

Tuesday, April 10th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. R. Gillivray*.

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

Mr. *Bennett* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Rolston*,—

Whereas an editorial was published in the *Victoria Daily Times* on Thursday, March 8th, 1951, which read in part as follows: "In many hotels, cabarets, and other resorts liquor is being drunk publicly in open defiance of the law. The bottle on the table or under the table is becoming a monument to lawlessness which the police are unable or unwilling to suppress. The whole beer business is parcelled out among the companies forming the monopoly, with no pretense of competition. The beer-parlour licence is a privileged franchise to be traded, usually with political influence, from one monopolist to another. Wines like those from California which might compete with local products are not sold by the Government lest they disturb powerful interests. A few men, with sufficient influence in the right place, have been given so-called club licences in Vancouver which are, in fact, merely an exclusive right to sell liquor of all sorts to anybody who can pay the price. Finally, and perhaps most disturbing of all, two directors of the brewing business sit as Conservative ministers within the Cabinet. Altogether this is a situation which, by its nature, cannot long continue":

And whereas the above-quoted editorial reflects upon the administration of public affairs in the Province of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an inquiry be held under the "Public Inquiries Act" into all matters mentioned in or correlated to the above-quoted editorial of the *Victoria Daily Times*.

Mr. *Ash* rose to a point of order.

The Speaker gave her decision as follows:—

Honourable Members,—This motion is substantially the same as a motion already on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* and numbered 7. It anticipates a matter already down for consideration by this House and is therefore not in order, and I so rule.

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

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

YEAS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Mowat</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>	

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	

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

Whereas many citizens of British Columbia feel that there is a need for the revision of the "Liquor Act" in order to achieve temperance in the consumption of spirituous liquors and that the same should be consumed in public places under pleasant surroundings and conditions:

And whereas it is in the best interests of citizens of the Province that the "Liquor Act" and regulations made thereunder should be of such a nature as to encourage temperance and see that the consumption of liquor in public places is under circumstances and conditions conducive to a better and more satisfactory social environment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends to the Government the advisability of considering the holding of an inquiry to investigate liquor distribution and consumption methods, to ascertain the views of the people of British Columbia, investigate the situation relative to the operations of the present British Columbia "Liquor Act," and to make recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council relative to any changes deemed advisable in the "Liquor Act" in the public interest for the purpose of encouraging temperance and having liquor consumption in public places under proper conditions and environment.

A debate arose.

On the question being put, the Speaker declared the motion lost.

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

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of order.

The Speaker gave her decision as follows:—

Honourable Members,—The point of order raised, that is, that under Standing Order 18 a member having any interest in the liquor business should not vote on the motion. I am of the opinion that having an interest in the liquor business does not indicate a direct pecuniary interest in the holding of an inquiry as contemplated by the motion, and I rule that the point of order fails.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Mowat</i>
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<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Haggen</i>			

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

That, in view of the widespread opposition and criticism of the Government, as indicated by the public and through newspaper editorials such as:—

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His Majesty's Ministers have shown incompetence, lack of foresight, and no longer possess the confidence of the people to a degree sufficient to enable them satisfactorily to carry through measures of essential importance. Their continuance in office under such circumstances is at variance with the spirit of democratic government and not in the public interest.

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

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wife's Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified General Accountants' Association of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chartered Accountants Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimation of Children of Marriages declared to be void" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 10th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims situate at or near Summit Lake," having been referred to your Committee, has been duly considered, and your Committee recommends the same to the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 10th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 10th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Several meetings of this Committee were duly held.

The executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeared before the Committee and requested amendments to the "Municipal Act," the "Village Municipalities Act," and the "Municipal Elections Act." The Department of Municipal Affairs submitted amendments to the "Municipal Act" and the "Village Municipalities Act."

Interested parties were given a hearing.

A number of amendments to the various Acts were approved which will, in due course, be submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. C. HOPE, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Cates* presented a Return in connection with the conference at Ottawa of the representatives of Indians of Canada and the Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to discuss Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Indians."

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

How much money, if any, was spent on the Alice Arm dyke in 1950?

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

“None by the Department of Lands and Forests; the question should be directed to the Department of Public Works.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10th, 1951.

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.)

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,212,018 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$584,774 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1952.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,644 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1952.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,427,009 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1952.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rental and Maintenance of Offices, Buildings, and Grounds, to 31st March, 1952.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,095,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1952.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1952.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1952.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Cities with Population in Excess of 15,000, to 31st March, 1952.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Patrols, Grants, Expenses, to 31st March, 1952.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research Services—University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1952.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1952.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Engineering Associations, to 31st March, 1952.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward Pumping Charges, to 31st March, 1952.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1952.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,843 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1952.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,498 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,265 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Children's Homes, Convalescent Homes, and Homes for the Aged, etc., to 31st March, 1952.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction in Respect of Provincial Mental Hospitals, T.B. Hospitals, etc., to 31st March, 1952.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$106,839 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1952.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under Section 76 of the "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1952.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1952.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1952.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,430,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1952.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1952.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1952.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,932 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1952.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1952.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1952.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1952.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1952.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, To provide Assistance to B.C. Provincial Government Employees' Benefit Society, to 31st March, 1952.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable and Other Associations, to 31st March, 1952.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,117 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1952.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1952.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,954 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1952.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$96,563 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1952.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,052,633 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1952.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 10th instant, as follows:—

That, in view of the widespread opposition and criticism of the Government, as indicated by the public and through newspaper editorials such as:—

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The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

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Haggen

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Uphill

Harding
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Turner

NAYS—33.

Messieurs

Finnerty
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Hendricks
Steele
MacLean
Whisker
Stevenson
Smith
McRae

Braden
MacDougall
Welch
Brown
McDonell
Hope
King
Gillis

Bowman
Kenney
Anscomb
Johnson
Wismer
Straith
Ritchie
Proudfoot

MacIntyre
Morrow
Ash
Mowat
Turnbull
Cates
Carson
MacDonald

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 12.33 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Senior Captain *Ratcliffe*.

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria City Act, 1922,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road," the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, a member of the Executive Council, acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been informed of this Bill and had directed him to declare that he consents to the consideration of it by the House.

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

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the North West Mutual Life Assurance Company," the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, a member of the Executive Council, acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been informed of this Bill and had directed him to declare that he consents to the consideration of it by the House.

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

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dykes Maintenance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified General Accountants' Association of British Columbia" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chartered Accountants Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences."

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

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Closing-out Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Leaseholds."

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act respecting Legitimation of Children of Marriages declared to be void" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Qualicum Beach" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria Civic Arena Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* on the 5th instant with reference to Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights":—

Honourable Members,—On the 5th instant, when Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights," standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, was called for second reading, the Honourable the Attorney-General rose to a point of order. His grounds were that the Bill infringed the prerogative of the Crown and was, accordingly, out of order without the consent of the Crown.

I reserved my decision on the point, but, on looking into the various authorities, have come to the conclusion that the Attorney-General's point is well taken.

In the Bill before us, section 15 provides for penalties punishable by fine or imprisonment—clearly a prerogative of the Crown. Many decisions in our Journals, including two by Mr. Speaker *Davie*, 1931 (page 128), 1932 (pages 75 and 76); Mr. Speaker *Perry*, 1936 (page 119); Mr. Speaker *Whittaker*, 1938 (page 100), are all directly in point. All substantive sections of Bill No. 11 depend for their effectiveness on section 15, so that, if section 15 is not in order, the whole Bill is not in order.

Without the consent of the Crown, I am, therefore, of the opinion that the Bill is out of order, and I direct that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker*.

The Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. Wismer on the 5th instant with reference to Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act'":—

Honourable Members.—On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act,'" on the 5th instant, the Honourable the Attorney-General raised a point of order.

The questions before us are the same as those in the decisions just given with respect to Bill No. 11, with the distinction that the Crown prerogative in this case is that of legislation affecting Crown lands.

Mr. Speaker Perry, in a considered decision recorded in our Journals, 1935, at page 111, cites thirteen previous decisions of our Legislature. In all of these decisions, it is a question affecting Crown lands. The decisions are in unity that in such cases the Bill is not in order if without the consent of the Crown.

I therefore hold that as the only substantive sections of the Bill affect Crown lands, the whole Bill is not in order, and I direct that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker.*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$540,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1952.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Health Care (Dominion Programme), to 31st March, 1952.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$815,662 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1952.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, to 31st March, 1952.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,786 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,452 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$221,726 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1952.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 6th, 1951.

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

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

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 11th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture held several meetings and heard representations of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes through Department officials of its organization in the Department of Agriculture, and from the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, and had officials of the Department at different meetings to elicit information on several matters and begs leave to report as follows:—

(1) That larger grants be made to the Department of Agriculture to further the interest of those in the farming and allied industries and that more may be induced to engage therein so that our production shall more nearly balance with the Province's requirements in foodstuffs and create a higher standard of living for the producers.

(2) That, as the burden of educational costs having to be borne by land places a severe burden on agriculturists, it is urged on the Government that during the coming year a thorough study be made of this injustice so that the costs be more equitably distributed.

(3) That a method of automobile insurance, based on gallonage of gasoline used, be carefully studied and, if found feasible and in the public interest, to take steps to inaugurate the system at as early a date as possible.

(4) That, because of the higher costs of land-clearing by the Department of Agriculture, land-owners desiring this service on time payments be allowed to have a greater amount (in money value) done for them than has heretofore prevailed.

(5) That the Department of Public Works and the Department of Agriculture continue to co-operate in the matter of drainage of farm lands where road-construction may change the manner of run-off of water, either from rainfall or natural drainage.

(6) That the Department further its work on causes, control, and elimination of several serious diseases of cattle in British Columbia, such as bovine brucellosis, mastitis, and bacterial ring-rot in potatoes and Newcastle disease in poultry.

(7) That as daylight saving works a hardship against many activities on a farm, this Committee urges that in future it may apply only for the months of July and August.

(8) That, in the interests of the farming industry in general and the specialized dairyman in particular, the ban on coloration of margarine to make it resemble butter be continued.

(9) So that the people of the Province may be more assured of a continuous supply of fluid milk because of stabilization, the Government is urged to continue the Milk Board but recommends its enlargement from one to three members.

(10) That necessary steps be taken to legalize the making of loans to co-operatives for the building of potato-storage warehouses at strategic points on trackage so that returns to producers of this commodity may be greater and with much less loss. This is to be done to take advantage of Dominion Government Order in Council P.C. 2017 which sets forth terms under which Federal assistance is made.

(11) That, because of the inadequate number of veterinarians in the Interior of the Province, the Government and municipalities, who now each subsidize one in this profession at the rate of \$600 per year, be urged to increase this subsidy so as to induce veterinarians to locate in various centres, so that the loss in stock, now so very valuable, be thereby lessened.

(12) That the matter of Fraser Valley dykes be investigated with a view to learning whether any rebuilt after the disastrous flood of 1948 were not completed according to standard.

(13) That the Department of Agriculture work in co-operation with the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture in endeavouring to resettle farms abandoned in the years of poor markets and low prices.

(14) That the Department of Public Works co-operate with land-owners in the clearing of obstructions in streams where adjoining soil is in danger of being eroded or otherwise damaged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KING, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Is the Village of Stewart covered for fire-protection?
2. If so, is this under Government jurisdiction?
3. If not, does the Government make any contribution to the costs of same?
4. If so, how much per annum?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows:—

“1, 2, 3, and 4. Under the ‘Village Municipalities Act,’ a village municipality may make provision by by-law for the establishment and maintenance of a fire department, and in the Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the year 1949, it is stated in Schedule 13c that the Village of Stewart spent in that year on fire maintenance \$286.73, and for fire equipment, \$205.86, and the capital value of the fire equipment of the village was \$1,292.70. The Government does not make any contribution to the cost.”

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

Pursuant to Question No. 34, answered on March 13th, during 1949, (a) what was the make and calibre of each firearm sold, (b) to whom sold, and (c) how much was received for each one?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows:—

“Following is the list of confiscated firearms sold by the British Columbia Game Department during the year 1949:—

Cal. or Gauge.	Make.	To whom sold.	Amount.
.30.30	Winchester	P. E. Richards	\$20.00
.22	Remington	Stewart Fleming	1.03
.22	Winchester	George Biddlecombe	7.21
.25.20	Winchester	C. E. Shuttleworth	8.00
.22	Savage	Larry Doby	1.03
.22	Cooley	George Pearson	1.03
.38.55	Winchester	A. F. Sinclair	9.78
.22	Cooley	Hal Denton	3.09
.22	Ace	Lee Straight	2.06
.22	Belgium	John Feldmieser	4.00
.22	Mauser	John Anderson	5.15
.22	Winchester	Russel Trites	8.24
.22	Cooley	G. B. Simon	75.00
.22	Cooley		
.22	Cooley		
.22	Cooley		
.22	Cooley		
.22	Cooley		
.22	Eatonia		
.22	Ranger		
.22	Ace		
.22	Ace		
.22	Ace		
.22	Ranger		
.22	Ranger		
.22	Deutsche Werke		
.22	Remington		
.22	Remington		
.22	Winchester		
.22	Winchester		
.22	Ross		
.25.20	Savage		
6.5 mm.	Mauser		
12 gauge	Winchester		
12 gauge	Le Fever		
10 gauge	Remington		
.22	Deutsche Werke	Peter Cooper	5.15
.22	Cooley	Peter Cooper	5.15
.22	Cooley	Sidney McKay	4.12
.22	Cooley	Mrs. D. E. Armitage	3.09
.30.30	Winchester	C. G. Ellis	5.15
.22	Cooley	David Dixon	7.21
.22	Mossberg	George Smithe	15.45
.22	Zella	W. P. Pieper	2.06
			\$193.00

“For the past several years the Department has never asked for the confiscation of any firearms unless (a) the firearm was in an obsolete or unsafe condition or (b) unless the charge laid was serious enough to warrant application for confiscation. The firearms sold in 1949 were of very little commercial value. The firearms sold to Mr. G. B. Simon were disposed of by putting up a notice in the Vancouver Game Commission office that the firearms were up for sale and inviting tenders for these firearms. Mr. Simon submitted the largest tender or bid and his offer was accepted. Most of the firearms listed were cheap rifles and were purchased, especially in the case of Mr. Simon (a gunsmith), for spare parts.”

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 5.49 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11th, 1951.

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.)

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,484 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1952.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,181 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Trade Commissioner's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,663 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Regional Development Division, to 31st March, 1952.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1952.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants—Rural Housing Advisory Committee for British Columbia, to 31st March, 1952.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,674 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,231 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$201,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1952.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Fraser River Basin Board, to 31st March, 1952.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,913 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1952.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$172,913 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Administration, to 31st March, 1952.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,045 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1952.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,953 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1952.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,425 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1952.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,262 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1952.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,861 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1952.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,242 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Board, to 31st March, 1952.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,882 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, "Indian Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1952.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1952.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 11th, 1951.

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. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 p.m.