheme"?
4. What public representation has been made requesting health insurance?
5. Is the Report of the Royal Commission on Health Insurance available for distribution? If not, could a copy be placed on the table of the House?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Under consideration.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. A small number of requests received from municipal bodies, trades-unions, etc.

"5. No. The report was made some years ago but was not printed."

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

1. Has the Government given any consideration regarding change of the boundaries of the Kamloops and Salmon Arm Electoral Ridings?
2. Has any public request from those ridings been made for change of boundaries of those ridings?

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

"1. No.

"2. No formal request. A change has been suggested."

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 4.05 p.m.

Friday, January 27th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1928.

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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *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 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1928.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *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 'Civil Service Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1928.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *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 provide for the Medical Inspection of Public Schools," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1928.

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. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Public Schools," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* 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 'Noxious Weeds Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 27th, 1928.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," was received.

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.

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

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

1. Has any lease or have any leases of foreshore lands been granted during the last year to J. S. Cowper, of Vancouver?
2. Has any sale of lands of such character been made to the said J. S. Cowper?
3. If yes to either question, what is the description of the property and the consideration therefor obtained by the Government?

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

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

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

1. Have any foreshore leases been granted in the neighbourhood of Point Grey? If so, to whom and on what terms?
2. For what purpose were the said leases granted (if any)?
3. What is the distance of any of the said leases (if any) from the grounds of the University of British Columbia?
4. Have any applications for said foreshore leases been received? If so, from whom?
5. Were any objections lodged against the granting thereof by the Governor and (or) the Senate of the University?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. The following applications were received and leases issued covering foreshore in the vicinity of Point Grey:—

"*The Rotary Institute for Chest Diseases.*—Lease dated January 1st, 1921, covering Block 96A and foreshore, District Lot 140, Group 1, New Westminster District, for ten years for summer camp for children predisposed to tuberculosis, 1¼ miles from University.

"*Dominion Tug and Barge Company, Limited.*—Lease dated February 22nd, 1926, covering Lot 5547, Group 1, New Westminster District, for twenty-one years, booming-ground, 2 miles from University.

"*Burrard Boom Company, Limited.*—Lease dated March 17th, 1926, covering Lot 5548, Group 1, New Westminster District, for twenty-one years, booming-ground, 1½ miles from University.

"*Burrard Boom Company, Limited.*—Lease dated March 17th, 1927, covering Lot 5586, Group 1, New Westminster District, for twenty years, booming-ground, 1¼ miles from University.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. No."

Mr. Colley asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has representation been made to the Federal Government regarding the naming of a mountain peak in the "Premier" group of mountains in honour of the late Premier Oliver?
2. If so, has a satisfactory reply been received?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo, on behalf of the Hon. the Premier, replied as follows:—

"1. The naming of landmarks in British Columbia is in control of British Columbia itself, but the Province co-operates with the Dominion Geographic Board for purposes of co-ordination in nomenclature. It was suggested that one of our mountains should be named after the late Premier Oliver, in which the Geographic Board entirely concurs.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, January 30th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

With the leave of the House, Mr. Burde moved the adjournment of the House upon a question of urgent public importance with reference to the fishing industry of the Province.

After stating some particulars of the matter and that notice of motion would be given in the usual way the motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

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

The Hon. the Premier moved the adjournment of the House out of respect to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, the news of whose death had been referred to by Mr. *Pooley*.

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

1. What is the name of the Stipendiary Magistrate for Port Clements?
2. Have any complaints been received by the Department against this Magistrate? If so, from whom and what were the grounds thereof?
3. Is the said Magistrate also the Coroner of the said district? If yes, were any complaints received against him as Coroner? And what was the nature thereof?

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

“1. Arthur Roy Mallory.

“2. No record of any complaints can be found in Department.

“3. Yes. No record of any complaints can be found in Department.”

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

1. What was the cost to the Workmen's Compensation Board occasioned by the explosions at the Cumberland mines on August 30th, 1922, and February 8th, 1923, respectively?
2. What amounts did the Workmen's Compensation Board pay in the years 1920, 1924, and 1925 to employees and their dependents on account of accidents to employees of the Western Fuel Company, Nanaimo?
3. What amount debited or paid by the Western Fuel Company, Nanaimo, in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Board in the year 1924 was credited to them in the year 1925?

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

“1. 1922, \$97,538.23; 1923, \$186,650.19.

“2. 1920, \$67,994.59; 1924, \$75,949.55; 1925, \$64,450.28.

“3. None.”

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

1. What is the scale of wages and salaries paid to employees of the Liquor Control Board?
2. Is this scale adhered to?
3. What exceptions are made?
4. What is the reason for such exceptions?

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

“1. See Sixth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board, page O 61.

“2. Yes.

“3. None.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.59 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st, 1928.

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.

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

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented two Returns to the questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Twigg*, as follows:—

1. How many persons have been enrolled as Notaries under the provisions of the "Notaries Act" since the 7th day of September, 1927?
2. What are their names and places of business in the Province?
3. Did any of them hold commissions as Notaries before that date? If so, who?

With reference to inquiry conducted before the Honourable Mr. Justice Murphy:—

1. What are the total expenses in connection therewith?
2. What are the details of amounts paid; to who paid; in what amounts and for what services?
3. Are any further payments contemplated save those enumerated above?
4. If so, what are the details thereof; to whom are they to be paid; the amount and on what account?

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1926-27 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. How many parcels of land and of what aggregate acreage, reverted to the Crown through non-payment of taxes, were available for resale as at June 30th last?
2. Is the Land Settlement Board promptly and periodically advised as to such lands, with particulars thereof, as they thus become available for resale and utilization by settlers?
3. Can applicants for land at all times obtain particulars of such lands at the Lands Office, Victoria?

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

"1. Owing to the large number of forfeitures following a period of speculation and indiscriminate subdivision, it is unlikely that returns could be prepared during the present Session of the Legislature.

"2. Lands in this category are not under the administration of the Land Settlement Board, except such parcels as are in land settlement areas and which are generally transferred to the Board.

"3. Yes."

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

1. Have any representations been made to the Department to amend section 101, Rule 9, of the "Mines Regulation Act," providing that all persons working in the mine be searched on the surface for matches before entering the mine?
2. If yes, by whom?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. W. A. Harrison, secretary of B.C. Miners' Association, Fernie, B.C."

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

1. Has one C. Spencer paid any timber royalties to the Department at Williams Lake during the last twelve months?
2. If yes, when and to what amount?
3. If any royalties were paid by him, were any paid in connection with timber used in the building of the bridge at Hanceville over the Chilcotin River?
4. If yes, how much?
5. Did he personally pay these moneys (if any)?
6. If not, how were they paid, if they were paid?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. March, 1927, \$1.87; September, 1927, \$7.50. Both paid by C. Spencer.
- "3. Timber Sale X9561 acquired by C. Spencer in December, 1927, to cover bridge-timbers. Up to the present no returns received.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Answered by No. 2.
- "6. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Is Major W. J. Clarke in the employ of the Department of Lands? If so, what position does he hold and what salary is paid?
2. How long was Major W. J. Clarke employed making a report on lands in the irrigated districts during 1926?
3. What remuneration was paid Major Clarke for making this report?
4. Were any other sums paid out in connection with this report? If so, how much?
5. What recommendations were made to the Government by Major Clarke in dealing with irrigation troubles?
6. What action has been taken by the Minister of Lands in carrying out Major Clarke's recommendations?

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

- "1. No. Major J. W. Clark is in the employ of the Department of Lands. Inspector, Water Rights Branch of Department of Lands; \$250 per month.
- "2. Major Clark was engaged for part time of fifteen months in collecting statistical data relating to irrigation districts.
- "3. His regular salary and actual travelling expenses.
- "4. Yes. For stenographic and clerical assistance, \$1,210.30.
- "5. Major Clark was not instructed to make any recommendations. The information collected by him was tabled during last Session. (*See Journals, 1926-27, page 173.*)
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Has the Government accepted the gift of the "Fairacres" Estate, Burnaby Lake?
2. For what purpose will the property be used?

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

- "1. Under consideration.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

Have any promises or arrangements been made at any time, directly or indirectly, between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Alberta for the completion of the highway from Kamloops along the North Thompson River to connect with the highway now being built by the Government of Alberta from Edmonton to Jasper?

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

"No."

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

1. What were the total number of committals to the Boys' Industrial School at Essondale for the year 1927?
2. What was the average number of inmates during same period?
3. What has been the total cost in connection with this institution by reason of capital expenditures?
4. What was the total cost of maintaining the institution in the year 1927?
5. What is the total number of employees?
6. What was the total amount paid by way of salaries or wages to these employees?

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, on behalf of the Hon. the Attorney-General, replied as follows:—

"The Provincial Industrial School for Boys is under the control of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, not the Hon. the Attorney-General, and figures given are for the fiscal year 1926-27. (See also Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys and Public Accounts for the said fiscal year.)

- " 1. Fifty-six.
- " 2. 131.
- " 3. \$440,568.40.
- " 4. \$78,235.78.
- " 5. Twenty-nine.
- " 6. \$28,200.33."

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

1. Have any soundings been taken for the proposed bridge over the West Arm of the Kootenay Lake?
2. If yes, when did the work start and on what date did it end?
3. What did the soundings disclose?
4. What was the cost thereof?

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

"1 to 4. Survey started January 16th, 1928. Soundings will be taken in conjunction with the survey of the proposed project."

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

1. Were tenders called for the new Printing Department Building in Victoria?
2. If so, in what newspapers did the advertisement appear?
3. How many tenders were received, with names of bidders and amount of each tender?
4. To whom was the contract awarded and the amount of the contract?
5. What were the names of the firms who applied for and were furnished with plans and specifications?
6. Were alternative bids to be submitted—one for excavation and basement and the other alternative without a basement?
7. What was the departmental estimate of cost?
8. What is the total of payments to January 1st instant to the contractor?
9. What allowance of extras (if any) and on what items?
10. Is the work now complete and fully paid for?
11. If not, what balance remains to be paid?
12. On what date was the work supposed to be completed in accordance with the terms of the contract?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. *Victoria Daily Times*, the *Vancouver Sun*, the *Morning Star*, and the *Journal of Commerce*.
- " 3. General contract, using Haddington stone trim with alternative bids for art stone, terra-cotta, and separate bids for basement. Four tenders received: E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.: Haddington Island stone trim, \$118,500; art stone, \$111,000; terra-cotta, \$113,500; basement, no bid. Carter-Halls-Aldinger Co., Ltd.: Haddington Island stone trim, no bid; art stone,

\$112,629; terra-cotta, \$114,629; basement, \$16,614. Hodgson, King & Marble: Haddington Island stone trim, \$124,983; art stone, \$117,768; terra-cotta, \$120,858; basement, \$15,386. Parfitt Bros., Ltd.: Haddington Island stone trim, \$130,575; art stone, \$122,975; terra-cotta, \$126,202; basement, \$19,000.

"Plumbing and heating, with separate bids for basement. Three tenders received: McDowell & Mann, \$15,534; basement, \$161. W. R. Menzies & Co., \$15,726; basement, \$103. Barr & Anderson, Ltd., \$15,834; basement, no bid.

"Electrical work, with separate bids for basement. Four tenders received: Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$10,800; basement, \$300. C. H. E. Williams Co., Ltd., \$11,230; basement, \$240. C. C. Carter, \$11,825; basement, \$260. Hawkins & Hayward, \$14,760; basement, no bid.

"4. General contract, using Haddington Island stone trim, to E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$118,500. Plumbing and heating, McDowell & Mann, \$15,534. Electrical work, Hume & Rumble, \$10,800. These figures do not include basement, which it was decided to omit.

"5. Hume & Rumble, Ltd.; Barr & Anderson, Ltd.; Carter-Halls-Aldinger Co., Ltd.; Luney Bros., Ltd.; Hodgson, King & Marble; C. H. E. Williams Co., Ltd.; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.; W. R. Menzies & Co.; Parfitt Bros.; A. Rodger Contracting Co.; H. J. Langdon; Stapleton & Carter; C. C. Carter; Hawkins & Hayward; McDowell & Mann; T. A. Carver.

"6. See answer to No. 3.

"7. Building, art stone, \$116,160; plumbing and heating, \$15,000; electrical work, \$18,000.

"8. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$92,480; McDowell & Mann, \$9,970.50; Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$8,330. No payments for extras before January 1st instant.

"9. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$4,969.08, extras on general contract, principally concrete foundation-work and for additional concrete bases for special machinery which will be installed at a later date and requested by the King's Printer. This was decided on several months after contract was awarded. These extras paid, January 9th, 1928.

"10. No.

"11. Subject to minor adjustments: E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$26,020; McDowell & Mann, \$5,563.50; Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$2,470.

"12. August 30th, 1927. The delay in completion of the building was due primarily to a strike of sub-trade workers and weather conditions, thus making it impossible for the King's Printer to leave present building to be in readiness for sessional duties."

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

1. Was a new ferry purchased during the past year by the Government for service between Westbank and Kelowna?

2. If so, what was cost of same?

3. Were tenders invited therefor; and, if so, what bids were received and what action taken thereupon?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$45,396.21.

"3. Yes. Hoffar Marine Construction Co. & Beeching, Ltd., \$42,895; Star Shipyard Co., \$47,847.78; Burrard Dry Dock Co., \$52,850; Hayman & Cluness, \$54,816, 120-horse-power Fairbanks engine, and \$57,493, 150-horse-power Union engine. The tender of Hoffar Marine Construction Co. & Beeching, Ltd., was accepted on October 23rd, 1926."

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

1. Did the Government enter into an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the use of the railway bridge across the Fraser at Mission City? If so, on what terms and conditions?

2. What was the cost of converting this railway bridge into a traffic bridge?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes. \$7,500 per annum plus one-third cost of repairs to substructure and superstructure, one-third wages of operator, and one-half taxes, together with any additional expenses necessarily incurred by reason of bridge being used for highway purposes.

"2. \$17,860.37."

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

1. What expenditure has been made on the new bridge crossing the Stave River east of Ruskin?

2. Is this bridge now completed? If not, what further expenditures will be necessary for its completion?

3. What is the width of the bridge?

4. Were tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what tenders were received, what was the amount of each tender, and to whom was the contract awarded?

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

"1. The total expenditure is as follows: Fraser River Co., construction as per plans, \$22,891.83; Fraser River Co., additional due to increased length, etc., \$1,434.92; advertising, \$100; engineering, inspection, etc., including road approaches, \$1,826.25; incidentals, \$16.52.

"2. Yes.

"3. Roadway width on trestle approaches, 16 feet 8 inches; on truss span, 14 feet 8 inches.

"4. Yes. Tenders based on estimated quantities at unit prices. Fraser River Pile Driving Co., Ltd., approximate sum, \$22,950.83; W. Greenlees, \$23,053.80; Pacific Construction Co., Ltd., \$23,980.53; Vancouver Pile Driving & Contracting Co., Ltd., \$25,682.10; Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., \$28,229.50; Nickson Construction Co., Ltd., \$38,719.50; Department's estimate, \$26,372.50. Contract awarded to Fraser River Pile Driving Co., Ltd."

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board ever own any timber at or near Camp Lister? If so, from whom was it purchased and what was the total purchase price?

2. Did the Land Settlement Board build a sawmill in this limit? If so, what was the total cost of mill?

3. Has this timber, or any portion, since been sold? If so, to whom and what was the total price received?

4. If this timber has since been sold, was the mill included or was a separate sale made of mill? If so, what was received for it and to whom it was sold?

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

"1. Yes. Geo. Alexander; \$27,695.31 net.

"2. Yes; \$19,440.

"3. Yes. Putnam, Palmer & Staples; \$2.15 per 1,000, estimated 8,000,000 feet, \$17,000.

"4. Mill included in purchase price.

"NOTE.—1,177 acres of land remaining unsold. Estimated value, \$20,000."

Mr. *Twigg* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Has the attention of the Minister been directed to the statement attributed to Dr. Motherwell, of the Federal Fisheries Department, within recent weeks, to the effect that reclamation operations of this Government, through its Land Settlement Board, have had a seriously detrimental effect on the supply of sockeye salmon?

2. If yes, what action has been taken or is contemplated in connection therewith?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was a contract awarded to the Vancouver Pile Driving Company for erection of a bridge across Nicomen Slough?

2. Were tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what bids were received and what action was taken thereupon?

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

"1 and 2. See page 108 of the Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1926-27."

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

1. Were tenders invited for the erection of new buildings incident to the Tranquille Sanatorium?
2. If so, were separate tenders called for, for laundry, Superintendent's house, staff residence, and Sanatorium, or was a lump-sum tender called on all buildings?
3. How many tenders were received, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?
4. To whom was the contract awarded?
5. On what date did specifications state work was to commence, and on what date was work to be completed?
6. What was the Department's estimate of the cost of each building?
7. What amount of money has been paid contractors to date in connection with each contract?
8. Have any extras been allowed? If so, what amount on each building?
9. On what items were such extras allowed?
10. When will the work be completed and the buildings ready for occupancy?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Lump-sum tender called for the erection and completion of a 100-bed hospital, staff residence, Medical Superintendent's residence, and addition to laundry; also separate tender for electrical installation to these buildings.

"3. Construction, four tenders: E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., \$285,945; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., \$287,088; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$289,671; A. C. McDougall & Sons, Ltd., \$289,000. Electrical work, five tenders: Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$37,500; C. C. Carter, \$38,000; C. H. E. Williams Co., Ltd., \$39,089.36; The Chilliwack Electric Co., Ltd., \$45,306; Sidney Darnbrough, Ltd., \$54,870.

"4. Construction, E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.; electrical work, Hume & Rumble, Ltd.

"5. Work to be commenced forthwith on the execution of contracts; to be completed August 1st, 1928.

"6. Construction, \$261,811.71; electrical work, \$45,540.

"7. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$52,610.75; Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$6,970.

"8 and 9. No.

"10. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Did the Government during the past year equip a demonstration train for effective display of British Columbia agricultural and orchard products, more particularly at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto?
2. Was a vote passed during the consideration last Session of the Estimates for such purpose, on explanation thereof by the Minister?
3. In whose charge was this train during its exhibition at Toronto?
4. What publicity services were maintained in connection therewith?
5. Were any other centres of population visited, with what results, if determinable?
6. What have been the costs of this publicity medium?

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

"1. Yes. For the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto.

"2. Yes.

"3. C. Lemax and P. H. Moore.

"4. Press reports; press interviews; addresses at banquets and public gatherings; distribution of suitable literature.

"5. No.

"6. \$12,256.27."

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

What is the total amount of revenue received from the turnover-tax up to January 1st, 1928?

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

"Total amount of gross-income tax collected up to January 1st, 1928, \$353,586.11."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to erect a highway bridge across the Fraser River at or near Quesnel?
2. Have any surveys been made to locate a site for said bridge?
3. What has been the cost of such surveys to date?
4. Have tenders been called for the construction of this bridge?
5. If yes, who or what firms tendered and what was the amount of each tender?
6. Has a contract been awarded; and, if so, to whom and at what price?
7. Did contracts contain any provision for the prohibition or regulation of subletting?
8. When is construction to be commenced?

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

"1 and 2. Yes.

"3. \$982.47.

"4. No.

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

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

1. Is it intended during the coming year to make a diversion of the line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through the town of Lillooet?
2. If yes, what is the estimated cost of such diversion?

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

"1. It will depend on the report of the engineer who is now locating the proposed diversion.

"2. Answered above."

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

1. Did the Department use a steam-shovel in the improvements to the Malahat Drive during the year 1927? Who is it owned by?
2. If said shovel was not the property of the Government, what did the Government pay for the use thereof per day?
3. How long per day was it used?
4. Has any money been expended on repair of the said shovel? If so, how much and when?
5. What was the date on which the shovel was first used?
6. Was any money expended on the shovel for repairs prior to the date of its first usage on the Malahat?
7. Did the Government pay the wages of the driver and helper on the said shovel? If so, how much?
8. Did the Government pay for the fuel used in operating the said shovel? If so, how much?
9. What was the total amount expended on the use of the said shovel, including repairs, wages, fuel, and supplies?
10. What is the cost of a new shovel of this size and make?
11. What was the average yardage moved by this shovel per day?

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

"1. Yes. Luney Bros., Ltd., Victoria.

"2. \$10 per day, inclusive of maintenance. This shovel has been rented to private parties for as high as \$50 per day.

"3. Eight hours.

"4. Yes. Replacements and repairs, \$133.82. First expenditure, \$20.94, June 20th, 1927.

"5. June 6th, 1927.

"6. See answer to question No. 4.

"7. Yes. Engineer's wages, \$9.16½ per day; fireman's wages, \$5.65 per day.

"8. Yes; \$665.05.

"9. \$4,985.87.

"10. Cost of this shovel, \$18,000. It would not have been economical for the Department to have purchased shovel especially for this work.

"11. 150 cubic yards per day at a cost of approximately \$1.50 per cubic yard. The unit price of 1912 contract on Malahat for similar excavation was \$2.50 per cubic yard."

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

1. Has the Department built a bridge across the Chilcotin River at Hanceville during the past year?
2. If yes, what was the cost thereof?
3. Was the work done by contract or day-work?
4. If yes, who tendered, what were their bids, and who got the contract?
5. Who supplied the sawed timber for this bridge?
6. What was the contract or agreed price per thousand feet thereof?
7. What was the quantity of timber: (a) Contracted for; (b) supplied?
8. What was the final price per thousand feet paid by the Department for said timber?

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

- "1. No. Material being procured for the new bridge.
 "2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.
 "5. C. Spencer, of Chilco Ranch.
 "6. A quotation was submitted to District Engineer and accepted of \$40 per thousand feet B.M.
 "7. (a) 105,000 feet B.M. approximately; (b) not yet supplied; in course of delivery.
 "8. \$42, on recommendation of District Engineer that timber was considerably cheaper than could be obtained elsewhere and to include stumpage and royalty omitted in original quotation."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1st, 1928.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling relating to the procedure governing the asking of questions:—

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS,—I would call the attention of honourable members to the necessity of submitting all proposed questions at the Clerk's table for perusal and approval by your Speaker. It is a violation of the privileges of this House that copies of proposed questions should be handed to the press in advance of their approval by me. Proposed questions may not have my approval and may therefore never appear upon the notice paper. Several questions have been sent to the Clerk's table which are obviously in violation of the rules. These have been withheld from the notice paper. Honourable members will find the practice with regard to questions fully dealt with in our Rules and in the 13th Edition of *May*, pages 238 *et seq.*

"I am sure that I have only to call the matter to the attention of honourable members to bring about compliance with our Rules."

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

1. What was the total cost of maintaining the Grazing Commissioner's Department for the years 1925, 1926, up to the end of December, 1927?
2. What was the total revenue received from grazing fees during the said periods?

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

"1. Headquarters and field administration, \$39,771; wild-horse extermination, \$7,881.15; range improvements, \$14,134.23.

"2. \$42,972.63."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.