

Tuesday, February 10th, 1942.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 10th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Select Standing Committee on Mining had six meetings and discussed the advisability of an iron and steel smelter in British Columbia.

Dr. Walker, Deputy Minister of Mines, gave a very lengthy talk on this subject advising the necessity and feasibility of such an undertaking. This, we feel, would stimulate the industry in general and would add to the present war effort and greatly assist the post-war development.

Your Committee, in view of the criticism of the "Securities Act," thought it advisable to investigate it. This was done by calling before the Committee witnesses who had been complaining that the Act was a hindrance to prospectors and mining development in general. Twelve witnesses were called who gave evidence for and against the Act.

After fully considering this evidence, your Committee feels that it has not had enough time nor the opportunity to hear as much evidence on this subject as it should to justify any recommendation other than the repeal of subsection (4), section 10, of the Act. Your Committee also feels that more publicity should be given to the purposes of the "Securities Act" and its aims in connection with the mining industry; and that further study be given this matter during the interval and submitted with recommendations at the next Session of the Legislature.

The Committee also strongly recommends further progress in mining roads and trails in assistance to new development as well as the extension of present mining roads.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1943.

97. *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, 1943.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, War Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1943.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$213,300 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, 1943.

100. *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, 1943.

101. *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, 1943.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1943.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1943.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1943.

105. *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, 1943.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1943.

107. *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, 1943.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1943.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1943.

110. *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, 1943.

111. *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, 1943.

112. *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, 1943.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1943.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1943.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1943.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1943.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1943.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,686 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1943.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1943.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$599,615 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1943.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1943.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1943.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Funds Deposits, to 31st March, 1943.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1943.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1943.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1943.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1943.

177. *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, 1943.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1943.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1943.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1942.

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, 1942.

23A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,710.27 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1942.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1942.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1942.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1942.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1942.

44A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Grants for Air-raid Precautions, to 31st March, 1942.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1942.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1942.

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, 1942.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference, to 31st March, 1942.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1942.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1942.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1942.

84A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,060.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1942.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1942.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1942.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1942.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1942.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1942.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1942.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Libraries, to 31st March, 1942.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission—"War Service Superannuation Contributions," to 31st March, 1942.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act"—Grants, to 31st March, 1942.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1942.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 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, 1942.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals, to 31st March, 1942.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Office of the Secretary—Incidentals and Emergencies, to 31st March, 1942.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Laboratories (Institute of Preventive Medicine), to 31st March, 1942.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Vital Statistics Division, to 31st March, 1942.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1942.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Infirmery, Marpole, and In-patient Care—Mount St. Mary, Victoria, to 31st March, 1942.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1942.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1942.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1942.

165A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Bridges, to 31st March, 1942.

165B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, River-bank Protection, Fraser River—Richmond Municipality, to 31st March, 1942.

165C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Classified Highways—Municipality of Mission, to 31st March, 1942.

165D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Kootenay Lake Ferry, to 31st March, 1942.

171A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Tranquille Sanatorium—Pasteurization Plant and Equipment, to 31st March, 1942.

171B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Assay Office, Prince Rupert—Alterations, to 31st March, 1942.

171C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Air-raid Protection, Buildings Generally (including Parliament Buildings), to 31st March, 1942.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$245,764.25 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1941, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

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. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Museum Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act conferring Power upon Municipalities to take Precautions against Hostile Attack" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Advance Planning of Rehabilitation Measures, Industrial Reorganization, and Employment Projects designed to meet Post-war Conditions."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act.'"

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

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

1. What is the length of the bridge at Krao Creek in Kaslo-Slocan?
2. What was the amount of lumber used, what was the cost per 1,000 feet, and by whom was it supplied?
3. What was the cost of hardware for the bridge and by whom was it supplied?
4. Were tenders called for these materials?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscob* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1. 96 feet.

"2. 28,817 F.B.M. at \$35.50 per M., f.o.b. bridge site, from Powell Lumber Company, Nelson.

"3. \$206.53, f.o.b. Kaslo, from Giegerich Store, Kaslo.

"4. No."

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

What were the total purchases from the Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., Ltd., Nakusp, during the years ended December 31st, 1940, and December 31st, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscob* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1940, \$13,046.85; 1941, \$14,597.80."

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

1. What is the length of the bridge at Coffee Creek in Kaslo-Slocan?
2. What was the amount of lumber used, what was the cost per 1,000 feet, and by whom was it supplied?
3. What was the cost of hardware for the bridge and by whom was it supplied?
4. Were tenders called for these materials?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

“ 1. 55 feet.

“ 2. 19,572 F.B.M. (a) 9,884 F.B.M. at \$24.22 per M., f.o.b. Nelson, from Powell Lumber Company, Nelson; (b) 9,688 F.B.M. at \$44.38 per M., f.o.b. bridge site, from Big Bend Cedar Pole Company, Nakusp.

“ 3. (a) Steel beams, \$1,967, f.o.b. Nelson, from Ross & Howard Iron Works, Vancouver; (b) general hardware, \$48.58, f.o.b. Nelson, from Wood-Vallance, Nelson; (c) general hardware, \$52.04, f.o.b. Kaslo, from Giegerich Store, Kaslo.

“ 4. (a) Yes, for steel beams; (b) no, for general hardware and lumber.”

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 6.03 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th, 1942.

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. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Village Municipalities Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Taxation Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act’” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Court Rules of Practice Act’” was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to make Provision for Advance Planning of Rehabilitation Measures, Industrial Reorganization, and Employment Projects designed to meet Post-war Conditions” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Truck Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* that Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefaux</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>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

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

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" a debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefaux</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>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Industrial Settlements" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<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>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unclaimed Money Deposits Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mrs. *MacInnis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 11th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs held four meetings to discuss the agenda of resolutions presented by the Union of Municipalities.

Twenty-six amendments to the "Municipal Act" were dealt with. Twenty-two were approved and passed on to the Department for their consideration and enactment if approved by Legislature.

Representatives from public utilities providing power, light, and telephone for public use met at your Committee's request to discuss together a resolution proposing a change in the assessment of pole-lines, and brought the results of their discussions before your Committee, which, guided by its finding, was able to arrive at what it believes to be a fair solution.

The question of lifting the burden of school taxation from the land was discussed and by resolution was referred to Departments concerned for attention and action.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Municipalities and to the Executive of the Union of Municipalities for their assistance during its deliberations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. EYRES, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Reorganization of British Columbia's Health and Welfare Services, by H. M. Cassidy.

Report of the Director of Social Welfare of the Province of British Columbia for the period July 1st, 1934, to July 31st, 1939.

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

1. Was any compensation paid for any gravel, sand, stone, or other materials used in road-work in Kaslo-Slocan during 1941?

2. If so, to whom was compensation paid and what was the amount?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. No; \$50 was paid to Mrs. Annie Katasonav for improvements on land which was used as a gravel-pit."

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 1.17 a.m.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1942.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Kenney* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing.

Mr. *Kenney* moved that the report be read and received.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

That the motion be amended by leaving out the words "and received."

A debate arose.

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

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection of the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, and ruled the debate out of order.

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

The House divided.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Bennett

Uphill

The said report is as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 11th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have held five fully attended meetings and examined the Public Accounts presented to us and requested certain files and vouchers to be produced from various Departments.

We also permitted current fiscal year accounts to be presented on the understanding that such procedure would not be taken as a precedent for future Committee work. Your Committee recommends that in future where purchases are made exceeding \$100, and time permits, that tenders be required for same.

Permission was granted to the Departments of the Attorney-General, Finance, and the Provincial Secretary to destroy certain papers and correspondence as requested.

Your Committee further recommends that valuable documents and papers in the Archives be removed to places of safety after photostat copies have been taken and left in their places.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 10th, 1942.

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 affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the

Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the Interdepartmental Committee on Farm Labour, and such departmental officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House"—held three sittings.

At one of these sittings the Farmers' Institute Advisory Board presented a total of thirteen resolutions dealing with the following matters:—

- A. Predatory-animal bounties.
- B. Farmer-member on Game Board.
- C. Export on eggs assistance.
- D. Agricultural lime bonus increase.
- E. Grain-growers' assistance.
- F. Bonus to feed-grain growers.
- G. Starch factories.
- H. Farmers' taxes.
- I. School taxes.
- J. Tractors used by farmers.
- K. Farm-labour organization.
- L. Drain-tile.
- M. Old-age pensions.

Four of the above resolutions—namely, C, E, F, and L—were tabled pending the securing of further information regarding representations. Six resolutions—namely, G, H, I, J, K, and M—are deserving of consideration by the respective Departments of Government to which they are directed.

Your Committee recognizes the fact that Resolutions A, B, and D involve the revenues of the Crown. However, they are of immediate importance and are passed on to the Departments concerned with the recommendation of this Committee that they be implemented in so far as possible. At the same time, your Committee recommends that in view of the importance of the agricultural industry the appropriations for agriculture ought to be sufficiently increased to permit of the extension and expansion of such policies as that dealing with the subsidy on agricultural lime.

Resolution A, referring to predatory-animal bounties, is of paramount importance in all sections where predatory animals are decimating farm herds and flocks. We recommend, therefore, that a bounty of \$5 on coyotes, \$20 on wolves, and \$30 on cougars be paid from Provincial funds and that restrictions respecting the destruction of birds damaging farm property be relaxed.

It is further suggested by this Committee that, upon request, farmers be given permission to destroy pheasants when they are found doing damage to crops.

This Committee regrets to note that, while the appropriation for predatory-animal bounties is considerably decreased in the Estimates for the coming year, there is provided a large appropriation to be used in the distribution of pheasants and other game birds that are frequently detrimental to farm crops.

Resolution B, advocating a farmer-member on the Game Board, is endorsed with the recommendation that this suggestion receive the immediate attention of the Honourable the Attorney-General under whose Department game administration comes.

Resolution D, asking for the lime bonus increase from 50 cents to \$1 a ton on lime used for soil improvement, is approved. In this connection your Committee points out that the appropriation for agriculture is entirely inadequate to take care of extension and expansion, imperative for the sound establishment of farming as a primary industry of a large number of our people.

The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture has carefully studied the matters laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, and it concurs in the opinion that an increase in the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture is essential.

With reference to Resolution K, it is the opinion of this Committee that leadership must be given by the Government in the organizing and making available of suitable and adequate labour to assist in agricultural operations during the current year.

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture called in the Agricultural Production Committee in order to ascertain what further action had been taken with a view to informing and advising farmers respecting their agricultural pursuits. We express complete satisfaction with the findings resulting from the questioning of this Committee. Since the outbreak of war in 1939 they have issued forty-six separate circulars to agricultural organizations and the farm press dealing with pertinent farm topics and advising on production matters of the greatest importance.

The Agricultural Production Committee recognizes its responsibility and is fully aware of the seriousness of the existing situation and the necessity for continued vigilance and diligence in maintaining the agricultural efficiency of British Columbia. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. C. CARSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 11th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare begs leave to present the following report and recommendations to the Legislature:—

After receiving full information on their respective institutions from the following men: Dr. Crease, Provincial Psychiatrist; Dr. Ryan, Medical Superintendent of Essondale Mental Hospital; Dr. Sauriol, Superintendent, School for the Feeble-minded; Mr. Geo. Ross, Superintendent, Boys' Industrial School; Mr. E. C. MacDonald, Principal, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Vancouver; Dr. Geo. Davidson, Director of Social Welfare; the Committee recommends:—

Re the Psychiatric Clinic.—Because of the excellent work done by the Psychiatric Clinic under Dr. Crease, as attested by those institutions using it, and because its services, so greatly in demand, are limited by its small staff:

That this Legislature take into serious consideration means to enlarge the staff of the Psychiatric Clinic so that its work may be extended, and so as to enable it to do more field-work throughout the Province.

It is further recommended that when psychiatric facilities are enlarged they should be provided for the inmates of the Saanich Mental Institution as well.

Re the Mental Hospital at Essondale.—As both doctors from the Mental Hospital at Essondale stressed the overcrowding and stated that 400 senile cases could be cared for equally well elsewhere at less cost:

That this Legislature be asked to take steps to have these 400 senile cases moved out into some other accommodation so that the room and care given to them can be used for more serious cases.

Re the New Westminster Institution for the Feeble-minded.—Since overcrowding there is quite evident and since the programme of training is excellent but limited:

That this Legislature be asked to increase accommodation for the inmates, and to provide additional facilities for occupational therapy.

Re the Boys' Industrial School.—In view of the difficulties caused by the two types of sentences (definite and indeterminate) given to boys by different Courts causing unrest and resentment among them:

That this Legislature be asked to consider making the indeterminate sentence the rule, and to have the length of detention determined by the Superintendent of the school.

Further, as the normal capacity of the school is 38, and as it now houses 52; and in order to facilitate segregation for incorrigibility and communicable diseases; and to provide adequate space for different types and ages; and because of present unsuitable location:

That this Legislature be asked to take steps to have the present site changed and suitable accommodation provided elsewhere.

Re the School for the Deaf and the Blind.—In view of the overcrowding since 1925 and the great fire risk involved in the present building, and in view of the long waiting-list of children both of school age and of a pre-school age:

That this Legislature be asked to consider providing more suitable accommodation elsewhere.

Finally, the Committee recommends, aside from improving the institutional care of individuals:

That this Legislature be urged to place increasing emphasis on preventive measures and on follow-up and after-care in all cases.

The Committee wishes to commend heartily the work of the Superintendents of all institutions reported upon. The Committee feels that excellent work is being done in every case, and its only recommendations are for the removal of difficulties and the increase of facilities so that the good work may be extended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. GREEN, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mr. Gillis presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 11th, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held two meetings, one on January 28th, 1942, to consider the following Resolution of Mr. H. E. Winch:—

“That the Standing Committee on Labour be instructed to examine into the present jurisdictional position of Provincial Statutes appertaining to labour in relation to Federal Orders in Council with a view to recommending to the Legislature ways and means of removing any conflict that may be found to exist or which would assist in clarifying the situation as regards interpretation and jurisdiction.”

The Honourable the Minister, Mr. Pearson, attended and pointed out that the Resolution would imply that conflict exists in jurisdiction as between Dominion and Province.

This, he stated, is not correct in that when the Dominion exercises its prerogative under the “War Measures Act” and occupies any legislative field in whole or in part, the Province is excluded from that field to the extent occupied by the Dominion.

The Minister quoted section 91, “British North America Act,” defining “Powers of Parliament”; section 92, “British North America Act,” defining “Exclusive Powers of Provincial Legislatures.”

Said section 91 authorizes Parliament to enact laws for the “peace, order, and good government of Canada,” and while on the surface this may not appear to vest sufficient authority in Parliament to empower it to go as far as it has gone in enacting certain drastic war-time laws, the Courts have upheld Parliament on the grounds that full and ample authority is implied if not actually expressed.

The Minister explained what had been done to ascertain and set out respective fields of responsibility with a view to avoiding confusion.

Industrial Disputes.—He explained that the Dominion had assumed full responsibility for industrial disputes by extending the “Industrial Disputes Investigation Act” of Canada to cover (a) munitions of war, (b) supplies, and (c) defence projects.

Your Committee held two meetings, one on February 2nd, 1942.

James Robertson, representing the Canadian Congress of Labour, addressed the meeting and read a brief which he left with the Committee.

Mr. Robertson stressed the point that section 5 of the “Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act” should be repealed chiefly on account of the fact that this section gives an opportunity to delay the commencement of negotiations.

C. H. Chivers also addressed the meeting and also stressed the same point. Mr. Chivers represented the American Federation of Labour.

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

That the section of the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" referred to be referred to the Minister of Labour, and that this Labour Committee recommend it to the favourable consideration of this Session.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

The Labour Committee met on February 11th, at 10 a.m.

Those present were Messrs. *Gillis*, *LeBourdais*, *Johnston*, *E. E. Winch*, *Herridge*, *Cameron*, *Gargrave*, *MacNeil*, and *Bennett*, and Mesdames *Rolston* and *Hodges*.

Dr. *Gillis* was in the chair.

The minutes of February 2nd were adopted on the motion of Messrs. *Herridge* and *Cameron*.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Hodges*,—

That the Committee recommend the Department of Labour arrange to receive applications from organized labour and others interested so matters of interest to labour may be referred to the Committee early in the Session.

Carried.

(Sgd.) J. J. GILLIS.

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

That any information on proposed changes affecting the status of labour between Sessions of the Legislature be forwarded by the Department of Labour to all members of the Committee.

Carried.

(Sgd.) J. J. GILLIS.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. GILLIS, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Putnam

Uphill

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return relating to the matters mentioned in the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Guthrie*:—

That a Return be made by the Hon. the Minister of Labour of the names and respective salaries of all who are engaged in the branch of the Service administering old-age pensions in the Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Leary*:—

What lumber and timber specifications were required for Coffee and Krao Creek bridges, giving complete quantity in each case.

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 of the two reports of Mr. H. M. Cassidy, former Director of Social Welfare, entitled "Report of the Director of Social Welfare, July 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1939," and "Reorganization of British Columbia Health and Welfare Services—A Report with Recommendations."

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

1. What was the total amount of gasoline, lubricating-oil, and rubber tires purchased by the Department of Public Works from the Imperial Oil Co., Nakusp, Arrow Park, Burton, Needles, Fauquier, and Edgewood during the years ended December 31st, 1940, and December 31st, 1941?

2. What was the total amount of gasoline, lubricating-oil, and rubber tires purchased by the Department of Public Works from the Imperial Oil Co. throughout the Kaslo-Slocan Riding during the years ended December 31st, 1940, and December 31st, 1941?

3. What was the total amount of gasoline, lubricating-oil, and rubber tires purchased by the Department of Public Works from the Shell Oil Co. throughout the Kaslo-Slocan Riding during the years ended December 31st, 1940, and December 31st, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1. Gasoline and oil: 1940, \$1,905.43; 1941, \$2,155.79. Rubber tires, Imperial Service Garage, Nakusp: 1940, \$124.80; 1941, \$263.12.

"2. Gasoline and oil: 1940, \$6,680.45; 1941, \$8,412.74. No tires purchased.

"3. Gasoline and oil: 1940, \$4,276.29; 1941, \$6,269.99. No tires purchased."

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

1. Was a placing agent for fire insurance on the Provincial Government buildings appointed during the past year?

2. If yes, when was the appointment made?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

Are tenders called before placement of fire insurance on Provincial Government buildings?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"No."

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

1. In what year was the Britannia-Squamish Road commenced?
2. Is this road completed?
3. What amounts of money have been expended on this road in each of the following fiscal years ended March 31st: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941?
4. If answer to No. 2 is no, what is the estimated amount required to complete this road?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1. 1931.

"2. No.

"3. 1930-31, \$16,143, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1931-32, \$27,056, Unemployment Relief Fund; *1932-33, \$13,037, Unemployment Relief Fund; *1933-34, \$11,683.36, Unemployment Relief Fund; *1934-35, \$2,473.55, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1935-36, \$694.07, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1936-37, \$21,491.85, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1937-38, \$26,948.19, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1938-39, \$540, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1939-40, \$540, Unemployment Relief Fund; 1940-41, \$10,014.82.

"*Non-contributory charges. During these years the Department of National Defence took over the supervision of all single homeless men in British Columbia. They operated camps and did construction-work on the Britannia-Squamish Road and no record of this expenditure is available.

"4. \$25,000.

"NOTE.—During the fiscal year 1941-42 (to date), \$41,698.75 has been expended on this road."

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 6.05 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1942.

HALF-PAST EIGHT 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 30th day of January and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th days of February 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:—

\$245,764.25 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1941.
 805,970.35 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1942.
 33,094,292.78 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1943.

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. 37) 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. 37) 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Hon. *Rolf Wallgren Bruhn*, member for Salmon Arm, has been unavoidably absent, owing to illness, from attendance at this present Session:

And whereas the said Hon. *Rolf Wallgren Bruhn* has for many years been the member for Salmon Arm as aforesaid, and it is just and reasonable that the said Hon. *Rolf Wallgren Bruhn* should be paid the full Sessional allowance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay the full Sessional allowance to the said Hon. *Rolf Wallgren Bruhn* as if he had been present during each and every day of the Session.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was withdrawn, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registered Nurses Act'" was withdrawn, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was withdrawn, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Advance Planning of Rehabilitation Measures, Industrial Reorganization, and Employment Projects designed to meet Post-war Conditions" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee, stated the subject-matter thereof and his ruling thereon, and that an appeal to the House had been taken from his ruling.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

The House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<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>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

By leave of the House, the Bill was considered as amended.

On the motion that the Bill be now read a third time, Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment,—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "six months hence" be added.

The amendment was negived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<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>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mrs. *Jamieson* moved, seconded by Mrs. *MacInnis*,—

Whereas recipients of mothers' allowances receive barely sufficient to keep them and their families in food and shelter:

And whereas the allowances are insufficient to provide necessary medical care:

And whereas it is essential that adequate provision be made for such contingency:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the provision of means to assure medical care to recipients of mothers' allowances is a matter fully worthy of the sympathetic consideration of this Government.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that it might involve the expenditure of public money and tended to dictate public policy.

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

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

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

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

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

Whereas old-age pensioners have reached the age when medical attention becomes increasingly essential to their comfort and well-being:

And whereas the pension is not even sufficient to meet the most meagre living expenses:

And whereas the Government of British Columbia has made representations to the Federal Government (*vide* Journals, 1937, page 144) at a conference of old-age pension officials of the advisability of making provision for medical needs of old-age pensioners:

And whereas no effective action has been taken by the Federal Government to implement these representations:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature action to ensure the provision of medical care of old-age pensioners is a matter fully worthy of the immediate and effective consideration of this Government.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on similar grounds to his last previous decision.

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

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

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Lefaux</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Webber</i>			

On the motion of Mr. *LeBourdais*, seconded by Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be made by the Honourable the Attorney-General of reports of Colonel Pepler and Mr. Coady, who were Commissioners to investigate the matter of fire risk in motion-picture theatres, under the "Fire Marshal Act."

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented a Return relating to the matters mentioned in such Resolution.

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

Whereas it is urgent in the interests of the people of this Province that the Legislature should be in possession of authentic, full, and up-to-date information as to ways and means of fully employing the resources of the Province in a total national war effort:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of recommending to the Legislature the presentation of a petition to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that a Commission composed of members of the Legislature, who shall serve without salary, be appointed

under the "Public Inquiries Act" to collect and correlate available data for plans to expand and rationalize essential war-time production in the Province in co-operation with the Federal Government; to inquire as to what steps may be necessary to facilitate the transfer of labour to essential production with the necessary training and placement supervision; to examine the necessity of measures to maintain satisfactory health and nutrition standards; to receive evidence regarding plans for the organization of civilian defence; and generally to inquire into any or all matters relating to said subjects; and to report its findings and recommendations without delay to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and to the next Session of the Legislature.

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

Whereas Canada has been at war for over two years and casualties are already returning from overseas:

And whereas it is already known that business will be greatly dislocated due to war conditions:

And whereas it is expected that there will be a great influx of immigration from the British Empire and from the war-torn countries of our allies:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to take up the question of the immediate rehabilitation of the men being now discharged from service, overseas and in Canada, and also that this Committee have full power to take up the whole question of planning for post-war conditions.

Mr. *MacNeil* to move in amendment as follows:—

That all the words after the word "conditions" in the fourth line be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"And whereas it is apparent that preparation to deal with post-war problems will require exhaustive study and careful planning:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give immediate sympathetic consideration to the presentation of a petition to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that a Commission be appointed comprised of members of the Legislature, who shall act thereon without salary, to hear evidence, compile essential data, and prepare recommendations with respect to the following matters:—

"1. Measures likely to be necessary to supplement Federal Government plans for the civil re-establishment of demobilized members of the forces in respect of training, employment, and settlement.

"2. Measures likely to be necessary to provide alternative employment for workers now engaged in war industries and provisions for the training and transfer of such workers to peace-time occupations.

"3. Plans for the conversion of industrial equipment from war-time to peace-time purposes and for the development of new industries.

"4. Plans for the satisfactory use of surplus primary products.

"5. All such other matters as may be considered necessary for post-war readjustment and development.

"The said Commission to report as required to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and to report its findings and recommendations at the next Session of the Legislature."

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

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take into consideration the appointment of permanent District Crown Prosecutors.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

1. What insurance, if any, is carried on the (a) buildings and (b) stock of the Government liquor stores?
2. With whom was the insurance placed?
3. Were tenders called before placement of such insurance?

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, 1942.

HALF-PAST TEN 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, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised on the 11th instant by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland* on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Lefeaux*:—

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take into consideration the appointment of permanent District Crown Prosecutors.

Honourable Members,—The Honourable the Attorney-General raised a point of order with reference to the motion of the honourable second member for Vancouver Centre which reads as follows: "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take into consideration the appointment of permanent District Crown Prosecutors." He suggested the motion is out of order on two grounds: (1) That it would involve Government expenditure and (2) that it dictates Government policy.

At the present time, except in isolated instances, Crown Prosecutors are appointed whenever the occasion requires. I have no means of telling whether the system suggested by the motion would be more or less expensive than the present system. I feel I ought not to assume that the motion would involve increased Government expenditure.

On the second point I would point out that a Bill would not be required to inaugurate the system of appointment suggested by the motion.

Appointments are not made at the present time under the authority of any Statute. They are made under the general authority vested in the Attorney-General for the administration of the Criminal Law. I hesitate to extend the principle that a private member may not dictate Government policy, to a mere matter of administration.

I rule, therefore, that the motion is in order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

Whereas the prosecution of the war against Nazism and Fascism is the first concern of the Governments of Canada:

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

And whereas immediate steps should be taken to remove those conditions which may lead to unnecessary delays in industry:

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.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

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

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

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has wisely restricted the right of Provincial suffrage of certain nationals, though naturalized:

And whereas a great influx of settlers is expected after the war:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee of this House be set up to examine the whole question of citizenship right with the view to protecting the future rights of our men overseas and the sons and daughters of those who have pioneered this country, and with the view of memorializing the Federal Government on the subject.

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

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take into consideration the appointment of permanent District Crown Prosecutors.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

<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>Gillis</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>			

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

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

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:—

Whereas health is a matter of great importance in the public mind:

And whereas it is in the interest of the nation to have the highest possible health standards, and to have adequate facilities to effectively meet the health rehabilitation requirements of those returning from active service:

And whereas in British Columbia there are to be found some of the greatest facilities, as yet undeveloped and unused, for the alleviation of suffering and pain:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the making of a survey of natural health resource possibilities with a view to their utilization and development is a matter worthy of immediate consideration by the Government.

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

Whereas Canada lags far behind Britain and the other Dominions of the British Commonwealth in the matter of social insurance and social security:

And whereas the Dominion Government has not yet instituted a complete social insurance system:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare be instructed to discuss the setting-up of a social insurance system for British Columbia, which would include health insurance, pensions for unemployables, mothers' allowances, and family allowances, and to report its findings to the House.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed to inquire into the following matters:—

- (1) Classification of duties and salaries for employees of the Provincial Government;
- (2) Methods of appointment to the Civil Service;
- (3) Methods of rating and promotion within the Civil Service;
- (4) The procedure with respect to the retiring age of Civil Servants;

and to report to the Legislature upon such steps as may be taken to improve the efficiency of the Civil Service.

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.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

Whereas under the terms of union with the Dominion of Canada British Columbia has always possessed the right to levy an income tax:

And whereas this Legislative Assembly has been advised that a measure will be submitted to the Assembly providing for the discontinuance of the collection of income tax for the duration of the war and the payment of a stipulated amount to the Province by the Dominion in lieu thereof:

And whereas upon termination of the agreement some adjustment will have to be made:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly desires to go on record as being opposed to surrender of the right of the Province to participate with the Dominion in the income tax and as in favour of perpetual participation with the Dominion in this tax upon a basis to be determined.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it tended to dictate public policy.

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

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

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

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

NAY—16.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>MacInnis, 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>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>
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On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, seconded by Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

This Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, recognizing the grave perils facing the British Commonwealth of Nations and all those united nations of the world now opposing in war the aggression of the Axis powers, hereby pledges the total resources of the Province to Canada for the purpose of victory:

Therefore be it Resolved, That without any desire to encroach upon the rights and privileges of the Federal Parliament, we urge the Government and Parliament of Canada to implement the pledge given as a signatory to the Twenty-six Nations Pact on January 1st, 1942, wherein each Government pledged to employ its full resources against those members of the Tripartite Pact and its adherents with which such Government is at war by a compulsory national selection of man-power and the mobilization of the whole resources of Canada, both human and material, for the purpose of victory:

And, further, that it concurs in the "call for total war" made to the Prime Minister of Canada by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League at Ottawa, October 21st, 1941.

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

Whereas scientific advances throughout the world would appear to indicate that if British Columbia is to keep abreast of world trade and world demand we must press ahead with development of new technical processes:

And whereas if this Province does not undertake extensive research so as to apply the general discoveries of science to our own particular problems we may find our present products superseded by newer ones, and our resources inadequately used:

And whereas the constant progress of industry hinges on the pioneering of the scientist:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature the question of establishing a British Columbia Research Institute is a matter worthy of the immediate sympathetic consideration of the Government.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*,—

Whereas by a referendum vote of the electorate of this Province in 1937 a considerable majority voted in favour of "a comprehensive Health Insurance Plan progressively applied":

And whereas no effective action has been taken by the Government to implement this expression of opinion by the people:

And whereas war conditions have made the need for effective medical services for all more acute:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under immediate consideration the implementation of a Provincial Health Insurance system.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it involved the expenditure of public money and as one not competent for a private member to move without the consent of the Crown.

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

Whereas there are many persons at present detained in internment camps in this country against whom the only charge laid is in that these persons have endeavoured to avail themselves of the right or privilege of free speech:

And whereas many of these persons are desirous and capable of rendering military or skilled mechanical services to this country either in the service of the naval, military, or air forces, or in the factories:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends to the Government of the Dominion of Canada that wherever practicable such persons be given immediate opportunity to render service to the country wherever such services would be most appropriate according to the circumstances of each case.

The Hon. Mr. *Perry* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*,—

To strike out all the words after "whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "it is alleged there are persons whose domicile was in British Columbia, who are detained in custody or otherwise by authority of the Federal Government and have not been brought to trial for any offences:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature requests the Attorney-General of British Columbia to seek information from the Federal authorities as to the causes and reasons for the detention of all persons so detained whose domicile was in the Province of British Columbia."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

That this House memorialize the Federal Government asking it to extend the area of the Pacific Coast Defence Zone to include the Fraser Canyon to a point north of Lytton and the line of the Kettle Valley Railway between the towns of Princeton and Hope.

Mrs. *Jamieson* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

That in the opinion of this House, the fruit and vegetable industry should not be exempt from the "Hours of Work Act," except in so far as the same shall relate to perishable fruit and vegetables which cannot be prevented from deterioration except by immediate processing.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

Whereas in many instances insufficient time is available for Select Standing Committees to complete their work during the Session, thereby reducing their usefulness:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss procedure and powers of Select Standing Committees and recommend such changes in the Rules of the House as will enable them to function more efficiently.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Perry* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was Resolved,—

This Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, conscious of the gravity of the war and more particularly in its relation to the security of the people of the Province of British Columbia, consider it our solemn duty to call the attention of the Federal Government of Canada to the immediate necessity of completing the strongest and fullest measures of defence against our enemies.

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

1. Was any money received from the estate of the late J. Haldi in or about the year 1932?
2. If yes, how much was it?
3. Under what conditions was it given?
4. Were any of the moneys expended?
5. If yes, what for?
6. How much remains unexpended?

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$15,000.

"3. Subject to the condition that the Provincial Government would construct a bridge between Fort Langley and McMillan Island within two years after the date of his decease, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by his executors.

"4. Yes.

"5. Construction of bridge and approaches.

"6. None."

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, 1942.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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 amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Port Coquitlam.
- (No. 3) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Collection Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Iron and Steel Bounties Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences.
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Notaries Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Probates Recognition Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Fisheries Act."
- (No. 21) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 23) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of The Corporation of the City of Greenwood.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Apprenticeship Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Provincial Museum Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Trade-schools Regulation Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1939."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act."
- (No. 32) An Act respecting the Superannuation of George Herbert Deane.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Poll Tax Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Old-age Pension Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home for the Aged Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Court Rules of Practice Act."

- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
 (No. 70) An Act conferring Power upon Municipalities to take Precautions against Hostile Attack.
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
 (No. 73) An Act to make Provision for Advance Planning of Rehabilitation Measures, Industrial Reorganization, and Employment Projects designed to meet Post-war Conditions.
 (No. 74) An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Dominion and the Province.
 (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
 (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Truck 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 Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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. 37) 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 Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

It was with deep regret that I learned of the recent death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, our former Governor-General. I am pleased to note that your Assembly have passed an appropriate resolution of sympathy with His Majesty the King and members of the Royal Family.

I observe with satisfaction that this Legislature have ratified an agreement whereby are surrendered certain Provincial revenues to the Dominion Government for the furtherance of the nation's war effort.

I also have noted with gratification and pleasure that provision has been made for increasing the allowances to Old-age Pensioners, whose domestic and pecuniary position has been disturbed by the exigencies of the war. This provision, I am sure, will do much to ameliorate the situation in which many of these aged people have been placed.

The Act providing for the establishment of a Post-war Rehabilitation Council, working in close co-operation with the Federal authorities, is a wise measure, providing, as it does, a means of anticipating and endeavouring to find satisfactory solutions of the serious problems that may arise when hostilities cease.

Acts have been passed to further safeguard the interests of our gallant men in the fighting services, and I have noted the sincerity of the Members in pledging them-

selves to any undertaking within the scope of their power to prosecute the war until victory is ours.

The further strengthening of British Columbia's financial position by debt retirement, with consequent savings in interest and sinking fund charges, I am sure, will commend itself to all citizens.

The assurances that have been given to co-operate to the full in the nation's war programme, and the measures that already have been taken to implement these pledges, are evidence of the Government's compliance with the people's will.

Since you last assembled, many of our valiant men have been in action in the bitter struggle in which this Dominion, as a member of the great Commonwealth of Nations, has become involved. We face the outcome of that struggle with fortitude and unbounded confidence, and with a supreme faith in the rightness of our cause.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services, and I sincerely trust that the efforts you have put forth during the Session now closed will result in the continued development and prosperity of all parts of British Columbia.

In relieving you from your legislative duties, I join with you in invoking the aid of Divine Providence for the preservation of those Christian and democratic institutions for which the British Empire and her Allies now are fighting, and trust that, when this Legislature again convenes, events will have occurred which will bring us to a closer realization of that lasting peace so longed for by all free-thinking people.

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor'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.*

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