

**Thursday, March 10th, 1960**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *E. A. Wright*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 85) intituled “The Public Defenders Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 86) intituled “The Crown Proceedings Act.”

By leave of the House, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) tabled the Eleventh Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service and the Annual Report of the Mental Health Services, 1959.

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.

By leave of the House, the notice of questions recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of March 9th as No. 192, to be asked by Mr. *Gregory* and reading as follows:—

With reference to tree-farm licences:—

1. Is stumpage paid by the licence-holder determined annually by negotiation with the Minister and, if not, how is it determined?

2. What factors are considered in determination of stumpage paid by licence-holders?

3. What has been the average stumpage paid, by species, in each year for each licence-holder since granting of the licence?

4. In the case of Licence No. 22, granted B.C. Forest Products and involving only the former Clayoquot Working Circle, what was average stumpage charged small operators in each year from 1950 to the time the working circle was transferred to B.C. Forest Products and what has been average stumpage paid by B.C. Forest Products on timber from former Clayoquot Working Circle since this firm acquired its licence?

Is amended by deleting Question No. 3 and renumbering Question No. 4 as No. 3.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Forty-third Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1959.

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

1. How many buildings in the Province are owned by the Provincial Government?
2. Are any of these buildings insured against fire loss?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, give (a) the number of buildings insured, (b) the amount of insurance carried, (c) the premiums, and (d) the name of the placing agent?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1,944.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. (a) Three and (b), (c), and (d):—

“ Building, No. 1 hangar, Patricia Bay; amount of insurance, \$100,000; premium, \$3,068 (three years); name of placing agent, Gillespie, Hart & Company (1958) Limited.

“ Building, Forest Service Marine Station (buildings and equipment); amount of insurance, \$395,000; premium, \$5,925; name of placing agent, Gillespie, Hart & Company (1958) Limited.

“ Building, Government House; amount of insurance, \$150,000; premium, \$430.58 (three years); names of placing agents, (1) Leach & Sparks, (2) Heisterman & Company, (3) Douglas Realty Limited, (4) Brown Bros. Agencies Limited, (5) Island Investments Limited, (6) Walter Walker & Sons, (7) Richard Hall & Sons, (8) Ker & Stephenson Limited, (9) Hagar & Swayne Limited, (10) Newstead Realty Limited, (11) Arthur H. Cox & Company Limited, (12) Rithet Consolidated Limited, (13) Harbord Insurance Limited, (14) E. E. Heath, and (15) Boorman Investment Company.”

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

1. Are any permanent total disability pensions or permanent partial disability pensions, which were granted between March 18th, 1943, and March 31st, 1952, being paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. If so, (a) how many permanent total disability pensions and what is the total cost per month, and (b) how many permanent partial disability pensions and what is the total cost per month?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) 182 (total cost per month, \$20,727.02) and (b) 4,293 (total cost per month, \$116,368.95).”

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

With respect to Allco Provincial Infirmary:—

1. Was any money spent on (a) construction and (b) building maintenance during 1957 and, if so, how much?

2. Were any new buildings constructed during 1959 and, if so, for what purpose?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) No and (b) yes; 1956/57, \$2,279.49, and 1957/58, \$3,180.19.

“ 2. No.”

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

1. What total amount has been spent to rebuild Government House?
2. How much insurance was carried on the Government House which was burned down on April 15th, 1957, and how much was recovered on the insurance policy or policies as a result of the fire?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$1,462,500.
- “ 2. \$157,000 and recovered, \$156,999.49.”

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

1. Were any cases presented to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor during the year 1959?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many cases were presented and (b) what was the final result of these cases?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. (a) 219 and (b) the Compensation Counsellor's duties are to assist the persons who have problems under the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'; he is not required to have knowledge of the final disposition of their cases.”

*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.

## Thursday, March 10th, 1960

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.)

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,352 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1961.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$167,068 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Accounting Division, to 31st March, 1961.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$339,536 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, General Services, to 31st March, 1961.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$309,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Cancer Control (including Grants, etc.), to 31st March, 1961.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grants to Public Health Services, Metropolitan Areas, to 31st March, 1961.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grant in Aid of Arthritis Control, to 31st March, 1961.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Crippled Children (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Professional Training (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Public Health Research (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grant to G. F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre, to 31st March, 1961.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Medical Rehabilitation (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Rehabilitation Programme, to 31st March, 1961.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, General Public Health (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Laboratory and Radiological Services (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Child and Maternal Health (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grants *re* Local Health Services Building Construction, to 31st March, 1961.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grant for Medical Research, to 31st March, 1961.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grant *re* Heart Research, to 31st March, 1961.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Grant *re* Epilepsy, to 31st March, 1961.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,248,196 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Local Health Services, to 31st March, 1961.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$435,532 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Laboratories, to 31st March, 1961.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$307,598 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1961.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,184 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to 31st March, 1961.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,170 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Divisional Headquarters, to 31st March, 1961.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$98,822 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Travelling Clinics, to 31st March, 1961.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,407,982 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, In-patient Care and Stationary Clinics, to 31st March, 1961.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Tuberculosis Control (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1961.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$303,014 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Public Health Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Poliomyelitis Pavilion, to 31st March, 1961.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$168,892 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, General Administration, to 31st March, 1961.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Farms, to 31st March, 1961.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$837,404 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, School for Psychiatric Nursing, to 31st March, 1961.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$528,476 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Community Services, Mental Health Centre, to 31st March, 1961.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,663,432 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, In-patient Care, to 31st March, 1961.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme) to 31st March, 1961.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Implementation of Mental Health Survey Recommendations, to 31st March, 1961.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,118,006 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Hospital Insurance Services, Hospital Insurance Service, to 31st March, 1961.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$628,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Hospital Insurance Services, Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1961.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Hospital Insurance Services, Long-term Pædiatric Care, to 31st March, 1961.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

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### Friday, March 11th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Calder.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,  
March 11th, 1960.*

*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. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Water District 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 after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Attendance of Members of the Legislative Assembly at Parliamentary Association Conferences," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1960.*

*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. 87) intituled "An Act respecting the Attendance of Members of the Legislative Assembly at Parliamentary Association Conferences," 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 after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the Greater Nanaimo Water District Act" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1960.*

*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. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes 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.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Administration Act," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1960.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 13: To strike out the words "to which he would otherwise be entitled under subsection (1)," in the seventh and eighth lines of subsection (3), and to substitute the words "and remuneration to which he would otherwise be entitled under subsections (1) and (2)."

Section 16: To repeal section 16 and to substitute:—

"Repeals ss.  
141, 142, and  
143.

" 16. Sections 141, 142, and 143 are repealed."

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 proposed amendments to Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Administration Act," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 44).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.



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

A. C. DESBRISAY,  
*Administrator.*

The Administrator transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the Workmen’s Compensation Act,” enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 10th, 1960.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2: To insert after the words “municipal works under,” in the sixth line of subsection (3), the words “the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the amendments 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 proposed amendments to Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the Workmen’s Compensation Act,” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Administrator, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 34).

Resolution reported.  
Report adopted.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the Insurance Act.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*—Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act.”

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the Grazing Act.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “First Narrows Bridge Gift Act, 1960.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the Racing Commission Act.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the Magistrates Act.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the Summary Convictions Act.”

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the Fire Marshal Act.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the Execution Act.”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the Quieting Titles Act.”

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the Wife’s Protection Act.”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the Constitution Act.”

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the Department of Mines Act.”

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the Small Debts Courts Act."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the Trustee Act."

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to repeal the Hospital Construction Act, 1950."

Bill (No. 28) intituled "Nancy Sloan Act."

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act."

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the Evidence Act."

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the Irrigation District Rehabilitation Act."

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act respecting the Cancellation of Statutory Authorizations for the Borrowing of Money by the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, on the motion that the Bill be read a third time, the House divided.

The motion was passed on the following division:—

YEAS—42.

Messieurs

*Brothers*  
*Speare*  
*Gibson*  
*Smith*  
*Bryan*  
*Gregory*  
*Cox*  
*Squire*  
*Eddie*  
*Gargrave*  
*Dowding*

*Roche*  
*Shirreff*  
*Newton*  
*Richter*  
*Tisdalle*  
*Nimsick*  
*Haggen, Mrs.*  
*Harding*  
*Strachan*  
*Turner*  
*Matthew*

*Bruch*  
*Shelford*  
*Reid*  
*Corbett*  
*Brown, Mrs.*  
*Stacy*  
*Kiernan*  
*Bennett*  
*Bonner*  
*Black*

*Carnell*  
*Lundell*  
*Campbell*  
*Sharp*  
*Asselstine*  
*Robinson*  
*Westwood*  
*Chant*  
*Peterson*  
*Wicks*

NAYS—1.

Monsieur

*Uphill*

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act."

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the Water Act."

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act."

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimacy."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the Testator's Family Maintenance Act."

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting Public Service Group Insurance."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "Wills Act."

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the Greater Victoria Water District Act."

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Administration Act."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Archæological and Historic Sites and Objects."

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to repeal the War Mariners' Benefits Act."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to repeal the Provisional Free Miners' Certificates (Placer) Act."

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the Change of Name Act."

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the Greater Nanaimo Sewerage and Drainage District Act."

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the Mental Hospitals Act."

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act."

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 3rd, 1960.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Commercial Transport) presented the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Road User Charges, dated February 26th, 1960.

Mr. *Eddie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Commercial Transport the following questions:—

With reference to the “Department of Commercial Transport Act,” 1959:—

1. What was the amount collected by way of overload permits under this Act to December 31st, 1959?
2. What was the amount collected by way of oversize permits under this Act to December 31st, 1959?
3. What was the total cost of administration, including salaries, for the collection of overload and oversize permits?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“1. There has been collected, by way of overload permits, to December 31st, 1959, the sum of \$102,922.99.

“2. There has been collected, by way of oversize permits, to December 31st, 1959, the sum of \$114,422.

“3. Figures not available.”

Mrs. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

Under the Child Welfare Division, how many adoptions were completed by Court order in (a) 1954/55 and (b) 1958/59?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“(a) 1954/55, 1,102, and (b) 1958/59, 1,309.”

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

1. Has a group life insurance policy been purchased for members of the Civil Service and, if so, (a) with what company and through what agent was the policy purchased and what is the first year's premium and (b) were tenders called and, if so, when were they called, what was the closing date, and what companies submitted tenders and, if not, why not?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, is the purchase of a group life insurance policy for members of the Civil Service under consideration and, if so, will tenders be called, when will they be called, and what will the closing date be and, if not, why not?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"1. No; (a) and (b) answered by No. 1.

"2. The firm of Marsh & McLennan Limited, consulting actuaries, which assisted in the preliminary studies of the proposed plan, has been retained as agent for the Government; in order to institute the proposed plan at the earliest possible time and, subject to the approval of Bill No. 42, the firm, on February 22nd, 1960, invited the submission of tenders, with a closing date of 12 o'clock noon on March 29th, 1960."

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

With respect to prisoners transported by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during 1959 to prisons in British Columbia:—

1. How many prisoners were transported to each prison in British Columbia?

2. What was the total cost of transporting these prisoners?

3. What was the total cost of escorting these prisoners?

4. What was the total cost for each form of transport for (a) prisoners and (b) escorts?

5. How many prisoners were transported by (a) Grand Forks detachment and (b) Greenwood detachment?

6. What was the cost of transporting (a) prisoners and (b) escorts from each of these detachments by each means of transport?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

"Material unavailable in the detail requested, but see Report of Director of Correction."

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. During the year 1959, did any psychiatrists resign from the Mental Health Services?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations, (b) in which departments did the resignations take place, and (c) what reasons, if any, were given for the resignations in each case?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Four; (b) Crease Clinic, 2; Provincial Mental Hospital, 1; Mental Health Centre, 1; and (c) three resigned to enter private practice and one resigned to accept a position of Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati."

Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

With reference to the 1959/60 winter work incentive programme:—

1. How many projects have been approved in British Columbia to February 29th, 1960?
2. Approximately how many persons would be employed in the projects approved to February 29th, 1960?
3. What was the total estimated cost of the 1959/60 approved projects to February 29th, 1960?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 341.

“ 2. 3,561 men with a total of 201,015 man-days.

“ 3. In thousands of dollars: Total cost of projects, \$12,600; total direct payroll, \$4,962; direct payroll to end of programme, \$3,250; shared as follows: Canada, \$1,525; Province, \$865; and municipalities, \$860.”

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

1. Will complete enumeration of voters be undertaken in any areas prior to the next Provincial election?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in which areas will such enumeration take place?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. In practically every electoral district partial enumeration will be undertaken; those districts where a complete door-to-door canvass will take place are Burnaby, North Vancouver, Vancouver-Burrard, Vancouver Centre, Vancouver East, Vancouver-Point Grey, Chilliwack, Delta, Dewdney, New Westminster, Esquimalt (urban), Oak Bay, Saanich, and Victoria City.”

Mr. *Newton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

Have Social Allowance basic rates been increased since 1952 and, if so, when and in what amounts?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ Effective April 1st, 1954, \$5 per month for each head of family or single person and \$2 per month for each dependent; effective April 1st, 1956, \$5 per month for each head of family or single person and \$2 per month for each dependent; effective April 1st, 1958, \$10 per month for family of two, plus \$2 per month for each additional dependent, and \$5 per month for each single person; and effective April 1st, 1960 (subject to approval of the Legislature), 20 per cent increase in basic Social Allowances presently paid.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. Has any plan been made to provide a new surgery wing to the Crease Clinic?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what progress has been made on this project?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Architect's plans prepared.”

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

In each year since 1952:—

1. How many persons have been charged with indictable offences in the Province?
2. How many persons were (a) found guilty, (b) found not guilty, and (c) cases dismissed?
3. Of persons found guilty, how many were (a) under 30 years of age and (b) under 20 years of age?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ See Reports of the Director of Correction (formerly Inspector of Gaols) for British Columbia and ‘ Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences,’ compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, for the relevant years.”

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

With reference to grants under the “ Elderly Citizens Housing Aid Act ”:—

1. What were the total amounts of grants for each of the following fiscal years: 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58, and 1958/59?
2. What was the total accommodation supplied by operating projects at December 31st, 1959?
3. At December 31st, 1959, approximately what was the total accommodation supplied in (a) self-contained housing units and (b) projects supplying board?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1955/56, \$123,056.02; 1956/57, \$300,000; 1957/58, \$343,849.17; and 1958/59, \$512,200.65.

“ 2. 2,318 persons.

“ 3. (a) 1,578 persons and (b) 740 persons.”

Mr. *Tisdalle* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

Have maximum supplementary assistance rates been increased since 1952 and, if so, when and in what amounts?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ Effective April 1st, 1954, \$5 per month to maximum of \$15 per month; effective April 1st, 1956, \$5 per month to maximum of \$20 per month; and effective April 1st, 1960 (subject to approval of the Legislature), 20 per cent increase in supplementary assistance presently paid.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.