

Thursday, April 1st, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *H. A. McLeod*.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of privilege and moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, as follows:—

This House states that whereas under British Columbia Legislative custom and Parliamentary authorities no private member may disclose to the press any notice of motion or notice of question before it appears on the Votes and Proceedings:

And whereas no private member may disclose to the press the purpose and details of a private member's Bill before same is received by the House:

And whereas the Government has seen fit to give the press details of a Government Bill before same has been presented to the House, in session at the time the press pronouncement was made, and without the Bill being before the House:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House condemns the principle of the Government issuing press releases on legislation whilst the House is in session when the required Bill is not before the House and whilst private members are denied the same right relative to their Bills and Resolutions.

On the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* making a statement in relation to the subject-matter of the motion, it was withdrawn by Mr. *Winch*.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a further point of privilege and moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, as follows:—

Resolved, That this House, being in session on April 1st, 1948, and not having passed estimates for the fiscal year 1948-49, will not countenance any expenditures in the Government service before same are passed by this Legislature unless an interim Supply Bill is introduced to the House to take care of necessary expenditures between April 1st and the prorogation of the House when assent can be given to the Supply Bill for the fiscal year of April 1st, 1948, to March 31st, 1949.

On the motion being put, the House divided, and the motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>		

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Ash</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Cates</i>	
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Beard</i>	

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

The debate continued.

On the motion being put, the House divided.

Motion decided in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Ash</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Rowland</i>			

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes Office, to 31st March, 1949.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, Office Furniture and Equipment (Purchase, Repairs, and Servicing), to 31st March, 1949.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Commissioner of Income Tax Office, to 31st March, 1949.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1949.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$855,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits, to 31st March, 1949.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1949.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

The Hon. Mr. *Eyres* presented the Annual Report of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

1. Is a St. John Ambulance Society certificate accepted by the Workmen's Compensation Board as qualifying the holder to be employed as a first-aid man?

2. If no, (a) what certificate is required and (b) is the required certificate of higher qualification?

3. What certificate is required by a first-aid man employed on a mining operation?

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

"1. No.

"2. (a) If an industrial operation or plant has a sufficient number of workmen employed at a location where the services of a first-aid man are necessary under the first-aid services requirements of the Workmen's Compensation Board, such first-aid man is required to be the holder of a certificate of proficiency in industrial first aid; such certificate is granted after the candidate has taken advanced industrial first-aid instruction which may be obtained from St. John Ambulance Association or the Industrial First-aid Attendants' Association and he has passed the prescribed examination; (b) yes.

"3. An industrial first-aid certificate if a first-aid man is required."

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

1. What action, if any, has the Government taken relative to the taxation rights on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway's land grant?

2. Was Senator J. W. deB. Farris retained in connection with this matter?

3. If so, what fees, if any, have been paid or are payable to Senator Farris in this connection?

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

“1. None; case still being under review by the Supreme Court of Canada.

“2. Yes.

“3. To date, \$5,000 paid out; fee will not be possible of determination until after case is completed.”

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

1. What is the amount paid in premiums the past five years to life insurance companies for group insurance payable at death of the insured?

2. What amount in the same period was paid out in claims?

3. Do members lose their benefits upon superannuation or retirement if the group insurance is carried by joint contributions between employer and employee?

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

“1. Amount paid in premiums in the past five years to life insurance companies for group insurance: Group insurance (payable at death), \$4,672,083, and group annuity, \$2,599,928.

“2. Amount in the same period paid out in claims: Group insurance (on death), \$2,669,051; group insurance on surrender, \$833,832; group annuities, \$343,285; and group annuities (on death, surrender, etc.), \$490,662.

“3. All group insurance policies and certificates, apparently without exception, now contain conversion clauses giving employees, upon retirement or withdrawal, the right to convert his or her certificate to permanent insurance without medical examination.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

Thursday, April 1st, 1948.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$311,701 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1949.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1949.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,370,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1949.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Patrol, grants, expenses, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research Branch—Salaries, equipment, expenses, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1949.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1949.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1949.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1949.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward pumping charges, to 31st March, 1949.

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 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.22 p.m.

Friday, April 2nd, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. K. L. Sandercock.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1949.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$185,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1949.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1949.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension, to 31st March, 1949.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Land-clearing, to 31st March, 1949.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, to 31st March, 1949.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1949.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1949.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Exhibition Association—Grant, to 31st March, 1949.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association—Grant, to 31st March, 1949.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale—Grant, to 31st March, 1949.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1949.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1949.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1949.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1949.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dominion-Provincial Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1949.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, General Administration, to 31st March, 1949.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$157,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$254,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$148,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1949.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Utilization Research and Survey, to 31st March, 1949.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1949.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1949.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$230,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1949.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chapter 80, 1918) (Southern Okanagan Lands Project), to 31st March, 1949.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$189,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Investigations, to 31st March, 1949.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1949.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1949.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Publicity, to 31st March, 1949.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Sales Commissions, to 31st March, 1949.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Incidentals and Contingencies, Lands, to 31st March, 1949.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$438,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1949.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,650,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1949.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1949.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Management, to 31st March, 1949.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1949.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$182,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1949.

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 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Monday, April 5th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Orr.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* made a statement concerning Government policy in respect of freight rates, and, on his motion, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the said statement be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 5th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

In asking leave of the House to make an announcement of public importance, I do so in order that the honourable members may be advised as to what steps have been taken by the Government to protect the public's interest with respect to freight rates on the two transcontinental railways, and also as to the Government's policy for the future.

It will be recalled that when British Columbia opposed the applications of the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways for a general 30-per-cent. increase in freight rates, counsel for the Government made the plea that before consideration was given to a general increase the mountain differential operating against British Columbia should be removed.

Assurances were given by the Board of Transport Commissioners that British Columbia's plea for removal of the mountain differential would be given a separate hearing, but that the hearing on the general application would have to proceed. On this understanding, counsel for British Columbia opposed the general application.

The hearings of the Board of Transport Commissioners concluded on December 17th and on February 12th, 1948, prior to the Commission handing down its decision, the Government, through the Attorney-General, instructed Mr. C. K. Guild, K.C., to proceed with the preparation of British Columbia's case for removal of the mountain differential and to make application to the Board in connection therewith.

Mr. Guild, in consequence thereof, has written the Board of Transport Commissioners requesting them to supply him with the names of those to whom copies of the application should be submitted.

On March 24th, 1948, I received a communication from Premier Manning of Alberta offering his co-operation in any action which British Columbia might take to have the mountain differential removed. I replied accepting his offer of co-operation.

On April 2nd, on behalf of this Government, I sent a telegram to Prime Minister Mackenzie King protesting against the increased rate. The telegram reads as follows:—

"Government of British Columbia protests strongly any increase in freight rates under recent ruling of Board of Transport Commissioners until such time as the mountain differential affecting British Columbia and Alberta is removed STOP Existence of mountain differential constitutes a grave injustice under ordinary circumstances STOP Imposition of a twenty-one percent increase in freight rates would further accentuate the injustice and place British Columbia and Alberta in very disadvantageous positions within Canada's economy STOP Strongly urge that ruling of Board of Transport Commissioners be withheld from operation until such time as British Columbia Government has opportunity to appeal against the decision.

"BYRON I. JOHNSON,

"Premier of British Columbia."

In reply, I received the following telegram from A. D. P. Heeney, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Dominion Cabinet:—

"In the absence from Ottawa of the Prime Minister the Acting Prime Minister directed me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram April second respecting decision of Board of Transport Commissioners and to advise that its representations would be brought before the Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

"A. D. P. HEENEY,

*"Clerk of the Privy Council and
"Secretary of the Cabinet."*

During the week-end, I discussed the freight-rate question with Premier Garson of Manitoba, and as a result of those discussions and a subsequent meeting of the Cabinet, it was decided that legal counsel and technical experts from the various Western Provinces and the Maritimes should meet in Ottawa on or about April 12th, and that the Premiers of the respective Provinces should meet in the Capital later in the month, perhaps April 24th, with a view to appearing personally before members of the Federal Cabinet and appeal against the increase.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I may say that the Government's action with respect to the freight-rate question has received the unqualified support of various Boards of Trade throughout the Province and the Vancouver Board of Trade in particular. The Legislature and the people of British Columbia can be assured that the Government will fight this issue strenuously and that the interests of this Province will at all times be protected in so far as it lies in our power so to do.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole six million four hundred thousand dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1949, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially but not exceeding one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1949, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

That the Resolution be received and read a first time.

That the Resolution be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolution be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole six million four hundred thousand dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1949, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially but not exceeding one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1949, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present session.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Public Relations (Forest), to 31st March, 1949.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Insect Control, to 31st March, 1949.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest-ranger School, to 31st March, 1949.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund to the Government of the United Kingdom, to 31st March, 1949.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1949.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at quarter past four o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was about to enter.

FIVE MINUTES PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

R. S. Stuart Yates, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

“ In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the House, and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to impose a Tax on Income derived from Mining Operations,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 5th, 1948.

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 impose a Tax on Income derived from Mining Operations,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Libraries Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 1st, 1948.

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 'Public Libraries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. King presented a Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 17th day of March to consider provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" and amendments thereto.

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

That the said report be received and that the same be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.

The following report was received accordingly:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 31st, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 17th instant to consider provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" and amendments thereto begs to report and recommends as follows:—

That the present "Provincial Elections Act" be amended and that legislation be enacted which will incorporate the recommendations herein made.

A large number of minor amendments pertaining to regulations governing registration, general procedure at the polls, and at the counting and reporting of the ballots are contained with all the other amendments and appear in detail in Schedule A attached hereto and forming part of this report.

That the establishment of a central registry and a master file is deemed no longer necessary, and it is therefore recommended that section 15A be repealed.

That section 15B be amended so that the local Registrar of Vital Statistics shall supply to each Registrar of Voters a list of deaths occurring within the territory under his jurisdiction.

That section 20 (1) be amended to allow the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to cancel any portion of the existing registration of voters in any electoral district.

That following an election, a voter's name shall no longer be struck from the list for failing to vote unless, in addition, he is no longer resident at the address shown on the voters list. In this regard section 22 should be repealed and section 24 (d) requires amending.

That subsection (1) of section 82 be amended to provide that, at other than a general election, a person shall not be permitted to vote in an electoral district unless, in addition to being registered as a voter therein, he is also a *bona-fide* resident of that electoral district.

That subsection (5) of section 82 be amended to provide for an increased penalty equal to that for personation—namely, \$200 to \$400 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, with or without hard labour.

That section 83 be modified or repealed in view of the increased penalty provided in section 82 above for voting more than once.

That additional provision be made in section 88 to prohibit the use of the name of an established political party by any independent candidate.

That subsection (1) of section 91 be amended to allow 350 voters in all polling-booths in the Province.

That section 103 (1) be amended to allow an incapacitated voter who is not accompanied by a friend the option of having his ballot marked by the Deputy Returning Officer in the presence of scrutineers, etc., or to be accompanied by the Deputy Returning Officer to the compartment where his ballot can be marked in secrecy.

That sections 112A, 112B, 112C, and 112D be repealed and new procedure substituted as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall establish an advance poll or polls in certain electoral districts so that voters in such districts who cannot vote on polling-day may vote. The present Act now makes it mandatory to establish advance polls in all electoral districts whether the need exists or not.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may further establish one or more advance polls where advance-poll voters in a group of electoral districts may vote.

Advance-poll certificates to be issued to the voter applying in person, the certificate to be signed by the voter and the issuer. No certificate to be issued unless a copy of it can be in the hands of the Deputy Returning Officer of the voter's own polling division by 8 a.m. polling-day.

Advance polls to be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before ordinary polling-day, hours 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The voter must deliver up the advance-poll certificate and sign the poll-book and the signatures compared before the ballot is issued.

The voter may, however, surrender his certificate and vote at his home poll if he wishes.

The voter who is unable to secure a certificate may vote in a similar manner to an absentee voter.

The ballot-box not to be opened during the three days of advance-poll voting.

The ballots to be counted at the time of the close of the poll on ordinary polling-night and the results immediately reported to the Returning Officer. Under the present Act, all votes cast at an advance poll are not counted until the final count, which, at a general election, is three weeks later.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KING, *Chairman.*

SCHEDULE A.

Amendments approved by the "Provincial Elections Act" Committee.

Section 4 (2): Registration under this subsection should be confined to the period between the date of issue of the writ and the closing of the list.

Section 5 (1): (a) In the fourth line, after the word "Canada," insert "or the British Commonwealth of Nations."

(b) (i) After "Air Force," in the first line, insert the words "of Canada or the British Commonwealth of Nations."

(e) (i) Same amendment as clause (b) (i) above.

Section 11: A strict interpretation of this section in its present form prevents a person from procuring application forms for other members of his family, etc. All he can get is one form for himself, and therefore it is suggested that this section be rewritten in the plural instead of the singular style, similar to the following:—

“11. The Registrar shall furnish without charge applications for registration, in the form prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to any person or persons applying therefor, and shall receive from any person offering to file the same an application in the prescribed form signed by the applicant and a witness.”

Section 15 (3) and (4): These sections are not specific enough as to just when the voters list closes, and it is suggested that they should be amended to bring them into line with the established practice—that is, closing-day is considered to be the last day on which applications can be received, and the voters list closes at midnight on that day. The following amendments are suggested:—

15 (3): Delete “on or” in the second line.

15 (4): Delete “upon which” in the sixth line, and insert “after which day.” After “him,” in the eleventh line, insert “on or.”

These subsections, as amended above, would read as follows:—

“(3) In the case of a by-election where an application for registration is filed after the day upon which the list of voters is closed pursuant to subsection (4), the Registrar shall not insert the name of the applicant on the list of voters until after transmission to him of the original applications for registration and other papers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 124.

“(4) As soon as possible after the issue of a writ of election fixing the day of nomination for an election, the Registrar of Voters for the electoral district affected shall fix a day not less than fourteen clear days after the date of issue of the writ and not less than twenty-one clear days before nomination-day, to be known as “closing-day,” after which day the list of voters will be closed, and shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper circulating in such electoral district stating the day upon which the list of voters will be closed and intimating that applications for registration made in accordance with this Act shall be filed with him on or before the said day, and the Registrar of Voters shall also post a notice in similar terms in his office.”

Section 15A: To be repealed.

Section 15B: The local Registrar of Vital Statistics shall, once each month, transmit to all Registrars of Voters within his district lists bearing the name of each person whose death has been registered in his office since the date of the last list sent by him. The Registrar of Voters shall forthwith amend the list of voters accordingly.

Section 15C: To be repealed.

Section 20 (1): It is suggested that the words “or any portion thereof” be inserted after the word “voters” in the third line. This amendment is intended to permit the old type affidavits to be cancelled, leaving the new type in force.

Section 22: To be repealed.

Section 24 (d): After “election,” in the ninth line, insert “and who are no longer resident at the address shown on the list of voters.”

(g) Delete from the beginning of this clause down to “shall” in the third line, and insert the following: “Where a registered person becomes disqualified on the grounds of death, removal, or want of qualification, or on any grounds that would disqualify the voter or applicant from having his name retained or registered as a voter on the list of voters prepared under this Act, the Registrar may.”

Section 41A: The Chief Electoral Officer shall, for the purposes of this Act, designate every electoral district within the Province as either an “urban electoral district” or a “rural electoral district,” or partially “urban” and partially “rural.”

This amendment will enable the Chief Electoral Officer to designate some polling divisions of an electoral district as "urban" and some as "rural."

Section 45 (1): Insert after "Form 9," in the fourth line, the words "as set out on the back of the writ," and delete the last sentence of this subsection.

Section 50 (1): Delete the word "shall" in the fifth line, and insert "may."

Section 57 (1): Delete "more than" in the sixth line, and after the word "thousand" insert the words "or more."

Section 57 (3): Delete the words "as shown in the list of voters" from the third and fourth lines.

Section 82 (1): This subsection to be amended to provide that at other than a general election a person shall not be permitted to vote in an electoral district unless, in addition to being registered as a voter therein, he is also a *bona-fide* resident of that electoral district. Also add in the fourth line, after the word "sections," "112A and 112B."

Section 82 (5): Penalty should be increased so that it is the same as for personation. Should not this subsection be made a part of subsection (1)?

Section 82A: Strike out the word "qualified" in the first line, and substitute the word "registered." Delete the words "who is" in the first line.

Section 83: To be repealed as the main crime in the eyes of the Committee is voting twice, and a severe penalty for this offence is provided in section 82 above.

Section 88: That additional provision be made to prohibit the use of the name of an established political party by any independent candidate.

Section 88A: The second line lacks a reference to sections 82A and 112B.

Section 91 (1): Delete from the beginning of this subsection down to the word "district" in the sixth line, and also delete the following words in the eighth, ninth, and tenth lines: "and in all other electoral districts there shall be at each polling-place one separate polling-booth for each 300 voters on the list of voters."

Section 93 (3): Delete "Deputy Provincial Secretary" and insert "Chief Electoral Officer."

Section 95: Delete all after "granted" in the fourteenth line. This amendment is made as it is no longer necessary to provide each Deputy with the lists mentioned in this section.

Section 99 (2): Strike out the words "Deputy Returning Officer" in the eighth line of this subsection, and insert the words "Poll Clerk."

Section 100 (1): A minor amendment is required to insert the words "by the Deputy Returning Officer" after the word "placed" in the sixth line. This is to specify which poll official shall do this job.

(2) Repeal this subsection, and substitute the following:—

"(2) Where a voter's name has been changed and only the previous name appears on the list of voters and the voter has established his right to vote pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) or (3) of section 82, the Deputy Returning Officer shall not issue a ballot-paper until the following procedure has been carried out:—

"(a) The voter shall sign the poll-book twice, once as his name appears in the list of voters and once in his present name.

"(b) The name and address of the voter as it appears in the list of voters shall be called out and the number of such voter shall be marked in ink by the Deputy Returning Officer on the face of the stub and the counterfoil of the ballot-paper to be issued.

"(c) The Deputy Returning Officer shall place a mark in the list against the number of the voter to denote that he has received a ballot-paper, and the Poll Clerk shall make a note against the voter's signature in the poll-book to indicate that he was granted the right to vote under subsection (2) or (3) of section 82."

Section 103 (1): This section to be amended to permit a voter not accompanied by a friend to take the Deputy Returning Officer into the compartment with him while his ballot is being marked, if he so desires.

Delete the words in the ninth and tenth lines "shall enter on a list in this Act called the 'list of votes marked pursuant to section 103,'" and insert the words "the Poll Clerk shall enter in the poll-book."

Section 107 (1): The words "Deputy Returning Officer" should be replaced by the words "Poll Clerk," and in the fourth line the words "in the list of voters and" should be deleted. This subsection would then provide that the Poll Clerk makes the required note in the poll-book. Delete 112A, 112B, 112C, and 112D as in the present Act.

Advance Poll.

Section 112A: (1) For the purpose of enabling a registered voter who has reason to believe that he will be unable to attend at a polling-place on ordinary polling-day, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall direct that one or more special polling-places, to be known as "advance polls," be established in such electoral districts as may be necessary. A registered voter in any polling division of any such electoral district, who complies with the provisions of this section of the Act, may vote at any advance poll established in that electoral district.

(2) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may further direct that at any advance poll the vote may be taken of any registered voter, who complies with the provisions of this section of the Act, whose name is registered in any polling division in any group of electoral districts as specified by the Chief Electoral Officer.

(3) When a Returning Officer is directed to establish one or more advance polls in his electoral district, or when his electoral district is included in a group of electoral districts as specified in subsection (2), he shall publish the place or places, the dates and time fixed for the holding of the advance poll in the Proclamation published under section 46 of this Act and in the notice of poll, section 61.

(4) An advance poll shall be open, and shall only be open, between the hours of one o'clock and nine o'clock in the afternoon of the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the week preceding that in which the poll is to be held.

(5) A registered voter who deems it necessary to vote at an advance poll shall apply in person to the Returning Office, the Registrar of Voters, or a person specially deputized by the Returning Officer, or by the Registrar of Voters, and shall be issued an advance-poll certificate.

(6) An advance-poll certificate shall be numbered and shall be in the form prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The Returning Officer, Registrar of Voters, or a person specially deputized to issue advance-poll certificates shall, before issuing an advance-poll certificate, fill in and sign such certificate and mention thereon the date of its issue, shall see that the certificate is signed by the applicant, shall keep a record of every such certificate issued, and shall send or cause to be sent a copy of such certificate to the Deputy Returning Officer for the polling division at which the person applying for the certificate is registered. No certificate shall be issued in blank, and no certificate shall be issued unless there is sufficient time to forward a copy of same to the Deputy Returning Officer for the polling division at which the person applying for the certificate is registered before eight o'clock of the morning of ordinary polling-day.

(7) Every Deputy Returning Officer at one o'clock in the afternoon of the first day upon which the advance poll is held shall show the ballot-box empty to such persons as are then present in the polling-booth so that they may see that it is empty and shall lock it up and place a seal upon it in such manner as to prevent its being opened

without breaking the seal, and any other person who is present shall be permitted to affix his seal thereto if he so desires, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall then place the ballot-box in his view for the receipt of ballots, and the ballot-box shall be kept locked and sealed until it is opened as hereinafter provided.

(8) The voter upon applying to vote as an advance-poll voter shall be required to sign his name, present address, and occupation in the poll-book, and shall deliver up the advance-poll certificate issued to him, and the Poll Clerk shall compare the signature of the voter on the certificate with the signature in the poll-book. If the signatures do not appear to be identical, the voter shall not be permitted to vote.

(9) Every ballot-paper issued for use at an advance poll shall be in the form prescribed in section 88A (1) and (2) of this Act, and before issuing it to the voter the Deputy Returning Officer shall announce the name and description of the voter as stated on the advance-poll certificate, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall mark his initials on the face of the stub and on the face of the counterfoil, and he shall fold and deliver to the voter the ballot-paper, together with that portion of the list of candidates showing the names of all candidates who were nominated in the electoral district in which the voter is registered.

(10) The voter shall proceed to the screened compartment, and shall mark his ballot and deliver it folded to the Deputy Returning Officer in the manner provided in section 101 (b) of this Act.

(11) The Deputy Returning Officer who, by examining the printed number and his initials on the counterfoil, without opening the ballot-paper, shall ascertain that it is the same ballot given by him to the voter, and shall then, in full view of all present, including the voter, remove the counterfoil and destroy it and place the ballot in the ballot-box; the voter shall then forthwith leave the polling-booth.

(12) No person who has been issued an advance-poll certificate shall be entitled to vote on ordinary polling-day, except upon his producing such certificate and surrendering it to the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-place established for the polling division for the list of voters on which he is registered. On receiving the advance-poll certificate, the Deputy Returning Officer shall write the word "cancelled" across the face of it, and the voter shall be permitted to vote in the ordinary manner as provided in this Act, and the Poll Clerk shall file the certificate in the poll-book, and shall make an appropriate notation in the "Remarks" column of the poll-book after the voter's signature, address, and occupation.

Section 112B: (1) For the purpose of enabling a registered voter who has reason to believe that he will be unable to attend at a polling-place on ordinary polling-day and who is unable to attend at a place in the electoral district in which he is registered where advance-poll certificates are issued, the voter shall make an affidavit in a form to be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council before the Deputy Returning Officer declaring his inability to attend a polling-booth on the day on which the poll is held and be entitled to tender his vote on a special ballot-paper at any polling-booth within the Province established pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of 112A. Upon applying for a special ballot-paper as an advance voter, the voter shall be required to sign his name, present address, and occupation in the poll-book; and any person being so required who, unless unable to write, refuses to sign in the required manner shall not receive a ballot-paper.

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer, before delivering the special ballot-paper to the voter, shall announce the name and description of the voter appearing in the affidavit on the ballot-envelope made pursuant to subsection (1) of section 112B, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall mark his initials in ink on the face of the stub and on the face of the counterfoil and ensure that the proper blank space (or number of spaces) is displayed on the ballot in accordance with the number of candidates who are to be elected in the district.

(3) The Deputy Returning Officer, upon delivering a special ballot-paper to a voter, shall provide him with a copy of the list of candidates and indicate therein the names of all the candidates who were nominated in the electoral district in which the person is registered as a voter.

(4) The voter shall proceed to the screened compartment and mark and fold his special ballot-paper and deliver it to the Deputy Returning Officer in the manner provided in clause (b) of section 101, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall further deal with the matter in the manner provided in section 115 (7) and (8).

Section 112C: (1) At the close of the advance poll on each day upon which the advance poll is held, the Deputy Returning Officer shall affix his seal to the ballot-box and permit any candidate or scrutineer to affix his seal thereto in such manner that the ballot-box cannot be opened or any further ballots deposited therein without breaking the seals. And he shall count the unused ballots and the stubs and the advance-poll certificates which up to that time have been presented, and he shall place the ballot-box and all unused ballot-papers and all other documents pertaining to the poll in safe keeping until the poll is opened on the following day, or until he proceeds to count the ballots as set out in the following section. Upon opening the poll on the second and third days, the Deputy Returning Officer shall remove from the ballot-box only such seals as would prevent the insertion of further ballots.

(2) At eight o'clock in the afternoon of ordinary polling-day, the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk shall attend at the polling-place where the advance poll was held and, in the presence of such candidates and scrutineers as may be present, open the ballot-box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each candidate, and deal with the ballot-envelopes (if any) in the manner provided in section 115 of this Act: Provided, however, that if the advance poll is one where ballots have been cast for the candidates of more than one electoral district as provided in subsection (2) of section 112A the Deputy Returning Officer shall segregate the ballots so cast and place them in separate packets marked "advance-poll ballots," one for each such electoral district, and shall endorse thereon the contents and place his seal upon each such packet, and permit any other person present to place his seal thereon. The Deputy Returning Officer shall deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of the statement of poll to the applicable Returning Officer of each electoral district included in the group of electoral districts as specified by the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection (2) of 112A. The Deputy Returning Officer shall place the advance-poll certificates in a separate envelope and address it to the Returning Officer of his own electoral district, and he shall place this in the ballot-box with all ballots and all other documents pertaining to the poll.

(3) Upon receipt of the ballot-boxes, the Returning Officer shall proceed as provided in section 115A, and in respect of those sealed packets marked "advance-poll ballots" polled as provided in subsection (2) of 112A and counted on ordinary polling-night, he shall forward these by registered mail or cause them to be delivered to the Returning Officers of the applicable electoral districts. The Returning Officer shall retain the original advance-poll certificates until after the completion of the final count, and shall forward them to the respective Registrars of Voters with the other documents as provided under section 124 (3) of this Act.

(4) The Returning Officer shall deal with the advance-poll ballots cast for the candidates of his electoral district in the manner as provided in section 117 of this Act.

(5) Except as in sections 112A, 112B, and 112C provided, an advance poll shall be conducted, and all things done in respect thereof in the same manner as is provided in this Act for the conduct of an election.

Section 113 (1): Strike out "rural" in the third line thereof. Strike out "other polling division" in the fifth line, and insert "polling-place."

Section 113 (4): Strike out the following words in the first, second, third, and fourth lines: "shall ensure that the proper blank space, or number of spaces, is displayed on the ballot in accordance with the number of candidates who are to be elected in the district, and."

Section 113 (10): Strike out "an urban electoral district; but a voter who is registered in an urban district" and insert the words "the Vancouver-Burrard, Vancouver Centre, Vancouver East, Vancouver-Point Grey, Victoria City, New Westminster, or Oak Bay Electoral Districts; provided that a voter who is registered in one of the aforementioned electoral districts."

Section 114 (1): Strike out "division" in the fifth line, and insert "place."

Section 114 (2): Strike out "any polling-booth" in the second line, and insert "any polling-place."

Section 115 (2): Repeal clause (g).

Section 115 (5): Strike out "and the number of absentee votes cast" in the fifth and sixth lines, and insert the following new sentence: "One copy of the statement of poll shall be placed in the ballot-box and one copy shall be dealt with pursuant to subsection (8)." (As amended below.)

Section 115 (6): Delete the third comma in the third line.

Strike out "and the list of votes marked pursuant to the provisions of section 103, and a statement of the number of voters whose votes are so marked by the Deputy Returning Officer under the head 'unable to read' and the declarations of inability to read" in the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh lines.

Strike out "and together with one of the duplicate statements made under subsection (5)" in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines.

Section 115 (7): This subsection to be rewritten to provide that, after counting the ordinary votes, the Deputy Returning Officer shall place all the ballot-envelopes containing special ballots into a parcel which shall be labelled "Special Ballots from Poll . . ." and this parcel shall be placed in the ballot-box.

Section 115 (8): Strike out "and absent voters' ballot-papers" in the fourth and fifth lines.

The following sentence to be added at the end of this subsection: "A copy of the ballot-paper account together with one copy of the statement of poll, three copies of the expense account, and the ballot-box key shall be placed in the envelope provided and sent by registered mail or personally delivered to the Returning Officer."

Section 115 (9): Strike out "The ballot-box" in the first line, and insert "The file of original applications for registration shall be placed in the ballot-box which."

Strike out all the words after "Returning Officer" in the fifth line to the end of this subsection.

Section 115A (1): This subsection to be rewritten to provide the following procedure: As soon as all the ballot-boxes have been received by the Returning Officer, he shall proceed to open each box and remove the parcel of ballot-envelopes placed therein pursuant to section 115 (7) (amended). Prior to opening the boxes he must give reasonable notice to each candidate or his agent. If none of the candidates or their agents appear at the appointed time, the Returning Officer may proceed in the presence of any two electors of the electoral district. He shall remove each parcel of ballot-envelopes and reseal the ballot-box. He would then open each parcel of ballot-envelopes and sort them into groups according to the electoral district to which they appertain, but no ballot-envelopes would be opened during this procedure. Each group of ballot-envelopes would then be dealt with according to the procedure as outlined in subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 115A.

Section 115A (3), (4), (5), and (6): These subsections to be repealed, and the following to be enacted:—

Section 115A (2): The Returning Officer shall prepare a statement, to be called the "absentee-poll statement" of all ballot-envelopes received by him containing special ballots cast under sections 113 and 114, and he shall prepare a statement of all ballot-envelopes containing special ballots cast under section 112B, to be called the "advance-poll absentee statement."

Section 115A (3): The Returning Officer shall make into one parcel all special ballot-envelopes containing ballots cast under sections 113 and 82A and section 112B for his own electoral district, and place this, together with a copy of the statements prepared under subsection (2) of this section, under lock and seal until the final count is held.

Section 115A (4): The remaining special-ballot envelopes containing special ballots cast under section 114 and section 112B pertaining to other electoral districts shall be placed in respective parcels marked "Special Ballots—Absentee" and "Special Ballots—Advance Poll Absentee" and shall be personally delivered or forwarded without delay, properly addressed and fully prepaid by registered mail to the Returning Officer of the respective electoral districts.

Section 117 (1) (a): Insert after "thereout," in the first line, the words "the file of original applications."

Section 117 (1) (d): Strike out "' (Advance Poll)' or " in the second line, and insert "' (Advance Poll Absentee).'"

Strike out "polling division" in the eleventh and thirteenth lines, and insert "electoral district."

Strike out "absent voters" in the twenty-third line, and insert "special."

Strike out "as an absent voter" in the twenty-fifth line, and insert "by special ballot."

Strike out "as" in the thirty-fourth line, and insert "so."

After "of," in the forty-first line, insert "ordinary."

Section 123 (2): Strike out all the words after "him," in the sixth line, down to the end of clause (f).

Section 141: Strike out "the" in the first line, and insert "a Deputy."

Section 177: Repeal clause (g).

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to make a survey this year to locate the route of the highway between Sinclair Mills and McBride?
2. Is the section between Sinclair Mills and Longworth to be completed this year?
3. Will construction on this highway west of McBride be undertaken this year?
4. Will the road between Tête Jaune and Yellowhead be improved this year to make it safe for ordinary travel?

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

"1. Further engineering data will be secured providing engineering personnel can be made available.

"2. Expect to make special funds available.

"3. No.

"4. Usual attention in keeping with other maintenance responsibilities in the district."

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

Has the Government entered into any agreement with the American Celanese Corporation with respect to the acquisition of land at Port Edward for purposes other than required for plant installation?

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

"No."

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 5.38 p.m.

Monday, April 5th, 1948.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,525 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$167,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1949.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1949.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,385 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Office of Trade Commissioner, to 31st March, 1949.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Regional Development Division, to 31st March, 1949.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1949.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—Rural Housing Advisory Committee for British Columbia, to 31st March, 1949.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Credit Unions Act," to 31st March, 1949.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1949.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1949.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1949.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1949.

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 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.19 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Fred Howlett*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1948.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1949.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$310,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1949.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,565 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1949.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1949.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$283,908 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,261,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1949.

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 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.08 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$445,465 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1949.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1949.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1949.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1949.

49. *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, 1949.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1949.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Probation Office, to 31st March, 1949.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, New Haven, to 31st March, 1949.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Revision of Statutes—Legislative Counsel, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1949.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates, to 31st March, 1949.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Administration, to 31st March, 1949.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Administration, to 31st March, 1949.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,535 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1949.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1948.

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 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1948.

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 borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 7th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Fidelity Insurance Company" and, on the grounds that the incorporation of such company would not be in the public interest, recommends that the said Bill be not further proceeded with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 7th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 7th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of three hundred dollars, being one-half of the double fees paid, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 7th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insurance Company" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of three hundred dollars, being one-half of the double fees paid, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Penticton" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time 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 6.09 p.m.

Thursday, April 8th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. A. S. Tuttle.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,245 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School Correspondence School (including Adults), to 31st March, 1949.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,415 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1949.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1949.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1949.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1949.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1949.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,779 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1949.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,450,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants (Teachers and Pupils), to 31st March, 1949.

69A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to Rural Areas, to 31st March, 1949.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$510,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveyance (Special Services), to 31st March, 1949.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Essential New Equipment, to 31st March, 1949.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$894,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, 7% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act," chapter 7, 1940; revised 1946), to 31st March, 1949.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to School Districts, to 31st March, 1949.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1949.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1949.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1949.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, fees, and expenses, to 31st March, 1949.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$373,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1949.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1949.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Direction and Supervision, Division of Curriculum, to 31st March, 1949.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Educational Reference and School Service, to 31st March, 1949.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Tests, Standards, and Research, to 31st March, 1949.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1949.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Library, to 31st March, 1949.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$97,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Public Library Commission, to 31st March, 1949.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,355 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1949.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,415 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1949.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1949.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1949.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University Endowment Lands—Proportion of Fire Costs and Upkeep of Boulevards, to 31st March, 1949.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1949.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Clinics of Psychological Medicine," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 8th, 1948.

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. 67) intituled "An Act relating to Clinics of Psychological Medicine," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 8th, 1948.

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

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 8th, 1948.

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. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Purchase and Use of Tangible Personal Property to provide Funds for Social Security and Municipal Aid," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. How many trips were made last year by the aeroplane belonging to the Department of Public Works?
2. What was the total cost of these trips last year?

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

- "1. Ninety-eight trips.
- "2. \$9,177.48."

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 5.48 p.m.

Thursday, April 8th, 1948.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

Whereas the Provincial Legislature on March 26th, 1947, by motion approved urging the Federal Government to call a conference for the purpose of dealing with the security measures as outlined by the Federal Government in 1945 at the Dominion-Provincial conference:

And whereas the Premier outlined to the House his opinion on this matter in his policy statement Friday, March 5th, and the representations recently made to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers of Canada:

And whereas there has been no action or policy statement forthcoming from the Prime Minister of Canada relative to the fulfilment of the Green Book proposals of 1945:

And whereas health and security matters are concerning the people of this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House do urge, through the Premier, upon the Dominion Government the necessity of calling a conference of all Provinces at the earliest possible date, or at least of the Provinces which have signed taxation agreements, for the purpose of giving consideration to and implementing mutually acceptable conclusions relative to the social security proposals as outlined in 1945:

And be it further Resolved, That the Provincial Government should consider plans in the meantime to initiate a full hospital insurance plan designed to fit into a Federal health plan when same is inaugurated by Federal authority.

Mrs. *Hodges* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Welch*,—

To strike out all words after the words "Therefore be it Resolved," and to substitute the following:—

"That this House endorse the action taken by the Government to prepare British Columbia's case for submission to the Federal authorities in connection with its representations for implementation of the social security measures outlined in the Dominion Government's Green Book proposals of 1945:

"And be it further Resolved, That this House approve the announced intention of the Government to submit measures to the Legislature designed to bring hospitalization within financial reach of the people."

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*, in amendment to the amendment, to add the following words to the amendment:—

"And be it still further Resolved, That this House condemns the attitude of the Federal Government in announcing their intention to refrain from calling another Dominion-Provincial conference until either Ontario or Quebec sign tax agreements."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment to the amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>

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Messieurs

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Beard</i>	

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Whereas the "Canadian Citizenship Act," 1946, declares: (1) Part 1, section 4, that "A person born before the commencement of this Act is a natural-born Canadian citizen if he was born in Canada"; (2) part 1 and part 2, sections 4 to 10, inclusive, outline Canadian citizenship whether Canadian-born or acquiring citizenship by naturalization:

And whereas ineligibility for inclusion on the voters list denies certain citizens the right to practise in some professions:

And whereas the "Provincial Elections Act" denies voting privileges to certain minorities recognized as citizens by the "Citizenship Act":

And whereas recent orders by officials in the employ of the Province denied employment of certain citizens because of their racial origin:

And whereas said action was based upon a motion passed by the Legislature on April 16th, 1902, to the effect that "In all contracts, leases, and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued, or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese be employed in connection therewith":

And whereas parliamentary law and custom states that no Act of the Legislature can bind a succeeding Legislature:

And whereas newspaper reports indicate that the Government may do by contract that which it cannot do by law as regards discrimination against racial minorities:

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

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that no discrimination should be recognized by the Government, either in law or contract, against any Canadian citizen because of colour, religion, or land of racial origin.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* moved in amendment,—

"Whereas the Governor in Council of Canada, pursuant to the authority of the 'War Measures Act of Canada,' by reason of the existence of war, ordered the removal of all persons of Japanese racial origin from the coastal zone (as described in the Order) of British Columbia:

"And whereas the said Order, made during the emergency of the war and for the expressed reason that the same was necessary for the due prosecution of the war and for the protection of Canada, is still in effect:

"And whereas as a consequence of said Order a number of persons of Japanese racial origin were obliged to leave the coastal regions of this Province and established themselves in other parts of the Province as permitted by the Dominion Order:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the provisions of contracts with the Government that no Japanese be employed in connection therewith should be altered in so far as that portion of British Columbia in which such Japanese are now permitted by the Dominion Government to reside so as to remove any disabilities against Japanese being employed in such area."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of order, on which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

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

And whereas said control as regards commercial rentals ended on March 8th of this year:

And whereas commercial tenants reasonably expect to have legislative protection from extortionate rental increases:

And whereas Federal Finance Minister the Hon. Douglas Abbott is reported as stating "the Provinces can take care of the commercial field now; we are out of that":

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

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

That a Return be filed of all written submissions and correspondence from oil companies during the past twelve months relative to an increase in the selling price of gasoline and the reports of actuaries or accountants employed by the Government or the Control Board to investigate the books of the oil companies.

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

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

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Smith</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Brett</i>	<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Rowland</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Putnam</i>

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

Whereas on many occasions the attention of the members of this Legislature has been drawn to the great danger of diseases of animals in relationship to effects on human beings:

And whereas producers of live stock and live-stock associations throughout Canada are giving considerable attention to methods of controlling these diseases, particularly Bang's disease and tuberculosis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly request the Provincial Government, in co-operation with the Dominion Government, to give consideration to methods of controlling these diseases and also to give more assistance to young people desirous of taking up the profession of veterinary science.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

Friday, April 9th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. M. LaTarte*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1949.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Analytical and Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1949.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March, 1949.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1949.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grub-staking and Aid to Prospectors, to 31st March, 1949.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Interprovincial Committee on Mining, to 31st March, 1949.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1949.

135. *Resolved*, That Vote No. 135 be amended, and that the item "Minister of Labour, \$7,500" be deleted, and that a reduced sum of \$5,230 be granted to His Majesty for the services as set out in said Vote No. 135.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 9th, 1948.

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

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 9th, 1948.

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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Motor-vehicles for the Year 1946.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

1. What is the estimated normal bed capacity of Oakalla?
2. What is the present number of inmates?
3. What are the known or considered causes of the increase in crime and delinquency?

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

"1. Males: East wing, 193 using single cells and 273 using double cells; west wing, 192 using single cells and 272 using double cells; south wing, 57, and 63 using condemned cells; hospital, 38, and 65 using cots in tower. Females: 40.

"2. Males, 675, and females, 40.

"3. There are doubtless a number of causes, but I am of opinion that the increase in population is one of the main reasons."

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

1. How many fatal accidents covered by workmen's compensation occurred last year to (a) married and (b) single employees?
2. What was the average cost of compensation for (a) married and (b) single employee cases?

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

"1. (a) 117 and (b) 84.

"2. (a) \$8,280.37 and (b) \$346."

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

1. In the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1946, and March 31st, 1947, was any Public Works equipment hired out to private individuals or companies in Omineca constituency?
2. If so, what was the total amount received from these persons or companies for the equipment obtained?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1946, \$1,073.27, and fiscal year ended March 31st, 1947, \$478.60."

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

1. Is any land at present being rented by the Doukhobors from the Land Settlement Board?
2. If yes, what is the acreage?
3. What amount, if any, did the Government receive in rent from the above for the years 1946 and 1947 respectively?

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

"The following answers have been obtained by me from the Department of Lands and Forests:—

"1. Yes.

"2. No information; rentals not on an acreage basis.

"3. 1946, \$8,027.20, and 1947, \$6,873.75."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

Monday, April 12th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. A. Reynolds.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$139,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1949.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1949.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,595 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1949.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1949.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1949.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1949.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1949.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1949.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1949.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act" Allowances, to 31st March, 1949.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1949.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1949.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1949.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1949.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1949.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1949.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, to provide Assistance to B.C. Provincial Government Employees' Benefit Society, to 31st March, 1949.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1949.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,265,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1949.

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 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.03 p.m.