

## Monday, 2nd April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles Croucher*.

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, seconded by Mr. *Mobley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, and Report No. 4 of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented and received on the 29th day of March, 1917, be adopted.

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

1. What were the dates of the examination held by the College of Dental Surgeons pursuant to the "Dentistry Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," and amendments thereto, in the year 1914?

2. What was the date of the forwarding of the examination papers as required by the "Dentistry Amendment Act," being chapter 20, section 3, 1914, to the Provincial Secretary in the year 1914?

3. What were the dates of all examinations held subsequent to the year 1914 by the said College of Dental Surgeons to date?

4. After each examination what was the date of the forwarding to the Provincial Secretary of the examination papers as required by the said chapter 20, section 3, 1914, Statutes of British Columbia?

5. What were the names of the candidates presenting themselves at each examination?

6. What were the names of those who were successful at each examination?

7. What were the names of those who failed at each examination?

8. Has the Provincial Secretary any knowledge as to whether or not the reports are complete?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. May 11th (special), practical; no papers. Third Monday in June; results forwarded 7th July, 1914. Third Monday in November; results forwarded 30th November, 1914.

"3. Third Monday in June, 1915 (regular); third Monday in November, 1915 (regular); March 31st, 1916 (special); August 21st, 1916 (special); third Monday in June, 1916 (regular); third Monday in November, 1916 (regular).

"4. 18th October, 1915 (June examination); 10th December, 1915 (November examination); 12th July, 1916 (special examination, March 31st, and June examination); 25th September, 1916 (special examination, August 21st); 28th December, 1916 (November examination).

"5. May, 1914: B. C. Richards.

"June, 1914: W. H. Price, A. E. Clarke, T. H. Taylor, H. R. Draney, C. J. McCullough, J. G. Campbell, H. S. Oliver, H. Clarke, S. N. A. Campbell, R. S. Goodwin, L. L. Hartman, H. C. Gill, V. D. Westcott, F. G. Keene, A. McCarter, T. P. Grady, S. P. H. Marlatt, J. L. Matthews.

"November, 1914: J. R. Brown, S. P. H. Marlatt, T. P. Grady, C. J. McCullough, A. S. Oliver, A. E. Clarke, V. D. Westcott, J. G. Campbell, H. C. Gill.

"June, 1915: A. S. Oliver, T. H. Taylor, S. P. H. Marlatt, G. V. S. Ford, W. S. Watson, J. G. Campbell, F. A. Whitaker, M. V. Tidball, F. G. Rogers, H. R. Draney, R. E. McKeon.

"November, 1915: D. H. Sharpless, R. E. McKeon, M. V. Tidball, H. R. Draney, J. C. MacDonald, S. M. Cohen, J. E. Newman.

"March, 1916: J. C. MacDonald.

"June, 1916: C. H. Inkster, J. J. Frits, C. N. Westwood, R. L. Pallen.

"August, 1916: T. P. Grady.

"November, 1916: F. G. J. Bezeau, R. L. Pallen, R. P. Christie, C. H. Inkster.

"6 and 7. May, 1914: B. C. Richards passed his special examination.

"June, 1914: Pass—R. S. Goodwin, L. L. Hartman, F. G. Keene, A. McCarter. Pass in theory only—V. D. Westcott. Pass in practical only—A. E. Clarke, H. C. Gill, J. L. Matthews,

A. S. Oliver, T. H. Taylor. Rewrite two subjects—C. J. McCullough, H. C. Gill. Fail—W. H. Price, H. Clarke, H. R. Draney, T. P. Grady, S. H. P. Marlatt, J. G. Campbell. Did not complete—S. N. A. Campbell.

“November, 1914: Pass—J. S. Brown, A. E. Clarke, H. C. Gill, C. J. McCullough, V. D. Westcott. Rewrite two subjects—A. S. Oliver. Fail—S. H. P. Marlatt, T. P. Grady, J. G. Campbell.

“June, 1915: Pass—J. G. Campbell, S. P. H. Marlatt, A. S. Oliver, W. S. Watson, F. A. Whitaker. Pass in theory—M. V. Tidball. Pass in practical only—G. V. S. Ford. Fail—F. G. Rogers, T. H. Taylor, H. R. Draney, R. E. McKeon.

“November, 1915: Pass—M. V. Tidball, R. E. McKeon, D. H. Sharpless. Rewrite two subjects—J. C. MacDonald. Fail—H. R. Draney, S. M. Cohen, J. E. Newman.

“March, 1916: J. C. MacDonald passed his special examination.

“June, 1916: Pass—C. N. Westwood. Pass in practical work—R. L. Pallen. Pass in theory—C. H. Inkster. Fail—J. J. Frits.

“September, 1916: T. P. Grady passed his special examination.

“November, 1916: Pass—F. G. J. Bezeau, R. P. Christie, C. H. Inkster, R. L. Pallen.

“S. No.”

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act’” was adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the amendment of Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,’” by inserting the following as section 2 and renumbering the sections of the Bill:—

“2. Section 2 of the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,’ being chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1916, is hereby amended by inserting between the word ‘exceeding’ and the word ‘ten,’ in the fifth line thereof, the words ‘the net sum of’; and by inserting between the word ‘dollars’ and the word ‘by,’ in said line, the words ‘after payment of discount, commission, brokerage, and other expenses of all loans hereunder.’”

And by amending the present section 2 of the Bill by striking out the words “‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,’ being” in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “said”; and by striking out the words “of the Statutes of 1916” in the second line.

*Government House,*

*March 29th, 1917.*

*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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendments.

Resolution and Bill reported.

*Ordered.* That the amendments reported be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916.’”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1916’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service."

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors."

On the motion of Mr. *Shatford*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

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Tuesday, 3rd April, 1917.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Wilmot Baugh Allen*.

Mr. *Farris* presented the Third Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 3rd, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee appointed to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway begs to make a further interim report as follows:—

Your Committee submits herewith the balance of the first 846 pages of evidence as taken at the said inquiry, and recommends that the same be printed forthwith for the information of the House.

J. W. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Does the Government own the gasolene launch "Paloma," or did the Government ever purchase a gasolene launch known as the "Paloma"?
2. If so, when was she purchased and at what price?
3. From whom was such boat purchased?
4. For what service was such boat purchased?
5. To what Department was the voucher for the purchase moneys for such boat charged?
6. Were any cheques issued by the Government in respect of such purchase cancelled?
7. What were the particulars of such cheques?
8. Were any other cheques issued in respect of such purchase by the Government?
9. What were the particulars of such other cheques?

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

- "1. Yes; name is 'Faloma.'
- "2. October, 1911; \$10,000.
- "3. Pacific Marine Brokerage Co.
- "4. For Public Works Department, but not used.
- "5. Voucher charged to a Miscellaneous Vote.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Two cheques, each for \$5,000—George A. Fraser and Frank De Grey respectively.
- "8. One cheque favour of Pacific Marine Brokerage Co.
- "9. Answered by No. 8."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service."

On the motion of Mr. *Cowper*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

1. Has Mr. T. O. Townley been appointed District Registrar of Titles at New Westminster?
2. If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed?
3. Was any other person or persons considered in connection with said appointment?
4. If so, who were they?
5. What is the age of Mr. Townley?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No specific recommendation. Selected for post by reason of long experience in land-registry work and special fitness. District Registrar in Vancouver for a number of years.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Fifty-three."

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

1. Has the Government promised Mr. M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., to grant a subsidy in aid of the Gulf Islands mail service?
2. If so, what was the amount promised?
3. If such subsidy is granted, is it the intention of the Government to impose conditions as to the schedule of the boat and ports of call?
4. If such conditions are imposed, is it the intention of the Government to include the Islands of Thetis, Kuper, Gabriola, and the Gulf Island ports of Chemainus, Ladysmith, and Nanaimo?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.

"NOTE.—The Government has agreed to make a grant of \$5,000 in aid of a passenger and freight service among the Gulf Islands, conditional upon the Dominion Government making a grant of a like amount in order to maintain such service."

Captain *Hayward* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to conclude a sale or lease of the New British Columbia Building, London, England, as reported?

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

"The Government is collecting data in reference to the British Columbia Building, London. When this data is complete the Government will consider what shall be done in respect to this building."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

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Wednesday, 4th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert Hughes*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 4th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That in view of the fact that the promoters have paid House fees in connection with Bill No. 50, being the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917," as well as double fees under section 72 of the Rules, this Committee recommends that no House fees be charged for Bill No. 51, intituled "The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917, No. 2," the provisions of which were included in Bill No. 50 and separated under instructions from the House.

Your Committee further recommends that the time for reporting Bills to the House be extended from April 11th to April 25th, 1917.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Mr. *Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What (if any) inquiries have been made of the Department of Mines with regard to the tonnage of zinc ores in British Columbia during the past two years; from whom, and what replies were given, and when?

2. What inquiries were made as to the feasibility or opportunities for zinc-smelting in the Province or in Alberta; by whom, and when, and what replies were made thereto?

3. What was (a) the tonnage of zinc sulphide ore and zinc sulphide concentrates and (b) what was the tonnage of carbonate zinc ores produced and exported to the American smelters in 1916, and to what smelters was each of same sent? From what mines sent, and what was the maximum and minimum, and also average tenor of the shipments of each kind of ore in gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead, iron and lime? On what basis was the settlement made by each smelter? What was the maximum and minimum railway freight rates from mines to said smelters?

4. What were the settlement bases for these kinds of ore made by American smelters prior to the year 1915?

5. What effort (if any) did the Department in 1915 and 1916 make to get fair treatment rates for British Columbia zinc ores? What efforts (if any) is it now making? What was the approximate loss in price of zinc ores shipped to American smelters in 1916, through settlement on the new bases instead of the bases prevailing prior to 1915: (1) On said ores of maximum tenor; (2) on said ores of minimum tenor; (3) on the average tenor of all the ores shipped in 1916?

6. What was and is the rate of American Customs duty paid on zinc ores, and on what basis is the net value of the ore upon which the duty is paid calculated?

7. What is the total estimated sum paid to transportation companies for hauling these zinc ores to American smelters in 1916, and what sum to the United States Government in Customs duty?

8. What tonnage of (1) sulphide zinc ores and (2) of carbonate zinc ores were sent in 1916 to Trail, B.C., for treatment in the zinc electrolytic plant there, and from what mines? What were the maximum and minimum contents of each kind of ore in gold, silver, copper, zinc, and lead, and on what basis is settlement for such ores made?

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

"1. (Lettergram.)

"New York, N.Y., March 18th-19th, 1916. Hon. Lorne A. Campbell, Minister of Mines, Victoria, B.C. Kindly wire me immediately average daily production zinc-blende concentrates, Kootenay District, whether shipped or not, but exclude Sullivan ore sent Trail; also state if production is rapidly increasing and your estimate daily output six months hence. Have capitalists favourably entertaining smelter for Province's ore, giving producers better price, if satisfied about adequate ore supply blende. Production: Ought now exceed hundred tons.—SMITH CURTIS."

(Reply.)

"Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1916. Smith Curtis, Imperial Hotel, Broadway, New York. Zinc ore output of Province for the calendar year nineteen fifteen exclusive of Sullivan ore to Trail was approximately as follows: Zinc-blende crude ore one thousand tons, concentrates ten thousand seven hundred tons, and crude zinc carbonate ore five thousand tons. If prevailing conditions continue estimate production for nineteen sixteen will approximate fourteen hundred tons crude blende, seventeen thousand tons blende concentrates, and six thousand tons crude carbonate ore.—LORNE CAMPBELL."

(Letter.)

"Hotel Imperial, New York, 21st March, 1916. Hon. Lorne Campbell, Minister of Mines, Victoria. DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,—Thank you for telegram received from you this morning re zinc

ore and concentr. shipments. I am afraid your intelligence department needs waking up. From one of the owners of the H.B. and Zincton mines at Salmo, I have a letter saying output was 50 tons a day, and when a light railway is built to the mines this year, a daily output of 300 tons could be had. A later letter from a Salmo man tells me 60 tons a day is being shipped; at 50 tons per day, the output would be 18,000 tons for 1916, not 6,000 as stated in your telegram. I look for at least 25,000 tons being shipped from these mines alone in 1916 even if no railway is built. As to blende shipments my information is not satisfactory, but it should be three times that of 1915, for nearly all the blende shipments of that year were in the last six months of it, and if the average for that six months is double in 1916, it will mean four times as much output in the latter as there was in the former year. With new mines entering the shipping list it is not improbable that the blende output of 1916 will be five times that of 1915. It would certainly be were the smelters paying a more reasonable price for the ore. I would have secured this through the sale of Frank smelter and may yet; but the want of an official up-to-date report on B.C. zinc and almost continuous illness have delayed my negotiations.—Yours very truly,  
SMITH CURTIS.'

(Reply.)

“Victoria, B.C., March 31st, 1916. Smith Curtis, Esq., Hotel Imperial, 31 & 32 Broadway, New York. DEAR MR. CURTIS,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in answer to my telegram, which I regret to say does not coincide with your ideas. The figures given you the 1915 output are from Government reports; as to what the output will be in 1916 there is room for difference of opinion. I might further state I have had the estimate revised and I have no alterations to make in the figures sent you, much as I should like personally to see them higher; but I note that the output of zinc in 1915 is in quantity some 65 per cent. higher than in 1914, while the estimate for 1916 for blende, which is what your telegram inquired about, is about 60 per cent. higher than in 1915. It seems to me that if we progress at this rate it is very satisfactory and is all I care to say officially. As regards the carbonate zinc ores—which were not included in your telegram—that all come from a group of mines near our old home town that put out a little over 5,000 tons in 1915, and we have no information here as to what the company operating this particular property intend doing in 1916, but as you mention you are in close touch with these mines and the owners you may be able to form a better opinion than we can, and I would be only too pleased to have your opinion as to what they propose doing during the coming year.—With kindest regards, Yours very truly, L. A. CAMPBELL.’

“2. None on record.

“3. Zinc sulphide ore, about 967 tons; zinc sulphide concentrates, 19,009 tons; zinc carbonate ore, 6,407 tons. No information as to smelters sent to. The following is the list of mines reported as shipping to American smelters in 1916: From Silver Standard; Retallack; Utica; Bell; Reco; H.B.; Monarch; Standard; Galena; Hewitt; Lucky Jim; Rambler-Cariboo; Slocan Star; Surprise. Average tenor of sulphide ores, 41½ per cent. zinc; average tenor of concentrates, 43.2 per cent. zinc; average tenor carbonate ores, 26.6 per cent. zinc. Complete analysis of ores not known. Basis of settlement is a private arrangement between the buyer and the seller, as also are freight rates.

“4. No official knowledge; the terms of various U.S. smelters differ and are a matter of private contract between the seller and buyer.

“5. (a.) Government subsidized zinc-refinery at Nelson. (b.) Answered by No. 3.

“6. No official information, but understand zinc ores are appraised under paragraph L, section 111 of United States Tariff Act, at 10 per cent. ad valorem.

“7. No official information.

“8. The Trail smelter of Consol. M. and S. Co. received from its own mine (the Sullivan) ore consisting of mixed lead and zinc sulphides that in the ordinary way would not be classed as *zinc ore*, nor ordinarily saleable as such; from this they extracted a proposition of the zinc contents, the residue being treated for the lead contents. Strictly speaking, there are no sulphide *zinc ores* from the Sullivan. Trail received about 1,645 tons zinc sulphide ore from the Lucky Jim and a trial shipment of about 112 tons carbonate ore from the H.B. Mine. No official information as to complete analysis or basis of settlement.”



Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service."

During the debate, Mr. Speaker *Weart*, on objection taken, ruled that Mr. *Cowper* was not speaking to the principles of the Bill, but was introducing irrelevant matters.

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

The House divided.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Keen,</i>		

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Walters* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What number of free assays have been made each year during the last three years?
2. What has been the approximate cost of these assays?
3. How many persons are employed on assay-work; their names and salaries?



4. Have any applications for a free assay been refused? If so, how many?
5. What has been the cost to the Department for the necessary chemicals and apparatus for assay-work?
6. How many analytical reports upon samples for public or private bodies have been made each year for the past three years?
7. What has been the approximate cost of these analytical tests?
8. Will the Minister please give the names of persons employed in this particular work, with the salary of each?

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

"1. 1914, 1,653; 1915, 1,910; 1916, 2,401; total, 5,964.

"2. The cost of individual assays or analyses cannot be given, as all are included in general expense of Laboratory, which were:—

	1914.	1915.	1916.
Salaries, assayers .....	\$1,928 00	\$1,928 00	\$2,078 00
Supplies, gas, etc. ....	798 33	1,309 95	646 95
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	\$2,726 33	\$3,237 95	\$2,724 95
Less fees collected .....	1,196 29	819 50	834 50
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Net cost .....	\$1,530 04	\$2,418 45	\$1,890 45

"3. One—D. E. Whittaker—\$160.66 a month; with assistance in 1916 for a period of six weeks of J. B. Adams, licensed assayer, at salary of \$25 a week.

"4. It has been the custom for many years to make free assays for prospectors who needed such assistance, none of which have knowingly been refused. It is also the established custom of the Bureau to make free determinations in connection with the identification and classification of rocks or minerals from any part of the Province, for the purpose of encouraging the search for new or rare minerals and ores, and to assist prospectors and others in the discovery of new mining districts.

"5. Answered by No. 2.

"6. 1914, 119 analyses, worth \$2,112.50; 1915, 115 analyses, worth \$1,362.30; 1916, 103 analyses, worth \$1,603.50; total, 337 analyses.

"7. Included in answer to No. 2.

"8. Included in answer to No. 3."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, 5th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the amendment of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway," enclosed herewith.

"17. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, at any time after sixty days' notice to the Company, its successors or assigns, may for and in the name of His Majesty acquire and take possession of the railway which the Company is authorized to construct under this Act, including all branch lines and all rolling-stock, works, and equipment belonging thereto, and all telephone and telegraph lines operated in connection therewith; and in such case there shall be paid by His Majesty to the Company, its successors or assigns, by way of compensation, such sum as may be agreed on or as shall, in case of disagreement, be ascertained by arbitration pursuant to the 'Arbitration Act.' The fair and actual value of the property so taken possession of shall be taken as the basis in fixing the amount of compensation to be paid, and in no case shall any sum be paid or awarded to the Company, its successors or assigns, in respect of the right-of-way over which the railway of the Company is constructed, the use of which is given to the Company under this Act, or in respect of franchise or goodwill."

*Government House,*  
*5th April, 1917.*

*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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendment.

Resolution and Bill reported.

*Ordered,* That the amendment reported be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5th, 1917.*

*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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors."

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

Mr. *C. K. Courtney*, the Acting Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Electrical Energy Inspection Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to these 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."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday, April 11th.

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dean *Quainton*.

Mr. *Farris* presented the Fourth Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 11th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee appointed to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee submits pages 847 to 1144 of the evidence taken in the inquiry, and recommends that same be printed, being Interim Report No. 4.

J. W. DE B. FARRIS, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence which took place between the Hon. the Attorney-General or any member of his staff with any person or persons dealing with the resignations of Constables Markland and McNelly, and all replies to such correspondence; also copies of all correspondence between the Superintendent of Police and Chief Constable Smith, of Vancouver, or with any other person or persons dealing with applications of said constables for leave of absence in order to go overseas and dealing with their resignations, and all replies to said correspondence received by said Superintendent of Police.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 10th, 1917.*

*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. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 30th, 1917.*

*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. 21) intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Has the Government any experimental plots under its control?
2. If so, how many and where situated?
3. For what special purpose are these plots maintained?
4. How many of these plots are on Vancouver Island?

5. What has been the annual cost of the working of these plots?
6. Does the Government pay any rental for said plots? If so, to whom and what amount?
7. Does the Government intend to continue holding these plots?
8. What revenue (if any) has been derived?
9. Has alfalfa been experimented with on Vancouver Island? If so, what are results?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Twelve demonstration plots in field crops; twenty-seven demonstration and experimental orchards, small-fruit and vegetable demonstration plots, spraying experimental plots, etc. Field-crop demonstration plots located at Armstrong, Chilliwack, Rose Hill, Edgewood, Grand Forks, Rock Creek, Courtenay, Errington, Pitt Meadows, Fort George, Aldermere, and North Nechako. Demonstration orchards at Cowichan, Nanaimo, Hammond, Aldergrove, Salmon Arm, Birchbrook, Willow Point, Shuswap, and New Denver. Experimental orchards at Rossland, Wardner, Waldo, Windermere, Golden, and Nicola. Apple-scab spraying experimental plots at Kelowna, Nelson, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and Creston. Apple-anthraxnose control experimental plot at Keating, Southern Okanagan Small-fruit and Vegetable Experimental Station at Summerland. Small-fruit demonstration plot at Chilliwack. Strawberry experimental plot at Hatzic. General experimental plots at Terrace, Lawn Hill, and Bella Coola.

“3. For the purpose of experimental work in the growing of alfalfa, corn, and other soiling and fodder crops, grains, grasses, etc. For the purpose of demonstrating proper methods of tillage and rotation and to find out the varieties of different kinds of crops which are best suited to the different districts. For the production of selected seed and for general experimental and demonstration work. The horticultural plots are for the purpose of demonstrating correct methods of orchard practice; the testing of the suitability of different varieties of fruits for districts; the control of insect pests and diseases; to carry out investigational work in the growing of small fruits and vegetables; to indicate which are the best varieties of each kind of fruit for different districts; what soil-improvement methods are necessary; what fertilizers are required; and generally to carry out educative work in horticultural matters.

“4. Five.

“5. For the year 1916 the cost, including rent, of operating the various plots was as follows:—

“*Field-crop Plots.*—Armstrong, \$215.08; Chilliwack, \$317.16; Rose Hill, \$241.60; Edgewood, \$96.15; Grand Forks, \$126.65; Rock Creek, \$169.17; Courtenay, \$27; Errington, \$418.71; Pitt Meadows, work just begun; Fort George, \$205.85; Aldermere, \$215.12; North Nechako, \$340.75.

“*Horticultural Stations.*—Cowichan, nothing; Nanaimo, nothing; Hammond, nothing; Aldergrove, nothing; Salmon Arm, \$34.20; Birchbrook, nothing; Willow Point, nothing; Shuswap, nothing; New Denver, nothing; Rossland, nothing; Wardner, nothing; Waldo, nothing; Windermere, \$16.10; Golden, \$49.40; Nicola, \$18.11; Kelowna, \$36.07; Nelson, \$1.50; Salmon Arm, \$66.70; Vernon, \$59.53; Creston, nothing; Keating, nothing; Summerland, \$1,000; Chilliwack, \$171.46; Hatzic, \$159.25; Terrace, \$1,301.05; Lawn Hill, \$861.28; Bella Coola, \$735.31.

“6. Yes. The rental for the various plots is as follows:—

“*Field-crop Plots.*—Armstrong, \$60, paid to J. R. Wiglesworth, Armstrong; Chilliwack, \$100, paid to C. A. Gradner, Chilliwack; Rose Hill, \$40, paid to C. R. Green, Kamloops; Edgewood, \$40, paid to W. A. Calder, Edgewood; Grand Forks, \$60, paid to Grand Forks Agricultural Association; Rock Creek, \$50, paid to A. D. & C. McLennan, Rock Creek; Courtenay, \$8, paid to W. Duncan, Sandwick; Errington, none; Pitt Meadows, none; Fort George, none; Aldermere, none; North Nechako, none.

“*Horticultural Plots.*—Hatzic, \$45, paid to T. Catherwood, Hatzic.

“7. It is the intention of the Department to discontinue some of the field-crop lots. Others will be operated till the objects for which they have been started have been obtained. It is proposed to continue the horticultural plots at Wardner, Waldo, Windermere, New Denver, Kelowna, Nelson, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Creston, Keating, Summerland, and Hatzic.

“8. Revenue from field-crop plots for the year 1916 has been derived as follows: Armstrong, \$6; Chilliwack, \$226.50; Rose Hill, \$175.73; Edgewood, \$75; Grand Forks, \$40.25; Rock Creek, \$98.10. Revenue from horticultural plots as follows: Hatzic, \$3; Terrace, \$26.78.

“9. Yes. Results have varied, and on the whole have not been promising up to the present time.”

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

1. Was William Manson the first Superintendent of the Agricultural Aid Commission?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. What salary was paid him, and for what months?
4. Has he left said service?
5. If so, when?
6. Has a successor been appointed?
7. If so, when, and his name?
8. What age is his successor?
9. What salary is being paid him?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 25th, 1916.
- "3. An allowance of \$308.33 was made to Mr. Manson upon his retirement.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. March 31st, 1917.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Mr. Maxwell Smith appointed March 30th; effective April 1st.
- "8. Fifty-three years.
- "9. \$250 per month."

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

1. Is the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company a joint-stock company or a partnership?
2. If a joint-stock company, was it incorporated under the "Companies Act" of British Columbia?
3. If not incorporated as aforesaid, has it been either licensed or registered under said Act?
4. Who is the registered authorized agent of said company if so incorporated?
5. If not an incorporated company, is it a partnership, either limited or unlimited?
6. If a partnership, has the same been registered under the "Partnership Act"?
7. If so, when and where?
8. If a partnership, who are the members of the same and their respective nationalities and places of residence?
9. Are any or all of the members of said concern, if a partnership, members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia?
10. If not members of said Institute of Chartered Accountants, have any or all the members of said concern, if a partnership, passed in any Institute of Accountants recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia?

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

- "1. Partnership.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. Answered by No. 1.
- "6. No.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Government not in possession of full information.
- "9. Seven members of the firm are members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia, and the Resident Manager is President of the said Institute.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

On the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, seconded by Mr. *Whiteside*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 5 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented and received the 4th day of April, 1917, be adopted.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, section 2 was amended by inserting the words "Cassiar District" instead of "Range 5, Coast District," where latter words occur.

Report as amended adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

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Thursday, 12th April, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. B. *Osterhout*.

Mr. *Cowper* rose to speak to a question of privilege, stated to be that in debate yesterday the Member for Richmond had stated in his place, "That he, the sixth Member for Vancouver, had since his election as a Member of this House used his influence to obtain the appointment of a member of his family to a position in the Civil Service," and that he proposed to follow the matter up by moving the following Resolution:—

"That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all letters, memoranda, and applications (if any), whether marked 'Personal' or otherwise, addressed by J. S. *Cowper*, sixth Member for Vancouver, to any member of the Government requesting any appointment in the Civil Service of British Columbia for any member of his family."

Mr. Speaker *Weart* ruled that the motion did not disclose sufficient importance or urgency to allow the same to be moved without notice. (*See May*, 11th ed., pp. 271-276.)

Mr. *Cowper* appealed to the House from the ruling of the Chair.



The House divided, and the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Brewstér,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Keen,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

On the motion of Mr. *Cowper*, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence and documents in the possession of the Government relating to the dismissal of Deputy Game Warden James Stewart, of Mission, and to the application for employment and the appointment of F. W. Hughes, who was appointed to succeed the said James Stewart.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday, April 13th.

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

1. Has Frank B. Scott been acting as a bridge foreman in Cranbrook Riding?
2. When was he appointed?
3. Has he been dismissed?
4. If so, when, and by whom?
5. What were the reasons for his dismissal?
6. Who has been appointed in his place?
7. What experience has the new appointee had in this work?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes.
- “2. November 29th, 1916.
- “3. Yes.
- “4. March 17th, by Department.
- “5. In the public interest.
- “6. G. R. Leask.
- “7. Builder and contractor; many years' experience.”

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

1. How many applications for loans have been received by the Agricultural Credit Commission to date?
2. What is the total amount in money of such applications?
3. How many loans have been granted to date?
4. What is the total amount in money of loans granted?
5. What amount in cash has been paid out to borrowers on account of said loans?
6. What balance is now left from the first \$1,000,000 loan after deducting loans granted?
7. How many applications have been refused or withdrawn?

8. What is the total amount in money of applications refused or withdrawn?
9. How many applications have not yet been disposed of?
10. What is the total amount in money of applications not yet disposed of?
11. Are instalments of principal and interest due by borrowers being promptly paid?
12. How many have fallen due to date?
13. Are there any of such instalments in arrears; if so, how many, and amount of each?
14. Is it the intention of the Government to supply additional money to the Commission for agricultural loans?
15. If so, when will additional money be provided?

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

- " 1. 1,355.
  - " 2. \$2,751,590.
  - " 3. 375.
  - " 4. \$783,000.
  - " 5. \$299,651.47.
  - " 6. \$14,200.
  - " 7. 475.
  - " 8. \$1,020,350.
  - " 9. 505.
  - " 10. \$948,240.
  - " 11. Yes.
  - " 12. 20.
  - " 13. Three—\$225, \$54, \$54.
  - " 14. This is under consideration.
  - " 15. This is under consideration.
- " Answers 1 to 13 (inclusive) are furnished by the Agricultural Commission.—*J. O.*"

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did Mr. F. C. Wade personally or through any other person or persons representing the *Vancouver Sun*, either verbally or by written communication, at any time since the 24th day of November last make a proposal or suggestion to the Hon. the Premier, or any past member of the Government or any present member of the Government, that the Government or one or more departments should enter into a contract with said *Sun* newspaper for printing in the future amounting to \$25,000, or a larger or less sum?

2. Did said Wade or such other representative or representatives point out that if the *Sun* Company received this contract the company could take it and finance with its bankers as a result?

3. Did said Wade or any other person or persons acting for said *Sun* Company suggest that the Government Printing Office in Victoria be closed, or a portion of it, and the work of said Printing Office or a portion of it be transferred to the *Sun* office in Vancouver?

4. If so, what answer was given to said Wade or any other person or persons to said proposals?

5. If these suggestions were not made to the Premier personally, were same ever brought to his notice by any of his colleagues, either present or past, or by any other person or persons?

6. Did the Hon. the Premier communicate the purport of these proposals to any Member of this Legislature?

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

- " 1. No.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. As to closing office partially or wholly, no. Have been solicited by various printing companies, including the *Sun* Publishing Company, for such printing as the Government had to give out.
- " 4. No action taken.
- " 5. Answered by No. 3.
- " 6. As answered by No. 3, yes."

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The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act'" was considered.

Dr. *McIntosh* moved to insert the following as section 5:—

"5. Sections 3 and 4 of said chapter 18 are hereby amended by striking out the word 'four' from the fifth line of each section, and by substituting the word 'two' in lieu thereof."

Renumber section 5 of Bill.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors."

On the motion of Mr. *Thompson*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Friday, 13th April, 1917.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John G. Inkster*.

Mr. *Farris* presented a further interim report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Mr. *Farris* moved, That the report be received.

Mr. *Pooley* objected to the motion, on the ground that as the report was, on the admission of the Chairman, not the whole report as made by the Committee, the same was incomplete, was not the report of the Committee, and could not be received.

Mr. Speaker *Weart* sustained the objection.

The report was thereupon withdrawn.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next, April 17th, to consider the Resolution.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Widows and Children of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*.—

That all letters, papers, vouchers, and documents relating to the payment of \$7,920 to Andrew Laidlaw as a refund of moneys paid on account of lands purchased or sought to be purchased from the Province of British Columbia be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with instructions to inquire into the whole question of the payment of the moneys above referred to; and with further instructions to report to this House their findings as to the person or persons responsible for the payment before mentioned.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Ross*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

1. What was the practice on the 24th day of November last followed by the late Government dealing with allowances paid to members of the Civil Service who had enlisted for overseas service?
2. When was such practice discontinued?
3. What is the practice now followed by the present Government?
4. Has any person who has enlisted for overseas service since the 24th day of November last been given any allowance?
5. If so, who are they, and what are the reasons for giving same?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. The difference between military and civil pay, or a specified portion thereof, allowed to the dependents of Civil Servants on military duty; provided that such Civil Servants were permanent or had had twelve months' continuous service previous to the 4th day of August, 1914. Each case dealt with by the Civil Service Commission upon the production of an affidavit as to dependents, certificate of Commanding Officer, etc.

"2. Practice has not been discontinued, but a regulation was made on the 27th day of December, 1916, providing that before enlisting a Civil Servant must first obtain the permission of the head of the Department in which he is employed.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Yes.

"5. A. R. Bamford, N. P. Blandy, A. Davies, A. M. Exley, E. P. Fox, G. P. Goddard, R. N. C. Hemberow, B. Jones, J. R. Mountain, J. Pollard, J. M. Smith, N. Taylor, D. Thomas, F. M. Ward, and A. Waters. Regulations complied with in each case."

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

1. Who was employed on the 24th day of November last in the Attorney-General's Department proper?
2. When were these men appointed?
3. What salaries were paid to each official?
4. Who has been appointed to said staff since the 24th day of November last?
5. What salaries are paid to each new appointee?
6. Are they appointed permanently or temporarily?
7. What are their ages?
8. Where did they each reside before receiving such appointments?

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

"1. A. V. Pineo, W. B. Colvin, W. F. Bridge, and E. C. Wilderspin. (In addition, three clerks on active service.)

"2. A. V. Pineo, appointed April 1st, 1913; W. B. Colvin, appointed May, 1908; W. F. Bridge, appointed March, 1911; and E. C. Wilderspin, appointed August, 1911.

"3. A. V. Pineo, \$303.33 per month; W. B. Colvin, \$155 per month; W. F. Bridge, \$108 per month; and E. C. Wilderspin, \$108 per month.

"4. A. M. Johnson, G. L. MacInnes, Miss L. McLeod, Miss N. Grist, and Mrs. L. Digby. (In addition to above, H. Langley, Miss F. L. Wright, and Miss E. H. McGurran have been temporarily employed for short periods as stenographers. They are not now employed.)

"5. A. M. Johnson, \$335 per month; G. L. MacInnes, \$90 per month; Miss L. McLeod, \$80 per month; Miss N. Grist, \$2.50 per day; and Mrs. L. Digby, \$2.50 per day.

"6. A. M. Johnson and Miss L. McLeod, permanent; G. L. MacInnes, Miss N. Grist, and Mrs. L. Digby, temporary.

"7. A. M. Johnson, 47 years; G. L. MacInnes, 33 years; Miss L. McLeod, 28 years; Miss L. Grist, 20 years; and Mrs. L. Digby, 30 years.

"S. A. M. Johnson at Nelson; G. L. MacInnes at Vancouver; Miss L. McLeod at Nelson; Miss N. Grist at Victoria; and Mrs. L. Digby at Victoria."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has J. H. Doyle been appointed Sheriff of the Kootenay?
2. What salary is he being paid?
3. Where will his office be situated?
4. What is the age of said Doyle?

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

- "1. He has been appointed Sheriff of South Kootenay.
- "2. \$62.50 per month; fees under the Act governing and rules, obtained in addition.
- "3. No consideration given to changing office from Nelson to any other point.
- "4. Fifty-two years."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What position has G. D. McKay, of Vancouver, been occupying in the Forest Department?
2. When did he enter the employ of the Government?
3. What salary has he been paid?
4. Has he been dismissed?
5. If so, when?
6. Why was he dismissed?
7. What notice of dismissal did he receive?
8. Who has been appointed to succeed him?
9. How long has his successor been in the service?
10. What salary is his successor to receive?

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

- "1. District Forester, Vancouver.
- "2. Appointed Forest Ranger December 6th, 1907, after previous temporary employment.
- "3. \$210 per month.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Services terminate April 30th.
- "6. Change incidental to reorganization.
- "7. One month.
- "8. W. J. Van Dusen.
- "9. Since January, 1913.
- "10. Not yet fixed."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Was Allan McLean in the employ of the Forest Department at Vancouver?
2. How long has he been in the service?
3. Has he been dismissed?
4. If so, when?
5. Why was he dismissed?
6. What notice of dismissal did he receive?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Since October, 1909.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. At the end of the past fiscal year.
- "5. Position discontinued.
- "6. Notified at beginning of March."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Was C. A. Mix, of Grand Forks, employed in the Forest Branch?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What were his duties?
4. What salary was he paid?
5. Has he been dismissed?
6. Why was he dismissed?
7. What notice of dismissal did he receive?
8. Has a successor been appointed to take his place?
9. If so, what salary is he receiving?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April, 1913; previous temporary employment as Fire Warden.
- "3. Forest Ranger for Grand Forks section of Nelson Forest District.
- "4. \$108.33 per month.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Position abolished.
- "7. Two weeks.
- "8. No.
- "9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. What firm printed the Vancouver Voters' List in the late by-election in Vancouver?
2. Were tenders called for for this work?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

- "1. The *Sun* job presses.
- "2. No; price submitted by King's Printer accepted, which was the same as paid for similar work done in recent years."

Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Was all the work of construction done on Alberni branch of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway by sub-contractors?
2. If not, what part was not so done?
3. What are particulars of amount and character of such work not so done?
4. What are the names of sub-contractors on said line?
5. How much was paid to each?
6. How much has been released by Government with respect to construction of whole of said Alberni branch?
7. Was any money paid through Dominion Government loans by way of advances on this line?
8. If so, how much?
9. Was work on this branch done by unit prices?
10. If so, what was unit price in each case?
11. What is the total sum paid for each unit of construction by railway company to each sub-contractor?
12. What is total of amount released by Government on each unit?

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

- “1. No information available regarding sub-contractors.
- “2. Entire work of construction was done by contracting firms who tendered for same, being divided between different firms.
- “3. Answered by No. 2.
- “4. Answered by No. 1.
- “5. Answered by No. 1.
- “6. \$2,879,259.10.
- “7. No information.
- “8. Answered by No. 7.
- “9. Yes.
- “10. Each contracting firm had separate unit prices; it will require work going through estimates to answer this question fully, but information will be furnished with least possible delay.
- “11. Answered by No. 1.
- “12. Clearing, \$253,269; grubbing, \$23,610; grading, \$1,768,496; bridges and culverts, \$229,864.”

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

What is the total mileage of roads and also of trails under the supervision of the Government in each Provincial electoral district?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

“The mileage is compiled from the returns for the year ending March, 1916; the mileage for the new electoral districts has not been compiled: Alberni, 534 miles roads, 194 miles trails; Atlin, 308 miles roads, 375 miles trails; Cariboo, 2,376 miles roads, 213 miles trails; Chilliwack, 169 miles roads; Columbia, 373 miles roads, 645 miles trails; Comox, 347 miles roads, 53 miles trails; Cowichan, 188 miles roads; Cranbrook, 599 miles roads, 291 miles trails; Delta, 127 miles roads; Dewdney, 231 miles roads, 36 miles trails; Esquimalt, 372 miles roads, 25 miles trails; Fernie, 352 miles roads, 136 miles trails; Grand Forks, 339 miles roads, 67 miles trails; Greenwood, 170 miles roads, 27 miles trails; Islands, 233 miles roads, 6 miles trails; Kamloops, 1,627 miles roads, 45 miles trails; Kaslo, 197 miles roads, 571 miles trails; Lillooet, 1,605 miles roads, 506 miles trails; Nanaimo City, 53 miles roads; Newcastle, 219 miles roads; Okanagan, 1,361 miles roads, 676 miles trails; Revelstoke, 161 miles roads, 305 miles trails; Richmond, 163 miles roads, 90 miles trails; Similkameen, 826 miles roads, 337 miles trails; Skeena, 967 miles roads, 967 miles trails; Slocan, 241 miles roads, 287 miles trails; Yale, 735 miles roads, 152 miles trails; Ymir, 715 miles roads, 396 miles trails; total, 15,638 miles roads; total, 5,400 miles trails.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act, 1914’” was again committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to make Provision for a Mineral Survey of the Province of British Columbia and for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the said Province, including Provisions in Aid of Prospectors and Miners and for the Protection of Wage-earners and Investors.”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916.”

Mr. *Couper* moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was negatived.

After further debate, on the motion of Mr. *Ross* the debate was adjourned until Monday next.



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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,  
April 13th, 1917.*

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. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Complex Ore Process Aid Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Was Mr. Justice Gregory appointed by the late Government under the "Public Inquiries Act" to look into the claims of certain settlers in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt for under-surface rights?

2. What was the date of said appointment?

3. Did Mr. Justice Gregory proceed with said inquiry?

4. Has he finished said work?

5. If not, is he still carrying on the investigation?

6. If not carrying it on, why has he not done so?

7. Has he made any report, either interim or final?

8. If so, what is the nature of same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. August 2nd, 1916.

"3. Inquiry was started.

"4. No.

"5. No.

"6. The learned Commissioner advises that owing to the fact that the Commission to inquire into the claims arising out of the riots in the district of Nanaimo not being finished at date of August 23rd, 1916, when the Commission which is the subject of this inquiry was opened, the Commissioner found it impossible to proceed with this work. The sittings of this Commission were adjourned indefinitely, but subsequently resumed at Nanaimo on Monday, September 11th, 1916. The learned Commissioner sat on September 11th and 12th, 1916, when representations were made on behalf of a large number of settlers requesting adjournment for a considerable time, apparently in the hope that the scope of the Commission would be enlarged. Subsequently, on September 15th, 1916, the learned Commissioner was requested not to proceed for at least one month in order to give time for application to extend the scope of the Commission. The learned Commissioner advises that he continuously was engaged in taking evidence in the Riots Commission until the end of November, when his judicial duties rendered it impossible for him to do any further work under either Commission.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Answered by No. 6."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.