

Monday, November 22nd, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mrs. *Smith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 22nd, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that the Report, recently tabled, of the Commissioner, the Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald, relating to the Coal and Petroleum Industries be printed as early as possible, and that a reasonable charge approximating the cost of printing and publishing be made for such copies as are requested by persons or bodies other than members of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

HELEN D. SMITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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 *Telford* was withdrawn:—

Whereas grave hardships and injustices are being forced upon the consumers of grain and grain products in this Province because of the increased costs thereon resulting from increased and unjust domestic freight-rate charges; and

Whereas more equitable distribution of freight charges would appear imperative in the interest of the consumers of this Province; and

Whereas an analysis of the freight charges on our own Pacific Great Eastern Railway shows them to be among the most outrageous, unjust, and unequitable of all freight-rate charges, thus militating against our receiving any favourable consideration of our request for any freight-rate equalization for other roads:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Railways be instructed to investigate the present obviously unfair and unjust freight charges on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Child Welfare of the Health and Welfare Services for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

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

What is the cost to date of the new New Westminster Bridge (including cost of construction, materials, fills, right-of-way, interest, and any other claim or demand arising from the building of the same)?

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

"See answer to question by Mr. *Patterson*, page 4, Votes and Proceedings No. 10, 1937 Session."

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

1. What is the distance of hard-surfaced highway between Trail and Rossland?
2. At what date in 1937 was repair-work started on the hard-surfacing of this highway?
3. Was such repair-work by contract or day-labour? In either case, by whom was the work done and at what price?
4. Since January, 1937, to whom were contracts let for hard-surfacing the highway between Castlegar and Trail? What was the distance in each contract, and what was the price paid?

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

- "1. 3.83 miles.
- "2. May 21st; on portions surfaced in the year 1929.
- "3. Unit prices were obtained by the Provincial Government Purchasing Agent for the supply and laying of certain material for the hard-surfacing. The Department supplied the bituminous materials and the work was carried out by the General Construction Co., Ltd., at a total cost of \$3,375.60.
- "4. See answer to No. 3. Work included 4.86 miles of mulch surface, total cost \$22,382.06; and 7 miles of non-skid seal coat over existing mulch surface, total cost \$5,798.64."

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

1. Was a contract awarded at any time since November 17th, 1934, either directly or through the agency of the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., for the construction of all or any part of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge?
2. If answered in the affirmative, did such contract include the substructure of the said bridge?
3. Did the Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., sublet any part of its contract to any other contracting firm or individual?
4. What was the cost estimated by the Department of Public Works, prior to the calling for tenders, of the substructure of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge?
5. What was the tender of the Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., for the substructure-work on the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge?
6. What contractor or contracting firm actually did the substructure-work on the said bridge?
7. If done as a sub-contract, what was the price of such sub-contract?

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

- "1 and 2. See Journals, 1936 (1st Session), March 12th, page 41.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$1,093,012.93, excluding cost of cement.
- "5. Tender was based on a schedule of unit prices and totalled \$1,132,892.65; the Government to supply all necessary cement.
- "6. The Northern Construction Company.
- "7. No information."

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

1. Was there a foreman for relief-work employed in Fort Steele District from March to October, 1937?
2. If yes, what is the name of foreman?
3. Is he paid by the month or day; what amount?
4. Does he get paid for use of his car; how much per day?
5. Did he receive pay for his car on September 30th and October 7th, 1937?
6. If yes, how much?
7. Did he receive full pay for use of his car on Fridays for the conveyance of the men to and from work at any time from March to October, 1937?
8. If yes, how much?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2 to 8. This information will be made available to Public Accounts Committee in due course."

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

1. Was the Department of Public Works in possession of plans, specifications, and estimates of costs of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge prior to the date of calling for tenders for the construction of the said bridge?

2. If the preceding question is answered in the affirmative, how many tons of steel were estimated as being required for the construction of the said bridge?

3. How many tons of steel were actually used in the construction of the said bridge?

4. What was the price per ton (erected) of steel for the building of the said bridge, as estimated in the plans, specifications, and estimates of costs?

5. What was the price per ton (erected) of steel actually used in the construction of the said bridge?

6. What was the total estimated cost of steel (erected) for the said bridge, as contained in the plans, specifications, and estimates of costs?

7. What was the total actual cost of steel (erected) used in the construction of the said bridge?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. 7,285 tons, including caisson steel and reinforcing steel.

“ 3. 2,217½ tons for caisson and reinforcing steel; structural steel paid for on a lump-sum basis.

“ 4. Structural steel, \$200 per ton; caisson steel, \$160 per ton; reinforcing steel, \$90 per ton.

“ 5. Caisson steel, \$176 per ton; reinforcing steel, \$78 per ton; structural steel, lump-sum basis.

“ 6. \$1,250,042.

“ 7. This information will be made available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course.”

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

1. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the report appearing in the “Daily Province” of October 22nd, 1937, relative to the arrival from England of a further contingent of twenty-eight boys and girls to attend the Fairbridge Farm School at Cowichan for training as agriculturists; also the report appearing in the “Daily Province,” September 15th, 1937, of a statement by the school principal that “jobs will be available for all students of Fairbridge Farm School who graduate for the next five years. More than 150 boys and girls will be at the school by the end of the year”?

2. Has the Government been approached by individuals or groups with the request that facilities be provided to enable families resident within the Province to be placed on farms so as to become self-supporting citizens?

3. Are such facilities available?

4. If no, in view of the success claimed for the Fairbridge School, and the reported demand for the services of its graduate pupils, does the Government contemplate providing facilities for other children already resident within the Province who desire to train for the ultimate purpose of engaging in scientifically conducted agricultural pursuits?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. No request of this nature has been made to the Provincial Secretary's Department.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. No provision in estimates for ensuing year.”

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Lands between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?

2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

“ 1 and 2. Total travelling expenses for the year are published in due course in the Public Accounts.”

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

1. Has the Department hired from T. Alexander, Saanich, a concrete-mixer?
2. If yes, what is the basis of remuneration?
3. How long has this arrangement existed?
4. What is the total amount paid or incurred due to the hiring of this machine?
5. Was the machine new at the time when first hired by the Department?
6. What is the purchase price of a new machine of this make and size?
7. Is the said T. Alexander an employee of the Department?
8. If yes, in what capacity and at what rate of pay?

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

“ 1 to 6. No.

“ 7. Yes.

“ 8. Road Foreman; \$128 per month.”

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

1. Did the Vancouver Island Power Co. fail to carry out an undertaking relative to the commencement of construction to divert and use waters of the Campbell River for the generation of electrical energy?
2. If yes, did the Company apply for an extension of time in which to commence the work?
3. Was an extension granted? If yes: (a) To what date was such extension granted; (b) what was the reason for granting same?
4. Did the Company give public notice of its intention to apply for such extension of time?
5. Was a public inquiry held, prior to the granting of such extension, relative to the terms of the petition and the reasons for the failure of the Company to fulfil the original undertaking?
6. If such public inquiry was not held, then upon what information and by whom supplied was the extension granted?

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

“ 1 and 2. The original approval of the Company's undertaking required that construction commence on or before the 1st day of September, 1931. The Company applied for an extension of that time.

“ 3. Yes. (a) The Company was granted an extension to the 1st day of September, 1939; (b) the demand for power did not warrant construction.

“ 4. No.

“ 5. No.

“ 6. Common knowledge that demand did not warrant construction.”

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

1. How much timber acreage is now under control of the H. R. MacMillan Export Company, Limited?
2. What amounts were paid to the Crown for same in 1936 by the H. R. MacMillan Export Company, Limited?
3. Who were the original purchasers of these properties?
4. What was the price paid to the Crown by the original purchasers of this property?
5. Were any Crown-grant timber rights purchased by foreign interests in 1936?
6. If yes, what was the purchase price received by the Government in each instance?

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

“ 1. No record in Department of Lands.

“ 2. No payments were made to Department of Lands by the H. R. MacMillan Export Co., Ltd., in 1936.

“ 3. Unable to give names of purchasers in absence of description of property.

“ 4. Unable to give purchase price in absence of description of property.

“ 5. No record in Department of Lands.

“ 6. Answered by No. 5.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Does the University Summer School operate at a profit?
2. If yes, how much is the surplus?
3. Is the surplus used for general University expenditures, or is it used for the purpose of expanding the Summer School?

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

"1. No. The expenses covering salaries of instructors, as well as supplies and administrative costs for the courses, are met approximately by the revenue from fees.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Were any steel-bridge towers, the property of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., sold or offered for sale during the present year?
2. If yes: (a) Were they sold; (b) to whom; (c) at what price; (d) did the purchaser offer the highest tender?
3. If offered and not sold, why?
4. What was the cost to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway of this material?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Yes; (b) Runnymede Iron & Steel Co., Toronto; (c) \$15 per short ton; (d) yes.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Contract for Cottonwood Canyon Viaduct made for girders, towers, and all material, fabricated, painted, and erected. Girders used to replace old bridges on existing railway. Fabrication value only was paid for towers and in addition free storage at Walkerville for ten years."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. How many matriculants were qualified to enter the University of British Columbia in the fall of 1937? (a.) How many of them entered the University? (b.) How many received bursaries? (c.) How many applied for bursaries?

2. Do those matriculation students who have the highest standing and highest intelligence quotients enter University?

3. What percentage of the top 20 per cent. of matriculation students entered University in 1936? In 1937?

4. Have bursaries been increased in proportion to the increase in required qualifications for certain professions, such as the teaching profession and the nursing profession?

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

"1. 2,028. (a) 591; (b) and (c) first-year students, other than those who are the dependents of returned soldiers and who have 'scholarship' standing, are not eligible for bursaries.

"2. Not in all cases. Some take senior matriculation in the high schools.

"3. Information not immediately available.

"4. Yes."

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

1. Under whose authority was the advertisement appearing on page 19 of the "Vancouver Sun," on Friday, April 30th, 1937, headed "British Columbia Marches On"?

2. Was the said advertisement paid for out of Government funds?

3. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

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

"1. Advertising order placed by the Bureau of Provincial Information upon instructions from the Minister of Finance.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$500."

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Were all such expenses incurred between such dates paid?

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

“1 and 2. Total travelling expenses for the year are published in due course in the Public Accounts.”

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Education between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

“1 and 2. Total travelling expenses for the year are published in due course in the Public Accounts.”

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

Are persons in receipt of relief required to pay poll tax?

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

“The Provincial Government has collected no poll tax from persons on relief.”

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

1. Was any quantity of new or old rails, the property of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, sold or offered for sale during the past twelve months?
2. If yes: (a) What quantity; (b) where had these been previously used or intended to be used?
3. What quantity, if any, of railway material, the property of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, is stored at Prince George?
4. What disposal is proposed of the material so stored?
5. Has any railway material belonging to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., previously stored at Prince George, been lost by river erosion?
6. If yes, what quantity?

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

“1. Yes; rails and fastenings.

“2. (a) 1,171.94 tons; (b) North Vancouver to Whytecliff Railway.

“3. About 43 miles of single track.

“4. None meantime.

“5. No.

“6. Answered by No. 5.”

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

Has any application been made by any one for a loan under the Department of Industries to be used in the construction of a sawmill in or near Chase, in the Salmon Arm Electoral District; and, if so, give name of applicant and amount of loan asked for?

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

“Yes. Application for loan was made; not in public interests to publish name of applicant as loan was not made.”

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

“1 and 2. Total travelling expenses for the year are published in due course in the Public Accounts.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, November 22nd, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Patterson* (on behalf of Mr. *Maitland*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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 10.52 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23rd, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. 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. *Pattullo*, 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 'Landlord and Tenant Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for the Release of certain Securities deposited by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sales on Consignment Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act requiring Registration of Guests at Auto Camps and Hotels situated in Unorganized Territory."

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Macintosh*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 23rd, 1937.

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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities 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 Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to protect the Public against Misrepresentation in the Sale of Goods," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 18th, 1937.

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. 16) intituled "An Act to protect the Public against Misrepresentation in the Sale of Goods," 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 Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 23rd, 1937.

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 'Motor-vehicle 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. *Perry* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 23rd, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act' and the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act Amendment Act, 1913.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 23rd, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole."

That your Committee recommends that the fee of \$300 paid by the promoters of the above-mentioned Bill be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 23rd, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the time for receiving reports be extended from November 23rd, 1937, to December 4th, 1937.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What is the ratio of students in the University of British Columbia to the number of professors and instructors?

2. What is the cost to the Government per student at the University? What is the cost per high school student in British Columbia?

3. How many hours per week on the average do University professors and instructors teach?

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

"1. Enrolment of students to November 15th (not including the summer session), 2,463; number of professors and instructors, 106.

"2. \$162.53. The total Government expenditure for high schools for 1935-36, not including grants for school buildings, conveying pupils to school, and school libraries, was \$2,020,511.29, and the number of pupils in high schools, 21,119. Cost per pupil to Government, \$95.67.

"3. Normal lecture load is 12 to 15 hours per week, exclusive of laboratory, seminar, and thesis periods."

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

1. Is it the policy or practice of the Collections Department to accept cheques in part-payment of taxes or arrears of taxes?

2. Did the Provincial Collector at Kaslo on January 23rd, 1936, return cheque for \$23.21 received on account of payment of taxes on part of Lot 8338 because 15 cents exchange on cheque and 21 cents interest on arrears were not included in the amount?

3. If yes, are the 1935 taxes on this property, for which payment as above was tendered, still in arrears?

4. If yes, will the Department, under the circumstances, credit the owner with the amount so tendered?

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

“ 1. Yes, if payment tendered as such.

“ 2. Yes. A cheque purporting to be payment in full but insufficient to cover all charges was returned pursuant to unanswered demand for balance due. See section 22 of ‘Taxation Act.’

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. If payment in accordance with provisions of ‘Taxation Act,’ yes.”

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

1. Between January 1st, 1937, and May 31st, 1937, did the Bureau of Provincial Information furnish to any newspaper or newspapers, magazine or magazines, periodical or periodicals, or other publications in British Columbia, any engravings, stereotypes, or engraving matrices of the Ministers of the Crown, or any of them?

2. Where, and by whom, were such engravings, stereotypes, or engraving matrices made?

3. What firm of publishers or engravers supplied the said engravings, stereotypes, or engraving matrices to the Bureau of Provincial Information?

4. How many (a) engravings, (b) stereotypes, and (c) engraving matrices of each Minister of the Crown were supplied to the said Bureau of Provincial Information?

5. What was the total number of such engravings, stereotypes, and engraving matrices sent out to newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other publications in British Columbia by the said Bureau of Provincial Information?

6. What was the cost to the Bureau of Provincial Information for such engravings, stereotypes, and engraving matrices of such Ministers of the Crown?

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

“ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Yes. Pursuant to many and repeated requests by newspapers, magazines, and periodicals for stereotypes or engraving matrices of the Ministers of the Crown, these are being supplied at no cost to the Government.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

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The debate continued.

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

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

1. Who printed the voters' list for the 1937 Provincial election for the Vancouver East Electoral District?

2. What was the rate paid for printing the same, and what was the total cost?

3. Were any tenders called?

4. Was an offer made by any other person or company to print the same?

5. If so, at what rate?

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

“ 1. Sun Publishing Company, Ltd.

“ 2. 14 cents a line. \$5,038.32.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. No definite offer.

“ 5. No rate mentioned.”

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

1. Have all oil companies who manufacture, mix, store, transport, sell, or use inflammable liquids obtained written permits to do so from the Provincial Fire Marshal?
2. Have all these oil companies complied, in every respect, with provisions as laid down by the Government's regulations and ordinances relating to the manufacturing, storing, mixing, and transportation of such inflammable liquids?
3. What is the nature of and what quantity of inflammable liquids has the Imperial Oil Company permission to store at: (a) Foot of Smythe Street and Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C.; (b) Canadian National Dock, foot of Main Street, Vancouver, B.C.?
4. Are these locations within what is known as No. 1 Zone and Building District, Vancouver, B.C.?
5. Has the Provincial Fire Marshal satisfied himself that all Government regulations and ordinances in relation to the Imperial Oil Company's property have been complied with?
6. Could we have the same information regarding: (a) Union Oil Co. of Canada, foot of Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C., and Venables and Glen Drive, Vancouver, B.C.; (b) Home Oil Co., Ltd., or Home Oil Distributors, north end Burrard Bridge or Beach Avenue, Vancouver, and North Vancouver, B.C.; (c) Shell Oil Company, Ltd.; (d) Vancouver Oil Company, Ltd., Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C.; (e) Standard Oil Company, Hastings Mill Site, Vancouver, B.C.; (f) Texaco Oil Co., or known as B.C. Fuel Co.; (g) Provincial Oil Co., Eburne; (h) Signal Oil Co., Eburne; (i) General Oil Co., Vancouver, B.C.?
7. Does the Vancouver Gas Co. domestic storage-tank comply with all the regulations and ordinances laid down by the Government fire regulations?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. No information. Regulations require same type of construction for containers of hazardous liquids of all grades.
- "4. No information, but same may be obtained from the City of Vancouver authorities.
- "5 and 6. See answer to No. 2.
- "7. Fire Marshal regulations do not cover storage-tanks for manufactured domestic gas."

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 11.23 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. 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. *Pattullo*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene (appointed by Order in Council dated December 30th, 1925) did in its report (dated February 28th, 1927, on page CC 13) express its entire accord with the British Royal Commission in that "The problem of insanity is essentially a public-health problem to be dealt with on modern public-health lines"; and

also on page CC 15 of same report in Appendix C, referring to "The Psychopathic Hospital—Its Place in the System of Mental Institutions," did state:—

"The lack of facilities of any kind in British Columbia for the observation and early treatment of cases of incipient mental trouble has been impressed on this Commission from the outset of its inquiry.

"Without a single exception, all medical witnesses appearing at the public hearings in Vancouver and Victoria stressed the need for public service of this nature and put it first among their recommendations. Lay witnesses, including public officials and other men and women acquainted with the problems arising from mental disorder, also were unanimous in the opinion that there is a deplorable lack of facilities of this kind.

"The Commission has been fortunate in getting at first hand the expert opinion and experience of two of the foremost psychiatrists in Canada engaged in this special work. It has secured authoritative information from many other quarters. The conclusion is clear that what is known on this continent as the psychopathic hospital is an absolute essential to any practical and efficient programme of mental hygiene. The lack of the service such hospitals afford is a condition that should be cured in British Columbia at the earliest possible moment.

"Even if viewed only from the economic side, the psychopathic hospital more than justifies itself. The evidence is abundant that its immediate short-term treatment effects complete and often permanent cure in many cases that without this treatment would progress to a stage where there is no alternative but commitment to a mental hospital. In many other cases it defers, sometimes for years, the inevitable day when commitment becomes necessary, or, by mitigating the severity of the attack, shortens its term. In all such cases it lightens the burden of the mental hospitals with their heavy cost to the Province."

And whereas, also in the Provincial Mental Hospital Annual Report, 1932-33 (Sessional Report, 1934, Vol. 2), pages L 10, 11; Annual Report, 1933-34 (Sessional Report, 1935, Vol. 2), page Q 10; Annual Report, 1935-36 (Sessional Report, 1936 (2nd Sess.)), page V 10, further confirmation of the value of, and need for, such accommodation is given:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the early provision of adequate facilities for psychopathic observation and treatment of mentally sick persons is of urgent importance, and further recommends same to the serious consideration of the Government.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Whereas the present "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act," and such Provincial Boards and Agencies as may have been established under its jurisdiction and control, were inaugurated, no doubt, in good faith, as a scheme to further and protect the best interests of the producer of the commodities thus controlled; and

Whereas producers and consumers alike have been made to suffer unnecessary hardships, in that the producers in many instances are receiving less for their products, in the aggregate, while the consumers are being called upon to pay more than they otherwise would have been had this Act not been brought into being; and

Whereas vast numbers of our citizens and their dependents are either on relief, or receiving such low wages or salaries as to make their suffering very acute because of their inability, under such circumstances, to meet the artificially controlled high prices for their foodstuffs; and

Whereas it does appear that considerable quantities of essential foodstuffs have been permitted to, in fact, almost forced to go to waste, while many hundreds of our citizens are in urgent need of just such food; and

Whereas such an Act is distinctly at variance with the true principles of the democracy of which we boast; and

Whereas it is in practice directly opposed to the normal functioning of the "law of supply and demand" generally accepted by our democracy; and

Whereas, on November 20th, 1936, the first report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture contained the following extract:—

"The evidence disclosed a considerable spread between the grower and the consumer. Your Committee feel that the question of the necessity or otherwise for this spread can only

be determined by a Commission having wider powers than your Committee." (Page 111, Journals of Legislative Assembly, Vol. LXVI., October 27th–November 20th, 1936.)

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture be instructed by this House to investigate all aspects of the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act," and any alleged partiality or uneconomic administration in the handling of the produce grown within the areas under its jurisdiction.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *Telford*:—

Whereas it is considered to be the first responsibility of any Government to adopt every possible means at its disposal to facilitate efficient, constructive, and worth-while legislation in the best interests of the masses; and

Whereas the serious economic state of people to-day is of such a character as to make it imperative for any Government not to leave anything undone that might further the introduction of the best possible legislation; and

Whereas it has been the practice of all our Governments in the past to call Parliament into session without providing the elected representatives with any official information regarding the nature and extent of the proposed legislation, new or amended, likely to be brought up for consideration at the session; and

Whereas much mature valuable information and considered opinions could be obtained which could, and undoubtedly would, prove exceedingly helpful in shaping the proposed legislation to the best public advantage, or in bringing about its withdrawal if considered unwise:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House appoint a special committee to investigate the possibility and feasibility of adopting such a procedure in connection with all proposed legislation to come before each session of this House.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the Governments of Canada are endeavouring to find remedies for the unemployment situation which exists in Canada; and

Whereas the moneys hitherto provided for relief are insufficient to meet the situation adequately; and

Whereas technological development has greatly increased the productive capacity of labour, resulting in many persons being unable to obtain employment in their own profession or trade; and

Whereas the Government, as an employer, should give a lead to private employers in the matter of hours of work; and

Whereas representatives of labour have petitioned the Government to reduce the hours of the working week, and to remunerate all workers engaged on Government public works at trade-union rates of wages;

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government the advisability of the early consideration of the possibility of introducing the five-day week and six-hour day in certain trades and industries, including amongst others the public works of the Government and the building trades.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *Telford*:—

Whereas it is recognized that all liquor sold in this Province passes under the control of the Government during some period of its disposal; and

Whereas it is at least questionable that the consumption of alcoholic liquors is in the best physical, mental, and moral interests of our adult population, let alone our youth; and

Whereas it would seem undesirable under such circumstances to have the consumption of these liquors urged upon any consumer in any manner through which the Government might benefit in any way; and

Whereas advertising costs add unnecessarily to the already exorbitant price of liquors:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Government that it consider the advisability of prohibiting all advertising of liquors in any manner, shape, or form in this Province.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *Maitland*:—

Whereas at a meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts held on November 10th, 1937, it was resolved that "The Legislature be asked for authority to examine accounts contracted after March, 1937":

Therefore be it Resolved, That it be an instruction to said Committee that they examine the Public Accounts contracted after March 31st, 1937.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion in the name of Mr. *Telford*:—

Whereas the annual interest charges on the debt of this Province is approximately nine million dollars; and

Whereas the cost of relief during the last fiscal year was approximately ten million dollars; and

Whereas the sinking funds of the Province are in arrears by several millions of dollars; and

Whereas it is admitted there is an increase in the gross debt of this Province for the fiscal year of 1936-37 of \$6,871,000, approximately; and

Whereas our natural resources and other sources of revenue are naturally dwindling as time passes; and

Whereas it would appear that we are passing on to rising generations a responsibility for which they have had no opportunity to indicate their willingness or otherwise to assume; and

Whereas other Governmental responsibilities, such as Federal and municipal, are likewise increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas it would appear that nothing short of a complete financial and economic breakdown, with resultant chaos, will occur unless intelligent, scientific precautions are taken at once:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider ways and means of assuming our full share of all financial and social obligations undertaken by us, and pass none of these on to future generations to bear.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sales on Consignment Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act requiring Registration of Guests at Auto Camps and Hotels situated in Unorganized Territory" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to protect the Public against Misrepresentation in the Sale of Goods" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Order for second reading of the following Bills was discharged and the Bills *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper:—

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting Industrial Settlements" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 24th, 1937.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 24th, 1937.

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 'Metalliferous Mines 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 Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMPER,
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
November 24th, 1937.

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 amend the 'Mineral 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. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Have the salaries of employees at Essondale and other Provincial institutions been replaced at the rates existing prior to the cuts instituted in 1931?
2. If yes, what action has been taken designed to compensate the staff for the non-payment of the usual yearly increases withheld during the years when such increases were suspended?
3. What is the present rate of monthly salary of those attendants who (a) joined the staff in 1925, (b) in 1930, and (c) 1936?
4. (a.) What period of service is required before appointment to the permanent staff? (b.) Does appointment to the permanent staff automatically follow completion of the temporary service? (c.) If not, why not?
5. (a.) Is the eight-hour day in effect in Essondale and other Government institutions? (b.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to put this principle into effect?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. None.
- "3. (a) \$116 per mensem; (b) \$106 per mensem; (c) \$102 per mensem.
- "4. (a) Six months; (b) not necessarily; (c) if not recommended by the Medical Superintendent.
- "5. The eight-hour day is not in force, but the hours worked average eight hours a day over twelve months."

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

1. Were new regulations adopted during the current year governing the periods of annual holiday to which the staff of Essondale is entitled?
2. What constitutes a year of service in relation to such vacation: (a) Calendar; (b) Statute; (c) actual service?
3. To what year does the holiday relate: (a) For the year of service already completed or (b) current year of service?
4. If the vacation cannot be taken in whole or in part within the year has the employee concerned the right to add the unused balance to the next year's term?
5. Do these regulations apply to other Provincial institutions?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Twelve months' service constitutes a year for the purpose of vacation leave.
- “ 3. For the year of service already completed.
- “ 4. Vacation leave may not be accumulated unless duly recommended and approved for special reasons.
- “ 5. Yes, generally, so far as institutions under the control of the Provincial Secretary are concerned, but the Department exercises its discretion in varying the above practice if deemed advisable.”

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

1. Has the Minister received any communication regarding the safety or otherwise of the technical school building in the City of Fernie?
2. Has the Minister been advised at any time that there were large empty buildings that have reverted to the city and could have been utilized to better advantage as a technical school than the new building put up by the city?
3. Has the Minister been advised at any time of discrimination being shown for or against some of the Fernie high school students in the matter of the payment of their high school dues?
4. Have some of the Fernie students been prohibited from school upon failing to pay their dues, and others in the same category been allowed to attend?
5. If yes, will the Minister make a thorough investigation into this and place the onus on those responsible?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Yes, one complaint was received in 1936.
- “ 4. No information on file.
- “ 5. Answered by No. 4.”

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

What amount of money has the Government still on hand because of non-payment or non-receipt by the payee of refunds under the 1-per-cent. tax for the years 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937?

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

“ The Government has no knowledge of the non-payment or non-receipt by the payee of any refund under the (so-called) 1-per-cent. tax.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24th, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. 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 \$8,806,940.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1939.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1939.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,704 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1939.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

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

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. How much time, on the average, is spent by University of British Columbia professors and assistants at research-work?

2. How much time, on the average, is spent by University professors and assistants on adult education?

3. What amount of money is spent by the University on adult education?

4. Do these funds come from the Government grant to the University in whole or in part?

5. If only in part, what other funds are drawn upon for this purpose?

6. When a financial survey was made of education in British Columbia in 1935, why was the University not surveyed with the rest of the educational system?

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

"1. Approximately 10 to 15 per cent. of the calendar year.

"2. Approximately one lecture for each member.

"3. For fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937, \$16,352.99.

"4. In part.

"5. Carnegie Corporation of New York grant for adult education.

"6. Not considered necessary."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Are there any teachers teaching in British Columbia schools to-day who do not hold British Columbia Teaching Certificates?

2. If yes, how many?

3. Have any qualified teachers (with British Columbia Certificates) applied to the Government for positions in the summer of 1937?

4. If yes, how many?

5. How many of these were placed?

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

"1. With the exception of 'exchange' teachers and one teacher whose application for a certificate is pending, all teachers are the holders of British Columbia Teachers' Certificates. 'Exchange' teachers from Great Britain or from other Provinces of Canada take the place, for one year, of teachers who are the holders of certificates of qualification in this Province.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Teachers are appointed to positions in the schools not by the Government but by local school boards. In the case of the Educational Administrative Area at Abbotsford, the Appointments Board called for applications in August last to fill five vacancies in the area. Five of the applicants with the best qualifications were appointed. In September, three more teachers were similarly selected and appointed. While in August 206 applications were received, many of them from teachers already holding positions, in September the number of applicants dropped to fifty.

"4 and 5. Answered by No. 3."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Is every available class-room in the University in use from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during the evening hours?
2. Is the University auditorium used for classes?
3. How many hours a day is it not in use?

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

- “1. No.
- “2. Yes, during part of the session.
- “3. The stage is used almost continuously.”

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 11.10 p.m.

Thursday, November 25th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, as follows:—

Whereas the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene (appointed by Order in Council dated December 30th, 1925) did in its report (dated February 28th, 1927, on page CC 13) express its entire accord with the British Royal Commission in that “The problem of insanity is essentially a public-health problem to be dealt with on modern public-health lines”; and also on page CC 15 of same report in Appendix C, referring to “The Psychopathic Hospital—Its Place in the System of Mental Institutions,” did state:—

“The lack of facilities of any kind in British Columbia for the observation and early treatment of cases of incipient mental trouble has been impressed on this Commission from the outset of its inquiry.

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And whereas, also in the Provincial Mental Hospital Annual Report, 1932–33 (Sessional Report, 1934, Vol. 2), pages L 10, 11; Annual Report, 1933–34 (Sessional Report, 1935, Vol. 2), page Q 10; Annual Report, 1935–36 (Sessional Report, 1936 (2nd Sess.), page V 10, further confirmation of the value of, and need for, such accommodation is given:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the early provision of adequate facilities for psychopathic observation and treatment of mentally sick persons is of urgent importance, and further recommends same to the serious consideration of the Government.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 24th instant:—

Honourable Members,—On motion No. 5 being called, the point was taken that it is out of order because it entails the expenditure of public money.

It is clear from the preamble that the motion contemplates the establishment of a special kind of hospital, one for the treatment of mental disease in its early stages, referred to as a "psychopathic hospital." This would necessarily involve the expenditure of public money. The motion therefore violates the provisions of Standing Order No. 66 which states that the "House will not receive any resolution stating an abstract or express opinion of the House on recommending the expenditure of public money unless recommended by the Crown."

The motion also dictates Government policy, notwithstanding the use of such words as "in the opinion of this House" and "serious consideration of the Government." The Resolution, if passed, would be ineffective unless incorporated in a Statute. The only statutory provision now for mental hospitals is the "Mental Hospitals Act" which only provides for cases of actual insanity. To make the Resolution effective a new Act or an amendment to the present Act would be required. The motion is therefore a direction to the Government to bring in a Bill. A private member may bring in a Bill himself but cannot direct the Government to do so. (See the decision of Mr. Speaker Perry appearing in Journals of the House, under date of November 17th, 1936, page 82, and the authorities therein referred to.)

For the reasons stated above the motion is out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, as follows:—

Whereas the Governments of Canada are endeavouring to find remedies for the unemployment situation which exists in Canada; and

Whereas the moneys hitherto provided for relief are insufficient to meet the situation adequately; and

Whereas technological development has greatly increased the productive capacity of labour, resulting in many persons being unable to obtain employment in their own profession or trade; and

Whereas the Government, as an employer, should give a lead to private employers in the matter of hours of work; and

Whereas representatives of labour have petitioned the Government to reduce the hours of the working week, and to remunerate all workers engaged on Government public works at trade-union rates of wages:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government the advisability of the early consideration of the possibility of introducing the five-day week and six-hour day in certain trades and industries, including amongst others the public works of the Government and the building trades.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 24th instant:—

Honourable Members,—After consideration of the point of order raised with reference to motion No. 19, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is out of order on the ground that it seeks to dictate Government policy. On this point the reasons given for holding motion No. 5 out of order apply here: Section 3 of the "Hours of Work Act" provides that working hours shall not exceed eight in the day and forty-eight in the week. The Resolution seeks to have the hours reduced to six in the day and to establish a five-day week. An amendment to the above section 3 would be necessary. To amend the section a Bill would be required. The member may bring it in himself but cannot direct the Government to do so.

On the point raised by the honourable second member for Vancouver East that the word "advisability" saves the motion from its dictatorial effect, I would refer him, in addition to the reason given above that the motion would be inoperative without an amendment

to the Statute, to a decision of Mr. Speaker Davie in which he said of a Bill under consideration that it "Strikes at the foundation of the parliamentary law principle that policies of the Crown cannot be directed or even suggested by a private member." (See Journals of the House, March 28th, 1931, page 129.) The principle of parliamentary law so stated by Mr. Speaker Davie does not, of course, apply to the general debates, such as the debates on the Address or the Budget, or the discussion of the Estimates in Committee, all of which give the private member ample opportunity to suggest anything he may see fit within the competence of the Legislature.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker.*

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 25th, 1937.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 28: To renumber the present section as subsection (1), and to add the following subsection:—

"(2.) All moneys required for the purposes of this Act for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1938, in addition to the moneys available under subsection (1), shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the amendment be added to and stand part of the Bill and be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

10. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$22,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

11. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1939.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1939.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1939.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Vancouver Exhibition Association (Buildings), to 31st March, 1939.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,532.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Corporation of City of Victoria (Buildings), to 31st March, 1939.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Fair Association, to 31st March, 1939.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1939.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1939.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1939.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1939.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Insect Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1939.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1939.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 to granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Investigations and Extension—Expenses, to 31st March, 1939.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,112 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1939.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,491 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,415 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,118 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1939.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,511 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1939.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1939.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1939.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,318 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1939.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,390 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1939.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$863,046 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1939.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,130 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1939.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,172 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Mothers' Allowances and to repeal the 'Mothers' Pensions Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 18th, 1937.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to provide for Mothers' Allowances and to repeal the 'Mothers' Pensions 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. *Weir* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Boys," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 25th, 1937.

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 respecting the Industrial School for Boys," 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. *Weir* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Girls," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 25th, 1937.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Girls," 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 25th, 1937.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Department of Mines 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. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 25th, 1937.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining 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. the Minister of Public Works presented a Return in reply to the following questions by Mr. *Uphill*:—

1. Were there any trucks, motor-cars, motor accessories, gasoline, or other supplies purchased in the Fernie Electoral District during the year ended 1936?
2. If yes, give names and amounts from whom purchased.

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

1. What has been the total expenditure each year since 1931 for black-topping the highway from Castlegar to Tadanac?
2. Who were the contractors and what was the cost of each piece of work?

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

"1 and 2. 1931-32, \$21,531.11, by Pacific Engineers, Ltd.; 1934-35, \$7,300.68, by General Construction Co., Ltd., and Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.; 1935-36, \$31,781.11, by General Construction Co., Ltd.; 1936-37, \$7,923.28, by General Construction Co., Ltd.; 1937-38, see answer to question by Mr. Patterson, Votes and Proceedings No. 16, page 2, 1937 Session. Above are total cost of jobs including materials and some labour supplied by Department."

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

1. To whom have contracts been let for work on the Tadanac-Castlegar Highway since 1931?
2. What was the nature of the work, and what was the amount of each bid?
3. Who were the unsuccessful bidders, and what was the amount of each contractor's bid?

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

"1 to 3. For work other than black-topping, see Public Works Report, 1936-37, pages 39, 41."

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

Does the amount of relief allowed to recipients make provision for the payment of poll tax?

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

"No."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Are pensions for the blind, in accordance with the amendment to the Dominion "Old-age Pensions Act, 1937," operative in British Columbia.
2. If no, at what date will they become operative in this Province?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Minister of Labour) replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Immediately the necessary agreement between the Dominion and the Province has been ratified. The agreement has already been executed by the Province and awaits ratification by the Dominion on acceptance by the Dominion of regulations passed by the Province on November 19th, 1937."

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

Is it the intention of the Department to recommend to the Board of Industrial Relations that prior to the opening of the next hop-picking season a minimum wage be set at which it will be possible for a picker of average ability to earn a wage sufficient to provide a reasonable standard of living?

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

"No; hop-picking is outside the scope of the Minimum Wage Acts."

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

1. Has it been decided to call the new bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster the "Pattullo Bridge"?
2. If so, by what procedure was the name adopted?
3. Was it adopted by Order in Council or by Minute in Council?
4. If either by Order in Council or Minute in Council, please quote, giving date.

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

"1. Yes.

"2 to 4. Name adopted in regulations pursuant to section 8 of the 'Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act,' made by Order in Council approved November 13th, 1937."

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

1. What amount has been expended on the West Coast Road since November 1st, 1936, to October 1st, 1937?
2. Where was such work done, and what did it consist of?
3. How many miles west of Jordan River is the road completed?
4. When is it expected that the road will be completed to Port Renfrew?
5. How many men have been actively engaged in working upon the West Coast Road between a point 5 miles west of Jordan River and Port Renfrew in each of the months of July, August, September, and October, 1937?

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

"1. \$50,395.76 to March 31st, 1937. Details of subsequent expenditures will be available in the Public Accounts for the current year.

"2. 1.6 miles new construction between Sooke and Kemp Stream; 4 miles widened to standard width and 4 miles gravelled at various points between Sooke and Jordan River, up to March 31st, 1937.

"3. 5.5 miles; also 2½ miles of passable road.

"4. Road will be completed when funds are available.

"5. This information will be available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.