

Monday, March 14th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. J. Staley*.

Mr. Speaker announced that in the Nineteenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented on the 11th instant, with respect to Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.)" was incorrectly referred to as Bill No. 55. This will be corrected in the Journals.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* read the following report:—

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

REPORT OF INQUIRY PURSUANT TO THE "PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT" INTO
ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT LICENCES.

I have the honour to report my findings pursuant to a Commission issued under the "Public Inquiries Act" on the 17th day of February, 1955. The said Commission recited that "allegations have been made in the Legislative Assembly that there has been impropriety in connection with the issuance of forest management licences," and I was directed to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the issuance of forest management licences since the enactment of section 32A by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1947 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is any truth in such allegations and whether or not there was impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence. A copy of my Commission is attached to this report.

The first meeting of the Commission was held at the Court-house, Vancouver, B.C., on the 7th day of March, 1955, and subsequent meetings were held on the 8th and 9th days of March, on which last date the hearings were concluded.

Mr. Alfred Bull, Q.C., appeared as counsel to the Commission, and Mr. T. W. Brown, Q.C., appeared with Mr. F. G. Lewis as counsel for Mr. Gordon Gibson, M.L.A. At the commencement of the hearing Mr. Bull referred to a report in the Vancouver Herald of February 16th, 1955, which reported Mr. Gordon Gibson, M.L.A., as saying, "I firmly believe that money talks and that money has talked in this—and I want that answered by the Ministers. We are not going to let this go unanswered. Evidence will come out that will show wrong-doings by this Government."

The same article contained the following quotation: "The whole set-up is an invitation to protection and preference. Money changes hands whether you admit it or not."

Mr. Bull pointed out that the utterance of these statements had not been denied by Mr. Gibson.

The first and only witness called was Dr. C. D. Orchard, Chief Forester and Deputy Minister. Filed as an exhibit was a report prepared by the Forestry Department for presentation to Chief Justice Sloan's Royal Commission on Forests and Forestry. Dr. Orchard outlined the procedure leading to the issuance of forest management licences, and described the purpose and creation of public working circles. He also described the form of contract required from each licensee, the main features of which were contained in a draft form in the above report.

Asked to comment on the above reported quotations of Mr. Gibson, Dr. Orchard denied knowledge of any improprieties, or of anything which might come under the category of being dishonest, in connection with the issuance of licences. He thought he probably would have knowledge if such did exist.

After Dr. Orchard had been cross-examined for some time by Mr. Brown, it became apparent that the questions were being led only with respect to the rights of the "little" man as against those of the "big" man, or the poor against the rich, which, in my opinion, was not within the terms of my Commission. The questions, to my mind, were dealing with policy, not improprieties.

On bringing this to Mr. Brown's attention, he informed me that his client had never suggested any dishonesty on anyone's part with respect to the issuance of licences. His client had never used the word "impropriety" with respect to these matters. I suggested that such a statement left no charge of impropriety for the Commission to deal with, and adjourned the hearing until the following day, at which time I read the following statement which Mr. Brown accepted as properly representing his client's position:—

"At the close of the hearing yesterday it appeared from the statements made by counsel for Mr. Gibson that the remarks attributed to Mr. Gibson on the floor of the Legislature that 'money talks' and 'money has passed' with reference to the issuance of forest management licences did not, and was not intended to, reflect on the honesty or integrity of any member of the Government, Legislature, or Civil Service, but that Mr. Gibson, by such remarks, intended only to call in question the policy of the Government in issuing forest management licences in a manner which, in the opinion of Mr. Gibson, favoured the large operator to the detriment of the small operator."

The question then arose as to whether Mr. Gibson should go into the witness-box to give evidence. The previous day Mr. Bull suggested that he should, but Mr. Brown objected that according to constitutional law his client was prohibited from giving evidence respecting any matters which took place in the Legislature without the approval of that body. Mr. Bull, however, on reconsideration, felt that Mr. Gibson should not now be heard because it was not for me to decide what Mr. Gibson intended by his statements, but to report as to whether there were any improprieties, and that inasmuch as it had now been admitted on behalf of Mr. Gibson that there were no improprieties, there was nothing left to which Mr. Gibson could testify within the terms of my Commission.

Mr. Brown, on the other hand, applied for an adjournment to enable his client to go back to the Legislature and obtain approval to testify. I refused Mr. Brown's application on the grounds advanced by Mr. Bull as set out above.

In summing up, Mr. Brown asked me to make a finding that it was constitutionally unfair and unsound to have placed Mr. Gibson in the position of an accuser before a Royal Commission. His charges should have gone before a properly constituted committee of the Legislature.

If there was anything illegal in the appointment of this Royal Commission, it would not be for me, sitting as a Commissioner, to make such a finding. There are other tribunals for the consideration of such matters.

Mr. Brown also submitted that the admissions made by Dr. Orchard were an out and out admission that the words allegedly spoken by Mr. Gibson were true. I am writing this report before receipt of the transcribed evidence, but I can recall nothing in Dr. Orchard's evidence which can support this submission. So far as my own notes indicate, and accepting for the moment the statement that Mr. Gibson was concerned only with the policy of favouring the large operator to the detriment of the small operator, the reverse seems to be the case. According to my notes, Dr. Orchard said: "The smaller man gets more consideration than the big man—the little man

can't employ legal counsel or engineers, so we are inclined to guide and assist. The small man has had that kind of service."

Dr. Orchard made no statement which could be interpreted as meaning that the big man has been favoured because "money changes hands," or "that money has talked in this," or by any "wrong-doings by this Government."

On the evidence and on statements of counsel on behalf of Mr. Gibson, I find that there has been no impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence.

ARTHUR E. LORD,
Commissioner.

Vancouver, B.C., March 12th, 1955.

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C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

CANADA:

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, *by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.*

In the Matter of the "Public Inquiries Act."

A COMMISSION.

To His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord, a Judge of the County Court in Vancouver.

R. W. BONNER, *Attorney-General.* { Whereas under section 3 of the "Public Inquiries Act," it is provided that whenever the Lieutenant-Governor in Council deems it expedient to cause inquiry to be made into and concerning any matter connected with the good government of the Province or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Commission intituled in the matter of that Act and issued under the Great Seal appoint Commissioners or a sole Commissioner to inquire into such matters:

And whereas section 33 of the "Forest Act," being chapter 128 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," authorizes the making of agreements known as forest management licences for the management of Crown lands specified in the agreement upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in section 33:

And whereas section 33 of the "Forest Act" was first enacted by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1947 as section 32A:

And whereas forest management licence agreements have been made with various persons under the provisions of said section 33 and said section 32A:

And whereas allegations have been made in the Legislative Assembly that there has been impropriety in connection with the issuance of forest management licences:

And whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, hath deemed it expedient to appoint a sole Commissioner to inquire into the matters aforesaid and to report thereon in due course to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

NOW KNOW YE, therefore, that, reposing every trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and ability, We do by these presents, under and by virtue of the power contained in the said "Public Inquiries Act" and in accordance with an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the 17th day of February, A.D. 1955, appoint you, Your Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord, a Judge of the County Court in Vancouver, a sole Commissioner to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the issuance of forest management licences since the enactment of section 32A by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1947 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is any truth in such allegations and whether or not there was impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence:

And We direct you the said Commissioner to report in writing to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council what you find with reference to the matters comprised within the inquiry.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, His Honour CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

W. D. BLACK,

Provincial Secretary.

By leave of the House, it was *Ordered* that the report be entered in the Journals of the House.

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

C. WALLACE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 11th, 1955.

(ENCLOSURE.)

" 3. Section 14 is amended by striking out the word 'forty-eight' in the first line, and substituting 'fifty-two.'

" 4. Section 69 is amended by renumbering the present section as subsection (2), and inserting the following as subsection (1):—

" '(1) There shall also be allowed to each member a living allowance of fifteen dollars for each day's attendance at the session, and for each Saturday, Sunday, or holiday that intervenes between two sittings of the House, but the said allowance of fifteen dollars in any session shall not be paid in respect of more than forty days.'

" 5. Section 70 is amended by inserting after 'sessional allowance,' in the sixth line, the words 'living allowance.'

" 6. Section 71 is amended by inserting after 'sessional allowance,' in the fourth line, the words 'living allowance.'

" 7. The amendments made by sections 4, 5, and 6 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of January, 1955.

" 8. Schedule C is amended by striking out the words 'one member' in the last line of clause (3), and substituting 'two members.'

" 9. Schedule C is further amended by striking out the words 'one member' in the last line of clause (10), and substituting 'two members.'

" 10. Schedule C is further amended by striking out the words 'one member' in the last line of clause (24), and substituting 'two members.'

" 11. Schedule C is further amended by striking out clause (27) and the title immediately preceding said clause, and substituting the following:—

" 'NORTH PEACE RIVER ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

" '(27) All that portion of the Province of British Columbia which is contained within the Peace River Mining Division as it existed on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1952, lying north of the Peace River shall constitute one electoral district, to be designated as "North Peace River Electoral District," and return one member.'

“ 12. Schedule C is further amended by inserting the following as clause (27a):—

“ ‘SOUTH PEACE RIVER ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

“(27a) All that portion of the Province of British Columbia which is contained within the Peace River Mining Division as it existed on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1952, lying south of the Peace River shall constitute one electoral district, to be designated as “South Peace River Electoral District,” and return one member.’ ”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 that the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge the said Bill.

Resolution reported.
Report adopted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier’s Office to 31st March, 1956.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,780 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1956.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93,702 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$287,026 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,645 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General’s Office and British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1956.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Mechanical Tabulation Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$565,931 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Consumption and Amusements Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,142 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,168 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Income Taxation, to 31st March, 1956.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,696 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, “Assessment Equalization Act,” to 31st March, 1956.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Housing Commissioner, to 31st March, 1956.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1956.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1956.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1956.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1956.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$340,056 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,273,445 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Courts of Revision and Appeal, to 31st March, 1956.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1956.

139 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$660,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," Interest on Civil Service Superannuation and Retirement Funds, to 31st March, 1956.

140 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1956.

141 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,151,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Highway Development Act" (Payment of Revenue under "Gasoline Tax Act" to Highway Development Fund), to 31st March, 1956.

142 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,535,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Hospital Construction Act, 1950" (Payment of Revenue under "Amusements Tax Act" to Hospital Construction Fund), to 31st March, 1956.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grants in Aid of Local Governments, to 31st March, 1956.

144 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Supreme Court Act" (Payment of Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits), to 31st March, 1956.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March, 1956.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$87,418 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act," to 31st March, 1956.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,023 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Motor Carrier Act," to 31st March, 1956.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Law" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Logging Tax Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to incorporate St. Andrew's Hall" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act respecting Oil and Gas Pipe-lines" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,'" was read a third time and passed.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1955.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2: To insert immediately preceding the definition of "employee" the following definition:—

“ ‘Contributor’ means an employee or pensioner who avails himself of the coverage afforded by this Act and whose premium payments are in good standing.”

Section 5: To insert after "pensioners," in the third line of subsection (1), the words "and their dependents," and to insert after "pensioners," in the fourth line of subsection (1), the words "and their dependents."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 that the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge the said Bill.

Resolution reported.
Report adopted.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1955.

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. 127) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908,'" 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. *L. Wicks* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendment to Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1955.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 7: To renumber the present section as subsection (1), and to insert the following as subsection (2):—

“(2) Moneys payable by reason of the amendment made by subsection (1) shall be payable to dependents on or after the first day of April, 1955, notwithstanding the date of the accident or date of the disablement from an industrial disease that caused the workman's death, and shall be in lieu of all right to compensation to which any person may be entitled from the accumulation provided in section 19.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending that the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 104) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Workmen's Compensation Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge the said Bill.

Resolution reported.
Report adopted.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 128) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Cemeteries Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. How much did the Liquor Control Board spend on insurance premiums in the year 1954?
2. Through what broker or brokers was the insurance placed?
3. If the insurance was placed through more than one broker, how much was paid to each for premiums?
4. On what date was the broker, or on what dates were the brokers, as the case may be, selected by the Liquor Control Board?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

“1. \$109,977.57; premiums are for three years except Ocean Marine Insurance.

“2. Gillespie, Hart & Company Limited, Rithet Consolidated Limited, A. E. Haynes Limited, Harbord Insurance Limited, Financial Survey Limited, Leach & Sparks Limited, Horne, Taylor & Company Limited, and Dale & Company Limited.

“3. Gillespie, Hart & Company Limited, \$337.70; Rithet Consolidated Limited, \$383.57; A. E. Haynes Limited, \$307; Harbord Insurance Limited, \$307; Financial Survey Limited, \$307; Leach & Sparks Limited, \$550.87; Horne, Taylor & Company Limited, \$70.12; and Dale & Company Limited, \$107,714.31. (Dale & Company Limited arranged a reinsurance treaty with thirty-six companies and paid commission to 310 agents.)

“4. Gillespie, Hart & Company Limited, September, 1938; Rithet Consolidated Limited, September, 1942; A. E. Haynes Limited, September, 1942; Harbord Insurance Limited, January, 1954; Financial Survey Limited, September, 1951; Leach & Sparks Limited, November, 1948; Horne, Taylor & Company Limited, July, 1948; and Dale & Company Limited, June, 1931.”

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

1. With respect to the Resolution of this House, passed on April 17th last, "That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting," what consideration has been given by the Government to this matter?

2. Have any opinions been asked for and, if so, from whom, and what were the opinions?

3. What recommendations does the Government make?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Discussion and study.

"2. Discussions have taken place with numerous people in public life.

"3. None."

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

1. Supplementary to an answer given on Tuesday, February 22nd, to a question of mine relating to the proposed Kitimat-Terrace Road—viz., "The company will be obliged to pay one-half the cost of such mileage as is within the proposed forest management licence; construction will begin at the discretion of the Department of Public Works when surveys have been completed"—are the surveys referred to those being undertaken by (a) Kitimat Pulp & Paper Company into the proposed forest management licence area or (b) the Department of Public Works into the Kitimat-Terrace Road?

2. In the case of (a) and (b) respectively, if they are applicable, when is it expected that the surveys will be completed?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"1. The surveys referred to will be conducted by the Department of Public Works.

"2. The Department concerned is unable to estimate at this time when the survey will be completed."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the amount charged to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway by the Engineering Services Division of the British Columbia Forest Service for clearing the right-of-way extension between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish, stating specifically (a) wages of crew paid to approximately 100 men, (b) rental of housing accommodation for the crews, (c) rental of boats for transportation of crews, (d) cost of fourteen specially designed utility skiffs, (e) cost of equipment for fire-suppression organization, (f) cost of logging operations, including wages and rental of A-frames and floats, (g) rental of D-7 Caterpillar bulldozer, and (h) cost of all other equipment used on the project?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"The Engineering Services Division of the British Columbia Forest Service made no direct charge to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for clearing the right-of-way extension between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish, but vouchered the following amounts against Pacific Great Eastern Railway funds: Expenditures for clearing, \$155,837.30; expenditures for extra work performed for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, \$16,670.62; expenditures for equipment and buildings for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, \$29,693.06; total expenditures, \$202,200.98; specifically (a) on clearing, \$103,115.67; on extra work, \$2,147.85; (b) \$1,140; (c) \$643.77; (d) only four specially designed utility skiffs were built, at a cost of \$389.53 each; (e) most of the equipment was loaned by the Forest Service; cost of equipment purchased specifically for this project from Pacific Great Eastern Railway funds totalled \$2,353.76; (f) \$21,098.37; (g) Forest Service equipment on loan, no charge; and (h) \$16,576.87."

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

1. In connection with the Whatshan slide, what was the total cost to restore service?
2. What was the cost of (a) earth-removal, (b) reconstruction of plant, and (c) purchase of power and alternate facilities to maintain service?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“1. Field costs representing temporary switching-station and local diesel-power installation and operation, \$47,106.83; administration, engineering, and interest, \$2,389.28; total, \$49,496.11.

“2. (a) Field costs of earth-removal, \$601,043.95; administration, engineering, and interest, \$30,485.20; total, \$631,529.15. (b) Field costs of reconstruction of plant, including new 138-kv. switching-station, repair of power-house structure and equipment, unwatering and grouting of tunnel, and consulting engineers' expenses, \$1,087,593.01; administration, engineering, and interest, \$55,163.19; total, \$1,142,756.20; grand total, \$1,823,781.46. (c) The cost of purchased power from West Kootenay Power & Light Company, August to December, 1953, inclusive, \$48,730.27; the cost of alternate facilities to maintain service may be subject to two interpretations: (i) The cost of alternate facilities to maintain service while Whatshan was out of commission; this cost is represented by the operation of the Kamloops steam plant from August to December, 1953, and, over and above normal stand-by expenses, amounts to \$90,037. (ii) The cost of alternate facilities to maintain service, over and above facilities which existed prior to the Whatshan slide; this cost would be represented by the construction of the Kamloops diesel plant which amounts to \$756,403.05; it is costing approximately \$10,000 a month to operate this plant, which cost includes all debt service charges on the above capital as well as other costs.”

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

1. How many applications have been received for the approval of the granting of a brewery licence in British Columbia since August 1st, 1952?
2. Of the applications mentioned above, how many have received the approval of the Hon. the Attorney-General?
3. Of those approved, in what places is it anticipated such breweries will be established?
4. In each instance where approval has been given, what is the name, address, and occupation of the applicant?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“1. One applicant has advised of intended application to be made to the Department of National Revenue for brewery licence since August 1st, 1952.

“2. The Attorney-General has advised the Department of National Revenue that the Government of British Columbia had no objection to the granting by the Federal Department of such licence.

“3. Prince George, B.C.

“4. Intended applicant described as Nechako Brewing Company Limited, registered office, 407, 717 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.”

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

1. What Provincial direct and guaranteed bonds were purchased for Sinking Fund Investment Account during the periods August 1st, 1952, to March 31st, 1953; April 1st, 1953, to March 31st, 1954; and April 1st, 1954, to March 1st, 1955?
2. If any, state amount of each purchase, price paid for each purchase, and from whom bonds were purchased.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“These questions cannot be answered because of insufficient time and the need for the assignment of special staff.”

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

1. Were any direct or guaranteed Provincial bonds, or Dominion bonds, or Dominion guaranteed bonds, purchased as investments during the periods August 1st, 1952, to March 31st, 1953; April 1st, 1953, to March 31st, 1954; and April 1st, 1954, to March 1st, 1955, (a) with moneys of the Teachers' Pension Fund, (b) with moneys of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, and (c) with moneys of the Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. If so, state amount of each purchase from each of these cash sources, price paid, and date of each purchase.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“These questions cannot be answered because of insufficient time and the need for the assignment of special staff.”

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 5.59 p.m.

Monday, March 14th, 1955.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

340. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,881,242 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital Insurance Service to 31st March, 1956.

341. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,486,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, to 31st March, 1956.

342. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$761,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forest Development Roads, to 31st March, 1956.

343. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Mining-roads, to 31st March, 1956.

344. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,938,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1956.

345. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,402,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Okanagan Flood-control, to 31st March, 1956.

346. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Text-book Rental Plan Loss, to 31st March, 1956.

347. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Development and Construction of Housing Projects, to 31st March, 1956.

348. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Assistance to Improvement Districts under "Water Act," to 31st March, 1956.

31A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Horned Cattle Purchases Act," to 31st March, 1955.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1955.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,895 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools and School Services, to 31st March, 1955.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teacher Registration and Examinations, to 31st March, 1955.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1955.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1955.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants (including Provincial Share of Debt Charges), to 31st March, 1955.

137A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Official Guardian Deposits, to 31st March, 1955.

137B (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," to 31st March, 1955.

137C (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$525,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Water Act," to 31st March, 1955.

137D (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$230,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Flood Relief Act," to 31st March, 1955.

137E (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipal Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1955.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, *Per Diem* Grants under Sec. 4 of "Hospital Act," to 31st March, 1955.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1955.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Social Allowances (including Grants), to 31st March, 1955.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Administration and Operation of Project and Pavilion for Japanese at New Denver, to 31st March, 1955.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, "Old-age Assistance Act," 1951, and "Blind Persons' Allowances Act," 1951, Administration, to 31st March, 1955.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, "Mothers' Allowances Act," to 31st March, 1955.

198A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, "Labour Relations Act," to 31st March, 1955.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1955.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918" (Southern Okanagan Lands Project), to 31st March, 1955.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Scaling Fund, to 31st March, 1955.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1955.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1955.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, (b) Grants to Children's Homes, to 31st March, 1955.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants—Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1955.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1955.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1955.

287 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Requirements pursuant to "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1955.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1955.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1955.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Mechanical Supervision and Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1955.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$326,715 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1955.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1955.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1955.

315. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1955.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$742,241.33 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1954, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 24th and 25th days of February and the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 14th days of March were taken as read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, that the Rules be suspended, and that the Resolutions be now read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the House doth agree with the Committee on the said Resolutions.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the question was put and agreed to,—

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards the making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the public service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the following sums:—

- (1) \$742,241.33 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1954.
- (2) \$3,507,830 to supplement the moneys otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1955.
- (3) \$212,059,341 towards defraying several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1956.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 124) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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. 124) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and Bill (No. 127) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and Bill (No. 128) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 126) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 120) intituled "An Act respecting Oil and Gas Pipe-lines" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

1. Have any written representations been made to the Federal authorities in respect to the advisability of agriculture securing additional protection by way of tariffs against American potatoes and vegetables?

2. If so, what specific request in regard to American potatoes was made and on what date was it made?

3. Have any submissions in this regard been made in 1955 to the Canadian Horticultural Council?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. General request only.

"3. I am so advised by the Federation of Agriculture and Coast Vegetable Marketing Board."

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

1. Is one A. E. Webb employed by the Milk Board and, if so, in what capacity?

2. How long has Mr. Webb been an employee of the Board and how long a resident of British Columbia?

3. Did Mr. Webb present a brief to the Milk Commissioner recently and was this with the knowledge and approval of the Minister of Agriculture and of the Chairman of the Milk Board?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; inspector.

"2. Eight and one-half years; length of residency in British Columbia not on office record; suggest you contact Civil Service Commission in this regard.

"3. I was aware Mr. Webb was prepared to present a brief to the Royal Commission on milk, if called, and he was."

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

1. Were any ferries within the Province operated by or under contract from the Department of Public Works between April 1st, 1954, and March 31st, 1955?

2. If so, what total revenue was derived from each such ferry and what was the total expenditure in each case?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Not available until closing of books for present fiscal year."

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

1. What footage of safety guard-railing was installed on Department-controlled highways during the years 1953 and 1954 respectively?

2. How much was (a) wood, (b) steel, or (c) other material?

3. Has the product of the Highway Safety Guard Company Limited been brought to the attention of the Department?

4. If yes, what quantity of this type of railing has (a) been installed, (b) where, and (c) if found satisfactory?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 1953, 14,744 lineal feet, and 1954, 18,296 lineal feet.
- “ 2. (a) Wood, 4,724 lineal feet; (b) steel, 26,306 lineal feet; and (c) concrete, 2,010 lineal feet.
- “ 3. Yes; (a) 2,010 lineal feet; (b) Ioco Overhead, Lake of the Wood, North Vancouver, Hope–Princeton Highway, at bridge approaches; and (c) not entirely.”

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

1. What was the cost of maintaining the highway between Cranbrook and Kimberley in the years 1945, 1946, 1947, 1951, 1952, and 1953 respectively?
2. How much money was expended for maintaining the highways during the year 1954 in the constituencies of (a) Cranbrook and (b) Columbia?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Segregation of expenditure of this section of the Kootenay–Columbia Highway not available.
- “ 2. (a) Fiscal year 1953–54, Cranbrook District, mileage 614.62 miles; expenditures—snow-removal, \$50,519.30; bridges, \$22,564.53; roads, \$123,805.99; total, \$196,889.82. (b) Fiscal year 1953–54, Columbia District, mileage 725.42 miles; expenditures—snow-removal, \$68,263.03; bridges, \$72,557.95; roads, \$162,645.90; total, \$303,466.88.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.13 a.m.

Tuesday, March 15th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

On the motion that Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act’” be now read a third time, a debate arose.

Mr. *Webster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Howard*,—

That the Order for third reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act’” be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for reconsideration of sections 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

A debate on the amendment arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Chant</i>

The Bill was read a third time and passed on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

NAYS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Brown</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Giovando</i>

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion that Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" be now read a third time, a debate arose.

Mr. *Webster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Calder*,—

That the Order for third reading of Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for reconsideration of commercial fishermen being included within the provisions of the said Act.

A debate on the amendment arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Chant</i>

The Bill was read a third time and passed on the following division:—

YEAS—39.

Messieurs

<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	

NAYS—3.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Laing</i>
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Brown</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Giovando</i>

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 127) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 128) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Testator's Family Maintenance Act.'"

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Chant</i>

On the motion that Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act respecting Dental Technicians" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>	

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Laing</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Moxham</i>

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of Mr. *Gibbs*, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the letter written by the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs to the City of Vancouver pertaining to the proposed Vancouver City Charter amendments be forthwith tabled with the Legislature.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* tabled a letter from Mr. J. E. Brown, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. F. J. Hume, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, B.C.

On the motion of Mr. *Laing*, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered*,—

That all papers and communications, including a telegram from the Premier of British Columbia to the chairman of the board of trustees or the trustees of the British Columbia Fruitlands Limited and Kamloops Fruitland Irrigation & Power Company Limited and dealing with the acquisition by the Crown of certain assets of the companies on or about May 29th, 1953, be filed with this House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* tabled a file of correspondence.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the sum of \$600, deposited with the Clerk of the House in connection with a petition to incorporate Kamloops Exhibition Association, which petition was not presented to the House, be refunded to R. G. Humphreys, who is solicitor for the petitioners.

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Calder*,—

Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

And whereas any discrimination is repugnant to democratic principles and British justice:

And whereas subsection (13) of section 92 of the "British North America Act" places civil rights as an exclusive power of Provincial Legislatures:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of introducing "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights," to be known as the "British Columbia Bill of Rights":

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government, in its deliberations on the advisability of introducing said Act, should consider, amongst others, the inclusion of right to freedom of religion, right to free expression, right to free association, right to freedom from arbitrary imprisonment, right to employment, right to engage in occupations, right to own and occupy property, right of access to public places, right to membership in professional and trade associations, and right to education.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Whereas the basic principle of insurance is a common fund from which to compensate the victims of certain hazards:

And whereas insurance is generally accepted by the public as being necessary to prevent financial disaster to the individual or family:

And whereas Part II of the " Motor-vehicle Act " makes it financially necessary for every owner of a motor-vehicle to carry insurance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that relief from the present heavy costs of automobile insurance can be effected through a plan for providing such insurance at cost, such insurance to cover personal liability and property damage.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

That this House is of the opinion that no additional forest management licences should be issued until after the Royal Commissioner, Chief Justice Sloan, has reported the results of his investigations into the forest resources of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

Haggen
Segur
Eddie
Squire
Calder

Gargrave
Howard
Gibbs
Laing

Uphill
Strachan
Harding
Nimsick

Moore
Winch
Webster
Turner

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

Shantz
Reid
Price
Parker
Corbett
Arsens, Mrs.

Williston
Sommers
Bennett
Bonner
Black
Bate

Tomlinson
Richter
Newton
Moxham
Matthew
Bruch

Chetwynd
Kiernan
Martin
Gaglardi
Wicks

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Giovando
Brown
Gregory

Chant
Shelford
Tisdalle

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour and management organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear further representations and report its findings to this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Whereas on December 9th, 1938, the Legislative Assembly of this Province Resolved as follows:—

" Whereas there is more overhospitalization in British Columbia than anywhere in the Dominion:

“And whereas hospitals throughout the country are in urgent need of funds for various articles of equipment:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly go on record as being in favour of sweepstakes, conducted by either the Dominion or any Provincial Government, 25 per cent of the gross proceeds of which shall be allocated to a fund to be set up for the purpose of building new hospitals, purchase of equipment for, and the general solvency of, established hospitals.”

Now therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly likewise go on record as being in favour of sweepstakes, conducted by either the Dominion or any Provincial Government, 25 per cent of the gross proceeds of which shall be allocated to a fund to be set up for the purpose of building new hospitals, purchase of equipment for, and the general solvency of, established hospitals.

Mr. *Eddie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has no official floral emblem:

And whereas the dogwood is being displayed and advertised as the floral emblem of British Columbia:

And whereas this Legislature has indirectly given recognition to the dogwood by reason of the fact that the dogwood flower is inscribed on the ferrule of the new mace now being used in this Chamber:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the dogwood be adopted as the official floral emblem of the Province of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*,—

To strike out the last two lines, and to substitute therefore the following:—

“Therefore this House is of the opinion that the western flowering dogwood (*Cornus Nuttallii Audubon*) should be given consideration as the official floral emblem of the Province of British Columbia, such consideration to be resolved at the fourth meeting of the Twenty-fourth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia.”

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. *Moore* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

Whereas the growing industrial expansion in British Columbia has been and will continue to create conditions of air, soil, and water pollution:

And whereas it is in the interest of the people of the Province that suitable legislation for the control of such pollution be provided, along with a supervisory body responsible for such pollution-control:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that a pollution-control authority or commission should be appointed to investigate this matter of urgent public importance and recommend appropriate control measures for the consideration of the Legislature.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Price presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 14th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Eleven meetings were held by the Committee of eighteen members.

Upon direction from the House, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act relating to Highland Drainage Areas" was given consideration by the Committee and representations were made concerning this Bill by a number of municipalities and drainage areas and also comments from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Upon due consideration, your Committee recommends that action on Bill (No. 12) be postponed for one year and the Bill referred to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for its consideration. It was further recommended that the Bill also be referred to all drainage districts presently set up.

Submissions were heard from Mr. T. R. B. Adams, secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and Mr. McQuarrie, solicitor for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, with respect to the following items affected by legislation:—

- (1) Social service costs:
- (2) Hospital *per diem* grant:
- (3) Qualifications for office:
- (4) Forest Reserve land:
- (5) "Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Exemption Act":
- (6) Chronic-patient care:
- (7) "Civil Service Superannuation Act" (transfer of service):
- (8) Disincorporation within municipal areas:
- (9) "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'":
- (10) "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'":
- (11) "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'":
- (12) "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'":
- (13) "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'":
- (14) "An Act to amend the 'Line Fences Act'":
- (15) "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Mr. A. C. DesBrisay submitted a brief on behalf of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association. Further submissions were made by Mr. Ken Thompson, representing the insurance underwriters, and Mr. McKenzie, representing the All Canada Assurance Company.

Your Committee also considered submissions on "Taxation of Transmission Lines." A recommendation was proposed by Mr. J. E. Brown, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs. Reeve Schultz, of Surrey, and Mr. P. Livingstone, municipal manager of Surrey, and Mr. Adams, secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, spoke on this subject; also Mr. D. A. M. Patterson, representing the British Columbia Electric Railway. Your Committee accepted the report and endorsed the recommendations as made by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Also before the Committee was a delegation representing the Vancouver Island Greenhouse Operators' Association asking that, for the purpose of land taxation, greenhouse operators be considered as engaged in an agricultural and horticultural pursuit. A well-prepared brief on this matter was presented to the Committee. Reeve Casey,

of Saanich, appeared before the Committee on this subject. Your Committee recommends that the brief submitted by the Greenhouse Operators' Association be referred to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for further consideration.

After consideration, a number of amendments to various Acts were approved and are being submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BERT PRICE, *Chairman.*

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

Mr. *Bruch* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 15th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Numerous accounts were examined and several witnesses called and all questions were answered.

The accounts examined were found in good order.

Your Committee went on record in expressing its appreciation and congratulations to the Minister of Finance and the Comptroller-General of this Province for their outstanding contribution toward the standardization and clarification of governmental accounting procedures. British Columbia is the first Province to put largely into practice the recommendations of the Dominion-Provincial Conference on Financial Statistics, guided by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. As a result of the efforts of the highly qualified personnel of these departments, British Columbia has been highly commended by leading financial institutions for its progressive method of presenting the Public Accounts of this Province.

Your Committee recommends that in future Sessions the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing meet earlier in the Session to avoid crowding the schedule.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BRUCH, *Chairman.*

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

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

1. Since August 2nd, 1952, have any private law firms or individual members of the legal profession been employed or engaged by the Department of Labour?

2. If so, (a) what are the names of the law firms and the individual members of the legal profession so engaged, (b) for what purpose or purposes were these respective firms or individuals engaged, and (c) what amounts of money were paid respectively to these firms or individuals?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. See Public Accounts.”

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

1. With reference to the address by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary to the British Columbia Government Employees' Association's 1954 convention at Nanaimo, has the Government yet asked to be informed of the basis for the resolution passed at the last Social Credit convention suggesting "wilful inefficiency on the part of some Government employees"?

2. If so, has the Government been informed of the basis for the resolution?

3. If the Government has been informed of the basis for the resolution, what is the basis?

4. If the Government has not been informed of the basis for the resolution, is there any basis for the resolution?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. No.

"3 and 4. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

According to Departmental records, during the calendar year 1954, how much timber in feet board-measure or cubic-foot measure was cut by (a) Kelley Logging Company Limited, (b) Alice Lake Logging Company Limited, (c) MacMillan & Bloedel Limited, (d) British Columbia Forest Products Limited, (e) Canadian Forest Products Limited, (f) Alaska Pine & Cellulose Company Limited, (g) Alaska Pine Company Limited, (h) Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, (i) Northern Pulpwood Limited, (j) Powell River Company Limited, (k) H. R. MacMillan Export Company Limited, (l) Hudson Lumber Company Limited, (m) W. F. Gibson & Sons Limited, (n) R. B. McLean Lumber Company, (o) W.M. & F. Logging Company Limited, (p) Lamb Lumber Company Limited, and (q) Fleetwood Logging Company Limited?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"The answer to this question entails a great deal of summarization, which is in the course of preparation but is not yet ready for presentation."

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

1. Since March 1st, 1955, have any copies of union agreements been filed with the Department of Labour and, if so, among those filed was there an agreement, or agreements, entered into between Saginaw-Kitimat Construction Company and unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labour?

2. If so, (a) what unions were signatories to the agreement or agreements, and (b) were the unions, or any of them, certified under the "Labour Relations Act," and, if so, which ones?

3. If not certified, has the Department investigated as to whether the agreement, or agreements, has been ratified by a majority of the employees affected, as required by subsection (4) of section 23 of the "Labour Relations Act," and, if not, why not?

4. Did Saginaw-Kitimat Construction Company have any employees at Kitimat at the time the agreement, or agreements, was signed?

5. Were there any provisions in the agreement, or agreements, relative to (a) board and lodging charges, (b) fares allowance, and (c) travelling time, and, if so, what is the wording of the relative applicable sections of the agreement or agreements?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes and no.

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

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

1. Did any hospitals in British Columbia have a deficit at December 31st in 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954 respectively?
2. If so, which hospitals in each year showed such a deficit?
3. Were any grants made by the Provincial Government to help offset such deficits?
4. If such grants were made, (a) which hospitals received them in the above periods and (b) in what amounts?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes; but in the year 1950 no general hospitals in British Columbia sustained deficits as it was the practice to adjust payments to hospitals by additional allowances to cover operating losses, the only exception being instances where surpluses for 1949 were sufficient to offset losses for 1950.

" 2. Answered by No. 1 in respect to 1950; for other years, *see* explanatory note below.

" 3 and 4. Answered by No. 1 in respect to 1950; no grants made during the period 1951 to 1954, inclusive. Explanatory note *re* the years 1951, 1952, and 1953: Commencing January 1st, 1951, general hospitals in the Province operated under the firm budget policy. In order to evaluate fully the financial positions of hospitals, consideration must be given to the fact that hospitals are allowed to withdraw from operating revenue 40 per cent of all moneys collected from semi-private and private ward charges. In addition, the Hospital Insurance Service includes in the *per diem* rate of each hospital a special allowance of 10 cents per patient-day and, while this allowance is made primarily for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the replacement of equipment and renovations of buildings, it can be used as the Hospital Board sees fit. It must also be borne in mind that hospitals retain any surpluses that may accumulate. A hospital might have a deficit in one year which would be more than offset by a surplus the next. After taking the above factors into account, the hospitals with net deficits for the three-year period of January 1st, 1951, to December 31st, 1953, were as follows: St. George's Hospital, Alert Bay; Bella Coola General Hospital, Bella Coola; Nootka Mission General Hospital, Ceepeecee; Chilliwack General Hospital, Chilliwack; St. Mary's Hospital, Garden Bay; Golden General Hospital, Golden; Wrinch Memorial Hospital, Hazelton; Victorian Hospital, Kaslo; Kimberley and District General Hospital, Kimberley; Michel-Natal District Hospital, Michel; Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp; Nanaimo Hospital, Nanaimo; Kootenay Lake General Hospital, Nelson; Skidegate Inlet General Hospital, Queen Charlotte City; Terrace and District Hospital, Terrace; Tofino General Hospital, Tofino; and Zeballos Hospital, Zeballos. Year 1954: Reports of hospitals not yet available."

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

1. How many persons have been appointed to Governmental service apart from temporary assistance but advertised as being "outside the Civil Service" since August 1st, 1952?
2. What is the reason for this particular category of public servant?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

" 1. Eighteen.

" 2. Most non-Civil Service positions are excluded from the Civil Service by Statute, the remaining non-Civil Service positions are of such a transitory nature that their permanency is not fully determined and, hence, for a period of time they remain outside the permanent Civil Service."

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

1. Was a contract let to the firm of Wade & Wells, of Trail, B.C., for the construction of a mining assistance road in the Cassiar Junction—Joe Irwin Lake area?

2. If so, what previous contracts has this firm had, who are the principals, and what rating has the firm in Dun & Bradstreets?

3. How much has been paid the firm for work done in 1954 and what work was accomplished?

4. Is the contract a cost-plus arrangement and, if so, what percentage over cost is paid, is cost-plus applied to all expenditures, including transport of machinery, etc., and, if so, how much has been paid for transport of machinery from Vancouver to site?

5. In the contract, has a bridge been built of jack-pine at Cottonwood River and does this not involve revised specifications which were approved by the Minister?

6. Was one Loeblich employed as timekeeper on this cost-plus job in 1954 and, if so, is this the same Loeblich who was campaign manager to the Minister of Lands and Forests at Trail in the last general election?

7. Has the Minister of Lands and Forests announced this same firm will continue the job in 1955?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) None with Department of Public Works; (b) Norman Wells, secretary-treasurer, and Harry Wade, president; and (c) favourable.

“ 3. (a) \$174,140.17, and (b) 25 miles of road constructed and 5 miles of tote-road in addition.

“ 4. (a) Yes; (b) 10 per cent; (c) no, only on wages and materials supplied by contractor; and (d) answered by (c).

“ 5. (a) Bridge at Cottonwood River built using native timber, and (b) no.

“ 6. (a) Yes (C. M. Loeblich); employed by Wade & Wells; and (b) information not available.

“ 7. No provision for continuation of this work in Public Works estimates for fiscal year 1955–56.”

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

1. Since January 1st, 1948, how many timber-sale contracts in the Nelson Forest District have been awarded to one James Fofonoff, of Grand Forks, (a) in his own name and (b) in partnership with others?

2. Did the above person or persons obtain other assignments of Crown timber in that period and, if so, specify nature of agreements?

3. Have aforementioned persons been absolved from paying forest protection tax (a) in full or (b) in part and, if so, who recommended and who authorized such action?

4. If so, what is the total amount of rebate from normal procedure?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) One sale, namely, Timber Sale X44308, awarded J. D. Fofonoff, August 20th, 1949; and (b) one sale, namely, Timber Sale X60301, awarded to the partnership of J. D. Fofonoff and J. J. Negraeff, January 4th, 1954.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. Forest protection tax paid in full.

“ 4. Not applicable; see answer to No. 3 above.”

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

1. Since August 1st, 1952, how many new liquor distribution outlets (a) under the old Liquor Act, and (b) under the new Act have been established by granting of licences and, under the new Act, how many in each category?

2. What was the revenue to the Government in licences arising out of new licences granted in this period?

3. Is it the policy of the Government to increase sale of liquor, reduce sale, or keep distribution constant?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) None; and (b) 413 (refers to premises not previously licensed); dining-lounge licences, 36; dining-room licences, 145; lounge licences, 167; and public-house licences, 65.

“ 2. \$40,076.98 (1954, \$37,055.73, and 1955, \$3,021.25).

“ 3. The policy of the Government is to encourage moderation in the consumption of liquor by the public.”

Mr. Laing asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. How many persons who contested seats on behalf of the Social Credit Party in the general election of 1953 have since been appointed to Government positions?

2. In each case, name the position being held in the public service, the salary being paid, in each case, and the qualifications possessed for the appointment.

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:—

“ 1. Two.

“ 2. Executive Assistant and Secretary (“Assessment Equalization Act”); salary, \$500 per month; general knowledge of municipal affairs as clerk and assistant city clerk, City of Victoria, from 1931 to 1953; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries; position was advertised and secured through the Civil Service Commission on his own merit. Economic Adviser to the Government to direct studies and prepare a brief *re* Federal-Provincial fiscal relations as related to tax agreements between the Government of Canada and Government of British Columbia, \$600 per month, chartered accountant, and Superintendent of Income Tax, Alberta.”

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TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST FOUR O’CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

Gerald H. Cross, Esquire, Clerk Assistant of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act to amend the “Supreme Court Act.”

(No. 2) An Act respecting the Inspection of Fish.

(No. 3) An Act to amend the “Deserted Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act.”

(No. 4) An Act to amend the “Credit Unions Act.”

(No. 5) An Act to amend the “Insurance Act.”

(No. 6) An Act to amend the “Game Act.”

(No. 7) An Act respecting the Practice of Law.

(No. 9) An Act to amend the “Land Registry Act.”

(No. 10) An Act to amend the “Jury Act.”

(No. 11) An Act to amend the “Soldiers’ Land Act.”

- (No. 13) An Act respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Grazing Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Trespass Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 17) An Act respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering.
- (No. 18) An Act respecting the Practice of the Profession of Architecture.
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Schools for Mental Defectives Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Psychiatric Nurses Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to facilitate the Construction of Extensions of the Lines of Railway of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act."
- (No. 26) An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices and providing for the Qualification of Tradesmen.
- (No. 27) An Act respecting Employment Agencies.
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Kitimat Incorporation Act, 1953."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Greater Nanaimo Water District Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Greater Victoria Water District Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Social Services Tax Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Gasoline Tax Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952."
- (No. 38) An Act to provide Aid for Municipalities.
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Assessment Equalization Act, 1953."
- (No. 43) An Act respecting Victoria College.
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Electric Power Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act."
- (No. 47) An Act respecting Housing for Elderly Citizens.
- (No. 48) An Act to validate the Municipal Assessment Rolls for the Year 1955.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Charter."
- (No. 51) An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company.
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition.
- (No. 53) An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company.
- (No. 54) An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company.
- (No. 55) An Act to amend the "North-west Telephone Company's Act, 1929."
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."

- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Victoria College Foundation Act."
 (No. 64) An Act to amend the "River-bank Protection Act."
 (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Families' Compensation Act."
 (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
 (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Provincial Infirmaries Act."
 (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
 (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Residence and Responsibility Act."
 (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home Act."
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Tuberculosis Institutions Act."
 (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954."
 (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
 (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
 (No. 76) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Child Guidance Clinics.
 (No. 77) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Mental Health Centres.
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."
 (No. 79) An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation.
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Rural Telephone Act."
 (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Controlled Access Highways Act."
 (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Ferries Act."
 (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Noxious Weeds Act."
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Gas Utilities Act."
 (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act."
 (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Trans-Canada Highways Act."
 (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Okanagan Flood-control Act."
 (No. 88) An Act to amend the "City of Greenwood Debt Refunding Act, 1941-42."
 (No. 89) An Act respecting the Liquidation of The First Narrows Bridge Company Limited.
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
 (No. 92) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Foresters Act."
 (No. 94) An Act respecting Summary Proceedings.
 (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
 (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
 (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Disabled Persons' Allowances Act."

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 98) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1949."
 (No. 99) An Act respecting the Department of Highways.
 (No. 100) An Act respecting the Department of Public Works.
 (No. 101) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
 (No. 102) An Act to amend the "Hospital Insurance Act."
 (No. 104) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
 (No. 106) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Assistance Act."
 (No. 107) An Act to amend the "Chiropody Act."
 (No. 108) An Act to authorize the Granting of certain Lands to the University of British Columbia.
 (No. 109) An Act to amend the "Logging Tax Act."

- (No. 110) An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision.
- (No. 111) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 112) An Act to amend the "Township of Chilliwack Drainage Act."
- (No. 113) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
- (No. 114) An Act to amend the "Collection Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 115) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Act."
- (No. 116) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."
- (No. 117) An Act to provide for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Powell River.
- (No. 118) An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons who have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia.
- (No. 119) An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan.
- (No. 120) An Act respecting Oil and Gas Pipe-lines.
- (No. 122) An Act to incorporate St. Andrew's Hall.
- (No. 123) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."
- (No. 125) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 126) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 127) An Act to amend the "New Westminster Parks Act, 1908."
- (No. 128) An Act to amend the "Cemeteries Act."

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 124) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your legislative duties and in closing the Third Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament of British Columbia, I do so confident in the knowledge that the progressive measures that have been enacted will assist further to establish firmly that new era of prosperity and security for which my Government has so wisely planned. I wish also to express my appreciation for the care and sincerity that has marked your deliberations.

I note with gratification that legislation has been enacted enabling a ten-million-dollar building programme to be carried out during the next decade at the University of British Columbia.

The realistic and generous manner in which you have dealt with the problem of the cost of education and stabilizing its incidental and related burdens, as well as the manner in which you have provided basic aids to local governments, should be a source of general commendation.

I thank you for the supply which you have granted for the public service, which will enable the continuation of my Government's programme throughout the fiscal year.

In closing this Session, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.