

Monday, 3rd December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 3rd, 1923.

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

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 3rd, 1923.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 3rd, 1923.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Offensive Weapons Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order of Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act respecting the Titles to certain Foreshores and Lands covered by the Waters of False Creek, in the City of Vancouver" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Clearihue* presented the Tenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 December 4th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on Mr. *Guthrie's* motion for first reading of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" as follows:—

"Mr. *Guthrie* moved that his Bill, 'An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act,"' be read a first time now.

"The Honourable the Attorney-General raised the point of order as to whether it was competent for the honourable mover to present such a Bill and as to whether it did not come under Rule 118.

"The mover contended that the Bill did not deal with public money and therefore did not come under Rule 118.

"Rule 119, which is based upon section 54, 'British North America Act,' says: 'It shall not be lawful for the House to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the House by Message of the Lieutenant-Governor in the session in which such vote, resolution, address, or Bill is proposed.'

"The Board created by the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,' chapter 77, 1916, is authorized to collect certain taxes or imposts and pay them into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Section 48 of said Act recites: 'No moneys collected or received on account of the Accident Fund shall be expended or paid out without first passing into the Provincial Treasury and being drawn therefrom as provided in this Part.'

"Under the authority of this Act certain taxes are imposed for a specified purpose and until so made use of are part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

"See Mr. Speaker Manson, H.J., 1921 (2nd Session), also Mr. Speaker Eberts, H.J., B.C., 1910, page 106.

"I must rule that under Rule 118 and Rule 119 the motion is out of order."

Mr. *Guthrie* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Bowser</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Esling</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Clearilue</i>			

NAYS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Nclands</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Lister</i>	

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Duncan* on 19th November, as follows:—

Whereas a large quantity of timber is being cut from British Columbia forests and taken outside of Canada for manufacture:

And whereas this practice is resulting in the exploitation of one of our natural resources with little benefit to the Province:

And whereas numbers of wage-earners are leaving British Columbia on account of an insufficiency of employment:

And whereas the manufacture of all timber cut in this Province would materially increase employment and conserve the timber resources for the benefit of Canada:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that a heavy export duty should be imposed by the Dominion Government on all unmanufactured British Columbia timber going outside of Canada.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on 21st November, as follows:—

That all the words of the Preamble and of the Resolution after the first word "Whereas" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:—

"Quantities of timber are being cut from forests in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada and taken out of Canada in an unmanufactured condition:

"And whereas it is desirable that Canadian timber should, as far as practicable, be fully manufactured before leaving Canada:

"And whereas the Canadian Government has appointed a Royal Commission for the purpose of inquiring into the exportation of pulp-wood:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House would respectfully request the Canadian Government to extend the powers of the before-mentioned Royal Commission, and to instruct them to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the export of unmanufactured timber, and to report as to what action, if any, should be taken in respect thereof.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted by telegraph to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada."

And on the amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 29th November, as follows:—

That all the words of the amendment after the word "Canada," in the fourth line of the Preamble, be deleted, and the following words substituted therefor:—

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House regrets that the Government has not seen fit to submit legislation providing for the prohibition of the exportation from this Province, after the 31st day of December, 1924, of logs not fully manufactured."

The debate continued.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out by the amendment to the amendment stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>McRae</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>			

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out by the amendment stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>			

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be substituted by the amendment stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Burde</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>			

The Resolution as amended was carried on the same division.

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

What was the total number of miles built on the Edgewood-Vernon Wagon-road during the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923?

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

"1919-20, nil; 1920-21, 2.25 miles; 1921-22, 1.50 miles; 1922-23, 4 miles; 1923-24, 4 miles."

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

1. The date of installation of the Mission-Matsqui Ferry?
2. The date on which the Mission-Matsqui Ferry was made a pay ferry?
3. The monthly receipts received from tolls on the above-mentioned ferry in 1921 and 1922?
4. The cost of operating the above-mentioned ferry: (a) 1921; (b) 1922?

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

"1. December, 1911.

"2. July, 1920.

"3. 1921-22, \$4,816.80; 1922-23, \$6,083.85.

"4. 1921-22, \$16,476.76; 1922-23, \$13,588.84."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the proposed expenditure for roads, streets, and trails in the various electoral ridings for the years 1924-25?
2. By whom were the various estimates prepared in the different electoral ridings?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1. District vote same as last year.
- "2. Estimates submitted by District Engineers."

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

1. Is James Henderson Faulkner a member of the Liquor Control Board?
2. If yes, when was he appointed?
3. Where does he reside?
4. What has been the amount of said Faulkner's expense account since his appointment?
5. What amount is allowed to him (if any) for expenses per diem?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 12th, 1921.
- "3. 1848 Venables Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- "4. April 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922, \$1,846.75; April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923, \$2,600.88; April 1st, 1923, to date, \$1,308.95; total, \$5,756.58.
- "5. \$10 per day allowance for sustenance and necessary transportation."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Clearihue presented a petition from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Victoria, B.C.; Chinese Canadian Club, Victoria, B.C.; Victoria Chinese Chamber of Commerce; and the Chinese Benevolent Association, Vancouver, B.C., protesting against the principle of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Women and Girls in certain Cases."

Mr. Clearihue presented the Eleventh Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 4th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that Rule 72 be suspended and the promoters of the under-mentioned Bill be relieved of the penalty fee of \$300 incurred thereby.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lister*,—

Whereas it is reported in the public press that the Government of Canada has under consideration the passing of an Order in Council whereby further claims for war service gratuity, working pay, separation allowances, and other related matters arising from service with the C.E.F. during the Great War will be outlawed:

And whereas the passing of such an Order in Council would not only be a serious breach of contract on the part of the Government of Canada, but would also lead to a confiscation of money earned by members of the C.E.F., to which money the nation has no legal or moral right, but which is the hard-earned property of ex-members of the C.E.F.:

And whereas through mislaying of documents, illness of claimants, difficulty in locating dependents of members of the C.E.F., and other reasons, hundreds of claims have not yet been settled:

And whereas there can be no justification for a refusal by the Government of Canada to pay such claims to those who may at any time in the future prove that they are justly entitled to receive payment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature of British Columbia respectfully requests the Government of Canada to leave open the way for the presentation, reception, and payment of such claims until the last claim has been adjusted.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia."

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

How many Orientals have been removed from the mines of Vancouver Island since 1916?

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

"The Department has no information regarding employment or dismissals at the mines of Vancouver Island. In 1916 the percentage of Orientals to whites at the mines was 26.15 per cent.; in 1922 the percentage of Orientals to whites at the said mines was reduced to 17.8 per cent."

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

What is the total value of the work given or awarded, under contract or otherwise, by the Government to the Ryan Construction Company since the 1st day of January, 1917?

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

"\$848,843.65. This includes British Columbia University Science Building, \$715,000, upon which contractor receives 10 per cent. up to a maximum commission of \$60,000."

Mr. *Menzies* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following questions:—

1. How many industries have been assisted by the Department of Industries?
2. How many of these industries were operated by returned soldiers?
3. How many returned soldiers were given employment by these industries?
4. How many of these industries employ exclusively returned soldiers?
5. How many of these industries could have begun operations if they had not been assisted by the Board?

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

- "1. Sixty-seven.
- "2. Forty-nine.
- "3. Approximately 900 returned soldiers out of a total of 1,210.
- "4. All industries assisted by the Department covenant to give a preference in employment to returned soldiers, and this covenant has been observed in all cases except one, where the Department had to insist on it.
- "5. Eight industries would have operated in a limited way without the assistance of the Department."

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

What were the total expenses allowed by the Department for the trip of Major Martyn, Industrial Commissioner, to the East this year?

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

"Expense account not yet paid."

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

1. Did the Government vote \$50,000 for immigration purposes during the 1922 Session?
2. Who received this money? Give names.
3. How was the money spent? Give particulars.

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Vouchers for \$3,183.70 paid to date, of which \$183.70 was for sundry advertising, etc., and \$3,000 grant to the Salvation Army, Montreal.
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following questions:—

1. What was the number of manufacturing plants operating in British Columbia in 1915?
2. What was the number of manufacturing plants operating in British Columbia in 1922?
3. What was the capital value of these plants in 1915?
4. What was the capital value of these plants in 1922?
5. What was the number of employees engaged in these plants in 1915?
6. What was the number of employees engaged in these plants in 1922?
7. What was the amount of wages paid in such plants in 1915?
8. What was the amount of wages paid in such plants in 1922?
9. What was the gross value of the production of such plants in 1915?
10. What was the gross value of the production of such plants in 1922?

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

- "1. 1,007.
- "2. 2,809.
- "3. \$158,636,983.
- "4. \$268,419,281 (1919).
- "5. 21,054.
- "6. 55,000.
- "7. \$14,567,751.
- "8. \$86,192,190.73.
- "9. \$73,624,431.
- "10. \$239,794,988 (1919)."

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

1. Did the Department of Lands or any person connected with the Department receive order or orders for cones of balsam or other cone-bearing trees?
2. How many sacks, if any, were gathered and shipped?
3. What price was paid per sack?
4. To whom was the money paid?
5. To whom were the cones shipped?
6. Who paid for the cones?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Twenty-two.
- "3. Picked by our own organization assisted by day-labour.
- "4. F. Hoare, \$6.73; Geo. Smith, \$13.46; Jas. Taylor, \$22.45.
- "5. Dominion Government Extracting Plant, New Westminster, B.C.
- "6. Dominion Government."

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

1. How many members constitute the Committee representing the manufacturers and loggers respectively who advise the Minister of Lands respecting the export of logs?
2. Who represent the manufacturers?
3. Who represent the loggers?

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

- "1. Six members representing manufacturers and loggers sit with departmental officials to report upon applications received for permit to export.
- "2. Three representatives nominated by the manufacturers.
- "3. Three representatives nominated by the loggers."

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

1. (a) What is the name and location of the firm employing a person for ninety-one hours per week as shown on page S 23 of Report of Department of Labour; (b) what occupation is followed by said person?
2. (a) What is the name and location of the firm employing a person for ninety-four hours per week as shown on page S 19 of Report of Department of Labour; (b) what occupation is followed by said person?
3. (a) What is the name and location of the firm employing a person for 104 hours per week as shown on page S 28 of Report of the Department of Labour; (b) what occupation is followed by said person?

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

- "1, 2, and 3. The Member is referred to the 'Department of Labour Act,' being chapter 32 of the Statutes of 1917, which forbids the disclosure of information secured for statistical purposes only."

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

1. Is A. M. Johnson the Chairman of the Liquor Control Board?
2. If yes, when was he appointed?
3. Where does he reside?
4. What has been the amount of said Johnson's expense account since his appointment?
5. What amount is allowed to him (if any) for expenses per diem?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 12th, 1921.
- "3. 1221 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, B.C.
- "4. April 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922, \$895.70; April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923, \$384.88; April 1st, 1923, to date, \$50.50; total, \$1,331.08.
- "5. \$10."

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board make a loan to a man named Tom Lloyd, of New Denver?
2. If yes, when, and what was the amount?
3. Has the loan been repaid? If not, what is the condition of the loan to-day?
4. What security has the Department to-day?
5. Has the property been sold for taxes? If yes, when, and what is the name of the purchaser?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. June 27th, 1919; \$5,000.
- "3. No. Interest in arrears. Mortgagor now deceased and his estate is in the course of being wound up.
- "4. First mortgage on Blocks 41, 57, 58, 71, and 72, Map 55, and parts of Lot 485, Group 1, Kootenay District, comprising in all 169½ acres.
- "5. Yes; subsequently redeemed by the mortgagees."

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

1. Who are the members of the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes?
2. What was the total cost of the recent Convention of Farmers' Institutes?
3. What are the amounts of expenses incurred by the several members of the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes from April 1st to November 30th, 1923?

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

- "1. C. E. Whitney-Griffiths (Secretary), R. J. Blackburn, Wm. Harrison, Jas. Bailey, O. B. Appleton, M. P. Williams, and D. O. Bricker.
- "2. Accounts for six members only received as yet, amounting to \$731.30.
- "3. C. E. Whitney-Griffiths (Secretary), \$453.15; R. J. Blackburn, \$182.75; Wm. Harrison, \$128.40; Jas. Bailey, \$116.90; M. P. Williams, \$118.30; D. O. Bricker, \$200.85; O. B. Appleton, —."

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

1. Is W. N. Winsby a member of the Liquor Control Board?
2. If yes, when was he appointed?
3. Where does he reside?
4. What has been the amount of said Winsby's expense account since his appointment?
5. What amount is allowed to him (if any) for expenses per diem?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 12th, 1921.
- "3. 2483 Cranmore Road, Victoria, B.C.
- "4. April 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922, \$1,030.20; April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923, \$210.50; April 1st, 1923, to date, \$455.65; total, \$1,696.35.
- "5. \$10."

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

1. What is the assessed value, respectively, of real property, personal property, wild land, and school lands in the Kamloops Land District for 1922?
2. What are the sums levied for taxes on each for 1922?
3. What is the amount of such taxes, respectively, collected in 1922?
4. What is the total amount of revenue received from all sources from the Kamloops Agency in 1922?

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

- "1. As the boundaries of Kamloops Land District do not conform to those of the assessment district the Department is unable to furnish the information.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$125,998.15."

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

1. Is the Government building a bridge over the Kootenay at Waldo?
2. Is this work being done by contract?
3. If so, who tendered, and the prices?
4. Who was the successful tenderer?
5. What has said bridge cost to date?
6. What was the estimate of the Department for said bridge?
7. What was the necessity for said bridge?
8. How many settlers will the building of this bridge assist?
9. Was the present bridge not sufficient for all purposes?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes, replacing a bridge built in spring of 1913 and washed out in summer of 1913. No estimate made of cost of construction of this bridge, actual cost of which amounted to \$19,032.25.

"2. Yes.

"3. W. Greenlees, \$39,392; Nickson Construction Co., Ltd., \$39,741.

"4. W. Greenlees.

"5. \$49,186.26.

"6. Approximately \$40,000 with piers as then laid out. During construction it was deemed advisable to carry all piers to greater depths as a consequence of (a) changes in river-bed which took place between times of surveying and construction, and (b) unstable material which developed during construction.

"7 and 8. Replacing bridge built in 1913 to accommodate settlement and employees of lumber companies.

"9. No."

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

1. Has your Department information as to the area of logged-off lands on Vancouver Island not used for agricultural purposes?
2. If so, what is the area?
3. How is this land assessed, and what is the rate of taxation?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. No survey of privately owned logged-off lands on Vancouver Island has been made by Department.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order of Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting Stockyards and Live-stock Exchanges" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Offensive Weapons Act.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act.'"

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 5th, 1923.

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. 47) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Thursday, 6th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 6th, 1923.

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. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 5th, 1923.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert," together with the amendment attached thereto, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 6th, 1923.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Add section 13 as follows:—

“13. The debentures to be issued under the said by-law may be made payable as provided in the said by-law, and may in addition be made payable as to both principal and interest at such place in the City of New York, in the United States of America, as the Council may by resolution determine.”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment to 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 the amendment to Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert” at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver” (being one of the Bills referred to in Report No. 9 of the Private Bills Committee presented on 30th November) was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

1. Did the Government build a bridge over a stream on the Mara Lake Road, known as Sullivan's Creek, during 1923?
2. If yes, what was the cost to the Government?
3. Was any other work done on this creek by the Government?
4. If yes, give details of this work: (a) Above the road; (b) below the road?
5. What was the cost to the Government?
6. Give names of all employed on this work, showing number of days worked, together with dates, and amounts paid to each.
7. What was the cost to the Government for work done on this creek in the year 1920?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$883.42.

“3. Yes.

“4. In April, 1923, \$74.63 was expended on the creek in an effort to save the old bridge from washing out. Owing to the extreme high water and heavy log-jams this bridge washed out in June and a temporary bridge was constructed (costing \$171.68) to allow traffic to pass until water lowered enough to enable a permanent bridge to be constructed. After the completion of the permanent bridge, work was carried out in lowering and straightening channel, also removing heavy log-jams above and below the bridge. The reason this work was done was that in past years this creek through log-jams has been changing its course and washing out a considerable stretch of road. No segregation of the expenditure made on the work done above and below the bridge.

“5. \$417.95.

“6. M. Cadden, 3 days, April 16th to 18th, 28th, \$10.50; S. Cuddy, labour, 15½ days, April 16th, 17th, October 3rd, 4th, 29th to 31st, November 2nd, 3rd, 9th to 17th, \$54.25; man and team,

2 days, April 17th to 19th, \$14.50; W. Elson, 11 days, August 31st, September 1st, 3rd, 4th, October 1st to 3rd, November 2nd, 3rd, \$38.50; A. Graham, 7 days, October 2nd to 4th, 27th, 29th to 31st, \$24.50; J. Graham, 1½ days, April 11th to 13th, \$5.25; E. Grey, man and team, 1 day, October 3rd, \$7.25; H. O. Kellett, man and team, 2 days, April 16th, November 9th, 10th, \$14.50; J. Kerschfelt, 1 day, October 27th, \$3.50; W. Kenyon, 6 days, September 1st, 3rd, 4th, October 1st to 3rd, \$21; J. L. MacCreedy, 4 days, October 1st to 4th, \$14; S. Putula, man and team, 3 days, September 1st, 3rd, 4th, \$21.75; E. A. Robertson, 6 days, October 27th, 29th to 31st, November 2nd, 3rd, \$21; J. Spilstead, 3 days, April 16th to 19th, \$10.50; A. L. Zettergreen, 2½ days, April 16th to 18th, \$8.75; L. O. Zettergreen, foreman, 22½ days, April 16th to 19th, October 1st to 4th, November 1st to 3rd, 9th, 10th, 12th to 17th, \$101.25.

"7. 1920-21, \$81.25."

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

1. Is Major J. W. Clark connected with the Provincial Soldier Settlement Board?
2. If not, what position does he hold in the Service?
3. What is his salary?
4. Is he at present in England?
5. If so, what is he doing there?

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

"1. No.

"2. In Dominion Immigration Service, to advise on immigration as affecting British Columbia.

"3. \$4,000 per annum; \$2,400 paid by Dominion Government and \$1,600 by the Provincial Government.

"4. Yes.

"5. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Who is the Government Agent at Cranbrook?
2. When was he appointed?
3. Had he been in the Service prior to his appointment?
4. If so, how long and in what capacity?
5. Was he retired from this office?
6. If so, for what reason?
7. Did the Civil Service Commissioner approve of the appointment of said Government Agent?

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

"Government Agents are under the control of the Department of Finance."

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

1. Did the Government build a bridge over a stream on the Mara Lake Road, known as Johnson's Creek, during 1923?
2. If yes, what was the cost to the Government?
3. Give names of all employed on this work, showing number of days worked, together with dates, and amounts paid to each?
4. What has been the total cost to the Government for work done on this creek for the year 1923?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$403.19.

"3. E. Bennett, 6¼ days, October 9th to 13th, 15th, 16th, \$21.87; S. Cuddy, 10¾ days, October 5th, 6th, 8th to 17th, \$37.63; A. Graham, 13 days, October 5th, 8th to 13th, 15th, 16th, 23rd to 26th, \$45.50; E. Grey, man and team, 8½ days, October 9th, 11th to 13th, 15th to 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, \$61.62; labour, 3 days, October 22nd to 25th, \$10.50; J. Kerschfelt, 8 days, October 18th to 20th, 22nd to 26th, \$28; E. A. Robertson, 7 days, October 18th, 20th, 22nd to 26th,

\$24.50; L. O. Zettergreen, foreman, 19 days, October 5th, 6th, 8th to 13th, 15th to 20th, 22nd to 26th, \$85.50.

"4. \$504.25."

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 4.55 p.m.

Thursday, 6th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order of Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

The debate continued.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,800,733.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1923.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Rural Street-lighting Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr *Menzies* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following questions:—

1. How many sawmills in British Columbia are owned by Japanese?
2. How many are operated by Japanese?
3. How many sawmills in British Columbia are owned by Chinese?
4. How many are operated by Chinese?

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

- “1. Four.
- “2. Four.
- “3. Three.
- “4. Three.”

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 a.m.

Friday, 7th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
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,
December 7th, 1923.

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. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

And on the amendment moved by Mr. *Bowser* on 27th November, as follows:—

That whereas the Bill (No. 32) provides for the increasing of the Members of this Legislature the word “now” be struck out, and the words “this day six months” be substituted therefor.

Question proposed—“Shall the word proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?”

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>McKae</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Pearson</i>			

Bill read a second time on the same division.

Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Cemetery Companies" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

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

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act respecting the Titles to certain Foreshores and Lands covered by the Waters of False Creek, in the City of Vancouver" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*,—

That a Select Committee of seven Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Farris*, *Paterson*, *Campbell*, *Kergin*, *Bowser*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Neclands*—be appointed to consider Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and to bear representations made in respect thereto, and to report their observations and recommendations in respect to said Bill to the House.

A debate arose.

The House divided, and the motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Farris</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Buckham</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Pearson</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

McDonald, A. *Perry.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—
That Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" be referred to the above Select Committee.

Mr. *Clearihue* presented the Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 7th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 7th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that Rule 72 be suspended, and the promoters of the undermentioned Bill be relieved of the penalty fee of \$300 incurred thereby.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The reports were received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

Mr. *Neelands* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for further powers *re* the "Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Powers Re-establishment Act."

The petition was received.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Neelands*, a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. How many companies own timber limits cruising one billion feet B.M. and over in the Province?
2. How many of these companies are registered in Canada?
3. How many of these companies are registered in the United States?
4. How many timber limits cruising one billion feet B.M. and upwards are now being logged in the Province?
5. What is the number of timber limits cruising one billion feet B.M. and upwards from which no logs have been taken off?

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

"1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The Department has no cruises of private holdings."

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

1. Did the bridge at Ashcroft catch fire last July?
2. Did the District Engineer or his assistant personally investigate the matter, and what was the cost of such investigation?
3. How many planks had to be replaced owing to this fire, and what was the extent of such repairs?
4. Who carried out the repair-work, and what did it cost?
5. Did the bridge foreman hire a car and go to the bridge from Merritt for a consultation with the District Engineer or his assistant? If not, where was the bridge foreman then working?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Assistant District Engineer investigated the matter the day after the fire, July 29th, while on a trip to Lytton, having to pass through Ashcroft en route.

"3. As a result of the fire four planks had to be renewed, a small hole about 5 inches in diameter having been burnt completely through the deck. This bridge has a double deck, a deck of 4-inch plank crosswise covered longitudinally with a deck of 2-inch plank. In order to replace the two planks in the lower deck it was necessary to remove a full section of longitudinal planks, about eighteen or twenty in all. The top deck was then replaced with two new planks to take the place of those damaged.

"4. The repairs were carried out by R. S. Coldwell, of Ashcroft; \$8.30.

"5. No."

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

1. How many foremen were employed this year in the Greenwood Riding?
2. What rate per day were they paid?
3. Were said foremen allowed horses or allowed horse-hire this year?
4. If so, what amount was allowed for this purpose?
5. What are the names of these foremen?

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

"1. One general foreman and eighteen foremen on temporary gangs.

"2. Road foremen, \$4.50 and \$5; bridge foremen, \$8 (temporary).

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. A. Aberdeen, L. W. Angus, J. Christian, W. Clark, J. C. Dale, J. R. Ferguson, C. Gauk-rean, H. Gillis, C. Graser, E. Heed, T. T. Henderson, G. Higginbotham, H. Holmes, H. T. Letts, E. Stiles, G. White, R. Stiles, and L. Bryant."

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

1. What was the quantity production of silver from Mineral Survey District No. 1 for the years 1915-22, inclusive?
2. What was the quantity production of copper from Mineral Survey District No. 1 for the years 1915-22, inclusive?
3. What was the quantity production of gold from Mineral Survey District No. 1 for the years 1916-22, inclusive?
4. What percentage of the production of the Dominion as to gold, silver, and copper respectively for the year 1922 does this represent?

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

"1. 1915, 175,179 oz.; 1916, 259,856 oz.; 1917, 343,805 oz.; 1918, 417,731 oz.; 1919, 920,413 oz.; 1920, 1,317,832 oz.; 1921, 1,565,807 oz.; 1922, 4,684,944 oz.; total, 9,685,567 oz.

"2. 1915, 21,915,481 lb.; 1916, 24,065,995 lb.; 1917, 27,978,015 lb.; 1918, 30,201,766 lb.; 1919, 20,411,421 lb.; 1920, 26,153,406 lb.; 1921, 34,841,767 lb.; 1922, 31,054,010 lb.; total, 216,621,861 lb.

"3. 1916, 22,567 oz.; 1917, 26,405 oz.; 1918, 59,487 oz.; 1919, 69,776 oz.; 1920, 61,611 oz.; 1921, 92,495 oz.; 1922, 175,186 oz.; total, 507,527 oz.

"4. Gold, 13.86 per cent. of Dominion production; silver, 25.21 per cent. of Dominion production; copper, 74.51 per cent. of Dominion production."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Liquor Control Board enter into a lease with Frank Haskins, of Pouce Coupe, for the rental of a store to be used by the Liquor Board?
2. If so, what was the date of the lease, its duration, and rental?
3. How many months' rent has the Board paid for this store?
4. Is the Board still paying rental to said Haskins?
5. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Lease dated September 27th, 1922. Term of lease one year from that date. Rental, \$40 per month, payable in advance.

"3. Twelve months.

"4. No.

"5. The Board is not occupying Haskins's premises."

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

1. What is the total amount of legal expenses or law costs incurred by the Department and its Inspectors under the "Apiaries Act" during 1923?
2. What Inspectors had the Department had in its employ during 1923?
3. What was the salary of each?
4. What were the expenses of each?
5. What is the total expense in connection with the apicultural work of the Department for the year 1922?
6. What is the total expense for 1923 in connection with the same work to date?

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

"1. Not paid by this Department; please refer to Attorney-General's Department.

"2. W. J. Sheppard, A. W. Finlay, and J. F. Roberts.

"3. W. J. Sheppard, salary \$150 per month; A. W. Finlay and J. F. Roberts receive per diem allowance of \$5.

"4. W. J. Sheppard, \$729.25 (to November 24th); A. W. Finlay, \$1,149.69 (to November 24th); J. F. Roberts, \$708.45 (to October 29th).

"5. \$4,776.64.

"6. \$5,991.99 (to November 30th)."

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 6 p.m.

Monday, 10th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the report of the Select Committee on Statute Revision, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 5th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on Statute Revision begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has examined into the draft revision, classification, and consolidation of the public general Statutes of the Province which has been made and printed under the direction of the Attorney-General, and into the Statutes which have expired or which have been rearranged, varied, changed, repealed, amended, corrected, or altered in the course of the said revision, classification, and consolidation, and finds that the work of revision, classification, and consolidation has been properly carried out.

Your Committee recommends that a Bill be introduced and passed at the present Session approving of the said revision, classification, and consolidation of the Statutes, and making provision for the incorporation therewith of the amendments and public general Acts enacted during the present Session, and for the publication of the same when completed; and also providing that the Statutes so completed shall come into force and effect as law from a date to be declared by Proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on all the remaining days of the Session there shall be three separate sessions each day, one from 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., one from 2.30 p.m. until 6 p.m., and one from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

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

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

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

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Cemetery Companies."

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act respecting the Titles to certain Foreshores and Lands covered by the Waters of False Creek, in the City of Vancouver" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting Stockyards and Live-stock Exchanges" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Offensive Weapons Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act Relief Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Rural Street-lighting Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The amendment (introduced on Message) to Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert"—as follows:—

Add section 13 as follows:—

"13. The debentures to be issued under the said by-law may be made payable as provided in the said by-law, and may in addition be made payable as to both principal and interest at such place in the City of New York, in the United States of America, as the Council may by resolution determine"—

was committed.

Bill reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia."

The debate continued.

Question proposed—That the Bill be read a second time now.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*,—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "this day six months" be substituted in lieu thereof.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 10th, 1923.

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. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 10th, 1923.

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. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$125,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1925.

3. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$14,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1925.

43. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$13,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

44. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$24,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

45. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$12,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Joint-stock Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

46. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$9,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

47. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1925.

48. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

49. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$17,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1925.

51. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1925.

52. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Sheriffs, to 31st March, 1925.

53. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1925.

54. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$4,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Legal Offices Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

55. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$27,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1925.

56. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$14,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Nelson, to 31st March, 1925.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1925.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1925.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,886 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1925.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1925.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1925.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1925.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,196 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1925.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1925.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1925.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1925.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaol, Nelson, to 31st March, 1925.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1925.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1925.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Summoning and paying witnesses, to 31st March, 1925.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Grand and Petit Jurors (drawing panels, etc.), to 31st March, 1925.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prosecutions and Interpreters, to 31st March, 1925.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Expenses of inquests and inquiries, to 31st March, 1925.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Rewards, to 31st March, 1925.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1925.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Bounties on noxious animals, salaries and expenses of Game Conservation Board, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Stipendiary Magistrates, to 31st March, 1925.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of uniformity of Provincial legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the total of the discounts as received by the Pacific Great Eastern through the Northern Construction Company?

2. What was the amount of cash discounts for supplies allowed on each estimate?

3. Were the cash discounts deducted from each of the estimates?

4. Was the percentage of 5½ paid on the gross amount of each estimate, or was it after cash discounts were deducted?

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

"1. \$13,427.92.

"2. None allowed on estimates, but allowance made at final settlement. Returns were made monthly showing discounts taken.

"3. No.

"4. Gross or net amounts of estimates do not enter into the question of the commission of 5½ per cent. Commission was paid on the value of the amount of work done calculated at the unit prices."

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

How many clubs incorporated under the "Societies Act" have had their certificates of incorporation cancelled by Order in Council since January 1st, 1922, with particulars as to location of said clubs?

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

"Vancouver, 13; Nelson, 1; Nanaimo, 1."

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

How many clubs incorporated under the "Companies Act" have had their certificates of incorporation cancelled by Order in Council since January 1st, 1922, with particulars as to location of said clubs?

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

"Vancouver, 42; Victoria, 1; Prince Rupert, 4; Huntingdon, 1; Kelowna, 1; Vanderhoof, 1."

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

1. Is one S. T. Larson Provincial Assessor with headquarters at Penticton?

2. Did said Larson formerly reside in the Greenwood Riding?

3. What property is he assessed for in said Greenwood Riding?

4. What improvements (if any) are on said property?

5. What amount was this property assessed for last year?

6. What were the taxes paid by said Larson on said property?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Lot 862 (part); Lot 230; Lot 1549; Lot 568 (S.) (part); Sub-lot 5 of Lot 2704.

"4. Assessed value of improvements, \$6,350.

"5. \$15,300, including improvements.

"6. \$181, exclusive of school tax."

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

1. What was the total amount of the expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Finance to England this year?

2. What was the nature of the Government business transacted by him?

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

“1 and 2. *See* replies to question No. 31 on to-day's Orders of the Day.”

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. When was the last tax sale held?

2. What was the number of parcels of land with acreage sold at the last tax sale?

3. What amount was received?

4. What was the amount due on lands for which no bids were received?

5. How many parcels of land sold at the last tax sale have since been redeemed?

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

“1. October 12th, 1922.

“2. 764 parcels. Cannot give acreage as in some cases area was not given and others are town lots.

“3. \$33,032.64.

“4. \$369,374.56. In this amount are included lands allotted under the ‘Soldiers’ Land Act,’ which, while many years in arrears, the majority from 1917, inclusive, were advertised for the first time at this sale.

“5. 217.”

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the total amount of receipts collected for each of the years 1922 and 1923 from the “Amusements Tax Act” in the following places: Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Princeton, Merritt, Kamloops, Creston, Fernie, and Cranbrook?

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

“Penticton: 1922, \$2,412.06; 1923 (to October 31st), \$1,900.43. Kelowna: \$2,962.97; \$2,095.24. Vernon: \$3,525.66; \$2,370.36. Princeton: \$158.23; \$152.98. Merritt: \$1,106.61; \$929.71. Kamloops: \$3,727.48; \$2,806.60. Creston: \$408.60; \$418.84. Fernie: \$2,367.98; \$1,836.18. Cranbrook: \$3,121.22; \$2,329.56.”

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the total amount of the expenses of Hon. W. J. Bowser to England in 1911?

2. What was the nature of the Government business transacted by him?

3. What was the total amount of the expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Finance to England this year?

4. What was the nature of the Government business transacted by him?

5. Has the cost of travelling increased since 1911?

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

“1. \$3,500.

“2. Legal.

“3. \$2,950.

“4. Financial.

“5. Yes.”

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

1. Were Murdock & Co., D. D. Murdock, J. W. Kelly, G. G. Fraeleck, and Thomas Bell sub-contractors under the Northern Construction Company?

2. If so, will payments to them from the Northern Construction Company be shown by the Price-Waterhouse Company audit?

3. What sum is the Price-Waterhouse Company to receive from the Government, or on what basis of payment is the Price-Waterhouse Company making the audit of the Pacific Great Eastern?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. All payments to sub-contractors are shown in the accounts audited by Price, Waterhouse & Co.

"3. Payment to be made on basis of time taken to make audit."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount of revenue received from motor-licence fees from the Pentiction Agency for each of the years 1922 and 1923?

2. What is the total amount of revenue received from gun-licence fees from the Pentiction Agency for each of the years 1922 and 1923?

3. What is the total amount of revenue received from all sources from the Pentiction Agency during each of the years 1922 and 1923?

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

"1. Refer to Attorney-General's Department.

"2. Refer to Attorney-General's Department.

"3. Kettle River Assessment District: 1922, \$91,009.77; 1923, \$81,882.58. Princeton Assessment District: 1922, \$51,120.15; 1923, \$45,126.63."

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

1. What was the amount wagered during the races held during 1923 at Minoru Park, Lulu Island; Hastings Park, Vancouver; and at the racecourse, Victoria; and what revenue was received at each place?

2. What amount of money has been received from the amusements tax from April 1st, 1923, to November 1st?

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

"1. Minoru Park: Amount wagered, \$1,666.442; pari-mutuel tax, \$81,239.11; amusements tax, \$5,806.56. Hastings Park: Amount wagered, \$1,983,629; pari-mutuel tax, \$96,701.94; amusements tax, \$6,930.90. Willows Park: Amount wagered, \$1,005,647; pari-mutuel tax, \$49,025.35; amusements tax, \$1,529.55.

"2. \$167,653.44."

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

What is the revenue received from each Government Liquor Store from April 1st, 1923, to November 1st, 1923?

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

"Abbotsford, \$53,027.05; Anyox, \$119,615.25; Ashcroft, \$28,964.05; Atlin, \$5,882; Alice Arm, \$13,571.45; Campbell River, \$53,725.50; Chilliwack, \$83,364.95; Coalmont, \$24,446; Coquitlam, \$28,842.65; Courtenay, \$70,922.60; Cranbrook, \$136,982.60; Cumberland, \$62,775.52; Duncan, \$74,911.45; Esquimalt, \$13,058.95; Fernie, \$189,986.80; Golden, \$44,380.25; Grand Forks, \$36,964.65; Greenwood, \$30,419.55; Invermere, \$26,719.20; Kamloops, \$139,653.99; Kaslo, \$18,335.70; Kelowna, \$67,802.30; Keremeos, \$25,167.80; Kimberley, \$30,563.65; Ladner, \$26,238.80; Ladysmith, \$70,263.40; Langley Prairie, \$31,074.15; Lillooet, \$15,309.50; McBride, \$41,734.05; Maillardville, \$6,820.95; Merritt, \$73,656.15; Michel, \$78,457.60; Mission, \$37,333; Nanaimo, \$226,233.10; Nelson, \$161,624.15; New Westminster, \$173,119.25; North Vancouver, \$70,605.25; Oliver, \$586.90; Ocean Falls, \$83,897.55; Parksville, \$21,212.50; Pentiction, \$80,594.95; Port Alberni, \$58,616.90; Pouce Coupe, \$14,605.15; Powell River, \$47,311.80; Prince George, \$105,232.85; Prince Rupert, \$249,446.75; Princeton, \$46,902.30; Quesnel, \$20,412.75; Revelstoke, \$105,847.35; Rossland, \$36,097.50; Salmon Arm, \$25,957.15; Sidney, \$28,013.95; Smithers, \$60,423.31; South Westminster, \$26,936.70; Stewart, \$94,283.10; Terrace, \$23,041.40; Trail, \$67,153.55; Beatty Street, \$161,534.94; Cordova Street, \$305,958.70; Granville Street, \$223,881.90; Hastings Street, \$567,923.15; Pender Street, \$447,583.40; Powell Street, \$142,578.85; Robson Street, \$427,171.72; Vernon, \$95,208.90; Humboldt Street, \$233,831.25; Johnson Street, \$398,143.73; Williams Lake, \$41,582.70; Yahk, \$54,464.41."

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

1. Is there a clause in the contract or proposal making provision for receiving or paying interest as between the Pacific Great Eastern and the Northern Construction Company?
2. Is it customary for the Government to pay interest to contractors?
3. If moneys were advanced to the Northern Construction Company, what security, if any, did the Northern Construction Company give the Department for advances made?

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

- “1. See copy of contract already made a Return to the Legislative Assembly.
- “2. No information as to question of custom.
- “3. No security necessary. Work done was always in advance of moneys paid.”

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

1. Did Howard Atkinson, of Rolla, supervise the Entrance to the High School Examinations in the Peace River District?
2. If so, on what date, and what remuneration did he receive for his services?
3. What attainments did said Atkinson have for this work?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. June 28th, 29th, and 30th. He is entitled to \$5 per diem, but has not yet sent in his bill.
- “3. Atkinson, who is Secretary of the local School Board, was recommended as Supervisor by Inspector Gower.”

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 6 p.m.

Monday, 10th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$466,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of “Mothers' Pensions Act,” to 31st March, 1925.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Workshop and Shipping Office, to 31st March, 1925.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Statistics, to 31st March, 1925.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,284 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of Fruit Pests, Diseases, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Inspection of Imported and Exported Horticultural and Field Products, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomological and Research, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, District Agriculturists, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,170 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil and Crop Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,130 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular cattle—compensation, supplies, temporary assistance, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural fairs, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1925.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1925.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Bee-keepers' Associations, to 31st March, 1925.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Dairymen's Association, to 31st March, 1925.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Entomological Society, to 31st March, 1925.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1925.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Goat-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1925.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Poultry Association, to 31st March, 1925.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Stock-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1925.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Wool-growers' Associations, to 31st March, 1925.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, United Seed-growers, Limited, to 31st March, 1925.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Departmental exhibits, to 31st March, 1925.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Compensation *re* foul-brood in bees, to 31st March, 1925.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of noxious weeds and destruction of pests, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Western Canada Live Stock Union, to 31st March, 1925.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants to settlers in aid of purchase of stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1925.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Exhibit for B.C. House in London—labour, material, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Gopher-extermination competition, to 31st March, 1925.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Services hitherto paid from Dominion Government grant under "Agricultural Instruction Act," to 31st March, 1925.

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 11.35 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Perry presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 11th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has heard delegations from many associations and persons interested in municipal affairs.

Various amendments to several Statutes affecting the welfare of municipalities will be submitted for your consideration.

Your Committee heard delegations representing many public-spirited organizations urging a "survey of the educational system of the Province."

We are advised by the advocates of the "survey" that the estimated cost would be \$40,000 or over.

Your Committee has not been convinced there is anything radically wrong with the educational affairs of this Province, particularly in comparison with other Provinces of this Dominion.

We believe a survey conducted by qualified advisers independent of the Education Department, and with a knowledge of the social, economic, and financial conditions in this Province, the functions of School Boards, the Provincial and municipal financing of education, as well as

the most modern knowledge of educational requirements, should result in great good to the community when suggested improvements are adopted.

In view of the necessity for economy and for good business reasons, we believe the Department of Education could gather a great deal of valuable and necessary data together during the coming year, and we advise this before embarking on any costly "survey."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. PATERSON

The report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

By the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act.'"

By Mr. *Whiteside*—Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Cemetery Companies."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act respecting the Titles to certain Foreshores and Lands covered by the Waters of False Creek, in the City of Vancouver"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Rural Street-lighting Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Offensive Weapons Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act Relief Act.'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil."

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, the Order for Committee on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was discharged.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to certain Local Improvement Works and By-laws of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) (as amended) intituled "An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 11th, 1923.

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. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 11th, 1923.

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. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,492 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1925.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1925.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1925.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,110 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1925.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,455 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria, to 31st March, 1925.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1925.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,325,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, Cities and municipalities, to 31st March, 1925.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, Rural school districts, to 31st March, 1925.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$565,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, Assisted schools (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1925.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, E. & N. Railway Belt (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1925.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Buildings, to 31st March, 1925.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants to libraries, to 31st March, 1925.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of teachers and High School Entrance classes, to 31st March, 1925.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying children to central schools, to 31st March, 1925.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer schools, to 31st March, 1925.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Rural district school taxes, advances under sec. 26, "Public Schools Act Amendment Act," chap. 74, 1918, to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the estimated cost of excavation in connection with the Industrial School at Essondale?
2. On what date was excavation commenced?
3. On what date was it completed?
4. What was the estimated cost of the concrete foundations in connection with the same building?
5. On what date was work in connection with concrete foundations commenced?
6. On what date was the concrete-work completed sufficiently to allow contractors to proceed with building construction?
7. On what date did the contractors complete the building?

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

- "1. No estimate was prepared as work was to be done by patients of the Mental Hospital.
- "2. First cottage, March 10th, 1920; second cottage, March 30th, 1920; third cottage, June 1st, 1920; administration block, August 1st, 1920; dining block, August 1st, 1920.
- "3. August 27th, 1920, all excavation was completed.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. About April 12th, 1920.
- "6. First cottage, May 1st, 1920; second cottage, June 2nd, 1920; third cottage, August 12th, 1920; administration block, September 15th, 1920; dining block, November 15th, 1920.
- "7. October 15th, 1921, buildings were taken over by the Government."

Dr. *K. C. MacDonald* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

For the years 1915-16, 1918-19, and 1922-23, respectively, give: (a) The total of salaries paid; (b) the amount of gross revenue; (c) the ratio of salaries to gross revenue; (d) the amount of collected revenue—i.e., gross revenue less Dominion Government grant; (e) the ratio of salaries to collected revenue; (f) the amount of expenditure; (g) the ratio of salaries to expenditure; (h) the total of collected revenue and expenditure; and (i) the ratio of salaries to the total of collected revenue and expenditure?

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

- "(a.) Salaries: 1915-16, \$2,239,954; 1918-19, \$2,089,125; 1922-23, \$3,132,232.
- "(b.) Gross revenue: 1915-16, \$6,291,693; 1918-19, \$10,931,279; 1922-23, \$18,758,863.
- "(c.) Ratio of salaries to gross revenue: 1915-16, 35.6 per cent.; 1918-19, 19.1 per cent.; 1922-23, 16.7 per cent.
- "(d.) Gross revenue less Dominion grant: 1915-16, \$5,568,558; 1918-19, \$10,308,144; 1922-23, \$18,020,047.
- "(e.) Ratio of salaries to collected revenue: 1915-16, 40.2 per cent.; 1918-19, 20.2 per cent.; 1922-23, 17.3 per cent.
- "(f.) Expenditure: 1915-16, \$10,083,504; 1918-19, \$12,112,285; 1922-23, \$20,799,467.
- "(g.) Ratio of salaries to expenditure: 1915-16, 22.2 per cent.; 1918-19, 17.2 per cent.; 1922-23, 15 per cent.
- "(h.) Total collected revenue and expenditure: 1915-16, \$15,652,062; 1918-19, \$22,420,429; 1922-23, \$38,819,514.
- "(i.) Ratio of salaries to collected revenue and expenditure: 1915-16, 14.3 per cent.; 1918-19, 9.3 per cent.; 1922-23, 8 per cent."

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

1. What was the total yardage charged by the Northern Construction Company for clearing out Kaolin Cut, south of Williams Lake, and what was the total cost?
2. What was the yardage of each classification?

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

- "1. Impossible to make instrumental measurement owing to the nature of the material, but the Assistant Engineer calculated that there were 51,229 cubic yards by counting car-loads; \$37,356.26.
- "2. No classification."

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

1. What interest is the Government paying on account of the Superannuation Fund?
2. Is the interest added to the Superannuation Fund?
3. If so, how often is the interest added to the principal?

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

- "1. 5 per cent. per annum.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Half-yearly—September 30th and March 31st."

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

1. Is one Charles McDonald the Sheriff of the County of Vancouver?
2. Is he supposed to give his whole time to his duties as Sheriff?
3. Is he on salary? If yes, what is his salary?
4. Are all fees earned by said McDonald supposed to be paid in by him to the Department?
5. Has the Department any knowledge of the said McDonald holding any position in the Admiralty Court?
6. Has the said McDonald paid in any fees and emoluments collected by him as Marshal or other officer of the Admiralty Court to the Provincial Government?
7. If not, why not? Or is the said McDonald permitted to keep said fees and emoluments (if any) for his own use?
8. Has the Department any knowledge of the amount of said fees and emoluments (if any) received by said McDonald as an officer of said Court?
9. If yes, what is said amount from the date of his appointment as Sheriff to date?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes; \$4,120 per annum.
- "4. Yes, as such Sheriff.
- "5. Mr. McDonald acts as Deputy Marshal of the Admiralty Court at Victoria when occasion requires. The profession generally have asked him to act for convenience' sake.
- "6. No.
- "7. The fees, which are small amounts, are paid to Mr. McDonald. The Marshal asked that the work be done for half-fees, but Mr. McDonald refused to have anything to do with it unless all the fees were paid to him.
- "8. No.
- "9. Advised by the Sheriff that he has no records of the amounts received, but in the aggregate they have been small. Last year, 1922, they were under \$100."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the estimated cost of excavation in connection with the Industrial School at Essondale?
2. Who prepared such estimates?
3. On what date was excavation commenced?
4. On what date was it completed?
5. What was the estimated cost of the concrete foundations in connection with the same building?
6. Who prepared such estimates?
7. On what date was work in connection with concrete foundations commenced?
8. On what date was the concrete-work completed sufficiently to allow contractors to proceed with building construction?
9. On what date did the contractors complete the building?

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

- "1. Estimates were not prepared as work was to be done by patients of the Mental Hospital.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3 to 9. See replies to question No. 13 on to-day's Orders of the Day."

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

1. What moneys have been spent during the fiscal year 1922-23 on roads, bridges, and trails on Lasqueti Island?

2. Where was the money spent?

3. To whom was it paid, giving particulars in each case?

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

"1. \$611.81.

"2. Main Trail East, \$284.92; general repairs, etc., not detailed, \$326.89.

"3. Labour: W. Barnes, \$10.50; H. Boldthew, \$26.25; R. Burnette, \$41.55; M. J. Copley, \$11.37; C. Mason, \$45.50; T. S. Millicheap, foreman, \$127.19; G. H. Mitchell, \$1.75; C. H. Potter, \$76.55; W. Reitze, \$14; N. Washburn, \$21. Teams: W. Barnes, \$26.25; W. Cook, \$14.50; M. J. Copley, \$19.93; D. Lenfesty, \$17.71; D. Norrisk, \$25.37; C. H. Potter, \$3.27. P. Bennett, caps and fuse, \$4.35; B.C. Equipment Co., plough and scraper, \$81.75; J. P. Lewis, freight on dump-cart, \$2.50; McLennan-McFeely Co., tools, \$31.22; C. Potter, harness repairs and hauling tools, \$6.30; Union S.S. Co., freight on dump-cart, \$3."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of the first 9-mile section of the Ymir Road?

2. What was the total cost of the second section of the Ymir Road?

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

"1. \$108,168.97.

"2. \$98,592.78."

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

1. When was Mr. Fred Wade appointed as Agent-General of the Province of British Columbia?

2. What has been the total amount paid to him to date under the headings of: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses?

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

"1. August 15th, 1918.

"2. Salary: 1918-19, \$5,000; 1919-20, \$7,999.89; 1920-21, \$7,999.92; 1921-22, \$7,999.92; 1922-23, \$8,000; to November 1st, 1923, \$5,000; total, \$41,999.73.

"Travelling expenses: 1918-19, \$1,230.21; 1919-20, \$914.07; 1920-21, \$1,135.02; 1921-22, \$1,689.92; 1922-23, \$3,278.78; to November 1st, 1923, \$987; total, \$9,235."

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 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Yorston</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Ramsay</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Menzies</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Clearihue</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Esling</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bowser</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Barrow</i>	<i>McDonald, A.</i>
<i>Sloan</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act.'"

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.