

Wednesday, March 1st, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 1st, 1950.

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. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province," 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. *Johnson* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to co-operate with the Government of Canada and other Public Authorities in the Provision of Housing," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 1st, 1950.

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 to co-operate with the Government of Canada and other Public Authorities in the Provision of Housing," 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.

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 1st, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That, while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria City Act, 1922,'" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees and in respect to advertising and proof of advertising, the Committee, upon hearing representations from the Mayor and solicitor of the petitioner, nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.
By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. *McDonell*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Bennett*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay Incorporation Act, 1903.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Finnerty*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to incorporate the B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gould*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate The Certified Public Accountants’ Association of British Columbia.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gould*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906.’”

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Victoria City Act, 1922.’”

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

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

1. Was a mercury production plant established at Pinchi Lake by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company?
2. How many men were employed when the plant was in operation?
3. Is it now operating and, if not, why not?
4. What was, or is, the estimated annual productive capacity of the Pinchi Lake plant?
5. Does Canada produce its full requirement of mercury?
6. What is (a) the estimated cost of mercury production per unit and (b) the present cost of imported mineral?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 130 to 490.

“3. No; not economic. The plant operated under war conditions when mercury was selling at \$175 to \$197 per flask and was closed down in 1944 when demands eased and the price dropped to about \$105 per flask. The company had large stocks of unsold mercury when the plant was closed down.

“4. Rated capacity of plant, 1,000 tons of ore per day.

“5. No; no production since 1944.

“6. (a) Present estimated cost of producing mercury at Pinchi Lake, making allowance for increased cost of labour but not for increased cost of supplies since 1944 and not including depreciation, depletion, development, and taxes, \$108 per flask; (b) \$71 to \$73 per flask.”

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

1. Does the Aluminum Company of Canada make progress reports to the Government on the results of its investigations into the feasibility of establishing an industry in British Columbia?
2. If so, will the information be made available to the Legislature?
3. How long is it anticipated to be before the company will decide upon whether to establish in the Province or not?

On request of the Hon. the Premier, the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. No information.”

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

What action, if any, has been taken in the district known as Port Edward to have conditions conform to the requirements of section 61 of the "Town Planning Act"?

On request of the Hon. the Premier, the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* replied as follows:—

"The surveyor's plan of the subdivision at Port Edward is being checked in the Department. This survey is in accordance with recommendations of the Regional Planning Division. Prior to the offering of this property for sale it is proposed to recommend controls in accordance with section 61 of the 'Town Planning Act.'"

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

1. Has the Wasa Lake Bridge over the Kootenay River in the Cranbrook riding been condemned by the Department of Public Works?

2. If so, when was it condemned?

3. Is it the intention of the Department to replace the bridge?

4. If so, when?

5. Has the Department of Public Works made any arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the public to use the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's railroad bridge?

6. If so, does the Canadian Pacific Railway Company charge for this service?

7. If yes, what is the yearly cost?

8. What is the total amount, if any, paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to date for use of this bridge?

9. Are the watchmen stationed at the bridge employees of the Department of Public Works?

10. If so, at what yearly cost?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. August, 1946.

"3. Not at present.

"4. See No. 3.

"5. Yes.

"6. Yes.

"7. \$5,000 per annum.

"8. \$11,922.50.

"9. Yes.

"10. \$6,700."

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

1. What control, if any, is exercised by (a) any Governmental authority or (b) any recognized responsible body over the scale of fees charged by members of the legal profession?

2. If the latter, is the scale submitted to the Minister for his approval or information?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

"1. The fees chargeable by members of the legal profession are governed by a tariff authorized by section 4, subsection (7), of the 'Rules of Court Act' and are altered or amended from time to time by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

"2. Yes; for his information."

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

1. Is a detailed annual report of all cases tried by local Magistrates or Justices of the Peace made to the Attorney-General's Department, inclusive of those under criminal and civil laws?

2. Are local records of Court cases available for inspection by (a) the public or (b) Legislative members?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

"1. No; all Magistrates and Justices of the Peace are, however, required to submit a quarterly return to the Attorney-General's Department of all convictions made by them during the quarter.

"2. The public, including Legislative members, can inspect the records of any Court case in the Court Registry concerned, or in the office of the Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, on payment of the usual search fees."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Was the licence of the Home Assurance Company of Canada renewed in 1948 and, if so, when did it expire?

2. Did the Insurance Department have any knowledge of financial weakness in the company and, if so, when?

3. What action, if any, has been taken by the Insurance Department or the Attorney-General's office to protect the approximately 6,000 policyholders within the Province?

4. If any refund will be made to policyholders, what is the estimate as to the amount?

5. Is the Insurance Department taking any action to try to retrieve returns for British Columbia policyholders through the medium of the call on the shareholders now being carried out by the receiver in Calgary?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; on March 1st and revoked on July 13th, 1948.

"2. Department learned of the above company's financial difficulties upon receiving Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company's report, which report was received on June 21st, 1948, from the Superintendent of Insurance for the Province of Alberta.

"3. On receipt of the report, a meeting of the Superintendents of the various Provinces interested was convened at the City of Edmonton and, as a result thereof, the officials of the company agreed that A. G. Burton, Esq., take over the assets and liabilities of the company until an Order in Council was passed by the Executive Members of the Government of the Province of Alberta. On July 12th, 1948, an Order in Council was passed cancelling the licence of the company and, pursuant to section 164 of the 'Insurance Act,' the Honourable Provincial Secretary of the said Province appointed the aforesaid Burton as provisional liquidator. Subsequently a liquidator was appointed by the Courts of Alberta to administer the affairs of the company, including a deposit in securities lodged with the Alberta Government, having a face value of \$294,000, and a further deposit of \$50,000 lodged with the Province of Quebec.

"4. Impossible to estimate the amount of any refund at this date; the Alberta Courts have held that the company's liability exists under its outstanding contracts until the expiry of same, some of which, such as fire policies, do not expire until 1951; liquidator also advises an appeal is to be taken by the contributors to the Supreme Court of Canada.

"5. The Supreme Court of Alberta held that the shareholders were liable as contributories in the amount paid on their shares in the sum of \$85 per share, which judgment was upheld by the Court of Appeal; advice has been received that an appeal will be taken in the Supreme Court of Canada by the contributories."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

Thursday, March 2nd, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. Penfold*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply. The debate continued.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1950.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 1st, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Fees 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coloured Gasoline Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax 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. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation 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. *Anscomb* presented the Eleventh Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

Whereas rent control has been exercised by Federal authority during war years and since the cessation of hostilities:

And whereas said control is reported as being relinquished:

And whereas tenants reasonably expect to have legislative protection from extortionate rents:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion the Government should give serious consideration to the introduction of legislation at this Session enabling a Provincial Government authority to exercise control over rental rates in the Province.

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

What wild-life sanctuaries are there in the Province under either Dominion or Provincial control?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

"Provincial game reserves, 25, and Dominion game reserves, 4. We are in correspondence at the present time with the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests relative to declaring a number of small Provincial parks as game reserves and no doubt appropriate action will be taken in this regard in the not too distant future. In addition, under the game regulations, provision is made for the setting aside each year of a number of prohibited hunting areas, totalling in all twenty-eight areas, in the Province in which various species of game and game birds are provided with complete protection."

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

1. How many registered trap-lines are in British Columbia?
2. How many are held by Indians?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

"1. Number of registered trap-lines, 4,248.

"2. Number of registered trap-lines, 2,389. A summary of the trap-line registrations is made up as follows: Number of white trappers, 1,859; number of Indian trappers, 1,279; number of Indians (enfranchised), 7; number of Indians in company or group registration, 1,103."

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.

Friday, March 3rd, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Haven Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coloured Gasoline Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Fees Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) presented the Fourth Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) (Fifty-third Annual Report of Public Health Services) for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Did the Department of Lands and Forests maintain a fire-prevention crew at White Swan Lake in the Columbia riding during 1949?
2. If so, (a) how many men were in the crew, (b) what was the total cost, and (c) what was the cost of board and lodging per man per day?
3. Were any supplies transported in by pack-horse to the fire-prevention crew at White Swan Lake?
4. If so, (a) by whom, (b) what was the total weight of goods, and (c) what was the total cost?
5. Was aeroplane service supplied to the fire-prevention crew at White Swan Lake in the year 1949?
6. If so, (a) by whom, (b) how many trips were made, and (c) from where?
7. Were any supplies taken to the above fire-prevention crew by air transport?
8. If so, (a) what was the total weight of goods transported and (b) what was the total cost for this service?
9. Were any visitors, apart from forestry personnel, taken into the White Swan Lake area by air?
10. If so, (a) for what purpose, (b) did the Department of Lands and Forests supply in whole or in part gratis transportation, food, or lodging to these visitors, and (c) to what extent?
11. What was the net value of work done by the fire-prevention crew at White Swan Lake in the way of trails, cabins, etc., during 1949?

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

"1. No; the Forest Service does not maintain any organization described as a fire-prevention crew; it does maintain fire-suppression crews during the fire season. There was no fire-suppression crew at or near White Swan Lake in 1949.

"2. See answer to No. 1.

"3. See answer to No. 1.

"4. See answer to No. 1.

"5. See answer to No. 1.

"6. See answer to No. 1.

"7. See answer to No. 1.

"8. See answer to No. 1.

"9. Yes.

"10. (a) An Inspector of the Game Department on Departmental duties, a crew of Dominion Government Science Service Branch of Entomology for entomological surveys in co-operation with the Forest Service, and three persons as guests of the pilot of chartered aeroplane; (b) transportation only for Game Department and Dominion Science Service; and (c) see answer to (b).

"11. See answer to 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 5.10 p.m.

Monday, March 6th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. D. Kendell.

Mr. H. E. Winch rose to a point of privilege and moved as follows:—

This Legislature and the Select Standing Committees appointed by the same, in order to best fulfil their respective responsibilities, will always welcome opportunities to receive pertinent information and constructive advice on matters of importance to the welfare of the people and the well-being of the Provincial economy.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowman, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Straith presented the Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Upon what general basis does the Department estimate the probable cost of proposed new school buildings prior to pledging half the cost?

2. What are the present estimated costs of construction per cubic foot for a two-story structure with concrete foundation, frame superstructure finished with plaster and stucco for (a) gymnasium, (b) lockers and stage, (c) administration offices, (d) lobby, (e) shops, (f) classrooms, (g) boys' lockers, and (h) basement respectively or, alternatively, (i) an over-all average cost per cubic foot?

3. What were the costs per cubic foot of schools recently erected at (a) Chilliwack, (b) Campbell River, or (c) some other comparable type of building?

4. Who is responsible for cost of equipment?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:—

"1. On a cubic-foot basis; the first estimate is provided by the architect employed by the Board of School Trustees; this Department checks the estimated cost, taking into account actual costs of similar buildings in comparable locations; local conditions, such as availability of local labour and materials, particular wage conditions, the possibility of competitive bidding, are checked; the cubic-foot cost if affected by the type of construction, classification of school (high or elementary), special facilities, etc.

"2. The over-all average cost per cubic foot ranges from 40 to 50 cents, depending on locality, type of school (high or elementary), availability of local labour and materials, possibility of competitive tenders, and other factors.

"3. (a) 42.7 cents and (b) 41 cents.

"4. The Board of School Trustees and the Department of Education each pay 50 per cent. of the cost of new essential equipment."

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has the Equalization Assessment Board held any hearings throughout the Province?

2. If yes, have any been held in the Cranbrook riding and where?

3. What recommendations, if any, were handed down?

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

“The above questions should have been asked of the Department of Education, the answers being as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes; recently in School District No. 3 (Kimberley).

“3. The Assessment Equalization Board has found the assessments to be reasonably fair and equitable throughout School District No. 3 and does not propose to make any recommendation at this time.”

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

1. Is a new unit in process of construction at Oakalla?

2. If yes, what number of inmates is it designed to accommodate?

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. One hundred and four.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Introduction of Bills.”

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.’”

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

C. A. BANKS,
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,
March 6th, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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. *Wismer* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'King's Counsel 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. *Wismer* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation 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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"
Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act.'"
Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to co-operate with the Government of Canada and other Public Authorities in the Provision of Housing" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

The Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—

The Annual Report of the Provincial Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

This House authorizes the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to the House.

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

1. What was the total cost of registration of voters for the Provincial election held June 15th, 1949?
2. What was the cost per registration?

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) replied as follows:—

"1. 'Provincial Elections Act': 1947-48, \$224,981.18; 1948-49, \$302,624.93; 1949-50 (April 1st to end of registration period, approximately May 2nd, 1949), \$155,233.89; total, \$682,840. Number registered, 649,019.

"2. Approximate cost, \$1 per registration."

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

1. In what public schools are special sight-saving classes operating?
2. (a) Are teachers for the above classes specially trained and (b) is there an adequate supply of large-type text-books?

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

"1. Kitsilano, Alexandra, and Tennyson Schools, Vancouver.

"2. (a) Yes; and (b) no; as many as possible are used, but they are difficult to obtain and very expensive to produce."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Will the Minister furnish such information as is available relative to the location and number of children enrolled in (a) kindergarten and (b) play-schools respectively?

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

"(a) There are 983 pupils enrolled in kindergarten classes throughout the Province, as follows: District No. 39 (Vancouver), 248; District No. 49 (Ocean Falls), 94; District No. 61 (Greater Victoria), 508; District No. 66 (Lake Cowichan), 86; District No. 71 (Courtenay), 47; in addition, there are 25 children enrolled in regular classes but doing kindergarten work. (b) This Department does not operate play-schools."

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

1. What was the total expenditure for both elementary and high schools in the Peace River constituency by your Department for the year 1949?
2. What was the total expenditure by your Department for elementary and high schools for the entire Province for the year 1949?
3. What was the total expenditure by your Department for elementary and high schools in the Peace River constituency for the year 1949 covering (a) construction of new schools and (b) administration?

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

"1. \$494,599.30.

"2. Buildings, \$4,158,511.

"3. (a) \$269,766.54 and (b) \$224,832.76."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. McPherson*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act.'"

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Haven Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.39 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Hills*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare file a Return of (a) all correspondence between the Minister and Dr. Hershey relative to complaints or doubts by either regarding administration and (or) policy appertaining in the operation of hospital insurance in the Province, (b) all correspondence between the Minister and Dr. Hershey relative to matters leading up to the resignation of Dr. Hershey, and (c) all reports on administration and policy received under directives of the Minister and (or) Dr. Hershey.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) submitted a Return pursuant to the above Resolution.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*, it was Resolved,—

That the Provincial Secretary file a Return of the candidates' declared expenses in each constituency and parties' central offices declared expenses in the June 15th, 1949, Provincial election.

The Hon. Mr. *Sraith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) submitted a Return pursuant to the above Resolution.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coloured Gasoline Tax Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Fees Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 8th, 1950.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is W. F. Kennedy a sole commissioner in charge of liquor control in British Columbia or is he chairman of a Liquor Control Board?
2. If chairman, who are the other members of the Board?
3. If there are no other members, is W. F. Kennedy solely responsible for decisions on policy of the Liquor Control Board and recommendations to the Executive Council?
4. If he is not solely responsible, (a) is there an advisory group, (b) who are they, and (c) what positions do they occupy?
5. Does the Minister of Finance exercise any control over (a) Liquor Control Board policy, (b) purchases, and (c) expenditures?
6. If so, to what degree and through whom, holding what positions?

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

- "1. W. F. Kennedy is chairman of the Liquor Control Board.
- "2. No other members.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. See No. 3.
- "5. No.
- "6. See No. 5."

Mr. *Hendricks* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Did the Government reimburse the farmers of the dyked lands of the Kootenay Flats at Creston for the costs of fighting floods in 1948?
2. If so, how much was paid and to whom?
3. Did the Government reimburse the farmers of the dyked lands of the Kootenay Flats at Creston or otherwise provide funds for the reconstruction of the dykes and other works of the said lands damaged by the floods of 1948?
4. If so, how much was paid and to whom?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$47,234.33, as follows: East Creston Irrigation District, \$702.40; Creston Dyking District, \$31,897.33; Reclamation Dyking District, \$7,276.71; and Nicks Island Dyking District, \$7,357.89.

“3. Yes.

“4. \$396,763.14, as follows: Creston Dyking District, \$199,196.24; Reclamation Dyking District, \$138,513.14; Nicks Island Dyking District, \$59,053.76.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Does the Liquor Control Board supply a monthly statement of licensed hotel beer sales to the British Columbia Hotelmen's Association?
2. If so, for what reason is this information given?
3. Do licensed hotels pay to the British Columbia Hotelmen's Association monthly 10 cents per barrel of beer sold and 2 cents per case of beer sold upon an assessment levied as a result of sales information supplied the association by the Liquor Control Board?
4. If so, for what purpose is this money collected?

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

“1. Yes; at the request of those licensees who are members of the British Columbia Hotelmen's Association a monthly statement of purchases is supplied their association (licensees not members of the association are not included).

“2. When information requested, the Liquor Control Board was advised statement to be used in arranging fees for the members.

“3. No knowledge.

“4. No knowledge.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Have licensed hotels been classified according to categories A, B, C, or D?
2. If so, have licensed hotels in low categories been notified as to what improvements are necessary in order to raise their classification?
3. If not, why not?
4. Does the holder of a beer licence in a low category pay more for beer than one in a higher?
5. If so, why, and what amounts are charged in each category?

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

“1. No; matter under consideration.

“2, 3, 4, and 5. See No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Friday, March 10th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. Penfold*.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* made the following statement:—

One hundred years ago to-morrow, on March 11th, 1850, Richard Blanshard read the Royal Commission appointing him Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Vancouver and its dependencies. By this act Blanshard became the first Governor of the first British colony to be established in British territory west of the Great Lakes.

The ceremony of investiture took place outside the stockade of old Fort Victoria before a mere handful of people, but all that could be mustered. Due regard to formality was observed even in the rude surroundings. Were Blanshard to return to-day, doubtless he would be astounded by much that he would see—at least the snow would be reminiscent of the ceremony 100 years ago. Let us hope that he would find much to commend in what he would now see, for it has been upon the foundations that he laid that we have built the institutions of government of our great Province. He was responsible for the institution of a system of judiciary and, as a last gesture before returning to England in September, 1851—a disillusioned young man—he called into being the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island, thus instituting the legislative branch of government.

Blanshard's career in the colony was short, for he remained here only seventeen months. He has been overshadowed by the gigantic figure of James Douglas. It is easy to belittle the significance of his work. However, the fact remains that with his coming the rule of the fur-trader gave way to the rule of the Crown. He laid the constitutional foundation of our Province. Our pride to-day in accomplishments should be tempered with gratitude to those who pioneered.

To commemorate this historic event, the Government has felt that it was most important to impress upon the minds of the children in our schools the significance of the ceremony which took place 100 years ago.

The radio branch of the Department of Education has arranged a broadcast which will dramatize the events of March 11th, 1850, and this radio programme will reach all schools which have radio sets. In addition, a pamphlet has been prepared to be distributed amongst the children of the secondary schools of the Province. A copy of this pamphlet is on each member's desk this afternoon.

The secondary schools of the Province have also been requested to allocate a reasonable time this afternoon so that the children might participate in a commemorative programme appropriate to the occasion.

In order that honour might be done to the memory of Richard Blanshard, who was the centre of the ceremonies in 1850, I have personally requested Mr. W. A. McAdam, the Agent-General for British Columbia, to place a wreath upon the grave of the late Richard Blanshard at the churchyard at Lymington, Hampshire. Mr. McAdam will perform this ceremony to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act authorizing The Corporation of the City of Kamloops to convey certain Lands to the Crown."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*)—Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tuberculosis Institutions Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Lands and Forests Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act relating to certain School Debts of the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver and to validate an Agreement respecting Same."

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

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 10th, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders your Committee is required to report to the House on or before the 13th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee finds that it will be impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be modified and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to the 20th instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What has been the cost of the Equalization Assessment Board since its establishment?
2. In what districts have hearings been held?
3. When does the Minister anticipate the Board will have concluded a survey of the Province?
4. In the districts already surveyed or in which hearings have been held, what success has been achieved in assessment equalization?

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

“1. \$27,879.44.

“2. Pitt Meadows and Alberni, both dismissed; Fraser Canyon (Hope), withdrawn; Kimberley, adjourned; Trail, postponed, local Assessors to make adjustments. In the following districts adjustments in the assessed values in the several parts of the school district were ordered: Salmon Arm, North Oyster (Ladysmith), Coquitlam, Cowichan, Mission, and Saanich. Chilliwack inquiry now proceeding.

“3. Investigations are held only when complaints are made in accordance with section 15 of the ‘Public Schools Act’; complaints are still being received.

“4. See answer to No. 2.”

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 5.48 p.m.

Monday, March 13th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Moir A. F. Waters*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,815,882.42 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1951.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1951.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act authorizing The Corporation of the City of Kamloops to convey certain Lands to the Crown."

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act relating to certain School Debts of the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver and to validate an Agreement respecting Same."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Lands and Forests Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tuberculosis Institutions Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler Inspection Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has an estimate been made of the cost of (a) issuing a Hansard report or (b) a partial broadcast of Sessional debates?
2. If yes, what is the respective cost?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. What employers, if any, have approved medical schemes under the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?
2. Are employees of the aforementioned firms required to accept such coverage as a condition of employment?

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

"1. British Columbia Telephone Company (Chilliwack Telephones, Limited, and Kootenay Telephone Company, Limited); Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, Canadian Pacific Express, Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, British Columbia Coast Steamship Service, Vancouver Hotel Company, Limited, Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Limited, Island Freight Service, Limited, Knowler & Macauley, Limited, Chipman Chemicals, Limited, The Pullman Company, Canada Colonization Association, and Dench of Canada, Limited); Powell River Company, Limited; and British Yukon Navigation and Railway Company.

"2. Medical-aid plans are created by agreement between employers and employees' organizations and, when approved by the Workmen's Compensation Board, become applicable to all workmen of the employer; such plans may be abrogated at any time by the employer or the employees' organization."

Mr. Turner asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many persons liable for hospital insurance premiums have, during the first year of its operation, (a) failed and (b) refused to pay?
2. In how many instances was Court action used to secure payment?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Pearson) replied as follows:—

"1. (a) 61,731 family group registrations were in arrears at December 16th, 1949, involving 123,462 persons, and (b) approximately 50 persons. Supplementary information: This office has a record of only a very few persons who have wilfully refused to pay; in this regard it is estimated that from time to time approximately 50 persons have advised the central office of their refusal to pay.

"2. Ninety-three registrants. Supplementary information: Prosecutions have only been conducted in the regional areas of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, and Chilliwack; in this regard 797 personal calls were made upon delinquent registrants in these areas; these calls resulted in 93 registrants being brought before a Summary Court for the non-payment of their hospital insurance premiums."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *George Biddle*.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 13th instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—On the point of order raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition concerning the procedure governing Bills in Committee, he took exception to the omission of the preamble in submitting the various clauses to be voted upon.

In fairness to the chairman of the Committee, I must explain that the question has been raised as to what constituted a preamble. Some are of the opinion that the enacting clause is not, in fact, a preamble, and as such should not be submitted to the vote of the Committee.

However, as there seems to be some conflict of opinion on this matter, my opinion is that we should conform to the practice followed for many years in this House by voting on the enacting clause in Bills presented to the Committee for its consideration, and I so rule.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act,'" as passed on the 13th instant, be discharged.

Bill recommitted, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Administration, to 31st March, 1951.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,615 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1951.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Office, to 31st March, 1951.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Credit Unions Act," to 31st March, 1951.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1951.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1951.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1951.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1951.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1951.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1951.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1951.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1951.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$502,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Nelson Gaol, to 31st March, 1951.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$636,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1951.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1951.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prince George Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1951.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Wednesday, March 15th, and all following days of the Session there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* presented the Final Report on the Activities of the Fraser Valley Dyking Board from its inception on July 22nd, 1948, to March 1st, 1950.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. How many Government employees, including members of Commissions and their employees, are there over the normal retirement ages (that is, 65 years for men and 60 years for women)?

2. (a) What are their names, (b) what positions do they hold, and (c) what remuneration does each receive, including the cost-of-living bonus, etc.?

3. If question No. 1 indicates action contrary to the British Columbia "Civil Service Act," what action is proposed and when will it be implemented?

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) replied as follows:—

"1. Twenty-eight former Civil Servants, sixteen former non-Civil Servants, and nine former non-Provincial Government employees.

"2. Return filed in answer to (a), (b), and (c).

"3. Where applicable, services being rendered are purely temporary in order to cover existing emergencies, on the assurance of the Minister concerned that they are giving some service which cannot immediately be otherwise filled in a satisfactory manner. Steps are constantly being taken to terminate such services upon the passing of these emergency conditions."

And presented a Return in answer to question No. 2.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Did the Provincial Government collect any sales tax from transference of the ownership of the David Spencer stores to the T. Eaton Company and, if so, what was the amount and what did it cover?

2. Has the Government or those responsible for the collection of sales tax exempted any incorporated companies from payment of sales tax on certain purchases?

3. If so, what are the names of the companies, what purchases were exempted, and why?

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

"1. The Provincial Government did not collect any social security and municipal aid tax on the transference of the David Spencer stores to the T. Eaton Company. Transactions involving the transfer of the David Spencer Company to the T. Eaton Company were effected by the following means: (a) By transfer of real property from

the David Spencer Company to the T. Eaton Company and (b) by transfer of shares of the David Spencer Company. The transfer of real property is not subject to tax under the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act.' Shares in a corporation are not tangible personal property and are, therefore, not subject to tax. The David Spencer Company is still in existence as a legal entity with its shares being owned by the T. Eaton Company. As no sale of tangible property has occurred to date in this transaction, in view of the fact that the shares only were transferred, the social security and municipal aid tax does not apply.

"2. No incorporated companies, as such, have been exempted from paying the social security and municipal aid tax on taxable tangible personal property which is used or consumed in British Columbia. Exemptions exist for certain classes of tangible personal property in section 5 of the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act,' but these exemptions would apply to all individuals or firms concerned and not only to some incorporated companies.

"3. As no incorporated companies, as such, are exempt from the social security and municipal aid tax, this question is not applicable."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. What organizations, if any, have approved health or hospitalization schemes which exempt their members from coming directly under the Government scheme?

2. Is membership in any of the same enforced in the case of paid employees as a condition of employment and is such requirement approved by the Government?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Pearson) replied as follows:—

"1. The Canadian Pacific Railway Employees' Medical Association of British Columbia and the Telephone Employees' Medical Services Association.

"2. Yes; the Government neither approves nor disapproves this requirement, since exemptions are granted on an individual basis. Supplementary information: The Canadian Pacific Railway and subsidiary companies (excepting steamship companies) make the membership of the worker a condition of employment (dependents need not join); the British Columbia Telephone Company has no such condition."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.02 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Capt. W. Ratcliffe.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$481,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$202,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1951.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1951.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1951.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1951.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$137,755 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1951.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1951.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Probation Office, to 31st March, 1951.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,425 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, New Haven, to 31st March, 1951.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1951.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates, to 31st March, 1951.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Grant to B.C. Law Society for B.C. Digest, to 31st March, 1951.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,532,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1951.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. In the Kaslo-Slocan district are any persons, other than members of the Civil Service, employed collecting hospital insurance premiums?
2. If yes, where are same located and what is the basis of their remuneration?
3. What amount was collected by each agent for 1949?

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. One person, at Nakusp, paid \$80 per month retainer.

“3. \$13,845.50. Supplementary information: This person has actually collected \$23,856.50 during 1949; the figure quoted was collected for 1949 premiums; the balance collected covered 1950 premiums.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘King’s Counsel Act.’”

Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Act.’”

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act.’”

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Boiler Inspection Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to co-operate with the Government of Canada and other Public Authorities in the Provision of Housing.”

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustee Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1951.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,133 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1951.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Curriculum, to 31st March, 1951.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$242,567 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1951.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Reference and School Service, to 31st March, 1951.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,305 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Tests, Standards, and Research, to 31st March, 1951.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,955 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1951.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,463 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1951.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1951.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,195 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1951.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,956 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1951.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$385,905 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1951.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1951.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,905 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School (including Adults), to 31st March, 1951.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1951.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,762 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1951.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,265 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1951.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$153,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1951.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Library, to 31st March, 1951.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Public Library Commission, to 31st March, 1951.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1951.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1951.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$273,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, (a) Free Text-books, Maps, etc., and (b) Text-book Loan Plan Subsidy, to 31st March, 1951.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,930,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants, to 31st March, 1951.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to Rural Areas, to 31st March, 1951.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveyances, to 31st March, 1951.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Essential New Equipment, to 31st March, 1951.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, 7% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act"), to 31st March, 1951.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to School Districts, to 31st March, 1951.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1951.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, Fees, and Expenses, to 31st March, 1951.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1951.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1951.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University Endowment Lands—Proportion of Fire Costs and Upkeep of Boulevards, to 31st March, 1951.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Foundation."

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 15th, 1950.

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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" 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.

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

1. Has the attention of the Department been drawn to the very serious hazard to school-children crossing Kingsway at Edmonds Street in Burnaby?

2. Is consideration being given to the installation of traffic lights at the aforementioned intersection?

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

"1 and 2. Yes."

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

1. What action, if any, does the Department propose during the current year in regard to the paving of Grandview-Douglas Highway in Burnaby?

2. What action, if any, does the Department propose during the current year in regard to the further improvement of Hastings Street in Burnaby?

3. Will the Minister officially gazette the setting-back of the building-line on Hastings Street in Burnaby?

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

"1. Under consideration.

"2. Installation of curb and gutter on south side of highway in 3700 block.

"3. No."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.