

Tuesday, March 8th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *J. P. Farrell*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 112) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Township of Chilliwhack Drainage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 113) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Local Improvement Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 114) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Collection Agents’ Licensing Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 107) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Chiropody Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*—Bill (No. 106) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Village Municipalities Assistance Act.’”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Collection Agents’ Licensing Act’” was withdrawn.

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. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices and providing for the Qualification of Tradesmen” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to provide Aid for Municipalities” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Infirmaries Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act’” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Home Act’” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act respecting Summary Proceedings” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Highways” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Public Works" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'River-bank Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Rural Telephone Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1949.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Services Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Eddie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Whereas an Order in Council was passed on the 17th day of February, 1955, appointing His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord a Commissioner to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the issuance of forest management licences for the purpose, *inter alia*, of ascertaining whether or not there was impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence:

Be it *Ordered*, That this House do suspend Standing Orders to permit the Clerk of the House to make available to the said Commissioner any document or documents filed with this House during this Session when requested by the said Commissioner.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

Whereas an Order in Council was passed on the 17th day of February, 1955, appointing His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord a Commissioner to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the issuance of forest management licences for the purpose, *inter alia*, of ascertaining whether or not there was impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence:

Be it Ordered, That this House do suspend Standing Orders to permit the Clerk of the House to make available to the said Commissioner any document or documents filed with this House during this Session when requested by the said Commissioner.

Motion agreed to.

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

REPORT NO. 18.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 8th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas, under Order 97 of the Standing Orders, your Committee was required to report to the House on or before February 21st on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee found it impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

And whereas the House did modify Order 97 and extend the time for a report to the House on Private Bills to March 2nd, 1955:

And whereas the House did further extend the time for a report to the House on Private Bills to March 8th, 1955:

And whereas your Committee now finds that a further extension of time is necessary:

Your Committee recommends that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be further extended to March 11th, 1955.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 8th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held two meetings.

Your Committee summoned Mr. Willard Ireland, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established by the "Public Documents Disposal Act," as amended by chapter 27 of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, 1953, and, having heard the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in

accordance with the provisions of the "Public Documents Disposal Act," approval be given for the destruction of the various public documents as listed in the submission of the Public Documents Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

H. BRUCH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Referring to the Budget Speech of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, delivered in the Legislative Assembly February 4th, 1955, page 13, line 34, "For the first time in its history the company (Pacific Great Eastern Railway) has earned an operating surplus during 1954"; in the Public Accounts of the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1954, page EE 350, line 15, of the condensed balance-sheet shows the net operating loss at December 31st, 1953, to be \$98,189—which statement, if either, is correct?

2. What were gross operating revenues on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for December, 1954?

3. What were operating expenses on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for each month, November and December of 1954 and January of 1955?

4. What were the operating revenues on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for November, 1954; for December, 1954; and for January, 1955?

5. What were the operating expenses on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for November, 1954; for December, 1954; and for January, 1955?

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

"1. Both statements are correct; the quotation from the Budget Speech refers to calendar year 1954, whereas condensed balance-sheet figure refers to calendar year 1953.

"2. \$428,873.

"3. November, 1954, \$371,031; December, 1954, \$320,227; and January, 1955, \$291,315.

"4. November, 1954, \$495,129; December, 1954, \$428,873; and January, 1955, \$410,442.

"5. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. With reference to the sale of the Government office building in Greenwood to the City of Greenwood (*vide* Votes and Proceedings No. 4, January 28th, 1955), were tenders advertised and asked for on purchase of said building?

2. Is the procedure followed in this case that customarily followed in the sale of Government-owned real property?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes; when sold to the municipality within which the property is situate."

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

1. What is the total of British Columbia bonds, debentures, and stock, related to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, held as Provincial sinking fund investments on December 31st, 1954?

2. State (*a*) amount of separate lots purchased, (*b*) price at which each separate lot was purchased, and (*c*) date on which each separate lot was purchased.

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

"1 and 2. Cannot be answered in present form."

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

Table D, analysis of public debt by purpose, December 31st, 1954, discloses \$29,436,094.65 funded debt of the Province for account of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; when, by payment of serials and sinking fund appropriations from Consolidated Revenue, will this Provincial debt be liquidated?

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

“ Series EV: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$120,000; maturity, June 29th, 1956. Series KE: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$1,085,234.70; maturity, February 15th, 1957. Series FY: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$110,630; maturity, April 1st, 1961. Series FZ: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$68,425; maturity, May 15th, 1961. Series GZ: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$4,800,000; maturity, June 1st, 1962. Series KA: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$1,872,314.74; maturity, August 15th, 1955. Series JH: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$953,833.24; maturity, June 15th, 1956. Series KB: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$468,078.68; maturity, August 15th, 1956. Registered stock: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$712,248.65; maturity, May 1st, 1967. Series KC: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$468,078.68; maturity, August 15th, 1956. Series FL: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$48,548.92; maturity, December 1st, 1957. Series HA: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$636,000; maturity, July 15th, 1962. Series JP: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$1,739,527.33; maturity, June 15th, 1964. Series JQ: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$534,977.43; maturity, June 15th, 1964. Series JV: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$3,069,053.71; maturity, June 15th, 1968. Series FO: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$56,385.02; maturity, January 23rd, 1969. Series JS: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$1,338,598.47; maturity, December 15th, 1969. Series JK: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$489,919.35; maturity, August 10th, 1970. Series JE: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$1,906,192.33; maturity, October 15th, 1972. Series JF: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$545,000; maturity, November 1st, 1972. Series KD: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$5,398,507.50; maturity, August 15th, 1976. Series KF: Principal outstanding December 31st, 1954, \$3,014,540.90; maturity, February 15th, 1977. Total, \$29,436,094.65.”

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

1. What, if anything, has been the total cost to the Province to date for legal work in connection with taxation within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo land grant?
2. To whom were any such amounts paid?
3. Are any such accounts unpaid at this date?
4. If so, by whom are such unpaid accounts claimed?

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

“ 1. \$73,082.30.

“ 2. J. W. deB. Farris, Q.C., \$67,694.71, and H. A. Maclean, Q.C., \$3,710.67; these items also include fees and expenses with reference to ‘Hours of Work Act’; Ewart, Scott, Kelly & Company, \$572.84; Gard, Lyall & Company, \$1,104.08.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. *Nil*; no expenditure in this connection has been made since March 15th, 1951.”

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 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8th, 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.)

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,346 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$224,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,560 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1956.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1956.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,312 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,475 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$109,257 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,212 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Indian Inquiry Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1956.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,758 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$321,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Homes for Elderly Citizens *re* Construction and to Children's Homes, to 31st March, 1956.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,933 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1956.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under Sec. 76 of "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1956.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1956.

277 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1956.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1956.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1956.

280. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,656 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1956.

281. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 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, 1956.

282. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1956.

283. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction and Other Grants to Charitable and Other Associations, to 31st March, 1956.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Victoria, to 31st March, 1956.

287. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,056 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1956.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1956.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$109,374 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1956.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$132,979 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1956.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,032,588 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1956.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1956.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,041,662 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1956.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$135,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, General Administration and Training, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.46 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Frank Johnson*.

Mr. *Reid* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Redistribution, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 9th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on Redistribution begs leave to report as follows:—

During the last three Sessions the Special Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to consider the desirability of amending section 14 of the "Constitution Act" has made an intensive study of the problems involved and has gathered much material.

The Special Committee appointed by this Legislative Assembly has arrived at certain concrete conclusions within the limits of its experience.

The influx of people into British Columbia during the past several years, the continuing shift of population within British Columbia, and the vast industrial expansion which is opening up hitherto sparsely populated areas of the Province lead inevitably to the conclusion that certain areas should have more equitable representation in the Legislative Assembly. Particularly is this true in respect of two areas: (a) The Lower Mainland area and (b) the Peace River area.

The Special Committee therefore recommends:—

- (1) That the Electoral Districts of Burnaby, Delta, and North Vancouver in the Lower Mainland area shall be multiple-member constituencies, being represented in each case by two members instead of one:

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*, seconded by Mr. *Moore*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving of the following motion:—

That the resignations of *William C. Moore*, *Leo T. Nimsick*, and *Arthur J. Turner* from the Committee on Redistribution be accepted.

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

That the resignations of *William C. Moore*, *Leo T. Nimsick*, and *Arthur J. Turner* from the Committee on Redistribution be accepted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Laing* tabled a copy of a letter and tendered his resignation from the "Special Committee to consider the desirability of amending section 14 and Schedule C of the 'Constitution Act,' being chapter 65 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948,' and to make recommendations in respect thereof to this Legislature as to the desirability of increasing the number of members to be elected to the Legislature and as to the distribution of the members amongst the electoral districts of the Province," sometimes referred to as the Special Committee on Redistribution.

On the motion of Mr. *Laing*, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving of the following motion:—

That the resignation of *Arthur Laing* from the Redistribution Committee be accepted.

Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

That the resignation of *Arthur Laing* from the Redistribution Committee be accepted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* 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 'Logging Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 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. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Logging Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* 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 facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 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. 110) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision," 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 after to-day.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* 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 'Motor-vehicle Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 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. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.' "

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 117) intituled “An Act to provide for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Powell River.”

On the motion of Mr. *Winch*—Bill (No. 121) intituled “An Act respecting Dental Technicians.”

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 115) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Vancouver Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Private Bills.”

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Fruit Growers Mutual Insurance Company” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘North-west Telephone Company’s Act, 1929,’” was 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 in the Hands of Private Members.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade-unions Act.’”

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Unorganized Territory.”

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion that Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Licence Forfeiture and Cancellation Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Testator's Family Maintenance Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Howard* on February 24th, as follows:—

That the Standing Orders be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills with a view to their revision.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* on February 2nd, as follows:—

That this Legislature deplores the action of the Government of Canada in reducing by \$5 per ton the subsidy paid on the movement of feed-grains to British Columbia from Prairie points under the Freight Assistance Policy on Western grains and mill-feeds shipped into Eastern Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

And the adjourned debate on the motion to amend the above motion moved by Mr. *Laing* on February 2nd, as follows:—

To add at the end thereof the words "and urges the Federal Minister of Agriculture to spread the reduction over the next two years."

The debate continued.

Mr. *Gregory* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*,—

To add between the words "agriculture" and "to," the words "if the Federal Government is adamant in its intention to reduce the subsidy."

The amendment to the amendment was negatived.

The amendment was negatived.

The debate continued.

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

That the following words be added: "And urge the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture on behalf of all the members of this Legislature to make the strongest possible representations to the Federal Government, asking them to reconsider their decision."

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*,—

That this House is of the opinion that the present tariff arrangements between this country and the United States are inequitable and discriminatory against the best interests of British Columbia agriculture in so far as such items as potatoes, poultry meat, some canned goods, and certain other items of farm produce are concerned, and therefore recommends to the Government of Canada that these matters be renegotiated at the earliest opportunity with a view to removing such unfair provisions.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

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| <i>Squire</i> | <i>Winch</i> | <i>Arsens, Mrs.</i> | <i>Moxham</i> |
| <i>Calder</i> | <i>Webster</i> | <i>Sommers</i> | <i>Matthew</i> |
| <i>Gargrave</i> | <i>Turner</i> | <i>Bennett</i> | <i>Bruch</i> |
| <i>Howard</i> | <i>Chant</i> | <i>Bonner</i> | <i>Chetwynd</i> |
| <i>Giovando</i> | <i>Shelford</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>Kiernan</i> |
| <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Shantz</i> | <i>Bate</i> | <i>Martin</i> |
| <i>Strachan</i> | <i>Reid</i> | <i>Tomlinson</i> | <i>Gaglardi</i> |
| <i>Harding</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Richter</i> | <i>Wicks</i> |

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| <i>Tisdalle</i> | <i>Gibson</i> |
| <i>Parker</i> | <i>Haggen</i> |
| <i>Williston</i> | <i>Laing</i> |

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

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

1. In how many instances have the powers conferred on licensing authorities by sections 3 and 4 of the "Licence Forfeiture and Cancellation Act" been exercised (a) by Provincial authorities and (b) by local authorities?

2. How many persons have been refused or deprived of licences pursuant to the said Act?

3. How many persons deprived of licences pursuant to the said Act have had their licences restored (a) as a result of appeal under section 8 and (b) for some other reason and what was the reason or were the reasons?

4. Has any person refused, or deprived of, a licence pursuant to section 3 or 4 of the said Act had such licence issued or restored save after successful appeal under section 8 or on ceasing to be a person subject to be deprived of any licence as defined by section 2 of the Act, and, if so, by what authority was such licence issued or restored?

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

1. Since April, 1954, what surveys have been undertaken by the British Columbia Power Commission on the proposal to dam Buttle Lake or to seek alternative sources of power on the Campbell River?

2. On what specific date did these surveys commence, how many men were engaged, and what has been expended to December 31st, 1954?

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

“ 1. No surveys have been carried out by the British Columbia Power Commission on the proposal to dam Buttle Lake since April, 1954; complete surveys in this connection were carried out previously to that date; surveys and investigations covering alternative sources of power on Campbell River have been carried out on Upper Campbell Lake and at the existing Ladore Falls Dam at the outlet of Lower Campbell Lake.

“ 2. Surveys for Upper Campbell Lake project were started on May 17th, 1954, and are still continuing; they included aerial photographic surveys, topographical and geological surveys, and diamond-drilling and boring work; the number of men employed has varied between six and twenty; as of December 31st, 1954, a sum of \$56,507.89 had been expended on these surveys. The surveys in connection with Ladore Falls were started on January 27th, 1954; they included topographic and geological surveys, diamond-drilling and boring work; the work was completed in December, 1954; the number of men employed has varied, generally being in the order of two to six; the total expenditure as of December 31st, 1954, was \$14,060.80.”

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.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1955.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 a Bill intituled “An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons who have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 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. 118) intituled “An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons who have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly 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.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

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 a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 9th, 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. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, on behalf of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to incorporate St. Andrew's Hall" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, Compensation for Injuries, Civil Defence Workers, to 31st March, 1956.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$132,616 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, Civil Defence Matching Funds Programme, to 31st March, 1956.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, Standardization of Hose-couplings, to 31st March, 1956.

298 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "An Act to provide for the Payment of an Allowance to Frederick Arthur Pauline," to 31st March, 1956.

299 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,847 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1956.

300 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1956.

301 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,000 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, 1956.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Retiring Allowance—"Civil Service Act," sec. 69, and other Government employees, to 31st March, 1956.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Public Services Medical Plan, to 31st March, 1956.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,558 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,021 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1956.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1956.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Revision of Municipal Legislation, to 31st March, 1956.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,980 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,326,878 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

309. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,828,165 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Maintenance of Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, to 31st March, 1956.

311. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1956.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1956.

313. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Vehicle Damage Claims, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

314. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Highway Signs, Signals, Traffic-controls, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

315. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Research and Testing Services, to 31st March, 1956.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1956.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1956.

318. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Equipment Fund, to 31st March, 1956.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,271 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$665,856 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1956.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,172 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1956.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,764,418 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance) (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1956.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1956.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,888 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gas Division, to 31st March, 1956.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$582 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1956.

328. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1956.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.32 p.m.

Thursday, March 10th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre *J. E. Williams*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gibson* made the following statement:—

MR. SPEAKER:

On February 15th, in the House, I expressed my convictions concerning the principle of the granting of forest management licences.

Because I consider this denial of justice of such vital importance to all the people of this Province, it is my intention to take the issue to the people, and I therefore advise you that I am resigning my seat and will seek re-election.

J. GORDON GIBSON.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Village Municipalities Act ' " was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 126) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Municipal Act ' " was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Insurance Act ' " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Provincial Home Act ' " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to provide Aid for Municipalities " was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Mineral Act ' " was read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of the Profession of Architecture " was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Social Services Tax Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Gasoline Tax Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the ' River-bank Protection Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Rural Telephone Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the ' British Columbia Loan Act, 1949, ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Hospital Insurance Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Land Registry Act. ' "

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the ' County Courts Act. ' "

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation."

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to authorize the Granting of certain Lands to the University of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Court of Appeal Act. ' "

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Township of Chilliwack Drainage Act. ' "

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Local Improvement Act. ' "

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Greater Vancouver Act. ' "

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Chiropody Act. ' "

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Civil Service Act. ' "

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Powell River."

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Village Municipalities Assistance Act. ' "

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Logging Tax Act. ' "

Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons who have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Webster*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Moore*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Law."

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Mr. *Shantz* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee met the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and heard the presentation of a list of resolutions as submitted by them. Careful consideration was given to these resolutions and:—

- (1) Your Committee recommends that an investigation be made to ascertain if any farm services are being curtailed due to lack of appropriations to the Department of Agriculture:
- (2) Your Committee recommends that the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes spend more time visiting the various Institutes to encourage and stimulate interest so that the organization will grow and expand:

- (3) It is felt that some misunderstanding exists regarding the Forage Analysis Laboratory, in that this service is available to the individual farmer, whereas it was set up as a service to be used by the district agriculturists in co-operation with the farmers so as to get a test of the general area, not a specific piece of land; however, your Committee recommends the expansion of this service under the Field Crops Branch:
- (4) After careful consideration by this Committee, it is felt in the best interests of this Province that grazing lands remain under the Department of Lands and Forests where it is at the present time:
- (5) It is felt that every effort should be made to control erosion of our agricultural land and realizing that the cost of preventing this erosion is prohibitive to the individual land-owner, this Committee urges that the Department of Government involved continue to work toward a concrete policy and press the Federal Government for participation in this type of control work under the section of the "Prairie Farms Rehabilitation Act" and the "Conservation Act" of 1953:
- (6) Where, due to physical or financial difficulties, certain farmers find it impossible to pay the taxes on their lands or where the side roads are not receiving adequate maintenance, your Committee recommends that farmers needing to work out their taxes be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Engineer or Minister concerned; that the Minister examine into the possible economies to be obtained by using local farmers, loggers, or contractors on some types of road maintenance:
- (7) It is generally agreed that if we are to retain the services of the younger generation on the farms and in agriculture, it is necessary that increased efforts be put forward by all power companies and the British Columbia Power Commission to extend rural electrification and this Committee recommends that the British Columbia Power Commission do its utmost to electrify the rural areas:
- (8) As the results of equalization of assessments and the new school formula have not as yet been fully realized, this Committee feels it unwise to make any recommendation on the resolution dealing with school taxes on land.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Committee reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10th, 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. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan," 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 after to-day.

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

1. Is it the purpose of the Provincial Government to distribute to cities and municipalities one-fifth of the proceeds of the 5-per-cent social services tax which accrued from October 1st, 1954, to December 31st, 1954?
2. Is it the purpose of the Provincial Government to distribute to cities and municipalities one-third of the proceeds of motor-vehicle licence fees which accrued between April 1st, 1954, and December 31st, 1954, inclusive?

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

"1 and 2. The proposed grants toward the cost of education and to assist local governments are payable during the calendar year and are compiled so as to offset by far the grants otherwise payable from the sources mentioned during the said calendar year."

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

1. How many native Indians are there on Vancouver Island?
2. How many native Indians are there in British Columbia exclusive of Vancouver Island? (If the Minister does not have accurate figures, will he please give his best estimate.)

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

- "1. 4,417.
- "2. 23,519 (figures taken from 1949 Census of Indians of Canada)."

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

1. Has the Government received an invitation to attend the present meetings of the House of Commons Committee on External Affairs wherein they are presently considering a Bill which could have an effect upon the construction of the so-called Kaiser Dam?
2. If so, is it the intention of the Government to accept the invitation?

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

“ 1 and 2. Invitation and reply filed in the Legislature on Thursday, March 3rd, 1955.”

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.

Thursday, March 10th, 1955.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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. 122) intituled “An Act to incorporate St. Andrew's Hall” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 123) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Public Utilities Act ’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Motor-vehicle Act.’”

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 114) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Collection Agents' Licensing Act.’”

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 110) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations and to provide for their Regulation and Supervision.”

The debate continued.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1956.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,752 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1956.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,226 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Branch, to 31st March, 1956.
86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,301 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education Branch, to 31st March, 1956.
87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$158,429 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1956.
88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,790 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1956.
89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,093 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Library, to 31st March, 1956.
90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,732 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Central Microfilm Bureau, to 31st March, 1956.
91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1956.
92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$128,950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Public Library Commission, to 31st March, 1956.
93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,235 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1956.
94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1956.
95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$547,796 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools and School Services, to 31st March, 1956.
96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$246,199 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1956.
97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,246 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teacher Education and Summer School, to 31st March, 1956.
98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,844 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teacher Registration and Examinations, to 31st March, 1956.
99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$128,602 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1956.
100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,674 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1956.
101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,349 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Accounting Branch, to 31st March, 1956.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$264,090 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Federal-Provincial Training Programmes, to 31st March, 1956.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,845,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants toward Cost of Education, to 31st March, 1956.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund 6% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act"), to 31st March, 1956.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to School Districts, to 31st March, 1956.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Night-school Grants, to 31st March, 1956.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1956.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Library and Library Association Grants, to 31st March, 1956.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$357,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1956.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1956.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University Endowment Lands, to 31st March, 1956.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1956.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, College of Education, to 31st March, 1956.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Dental Consultant, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1956.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals, Grants, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1956.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1956.

117 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Advances *re* Rural School and Library Taxes, to 31st March, 1956.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teacher-training Loan Fund, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

Friday, March 11th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—In view of the fact that Mr. J. Gordon Gibson is no longer a member of this House, I have ordered Motion No. 15 and Questions Nos. 45, 129, and 130 to be struck from the Order Paper.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* 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 respecting Oil and Gas Pipe-lines," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10th, 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. 120) intituled "An Act respecting Oil and Gas Pipe-lines," 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 after to-day.

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."

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

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act respecting the Public Services Medical Plan."

Bill (No. 125) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 126) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Township of Chilliwack Drainage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Powell River" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons who have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Law" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Safety in Industrial Transportation" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Assistance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiroprody Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Logging Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to authorize the Granting of certain Lands to the University of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to incorporate St. Andrew's Hall" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was 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 Order for consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Bill reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of the Profession of Architecture" was read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific National Exhibition" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

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

REPORT NO. 19.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.)" and has heard in support thereof

submissions complaining of the inability of the Courts to render adequate justice to the petitioners.

Your Committee finds that the preamble to the Bill has not been proved to its satisfaction and, further, is of the opinion that the Bill presented is beyond the proper legislative authority of the House.

While, therefore, your Committee recommends that the House do not proceed further with the said Bill, it respectfully suggests that the matter be given study by the Department of the Attorney-General.

Your Committee further recommends that the fee of \$300, paid by the promoters, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report for the Year 1954 covering the Activities of the Provincial Library, Provincial Archives, and Central Microfilm Bureau.

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

1. How many motor-vehicles, in the last twelve-month period for which figures are available, were licensed as “commercial” where the applications indicated the vehicles were to be used for private or pleasure purposes?

2. In the same period, how many motor-vehicles, in cases where the licence applications indicated the vehicles were to be used for commercial purposes, were licensed other than as “commercial”?

3. If the answer to either of the foregoing questions is other than *nil*, indicate the tests applied by the Government authorities concerned in determining whether a motor-vehicle should be licensed as commercial or private.

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

“1. Not known in renewal licences; no place on commercial licence form to indicate whether for commercial, private, or pleasure purposes.

“2. *Nil*.

“3. For the purpose of licensing under the ‘Motor-vehicle Act,’ the passenger and commercial motor-vehicle licences are issued on the following basis: Passenger licences (all motor-vehicles designed solely for carrying passengers, up to a total of eight passengers exclusive of driver) and commercial licences ((a) passenger-carrying motor-vehicles over total of eight passengers, (b) all vehicles designed for carrying freight, and (c) vehicles designed for dual purpose of carrying both passengers and freight).”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o’clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.