

Tuesday, March 16th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Whereas a certain percentage of the graduates from the Commonwealth Air Training Plan are graduated as commissioned officers while the remainder only receive non-commissioned rank:

And whereas this creates an unjustifiable distinction between men who perform the same duties and shoulder the same responsibilities:

And whereas in the air force, unlike the army, there is at present no correspondence between rank and duties:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly of British Columbia go on record as being of the opinion that all graduates from the Commonwealth Air Training Plan be granted equal rank and promotions thereafter be according to responsibility, merit, and service.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Straith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Paton*,—

To add after the word "duties," in the seventh line, the following:—

"And whereas by the nature of their services a proportion of the members of the Air Force are required to land on enemy territory:

"And whereas there is discrimination in treatment between officers and non-commissioned officers as prisoners of war."

And to add the words "as officers" after the word "rank" in the tenth line.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor makes mention in the Speech from the Throne of the need for special endeavours to bring the war to an early and successful conclusion:

And whereas the fullest war effort can only come when the nation has the minimum of internal differences:

And whereas the experiences of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America give support to the practice of having all interests represented on the advisory and administrative boards and committees engaged in war work:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that it is desirable to appoint to all advisory and administrative war boards and war committees, both national and regional, labour and farmer representatives equal in proportion to that of the employers of labour, such representatives to be selected from among those nominated by the organizations concerned.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare be authorized by this House to inquire into the operations of the administration of mothers' allowances under the "Mothers' Allowances Act" and regulations, and the administration of old-age pensions, and to report their findings and recommendations.

Mr. *Webber* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas education is essential to the preservation of our democratic way of life:  
And whereas the status of school-teachers exercises an important influence upon community life through the school:

And whereas adequate professional training is of pre-eminent importance to the efficiency of the educational system:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the question of teacher-training and professional salary schedules.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Webber</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Turner</i>			

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	

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

Whereas there are large numbers of aged persons and others whose physical or economic condition makes them dependent upon public services and facilities for their maintenance and care:

And whereas there is inadequate accommodation at present available for their care:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the facilities of Government House could be utilized with advantage for the aforesaid purpose.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order on the ground that such resolution, if carried, would involve the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Speaker stated that in his opinion the motion did not necessarily involve the expenditure of public money, and ruled the motion in order.

The debate continued.

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 with this Legislature by the Hon. the Minister of Mines of documents, reports, and correspondence relative to Commotion Creek oil-drilling surveys and contracts.

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mrs. *MacInnis*,—

Whereas the Provincial Government has need of the greatest possible revenue for financing social services, education, and post-war projects:

And whereas the principle of public control of the sale of liquor is already accepted and in operation through the enactment and administration of the "Government Liquor Act":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of extending the principle of public control by the Government acquiring sole rights to the production, distribution, and sale of all liquor within the Province.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 16th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That representations have been made by the Farmers' Institute of British Columbia and other farmers drawing attention to the interpretation of subsection (2) of section 3 of the "Motor-vehicle Act" requiring farmers to secure a licence for implements of husbandry when it is necessary to move such implements of husbandry over or along a public highway:

And further, due to the fact that we are advised by P. A. Curry, regional office manager for the Oil Controller for Canada, by letter dated February 17th, 1943, as follows:—

"That where cars, trucks, or other farm implements which are licensed or required to be licensed by the Province must at all times use graded gasoline in exchange for ration coupons regardless of whether or not they are used part time on private farm property.

"This also applies to farm tractors, hay-rakes, combines, etc., which are self-propelled, and if they are required to be licensed when proceeding along the road from farm to farm, then they must use graded gasoline as any gasoline-driven vehicle must use graded gasoline at all times, if licensed, and marked gasoline at all times if not licensed."

In view of this interpretation and the requirements of the Oil Controller, your Committee recommends that an amendment be placed in the "Motor-vehicle Act" to clarify the situation for the benefit of *bona-fide* farmers, and to provide that all such implements of husbandry being moved along or over any public highway shall not require a licence.

We further recommend that section 5A of said Act be amended by deleting from the seventh line of the said section 5A the words "or for performing any work in or upon any farm."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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## Tuesday, March 16th, 1943.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH.

The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to exempt certain Free Miners from performing and recording Work on their Mining Property pursuant to the Mining Laws of the Province" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Children" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to permit Persons to be employed in War-time in certain Capacities in Coal-mines without Certificates of Competency" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act conferring Power to grant Assistance to War-time Prospectors."

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 12th, 1943.*

*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. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to exempt certain Free Miners from performing and recording Work on their Mining Property pursuant to the Mining Laws of the Province" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to permit Persons to be employed in War-time in certain Capacities in Coal-mines without Certificates of Competency" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Children" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act conferring Power to grant Assistance to War-time Prospectors" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1944.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision and Educational Supervision, etc., to 31st March, 1944.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,685 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Libraries, to 31st March, 1944.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,022 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1944.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1944.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1944.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460,164 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1944.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1944.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to Fairbridge Farm School, to 31st March, 1944.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,716 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to 31st March, 1944.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1944.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,214,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1944.

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

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

#### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 17th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have considered the Public Accounts as submitted to us at several sittings of the Committee.

Various vouchers were asked for and departmental officials attended and explained same.

Other information was sought by several members of the Committee, but as such information was deemed to be *sub judice* it was not produced.

We have also given consent to the destruction of accumulated routine documents as requested from various departments and under the authority of the "Public Documents Disposal Act."

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Paton* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 17th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways begs leave to report as follows:—

That two meetings of this Committee were held on Saturday, March 13th, and Wednesday, March 17th. A report was made by the Deputy Minister of Mines; as a result, this Committee recommends:—

1. That as a preliminary to a larger enterprise in the post-war period the Government of British Columbia encourage and, if necessary, initiate the development of a scrap-steel industry immediately.

That the "Act respecting Bounties on Iron and Steel," chapter 26, R.S.B.C. 1936, be amended to set out clearly therein that bounties shall be paid to a steel industry using scrap only.

2. That the Government of British Columbia should enter into negotiations with the Federal Government in regard to securing subventions to a steel industry in British Columbia on a similar scale to those granted to the steel industries in other parts of Canada.

3. That the Government of British Columbia undertake the active promotion of a steel industry in British Columbia as a matter of urgency.

That the necessary authority be sought from the Legislature as early as possible to empower the Government to establish a steel industry by direct investment, or to render such financial assistance as may be deemed advisable, or by way of special grant either jointly with the Federal Government or otherwise, in addition to the bounties provided within the existing Statute: Provided that where such financial assistance is granted by the Government steps shall be taken to ensure Government control.

J. A. PATON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 16th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeared before the Committee and presented amendments to the "Municipal Act," as requested by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Further proposed amendments were submitted by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Interested parties were given a hearing, after which a number of amendments were approved and will, in due course, be submitted to this Legislature for enactment.

The Municipal Department also submitted proposed amendments to the "Village Municipalities Act" and those approved will be submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for their assistance and advice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Vice-Chairman*.

The report was read and received.



The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

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

1. Was a survey made during 1942 of Cheam Lake area, reserved by Order in Council as a possible source of lime for agricultural purposes?
2. If so, by whom was the survey made?
3. What were the findings, if any?
4. Has any action been taken by the Department?

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

- "1. Report made.
- "2. Dr. D. G. Laird, Professor of Agronomy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and G. L. Landon, District Agriculturist, Court-house, New Westminster.
- "3. Relatively low calcium carbonate content.
- "4. Area still under reserve."

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

1. Were berry-pickers provided for Fraser Valley berry-growers in 1942?
2. If so, how many?
3. What was the cost of providing same?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 119.
- "3. \$2,980.35. (Figures supplied by the Department of Labour, under whose supervision the operation was carried out.)"

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 17th, 1943.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$674,046 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1944.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,327,678 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1944.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,784 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1944.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,727 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1944.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93,952 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1944.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,905 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1944.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1944.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$465,034 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1944.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1944.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1944.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, War Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1944.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, and other Equipment, etc.), to 31st March, 1944.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1944.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1944.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1944.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1944.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1944.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1944.
110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1944.
- 110A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Hydro-electric and Rural Electrification Surveys, to 31st March, 1944.
111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1944.
112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1944.
113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1944.
114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1944.
115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1944.
116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1944.
117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1944.
180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1944.
11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1943.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1943.
30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1943.
33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1943.
35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1943.
43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders, to 31st March, 1943.
46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1943.
49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,710 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1943.
51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1943.
61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1943.
65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1943.
69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,415 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1943.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Libraries, to 31st March, 1943.

70A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to Fairbridge Farm School, to 31st March, 1943.

84A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,168.63 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1943.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1943.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1943.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,575 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1943.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1943.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Oil Exploration in Peace River Area, to 31st March, 1943.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commissioner, to 31st March, 1943.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 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, 1943.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1943.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,797.18 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services—Administration, to 31st March, 1943.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1943.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,581.45 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Infants Act"), to 31st March, 1943.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,655.16 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals, to 31st March, 1943.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Laboratories (Institute of Preventive Medicine), to 31st March, 1943.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1943.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,511.43 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1943.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1943.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial School for Boys, to 31st March, 1943.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,498 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Infirmaries (formerly Provincial Infirmary, Marpole), to 31st March, 1943.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special Health and Welfare Services, to 31st March, 1943.

158. *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 Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1943.

93A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, War Cost-of-living Bonus to Old-age Pensioners, to 31st March, 1943.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$247,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1943.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,241.64 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1942, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1944.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1944.

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 11.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.08 a.m.

## Thursday, March 18th, 1943.

HALF-PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Jamieson*—Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Choate."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed, and, by leave of the House, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* on February 22nd, as follows:—

Whereas it is the opinion of this House that provision should be made for the security of the citizens of the Dominion of Canada, protecting them against suffering and want resulting from inability to provide for the necessities of life through old age, sickness, disability, invalidity, unemployment, excessive family burdens, or loss of family head:

And whereas the financial resources of the Provinces will not permit the Provinces without assistance from the Dominion Treasury to fully provide the necessary funds to give to their citizens this security:

And whereas public statements indicate that the Government of the Dominion of Canada has now in course of preparation a Federal plan for State Health Insurance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Government of Canada, urging that it shall set up and bring into operation at as early a date as possible a comprehensive plan of Social Insurance which shall protect its citizens against all forms of want resulting from interruption of earnings, loss of earning-power or lack of earning-power, whether brought about through old age, sickness, invalidity, disability, excessive family burdens, loss of family head, or any other justifiable cause.

And be it further Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that a plan so set up shall recognize the rights and interests of the Provinces in the administration of such a plan, and that it shall allow each Province to develop its Social Insurance standards in conformity with the social standards and social philosophy of its people.

And be it further Resolved, That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada to bring into operation immediately a State Health Insurance Plan which shall recognize the rights and interests of the Provinces in the administration thereof.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Turner* on the 16th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor makes mention in the Speech from the Throne of the need for special endeavours to bring the war to an early and successful conclusion:

And whereas the fullest war effort can only come when the nation has the minimum of internal differences:

And whereas the experiences of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America give support to the practice of having all interests represented on the advisory and administrative boards and committees engaged in war work:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that it is desirable to appoint to all advisory and administrative war boards and war committees, both national and regional, labour and farmer representatives equal in proportion to that of the employers of labour, such representatives to be selected from among those nominated by the organizations concerned.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Rolston*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "this Government of British Columbia has informed the Dominion Government, and has so demonstrated by numerous measures, it is anxious

to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Dominion Government in the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that an humble Address should be presented to His Honour, praying that His Honour will cause to be conveyed to the Federal Government the opinion of this House that the fullest measures of co-operation shall be continued and assured the Dominion Government with all national and regional advisory and administrative boards set up for the successful conduct of the war effort.

"And further, that in the appointment of the personnel of such boards consideration should be given to representation from all the Provinces of men and women, workers, farmers, industrialists, and members of the Armed Forces."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs. *MacInnis*, seconded by Mr. *Webber*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it is the duty of society to ensure that every citizen, fulfilling during his working-life the obligation of service according to his powers, can claim as of right, when he is past work, an income adequate to maintain him:

And whereas it is conducive neither to the self-respect of the aged nor the welfare of their children for the latter to be called upon to lower their living standards and those of their families in order to contribute to the support of their aged parents:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that this Government should urge upon the Dominion Government to take under advisement the deletion of Regulation 17 (a) lv., governing the administration of the "Old Age Pensions Act."

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

By leave of the House, the following notices of motion standing on the Order Paper in the names respectively of Mr. *Gargrave*, Mr. *Turner*, and Mr. *Guthrie* in the order as herein set out were withdrawn:—

That, providing a Return is filed with the Legislature of the brief presented to the Executive Council on January 26th by the British Columbia Natural Resources Conservation League, said Return be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries with a view to examining said brief and any other matters pertaining to conservation.

Whereas representations have been made to the Government relative to the advisability of establishing a steel industry in the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the interim report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council recommends "That the Government of British Columbia undertake the active promotion of a steel industry in British Columbia" and "That the necessary authority be sought from the Legislature as early as possible to empower the Government to establish a steel industry by direct investment or to render such financial assistance as may be deemed advisable or by way of special grant, either jointly with the Federal Government or otherwise, in addition to the bounties provided within the existing Statute":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering matters relating to the feasibility and advisability of action being taken to establish an integrated steel industry for the Province with a view to making recommendations for the consideration of the House.

That a Return be filed by the Hon. Minister of Lands of all compensation received by individuals and companies affected by the fire that occurred in the vicinity of Lady-smith in September, 1942.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.12 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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 the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply reported on the 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 17th, and 18th days of March be received and read a first time.

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

That the Resolutions 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 towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$240,241.64 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1942.

670,286.85 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1943.

31,792,445.57 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1944.

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. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

By leave of the House, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.



On the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Company Towns Regulation Act'" the Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order as being beyond the competence of a private member to introduce.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete with amendment, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Choate" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

D. A. McDONALD,  
*Administrator.*

The Administrator returns herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" with amendment, enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendment to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 18th, 1943.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To strike out section 18, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"18. Section 152 is amended by striking out 'and' in the third line of subsection (2), and substituting 'but the Registrar may, if he thinks fit, require that they shall be kept in the Province; and the books of account.'"

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Administrator.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendment and the Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" be referred to the Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.

Bill considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Jamieson*:—

That this Legislature take under advisement the setting-up of a system of family allowances in order to assure to low-income families with young children a proper standard of nutrition.

Mr. Speaker ruled the notice of motion out of order on the ground that the motion if carried would necessarily involve the expenditure of public money and as such was beyond the competence of a private member to move.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas there are many people in British Columbia who are unemployable because of age, mental or physical disability:

And whereas social assistance allowances are not sufficient for adequate maintenance and are too similar to the former relief allowances:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House take under consideration the establishment of a system of pensions for unemployables, and that the Dominion Government be petitioned to aid the Province in establishing such pensions on a similar basis as the old-age pension system.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Turner*:—

That a Special Committee of this House be appointed to examine all factors relating to the present system of levying motor licence fees, to inquire into the possibility of adjusting same to a utility basis, and to consider all factors relating to the protection of citizens from financial loss due to motor accidents by means of compulsory automobile insurance carried and operated by the Provincial Government:

And be it further Resolved, That the said Committee have power to call for papers and witnesses and do report its findings to the Legislature.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Jamieson*:—

Whereas the Government has already promised medical aid to old-age pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature take under advisement the extending of similar benefits to all others who are dependent upon public assistance and to those families and individuals of low-income groups unable to purchase such services.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as involving the expenditure of public money.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *MacNeil*,—

Whereas leaders of the United Nations have declared that the present war is being fought to establish the principles of democratic living, as enunciated in the Atlantic Charter:

And whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of full citizenship:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the North American Indians living in Canada should be given equal democratic rights in regard

to franchise, educational opportunity, freedom of assembly and organization, and administration of their own affairs as enjoyed by other Canadian citizens.

And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be petitioned to set up a Commission forthwith, on which representatives of the North American Indian tribes be appointed to study this matter and to make recommendations in regard to the necessary changes in the "Indian Act" and other legislation affected, in order that there may be no delay in the extension of democratic rights and responsibilities to these original Canadian citizens.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Webber* moved, seconded by Mrs. *MacInnis*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House petition the Federal Government to repeal the regulation relative to the "Old Age Pensions Act" requiring the computed amounts of dependents' allowance and assigned pay to be deducted from the pensions of old-age pensioners.

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

Mr. *Webber* moved, seconded by Mr. *Stirling*,—

Whereas dependents' allowance regulations prohibit women on allowance from receiving more than \$40 per month from other sources without deduction:

And whereas many women whose husbands are in the forces work as seasonal farm labour and so help to relieve the labour shortage:

And whereas these women may tend not to continue to work on farms and in the packing-houses unless the regulation is relaxed and will consequently further restrict the supply of farm labour:

And whereas there are no restrictions on the wages the wife of a civilian may earn:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Federal Government to relax this regulation for these women on dependents' allowance engaged in seasonal farm labour.

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

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,—

Whereas the restrictive orders regarding the sale of beer in British Columbia and in the other Provinces have now been in force since December 18th, 1942:

And whereas it is the opinion of this House that it is in the public interest to remove the said restrictions and allow the quantity of beer to be manufactured and sold to be determined by the demand therefor:

And whereas the brewing of beer does not interfere with the war effort and curtailment has created general dissatisfaction among the working-people of British Columbia:

And whereas believing that it would go far to restore the morale and the incentive to work among those engaged in war industries:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House request the Cabinet of the Dominion of Canada to revoke Order in Council P.C. 11374 W.M. 83, thereby restoring the free manufacture and sale of beer in accordance with Provincial regulations.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Asselstine* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Finland*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "the restrictive orders regarding the sale of beer in British Columbia are creating dissatisfaction:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House request the Dominion Government give further consideration to the existing regulations.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *MacNeil* moved, seconded by Mr. *Herridge*,—

That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of (a) revision of the present methods of procedure to ensure that appointments to the Civil Service are made through qualifying examinations, open to all citizens, with selection according to the order of merit; (b) revision of the present methods of procedure to ensure that promotions within the Civil Service are based on merit determined by open and impartial annual ratings, giving consideration to seniority, efficiency, and general fitness; (c) reclassification of positions in the Civil Service in relation to rates of remuneration, duties, and conditions of promotion and transfer; (d) reform of the conditions under which the services of temporary employees are retained and under which they may become eligible for permanent appointments and superannuation; and (e) provision for the inclusion on all Boards and Commissions dealing with Civil Service problems of duly elected representatives of established Civil Service Associations.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *MacNeil* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas during the proceedings of this Legislature statements on public policy with factual data are made but not officially recorded:

And whereas it is in the public interest that such statements should be so recorded as to enable full and accurate reference:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting similar to that in use in the Canadian House of Commons.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

#### REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly “to consider such matters as may be laid before it by a committee representing the Advisory Board of Farmers’ Institutes; to consider the report of the Dominion-Provincial conference on production; to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the interdepartmental committee on farm labour, and such other Department officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province; to review the report of the Commissioner, Judge Harper, on the operation of marketing boards operating schemes under the ‘Natural Products (British Columbia) Marketing Act’; and to report its findings to this House,” held four sittings.

At one of these sittings delegates from the Farmers’ Advisory Board presented a total of eight resolutions dealing with the following matters:—

- (a.) Farm Labour.
- (b.) Bounties on Predatory Animals.
- (c.) Health Insurance.
- (d.) Japanese Expulsion after the War.

- (e.) Rehabilitation Schemes.
- (f.) Farm "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (g.) Farm Machinery and Parts.
- (h.) Ammunition Shortages and Rationing thereof.

Resolutions (a), (c), (e), (g), and (h) were adopted.

Resolution (b) was adopted with the exception of that part asking for a 50-50 contribution from the Federal Government.

Resolution (d) was rejected because it was felt that this was not within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

Resolution (f): Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture had the privilege of discussing with the Hon. the Attorney-General sections 3 and 5A of the "Motor-vehicle Act," who stated that he would welcome any suggestions and recommendations this Committee would care to make.

Your Committee's recommendation was presented in Report No. 1.

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture was fortunate in having a very satisfactory conference with officials of the Dominion and the Province dealing with the farm labour situation. The delegation was introduced by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture. Mr. T. B. Pickersgill outlined the work of the Board and explained the various regulations dealing with farm labour. Mrs. Rex Eaton outlined the plan for the mobilization of women in Canada.

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture gave some time to the consideration of the Harper Report on Marketing, and your Committee has recommended (1) that the recommendation of the Commissioner regarding the Marketing Boards be given serious consideration; (2) that, in view of the misunderstandings that have existed with regard to the Marketing Boards, we recommend that steps be taken to publicize the objects and operations of the various Boards as we are of the opinion that a great deal of the criticism in the past has been due to lack of knowledge on behalf of both growers and the public at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mrs. Rolston presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare, as follows:—

#### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18th, 1943.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Several well-attended meetings have been held and quite a number of officials presented information regarding their several departments.

1. The Committee wishes to draw attention to the importance of making early provision for the selection and training of suitable welfare and probation officers for the family and juvenile Courts.

2. That so far as possible the principle of probation and suspended sentence be adopted in all police and inferior Courts in the treatment of adult offenders charged with minor offences rather than commitment for short periods of imprisonment and that trained probation officers be used in carrying out this policy.

3. Your Committee wishes to recommend also that every citizen reaching pensionable age and fulfilling necessary residence qualifications shall be eligible to receive the old-age pension.

TILLY JEAN ROLSTON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

## Thursday, March 18th, 1943.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* on the 18th instant on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas there are many people in British Columbia who are unemployable because of age, mental or physical disability:

And whereas social assistance allowances are not sufficient for adequate maintenance and are too similar to the former relief allowances:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House take under consideration the establishment of a system of pensions for unemployables, and that the Dominion Government be petitioned to aid the Province in establishing such pensions on a similar basis as the old-age pension system.

*Honourable Members*,—The honourable member for North Vancouver raises the point that if the Dominion Government should agree to pay 75 per cent. of the cost of pensions for unemployables, the 25 per cent. which the Province would be called upon to pay might be less than the present social assistance allowances.

I would point out, however, that the motion does not make the payment of pensions dependent on receiving aid from Ottawa, and if Ottawa should refuse, then the Province would be obliged to assume the entire cost.

I must hold the motion out of order under S.O. 66.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Webber</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* on the 18th instant on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Turner*:—

That a Special Committee of this House be appointed to examine all factors relating to the present system of levying motor licence fees, to inquire into the possibility

of adjusting same to a utility basis, and to consider all factors relating to the protection of citizens from financial loss due to motor accidents by means of compulsory automobile insurance carried and operated by the Provincial Government.

And be it further Resolved, That the said Committee have power to call for papers and witnesses and do report its findings to the Legislature.

*Honourable Members*,—This motion is so worded that I believe it would be possible for the Committee to present a report which could be received by the House without offending against the Standing Orders and Rules.

The words "to examine all factors relating to the present system of levying motor licence fees" would give the Committee a wide discretion.

I feel, therefore, that I ought not to assume that the report of the Committee would necessarily be out of order.

I rule the motion in order.

(See Journals, November 12th, 1936.)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* on the 18th instant on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas leaders of the United Nations have declared that the present war is being fought to establish the principles of democratic living, as enunciated in the Atlantic Charter:

And whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of full citizenship:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the North American Indians living in Canada should be given equal democratic rights in regard to franchise, educational opportunity, freedom of assembly and organization, and administration of their own affairs as enjoyed by other Canadian citizens.

And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be petitioned to set up a Commission forthwith, on which representatives of the North American Indian tribes be appointed to study this matter and to make recommendations in regard to the necessary changes in the "Indian Act" and other legislation affected, in order that there may be no delay in the extension of democratic rights and responsibilities to these original Canadian citizens.

*Honourable Members*,—During debate on the point of order it was suggested that North American Indians are not at present expressly disqualified from voting under the "Provincial Elections Act."

I find that they are; so a Bill would have to be introduced to give them the franchise.

A private member can not direct the Government to bring in a Bill, so I must hold the motion out of order.

(See Journals, 1936, page 82.)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Perry* on the 18th instant with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *MacNeil*:—

Whereas during the proceedings of this Legislature statements on public policy with factual data are made but not officially recorded:

And whereas it is in the public interest that such statements should be so recorded as to enable full and accurate reference:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting similar to that in use in the Canadian House of Commons.

*Honourable Members*,—Under the terms of this motion the Committee would have to bring in either a negative report or an affirmative one. If negative, the discussion

would be fruitless; if affirmative, the House could not receive it as it would involve Governmental expenditure.

I therefore rule the motion out of order under the principles more fully laid down in my decision which will be found in 1937 *Journals*, page 89.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

That a Special Committee of this House be appointed to examine all factors relating to the present system of levying motor licence fees; to inquire into the possibility of adjusting same to a utility basis; and to consider all factors relating to the protection of citizens from financial loss due to motor accidents by means of compulsory auto insurance carried and operated by the Provincial Government.

And be it further Resolved, That the said Committee have power to call for papers and witnesses and do report its findings to the Legislature.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefebvre</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Webber</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Kenney</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Webber* on the 18th instant, as follows:—

Whereas dependents' allowance regulations prohibit women on allowance from receiving more than \$40 per month from other sources without deduction:

And whereas many women whose husbands are in the forces work as seasonal farm labour and so help to relieve the labour shortage:

And whereas these women may tend not to continue to work on farms and in the packing-houses unless the regulation is relaxed and will consequently further restrict the supply of farm labour:

And whereas there are no restrictions on the wages the wife of a civilian may earn:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Federal Government to relax this regulation for these women on dependents' allowance engaged in seasonal farm labour.

The debate continued.

The House divided.



Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Finland</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Webber</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Paton</i>

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Love</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connolly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>King</i>			

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Webber* on the 18th instant, as follows:—

Be it Resolved, That this House petition the Federal Government to repeal the regulation relative to the "Old Age Pensions Act" requiring the computed amounts of dependents' allowance and assigned pay to be deducted from the pensions of old-age pensioners.

Motion agreed to.

HALF-PAST NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

*William H. Langley*, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to prohibit Children in Unorganized Territory being on the Streets after Nightfall.
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Old-age Pension Act."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Employment Agencies Act."
- (No. 4) An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make certain Provisions with respect to Statutory Holidays.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Welfare Institutions Licensing Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Residence and Responsibility Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to Members of the Corps of (Civilian) Canadian Fire-fighters for Service in the United Kingdom.
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Post-war Rehabilitation Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 18) An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipalities of Maple Ridge and Langley.

- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Department of Public Works Act."  
(No. 20) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."  
(No. 21) An Act to amend the "Truck Act."  
(No. 22) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."  
(No. 23) An Act respecting The Corporation of the City of Kaslo.  
(No. 24) An Act to amend "The Cultus Lake Park Act."  
(No. 25) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licence No. 13300.  
(No. 26) An Act to amend the "Land Act."  
(No. 27) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."  
(No. 28) An Act to authorize a Loan to the Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Co-operative Association.  
(No. 29) An Act to provide for the Protection of Children.  
(No. 30) An Act to amend the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act."  
(No. 31) An Act to amend the "Municipal Cemeteries Act."  
(No. 32) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."  
(No. 33) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."  
(No. 34) An Act to ratify certain Agreements made between the Dominion and the Province.  
(No. 35) An Act to amend the "Mothers' Allowances Act."  
(No. 39) An Act respecting the Regulation of Shops and the Employment of Young Persons therein and providing for a Weekly Half-holiday for Shop Employees.  
(No. 41) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."  
(No. 42) An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Dominion and the Province respecting Staking for Minerals on Indian Reserves in British Columbia.  
(No. 43) An Act to exempt certain Free Miners from performing and recording Work on their Mining Property pursuant to the Mining Laws of the Province.  
(No. 44) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."  
(No. 45) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."  
(No. 46) An Act to amend the "Department of Labour Act."  
(No. 48) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."  
(No. 49) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."  
(No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902."  
(No. 51) An Act respecting the Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.  
(No. 61) An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Commission to control the Purchase of Supplies required in the Public Service of the Province.  
(No. 62) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."  
(No. 63) An Act to permit Persons to be employed in War-time in certain Capacities in Coal-mines without Certificates of Competency.  
(No. 65) An Act to provide for the better Definition and Extension of the Jurisdiction of certain Magistrates.  
(No. 66) An Act to amend the "Juvenile Courts Act."  
(No. 67) An Act to amend the "Dentistry Act."  
(No. 68) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."  
(No. 69) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."  
(No. 70) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."  
(No. 71) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.  
(No. 73) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."  
(No. 74) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."  
(No. 76) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."  
(No. 77) An Act to amend the "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act."  
(No. 78) An Act to amend the "Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act."

- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."  
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."  
 (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."  
 (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."  
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."  
 (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."  
 (No. 86) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."  
 (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Court Rules of Practice Act."  
 (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."  
 (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."  
 (No. 90) An Act conferring Power to grant Assistance to War-time Prospectors.  
 (No. 93) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Choate.  
 (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."  
 (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."

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

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

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Administrator as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

Then His Honour the Administrator was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In relieving you of your legislative duties at the close of the Second Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia, it is my desire to express my sincere appreciation of the care and earnestness that have characterized your deliberations.

It has given me great satisfaction to note that the Legislature enacted progressive measures for the improvement of labour conditions by amending the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" and the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

The petition of the Legislature to the Dominion Government urging the enactment of social security legislation, coupled with the more specific request that a national system of health insurance be introduced at an early date, will commend itself to all those who feel concern for the public's welfare.

I observe with gratification that administration of the "Old-age Pension Act" is to be brought more directly under the supervision of a special board and the Provincial Secretary; that amending legislation has been passed to further improve the regulations under which children placed in foster homes are supervised; that the "Mothers' Allowances Act" has been modified to grant further assistance; that provision has been made for extending free medical service to old-age pensioners and those

in receipt of mothers' allowances; and that steps have been taken to bring into effect a Family Court.

The provision made for further assistance to rural districts with respect to the cost of education is a wise measure, providing, as it does, alleviation to farmers who have found the cost of education burdensome, and at the same time guaranteeing to teachers a higher scale of salaries.

Establishment of a Hydro-electric Commission, as indicated by the appropriation voted for a survey, will make it possible for my Government to be fully advised on projects considered feasible for rural electrification and power development, so that these undertakings may be proceeded with as opportunity affords, thus providing an excellent programme of work for the post-war readjustment period.

Further assistance has been extended to those in the fighting forces by amending legislation affecting the Mines, Lands, and Taxation Departments.

Establishment of a Purchasing Commission, responsible solely to the Legislature, I am sure, will greatly improve this branch of Government service and give a greater degree of confidence to the public with respect to the purchase of supplies.

The provision made for the borrowing of \$15,000,000 to carry out important public works as a post-war measure is a commendable and far-sighted one.

The assistance to be given to those interested in the establishment of a fibre flax industry in this Province by advancing them an interest-free loan will benefit pioneers in this field.

The marked improvement in British Columbia's financial position by debt refunding and debt retirement, together with the measures that have been instituted to effect greater economies in public administration, I am sure, will commend itself to all citizens.

The submission of the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council gives assurance that my Government is keenly interested in the welfare of our men and women in the fighting services and war industries. From this report it is intended to formulate a forward-looking programme designed to take care of that period of readjustment which is bound to follow the present conflict.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services and sincerely trust that the efforts that you have put forth during the Session now closed will be attended with outstanding success.

In relieving you of your legislative duties, I join with you in invoking the aid of Divine Providence for the preservation of those principles and freedoms for which the British Empire and her Allies are now fighting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

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

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.