

Tuesday, March 11th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. Whitehouse*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, on behalf of Mr. *MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Oleomargarine Act'" was read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the following notice of amendment to notice of motion No. 6, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Stevenson*, was withdrawn:—

To strike out all the words after the word "that" in the sixth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"This Legislature urge that the Government appoint a Committee consisting of representatives from the Motor-vehicle Branch and Legal Branch of the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Health and Welfare, and the Department of Public Works to investigate and recommend ways and means to curb drunken driving within British Columbia and that the Committee report the results of their investigations and deliberations and their recommendations at the first Session of the next Parliament."

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented the Annual Report of the Division of Tuberculosis Control, Department of Health and Welfare, for the Year 1950.

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

1. Is there a telephone in the Belmont High School in the Esquimalt Electoral District?

2. If not, (a) is this only a temporary situation, (b) will the school receive the telephone soon, (c) if so, when, and (d) if not, why?

3. Are there other public schools in the Esquimalt Electoral District without telephones?

4. If so, (a) where are they, (b) why are they without telephones, and (c) when will telephones be installed?

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

"1. The Department of Education is not responsible for telephones in schools; the responsibility lies with the Board of School Trustees of the district concerned.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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, March 12th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ivan Edwards*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Sraith* presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the Year 1950.

The Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" during the Fiscal Year 1950-51.

The Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" during the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Order called for "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 the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No.18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921, Amendment Act, 1951.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights."

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

1. What is the total acreage under natural-gas and oil permit, lease, and licence in the Peace River District of British Columbia?
2. How many natural-gas wells have been discovered in this area?
3. How many oil-wells have been discovered in this district?
4. In what location?
5. At what depth?

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

"1. 25,985,973 acres.

"2. Ten small wells; the testing has not been completed.

"3. One, which has also been rated with the above as a small gas well; the well is standing; final testing is awaiting more favourable weather.

"4. All are wells of the Peace River Natural Gas Company. The six Pacific Sunrise wells are in the Sunrise Valley area, some 16 miles westerly from Dawson Creek. Pacific Act Kiskatinaw No. 1 Well is south of the Kiskatinaw River, 18 miles north of Dawson Creek. Peace River Allied Fort St. John No. 1 Well is 6 miles south-east of Fort St. John. Pacific Fort St. John No. 3 Well is 8 miles east of Fort St. John. Pacific Fort St. John No. 4 Well is 3 miles south-east of Fort St. John. Peace River Allied Fort St. John No. 1 also reported oil in a preliminary test. No final testing has been done on the above-mentioned wells.

"5. The productive horizons reported were at the following depths: Pacific Sunrise No. 2, 3,502 feet; Pacific Sunrise No. 3, 3,232 feet; Pacific Sunrise No. 4, 3,170 feet; Pacific Sunrise No. 6A, 3,313 feet; Pacific Sunrise No. 7, 3,198 feet; Pacific Sunrise No. 8, 3,229 feet; Pacific Act Kiskatinaw No. 1, 4,703 feet; Peace River Allied Fort St. John No. 1, 5,667 feet; Pacific Fort St. John No. 3, 3,595 feet; Pacific Fort St. John No. 4, 3,120 feet and 3,738 feet."

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 10.33 p.m.

Thursday, March 13th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion that Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921, Amendment Act, 1951,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

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 the Legislature by the Minister of Lands and Forests of copies of all contracts and agreements made pursuant to forest management licences.

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

1. Have any estimates been made of the cost and of the acre-feet of water to be made available by proposed dams at (a) Buttle Lake and (b) Upper Campbell Lake?
2. If so, (a) what storage is available in each lake and (b) how much would each lake be raised?
3. What is the estimated cost in each case?
4. What is the fall in Campbell River between Buttle Lake and Upper Campbell Lake?

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

“ 1. (a) and (b) Yes.

“ 2. (a) Buttle Lake, 360,000 acre-feet; Upper Campbell Lake, 360,000 acre-feet. (b) Buttle Lake, 37 feet; Upper Campbell Lake, 88 feet.

“ 3. Estimated cost of dam at Buttle Lake, \$2,241,220, and at Upper Campbell Lake, \$5,582,465.

“ 4. The normal low-water elevation is 95 feet.”

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 5.16 p.m.

Thursday, March 13th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 10.45 p.m.

Friday, March 14th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. D. Kendell*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921, Amendment Act, 1951,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

1. Is information, or approximate estimate, available relative to the number of long-term (chronic) patients for whom institutional care is desirable but not presently available (a) now occupying beds in acute hospitals or (b) not yet institutionalized?
2. What is the actual or average cost *per diem* for patients in (a) acute hospitals, (b) convalescent, and (c) nursing homes?

The Hon. Mr. *Cates* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*) replied as follows:—

"1. (a) As of February 29th, 1952, the reports received by the Inspector of Hospitals indicated that there were thirty chronic patients occupying acute hospital beds in British Columbia hospitals; that is, this is the number of cases in respect of which hospitals have requested assistance in clearance to other accommodation. As of March 5th, 1952, these cases had been classified or cleared from hospital as follows: One case cleared to a boarding home; eight cases recommended for clearance to the Provincial Infirmary (transfer proceedings on one case commenced March 3rd); ten cases recommended for clearance to institutions, such as the Provincial Home (Kamloops), nursing homes, and one to the Home for the Aged (Essondale); nine cases recommended for clearance to boarding homes or to their own homes; two cases (infants) recommended for clearance to Woodlands School. (b) Exclusive of the above there are thirty-four persons known to be awaiting admission to the Infirmary; information is not available in regard to cases being dealt with by municipal social welfare workers and persons awaiting admission to tuberculosis sanatoriums and the Provincial Mental Hospital.

"2. (a) Approximately \$12.50 *per diem*; (b) no information available; (c) no specific information available but it is understood that the average charge made by nursing homes in Vancouver is approximately \$135 per month with slightly lower rates in effect elsewhere in the Province."

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

1. Has the Government employed a firm or person to make a survey of the hospital building requirements for the Province?
2. If so, what is the name of the firm or person?
3. If answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, what amount of money has been paid for this survey?
4. Does the Government pay a percentage of the contract price to this firm or person for supervising and approving hospital building plans?
5. How much has been paid out for such a service to date?
6. How much is still to be paid on hospital plans approved but buildings not yet constructed?

The Hon. Mr. *Cates* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. James A. Hamilton and Associates.

"3. \$23,594.13.

“ 4. Yes; under separate contract dated May 17th, 1949, but no consulting services have been requested under this contract since June of 1950.

“ 5. \$60,057.06.

“ 6. \$11,429.76.”

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 4.04 p.m.

Monday, March 17th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *J. A. Davidson*.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,555,309.10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1953.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* presented a Memorandum *re* Vancouver Island power-supply, dated January 29th, 1952, and the notice of intention to issue a conditional licence to the British Columbia Power Commission by E. H. Tredcroft, Comptroller of Water Rights, under section 7, chapter 361, R.S.B.C. 1948, dated November 5th, 1951.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *McDonell*:—

1. What are the names of individuals or corporations to which forest management licences have been granted pursuant to the provisions of the “ Forest Act ” or by any other law of the Province?

2. What is the acreage and the estimated volume in board-feet in each agreement?

3. What is the acreage and the estimated volume in board-feet in each of such applications?

4. What are the names of individuals or corporations who have applied for forest management licences and have been refused?

5. What is the acreage and the estimated volume in board-feet in each of such applications?

6. What management licences have been transferred and what is the acreage and the estimated volume in board-feet involved in each of such transfers?
7. What are the names of all transferors and transferees?
8. What applications for any such transfer have been refused and what is the acreage and the estimated volume in board-feet in each case?
9. What are the names of all such applicants and the persons to whom or corporations to which each of such applicants wished to transfer?
10. What is the reason for each refusal?

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

1. What is the amount in the Assurance Fund established under Part XIV of the "Land Registry Act" as at January 31st, 1952?
2. When was the Fund established?
3. How many claims have been paid from the Fund?
4. What is the total of such claims paid?
5. In what securities is the Fund invested?
6. What is the annual revenue from the Fund (*a*) in amount and (*b*) in percentage yield?
7. What is done with such revenue?

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

"1. Liability as at January 31st, 1952, \$285,098.52; the liability is covered by an investment in bonds having a par value of \$285,000 and cash in bank at January 31st, 1952, amounting to \$8,419.32. NOTE.—The Fund is included in Schedule C in general trust accounts shown in Public Accounts; see page EE xii for figure at March 31st, 1951.

"2. Authorized in 1898; Fund established in 1906.

"3. Twenty-eight.

"4. \$28,746.62.

"5. The Fund is invested as follows: In Dominion obligations, \$169,000; in Province of British Columbia obligations, \$113,000; and in municipal securities, \$3,000.

"6. (*a*) Interest accruals amount to approximately \$9,500 per annum and (*b*) percentage yield, approximately 3.35 per cent.

"7. All interest earnings or deposits in the Fund are invested from time to time, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. NOTE.—If the Fund at any time is reduced to an amount below the sum of \$50,000 by the payment of claims or otherwise, it shall again be brought up to that sum by deducting one-fifth of all fees received under the 'Land Registry Act' by the Registrars throughout the Province and adding amounts so deducted to the Fund; see section 220, chapter 171, R.S.B.C. 1948."

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

1. What were the total appropriations made by the Government toward the construction of new schools in the British Columbia Peace River District for the periods 1949–50 and 1950–51?
2. What was the total number of new schools constructed during 1949–50 and 1950–51 in the Peace River?

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

"1. 1949–50: School District No. 59 (Peace River South), \$46,989.62; School District No. 60 (Peace River North), \$4,846.93; total, \$51,836.55. 1950–51: School District No. 59 (Peace River South), \$276,194.24; School District No. 60 (Peace River North), \$18,200; total, \$294,394.24.

"2. 1949-50: School District No. 59 (Peace River South), one new school and completion of junior-senior high school; School District No. 60 (Peace River North), one new school. 1950-51: School District No. 59 (Peace River South), six new schools; School District No. 60 (Peace River North), six new schools."

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 5.58 p.m.

Monday, March 17th, 1952.

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.)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,407 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,111 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,486 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1953.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,336 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Office, to 31st March, 1953.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,688 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Office, to 31st March, 1953.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Credit Unions Act," to 31st March, 1953.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,321 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1953.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,861 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1953.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,708 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1953.

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35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,770 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1953.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,279 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1953.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$487,979 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1953.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$208,469 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1953.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1953.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$806,059 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$571,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March, 1953.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Incidental Police Expense, to 31st March, 1953.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Doukhobor Research and Consultative Committee, to 31st March, 1953.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,257 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections Office, to 31st March, 1953.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,893 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Nelson Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$749,991 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1953.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$183,612 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Unit for Young Offenders, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1953.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,375 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,403 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Prince George Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,935 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Prince George Men's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,738 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, Kamloops Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,131 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, New Haven, to 31st March, 1953.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,683 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Probation Office, to 31st March, 1953.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$716,558 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

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 11.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Greenhalgh*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,792 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1953.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation, to 31st March, 1953.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$259,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1953.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,309 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1953.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1953.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Narcotic Drug Treatment, to 31st March, 1953.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1953.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Magistrates' Convention, to 31st March, 1953.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Law Libraries—Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1953.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1953.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates, to 31st March, 1953.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,736 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$111,949 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,564 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Curriculum, to 31st March, 1953.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18th, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Whereas at the last Session of this House a petition from the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session) and all Amendments thereto" was received:

And whereas by Resolution of this House at the said last Session consideration of such petition by your Committee was postponed until the present Session:

Your Committee having considered the said petition recommends that the said Bill be not proceeded with during the present Session of this Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. GOULD, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion that the Rules be suspended and the report adopted, a debate arose.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted on the following division:—

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| <i>Ritchie</i> | <i>Morrow</i> | <i>Straith</i> | <i>Gould</i> |
| <i>Hope</i> | <i>Welch</i> | <i>Finnerty</i> | <i>MacIntyre</i> |
| <i>MacDonald</i> | <i>Mowat</i> | <i>Steele</i> | <i>Braden</i> |
| <i>Eyres</i> | <i>King</i> | <i>Proudfoot</i> | <i>Turnbull</i> |
| <i>Anscomb</i> | <i>Gillis</i> | <i>McRae</i> | <i>Cates</i> |
| <i>Carson</i> | <i>Pearson</i> | <i>MacLean</i> | <i>Bowman</i> |
| <i>Smith</i> | <i>Kenney</i> | <i>Hendricks</i> | |

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| <i>Bennett</i> | <i>Haggen</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Winch, H. E.</i> |
| <i>Rolston, Mrs.</i> | <i>Calder</i> | <i>Harding</i> | <i>Turner</i> |
| <i>Mitchell</i> | <i>Stevenson</i> | <i>Winch, E. E.</i> | <i>MacDougall</i> |
| <i>Nimsick</i> | | | |

The Hon. Mr. *Bowman* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Railways, Province of British Columbia, for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

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

1. Does the Department of Public Works intend to build an annex to the Court-house at Nanaimo during the fiscal year 1952–53?
2. If the answer is yes, when will building commence?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Approximately June 15th, 1952.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18th, 1952.

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.)

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$301,456 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1953.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,954 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Reference and School Service, to 31st March, 1953.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,310 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Tests, Standards, and Research, to 31st March, 1953.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,590 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1953.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,584 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1953.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1953.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,754 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1953.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,245 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1953.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$430,875 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1953.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1953.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$174,209 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1953.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,279 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1953.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$108,108 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1953.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,389 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1953.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$233,837 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1953.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,210 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Library, to 31st March, 1953.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,106 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1953.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$218,130 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Public Library Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,718 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1953.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to Rural Areas, to 31st March, 1953.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$910,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveyances, to 31st March, 1953.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Essential New Equipment, to 31st March, 1953.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund 6% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act"), to 31st March, 1953.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to School Districts, to 31st March, 1953.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1953.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration and Expenses, to 31st March, 1953.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals, Grants, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1953.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1953.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,839 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University Endowment Lands, to 31st March, 1953.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1953.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,456 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,473 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,971 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,738 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1953.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$291,094 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,104 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1953.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,965 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1953.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,805 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

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.

Wednesday, March 19th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *H. C. Johnson*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,672 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension, to 31st March, 1953.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,572 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Land-clearing, to 31st March, 1953.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, to 31st March, 1953.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1953.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1953.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1953.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1953.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1953.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Federal-Provincial Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1953.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, To make good Operating Deficit, Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Fund, to 31st March, 1953.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,117 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,792 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$91,471 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,269 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,166 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Analytical and Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,453 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$325,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March, 1953.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grub-staking Prospectors, to 31st March, 1953.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to Assist Bona Fide Prospectors, to 31st March, 1953.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Interprovincial Committee on Mining, to 31st March, 1953.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1953.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising in Weekly Newspapers, to 31st March, 1953.

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 the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1952.

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. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Thursday, March 20th, and all following days of the Session, there will be three distinct sittings in each day—one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Report of the Consultative Committee on Doukhobor Problems.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Calendar Year 1951.

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

1. How many prisoners committed to Oakalla during 1951 were drug addicts?
2. How many were convicted for infraction of the "Opium and Narcotic Drug Act"?
3. What special treatment, if any, is provided for the specific purpose of curing drug addiction?

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

- " 1. Male, 220, and female, 108.
- " 2. Male, 165, and female, 67.
- " 3. None at present."

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

1. Are there any unclaimed estates in the charge of the Official Administrators in the Province of British Columbia?
2. If so, what are the names and amounts?

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

" 1 and 2. The information asked for is covered by the returns by Official Administrators filed by the Hon. the Minister of Finance on February 19th, 1952."

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

1. Are there any permanent medical buildings on the campus of the University of British Columbia?
2. If so, what was the cost of each?
3. How much money is in the amusement tax fund at present for hospital construction?
4. Has the Government any contract with James Hamilton and Associates?
5. If so, what is the contract?
6. Is the building for teaching at the Vancouver General Hospital being built by the Department of Education or the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia?
7. Why was the report and recommendations of Graham Davis, Division of Hospitals, Kellogg Foundation, which recommended that a university teaching hospital should be built on the campus of the University of British Columbia never published?
8. Why is the Vancouver General Hospital, a private hospital, in the Hamilton plan, looked upon as a Provincial diagnostic hospital?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Biological Sciences and Pharmacy Building, \$986,289.87, and Preventive Medicine Building, \$1,243,152.
- " 3, 4, and 5. Referred to the Minister of Health and Welfare for answers.
- " 6. By the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia.
- " 7. Mr. Graham Davis made an investigation at the request of the Minister of Health and Welfare, but did not make a complete report on the hospital situation in the Province; subsequently, James Hamilton and Associates were appointed to make a complete survey and their report has been published.
- " 8. Referred to the Minister of Health and Welfare for answer."

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

What action, if any, has been taken to implement the recommendations of the Commission to inquire into the state and management of gaols of British Columbia relative to (a) a new gaol to house all women prisoners, (b) Prince George Men's Gaol, (c) Kamloops Gaol, and (d) Nelson Gaol?

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

“(a) No action has been taken as yet as the Department is working on plans for a new men's gaol. (b) Some repair work has been undertaken with a view to improving gaol facilities at Prince George. (c) Little can be done with the gaol at Kamloops until such time as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police find new quarters; it is understood they will be moving in the very near future and this will free considerably more space which will be repaired and renovated and thus provide much better facilities at the Kamloops Gaol. (d) A sprinkler system to mitigate the fire-hazard referred to in the report has been installed in Nelson Gaol, thus providing additional fire protection for inmates and staff; plans have been made and are being considered whereby the gaol annex building might be improved and used in the general programme for the gaol.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th, 1952.

NINE 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.)

The Committee reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture held several meetings and begs leave to report as follows:—

That because of the limited extent to which agriculture can be followed in British Columbia and because of the large amount of agricultural products that must be imported into our Province under the best of conditions, this Committee deems it important and

necessary that a larger grant be allotted to this Department of the Government so as to further encourage the development of this very important activity in our Provincial economy.

It is suggested that grants to all fairs in agricultural districts be increased by 100 per cent, that an agricultural school be established in a suitable locality to extend the knowledge and interest in agriculture, and that, if allotted the funds, the Department seek in every way to have production increased to lessen purchases elsewhere.

That because of the heavy losses to agriculturists from the ever-increasing weed pests, or a continual fight against them, and because the highways are a prolific source of this trouble, it is requested that the Department of Public Works make a greater effort to keep the roadside weeds from going to seed because, quite frequently in the past, where action has been taken, it is so late the seeds mature and blow over the cultivated lands. Where this occurs also in a railway right-of-way, it is recommended that the authorities be instructed to have the responsible official take some action to avoid seed spreading.

That because of the considerable inconvenience to the farmer in having daylight saving, especially in the months of May, June, and September, principally for the reason that the dew lies so late in the morning and hired help for the most part objects to working after regular quitting time and thus hindering the quicker handling of crops, it is recommended that a plebiscite be taken at the first general election to ascertain the desires of the people in this regard or, failing this, to confine daylight saving to the months of July and August.

That because of the heavy burden on agriculturists in having heavy school taxes assessed against their lands, it is requested that further study be given this vexing question, that relief measures may be taken to spread these heavy costs more evenly amongst those who should bear them, and further recommends that the Committee presently working toward this end be added to by the addition of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

That because such a large portion of our Province is dependent on the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for its prosperity, the Committee recommends that the Government work toward this end with all reasonable haste.

That because of the seriousness of the situation in several parts of the Province caused by the depredations of the actions of a sect known as the Sons of Freedom, it is urged that the authorities move with great caution in transplanting them from their present abode. It is considered, however, that whether the recommendations of the Committee studying this problem are followed or not, some action must be taken as quickly as possible so as to end the lawlessness of these misguided people.

Because of the great development of hydro-electric and the damming of rivers for water conservation and flood-control, it is recommended that where settlers may be affected through the raising of water levels that they be dealt with quickly after ascertaining information in this matter so they may know what funds they might be obtaining and thus make better arrangements for rehabilitation.

It is recommended that irrigation be placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture because of the special interest that Department has in the benefits to be derived from this necessity to agriculture in so many parts of the Province.

The erosion of agricultural lands by many of the rivers in the Province is taking high toll of good farm soil and it is recommended that more consideration be given to the protection of these river-banks to curtail this damage to as great an extent as is economically possible.

For the benefit of the farming communities not presently served with electric power, it is urged that the Department of Agriculture design a policy to aid those

localities that cannot be served under the present regulations of the British Columbia Power Commission or the policies of private companies whereby assistance be granted under section 107 of the British Columbia "Electric Power Act" to enable such localities to enjoy the benefits of electric power now passing within reasonable distance of these sections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KING, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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 10.58 p.m.

Thursday, March 20th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,486 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,455 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,735 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Accounting Division, to 31st March, 1953.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$121,248 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,276 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Inspection Division, to 31st March, 1953.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,382 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1953.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,885 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Land Utilization Research and Survey, to 31st March, 1953.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$96,287 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Control, to 31st March, 1953.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,311 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Dyking Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$214,475 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Special Commitments, to 31st March, 1953.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$163,462 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Legal Surveys Division, to 31st March, 1953.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$128,133 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Geographic Division, to 31st March, 1953.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$278,573 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Topographic Division, to 31st March, 1953.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$294,026 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Air Survey Division, to 31st March, 1953.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$262,569 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,210 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Hydraulic Surveys, to 31st March, 1953.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$137,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Fraser River Basin Board, to 31st March, 1953.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, B.C. Hydro-metric Stream-gauging, to 31st March, 1953.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Peanut Lake Drainage, to 31st March, 1953.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Grant: British Columbia Natural Resources Conference, to 31st March, 1953.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,315 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Southern Okanagan Lands Project), to 31st March, 1953.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Recoverable Expenditure—"Soldiers' Land Act, 1918," to 31st March, 1953.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,107,570 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Salaries, to 31st March, 1953.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,265,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Expenses, to 31st March, 1953.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1953.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$855,988 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1953.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$192,970 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Management, to 31st March, 1953.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1953.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Public Relations (Forest), to 31st March, 1953.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Ranger School, to 31st March, 1953.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1953.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1953.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,740 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1953.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Rentals, to 31st March, 1953.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Boys' Training Camps, to 31st March, 1953.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,620 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,921 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Children's Homes, Convalescent Homes, and Homes for the Aged, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction in Respect of Provincial Mental Hospitals, T.B. Hospitals, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,956 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under Section 76 of the "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1953.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,320,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1953.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1953.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1953.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,286 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1953.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1953.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1953.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, To Provide Assistance to B.C. Provincial Government Employees' Medical Services, to 31st March, 1953.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable and Other Associations, to 31st March, 1953.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,430 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1953.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1953.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,398 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1953.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$113,075 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (Including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1953.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,223,922 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1953.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1953.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,016,666 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1953.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, to 31st March, 1953.

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

Mr. *MacIntyre* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee of Social Welfare and Education, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 20th, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Nothing was referred to this Committee by the House. However, four meetings were held during the course of the Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith*, Minister of Education, addressed a meeting on the "Salmon Arm School District Difficulties of 1951."

Dr. A. M. *Gee*, Provincial Director of Mental Health Services, gave an interesting lecture on the facilities for the treatment of mental illness. His talk was followed by the showing of the film "Breakdown."

The Committee feels that the Legislature should take advantage of the existence of this Committee and submit to it matters which they could investigate and report upon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. MACINTYRE, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works ever had a survey made for a bridge crossing of the Fraser River in the vicinity where Rosedale–Agassiz Ferry now operates?

2. If yes, (a) who was engaged to prepare the survey, (b) what did this survey cost the Government, and (c) in what year was this survey made?

3. Has the Department of Public Works ever had preliminary plans prepared for a bridge to cross the Fraser River in the vicinity where the Rosedale–Agassiz Ferry now operates?

4. If yes, (a) who prepared the plans, (b) what type of bridge was planned, and (c) what was the estimated cost of such a bridge?

5. What was the total cost to the Government of having above-mentioned survey and bridge plans made?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Swan, Rhodes & Wooster, consulting engineers; (b) \$7,425.70; and (c) 1949.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. (a) Swan, Rhodes & Wooster, consulting engineers; (b) continuous steel spans, concrete piers and abutments, and beam span approaches; and (c) \$2,050,710 (estimated in 1949).

“ 5. \$7,425.70.”

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 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 20th, 1952.

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.)

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,601 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,679 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1953.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,526 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,871 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$235,871 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1953.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$153,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1953.

277. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Trade Commissioner's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,699 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Regional Development Division, to 31st March, 1953.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants: British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1953.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

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

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 20th, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways held several meetings dealing with both mining and railway matters.

Dr. J. F. Walker, Deputy Minister of Mines, gave an exhaustive review of the many mining problems confronting this Province as well as the existing mining situation in British Columbia.

Mr. J. M. Stewart, chief engineer of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, met with the members and answered numerous questions in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, more particularly with relation to the engineering phase of the extension of that line.

Mr. J. A. Kennedy, general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, also addressed the Committee, giving a résumé of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as well as his observations in connection with the extension of the line.

As a result of these discussions, two resolutions were passed unanimously by the Committee.

These resolutions are incorporated in this report and read as follows:—

- (1) This Committee recommends that before the construction of the proposed highway to Squamish is proceeded with that a further effort be made to secure permission from the Vancouver Water Board to construct a highway through the Vancouver Watershed at Squamish and that a further study of the surveys be made to find out whether it is possible to construct both highway and the railway along the water-front from West Vancouver to Squamish.
- (2) This Committee recommends to the Legislature for its approval the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Prince George to the British Columbia Peace River District and from Squamish to Vancouver at the earliest possible date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GLEN E. BRADEN, *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 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.37 p.m.

Friday, March 21st, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. S. Beames*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,815 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,338,279 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$571,661 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1953.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,263 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1953.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,778,868 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1953.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rental and Maintenance of Offices, Buildings, and Grounds, to 31st March, 1953.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,490,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, to 31st March, 1953.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1953.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1953.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Cities with Population in Excess of 15,000, to 31st March, 1953.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Signals, Traffic-control, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research and Testing Services, to 31st March, 1953.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1953.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Engineering Associations, to 31st March, 1953.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward Pumping Charges, to 31st March, 1953.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1953.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,574 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1953.

The Committee 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. *Wismer*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1952.

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. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act Inquiry 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. *Finnerty* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 21st, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Nothing was referred to this Committee by the House. However, two meetings were held during the course of the Session.

At the request of the members of the Committee, Mr. R. B. H. Sewell, representing the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, presented the Report of Inquiry into Municipal and School District Finances in British Columbia by Mr. W. E. Hobbs. The report was discussed with interest by the members of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MAURICE PATRICK FINNERTY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. What is the estimated tonnage of coal in (a) the Hudson Hope area and (b) the Pine Pass area?
2. What type of coal is found in these two areas?
3. What types of coal-mining could be practised in (a) the Pine Pass area and (b) the Hudson Hope area?

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

“ 1. (a) 201,600,000 tons; (b) no coal is known at Pine Pass, which is 145 miles from Dawson Creek; the coal occurs in Pine Valley at about 119 miles from Dawson Creek; here the estimate is 190,000,000 tons.

“ 2. (a) At Hudson Hope, medium to low volatile bituminous coal; (b) at Pine River, high, medium, and low volatile bituminous coal; semi-anthracite as yet of non-commercial thickness.

“ 3. (a) In the Pine River area, room and pillar mining, either up the pitch, across the pitch, or diagonal, some areas are suitable for long-wall mining and some for strip mining; (b) in the Hudson Hope area, room and pillar mining, either up the pitch or across the pitch as well as long-wall.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 p.m.