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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1957

Thursday, February 7th, 1957.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-fifth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable FRANK MACKENZIE ROSS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 24th day of October, 1956, the members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour FRANK MACKENZIE ROSS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Premier, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, that *Thomas James Irwin*, Esquire, first member for Delta Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *Thomas James Irwin* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by the Most Reverend *H. E. Sexton*, D.D., Archbishop of British Columbia.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read, as follows:—

“ *Re General Election, September 19th, 1956.* ”

“ OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., October 24th, 1956.

“ *E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,*

“ *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.* ”

“ SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 13th day of August, 1956, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

“ The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the ‘ Provincial Elections Act.’ ”

“ I transmit herewith the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of the members who were elected in the respective electoral districts.

“ Yours very truly,

“ R. A. PENNINGTON,

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.* ”

(ENCLOSURE.)

“ October 24th, 1956.

“ *R. A. Pennington, Esq., O.B.E.,*

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*

“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.* ”

“ *Re General Election, September 19th, 1956.* ”

“ SIR,—The twenty-fourth Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on August 13th, 1956, and Writs calling for a General Election were issued on August 13th, 1956, and made returnable October 20th. The day for the nomination of candidates was set for September 5th, with Polling Day being September 19th, 1956.

“ I hereby certify that from the returns received members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective electoral districts as are hereinafter set forth, viz.:—

ALBERNI.....	Stanley John Squire.
ATLIN.....	William James Asselstine.
BURNABY.....	{ Ernest Edward Winch.
	} Gordon Hudson Dowding.
CARIBOO.....	William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd.
CHILLIWACK.....	William Kenneth Kiernan.
COLUMBIA.....	Richard Orr Newton.
COMOX.....	Daniel R. J. Campbell.
COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE.....	Robert Martin Strachan.
CRANBROOK.....	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
DELTA.....	{ Thomas James Irwin.
	} N. George Massey.
DEWDNEY.....	Lyle Wicks.
ESQUIMALT.....	Herbert Joseph Bruch.
FERNIE.....	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE.....	Ray Gillis Williston.

GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD.....	Lois Mabel Haggan.
KAMLOOPS.....	Philip Arthur Gaglardi.
KASLO-SLOCAN.....	Randolph Harding.
LILLOOET.....	Donald Frederick Robinson.
MACKENZIE.....	Anthony John Gargrave.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS.....	Earle Cathers Westwood.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Wesley Drewett Black.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Rae Eddie.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Lorne Hugh Shantz.
NORTH PEACE RIVER.....	Harold Earl Roche.
NORTH VANCOUVER.....	{ John Melvin Bryan.
	{ Newton Phillips Steacy.
OAK BAY.....	Philip Archibald Gibbs.
OMINECA.....	Cyril Morley Shelford.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	William Harvey Murray.
REVELSTOKE.....	Arvid W. Lundell.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Robert Edward Sommers.
SAANICH.....	John Douglas Tisdalle.
SALMON ARM.....	James Allan Reid.
SIMILKAMEEN.....	Francis Xavier Richter.
SKEENA.....	Hugh Addison Shirreff.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER.....	Stanley Carnell.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	{ Eric Charles Fitzgerald Martin.
	{ Bert Price.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	{ Leslie Raymond Peterson.
	{ Alexander Small Matthew.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	{ Arthur James Turner.
	{ Frederick Morton Sharp.
	{ Robert William Bonner.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	{ Thomas Audley Bate.
	{ Buda Hosmer Brown.
	{ William Neelands Chant.
VICTORIA CITY.....	{ John Donald Smith.
	{ George Frederick Thompson Gregory.
YALE.....	Irvine Finlay Corbett.

“ F. HURLEY,
“ Chief Electoral Officer.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*, it was Ordered,—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*,—

That the appointment of *Denzil Greensted Ashby* as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly, vice *E. A. Jamieson*, made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of his Executive Council on the 7th day of December, 1956, be ratified.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the appointment of *Ian M. Horne*, barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, of Victoria, B.C., as the Law Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, vice William Berkeley Monteith, made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of his Executive Council on the 22nd day of January, 1957, be ratified.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect (standing on His Honour's right) then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the First Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia.

Last month the people of the Province suffered a great loss in the passing of a valued counsellor, Mr. Ernest Edward Winch, who had represented the constituency of Burnaby since 1933.

Mr. Winch will not only be mourned by his constituents, but by all those who knew his unselfish and untiring devotion to public affairs.

During the past year British Columbia has been favoured with a visit from Field Marshal the Right Honourable Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

Also during the year, we have enjoyed the opportunity of welcoming Right Honourable S. G. Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the Right Honourable A. R. W. Low, Minister of State, Board of Trade, United Kingdom.

As a result of a great increase in the population of British Columbia, a redistribution of seats for this Legislature was approved at a previous Session.

The total membership in the House is fifty-two members.

Since last you met, two new Ministers have been appointed—the Honourable Leslie Raymond Peterson, Minister of Education, and the Honourable Earle Cathers Westwood, Minister of Trade and Industry.

Because of the growing importance of the tourist industry and the tremendous industrial expansion in British Columbia, my Government deems it advisable to set up two new departments—the Department of Recreation and Conservation and the other to be known as the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, thus eliminating the present Department of Trade and Industry.

To this end you will be asked to approve an amendment to the “Constitution Act.”

As it is my Government's policy to encourage exploration and the development of our natural resources, the Department of Mines is being reorganized.

My Government is exploring every possible means of encouraging the development of a basic iron- and steel-smelting industry within British Columbia.

Certain measures will be laid before you that are designed to hasten this development.

In relation to our rapidly expanding oil and natural-gas development in British Columbia, you will be asked to give consideration to certain steps that will assure the Province not only of continued development in this field, but also of wise and practical conservation of this resource.

It is with gratification that I note that my Government has removed the tolls on passengers crossing on bridges operated by the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority.

The Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge was opened last year.

This coming summer it is planned to open the Middle Arm Bridge and the Oak Street Bridge system in the Vancouver area. The bridge at Nelson will likewise be opened.

Favourable progress is being made on the Deas Island Tunnel, the Second Narrows Bridge, and the Okanagan Lake Bridge.

My Government has signed with the Federal Government an extension of the Trans-Canada Highway Agreement, which calls for a new route through Rogers Pass in the Selkirk Range and a new route crossing the Fraser River east of the Pattullo Bridge, thence by new arterial highway to the Second Narrows Bridge and Horseshoe Bay.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway extension from Squamish to North Vancouver was officially opened last August, and the northern extension from Prince George to Dawson Creek and Fort St. John is now under construction.

Last year the Pacific Great Eastern Railway had its best financial year in history, showing record gross revenue and operating profit.

The Haney Correctional Institution will be opened during the early fall of this year.

My Government is giving consideration to enlarging the jurisdiction of the County Courts, also adding to the number of Justices of the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

The remission of gasoline tax which previously applied to ex-servicemen amputees has been extended to include all amputees.

Easements have been made in the application of the social services tax on equipment used in the exploration for oil, natural gas, and minerals within the Province.

The tax burden on home-owners will be greatly lessened by proposed legislation which will grant each resident home-owner a maximum tax-relief grant of \$28 per year.

Larger grants to municipalities will be made as a direct result of increased census figures, and you will be asked to consider legislation abolishing road and poll tax on non-property-owners.

The direct debt of the Province has again been substantially reduced, resulting in substantial decreases in annual debt charges.

During the past year, conferences on Federal-Provincial fiscal affairs have improved slightly the original terms proposed with respect to a Federal-Provincial Tax Rental Agreement. Legislation will be submitted for a Provincial tax on insurance-premium income of corporations to occupy the tax field to be vacated by the Government of Canada.

My Government has given much thought to the welfare of the Native Indians of this Province, and in this connection existing legislation will be presented to the Legislature for amendment.

My Government has been gravely concerned with the welfare of blind workmen and will propose legislation providing compensation in the event they are injured.

You will be asked to approve amending legislation which will provide authority for the extension of hospital insurance benefits to cover certain chronic care.

A revision and consolidation of municipal legislation will be submitted to you for your consideration.

Much thought and study has been given to the training of our youth so that they may in time become skilled craftsmen.

Through co-operation between the Department of Education and the Department of Labour, my Government will launch upon a greatly expanded and accelerated programme of apprenticeship vocational training.

You will be asked to consider new highway traffic regulations.

It is a matter of deep concern to my Government that farmers' net income is not commensurate with the buoyant state of our general economy.

My Government continues to explore avenues through which farmers and ranchers may achieve and maintain a position of nearer parity comparable to that enjoyed by those engaged in other industries.

My Government continues to press the Government of Canada to exercise three Statutes of Federal responsibility: Long-term loans at reasonable interest rate, revision of the anti-dumping regulations in the matter of fruit and vegetables, retention of freight assistance of feed-grains for live stock and poultry. Also to press the Government of Canada to provide legislation that would permit Federal financial participation on a Canada-wide basis for the reclamation of lands for farm use through clearing, irrigation, drainage or dyking, and rehabilitation of existing works and control of soil and river-bank erosion.

My Government is appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada and Governor-General in Council the recent decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners in the matter of freight rates on feed-grains moving to British Columbia.

Legislation will be introduced at this Session to provide that financial assistance may be given to lower the cost of moving feed-grains from the Peace River area over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for the use of the farmers and ranchers engaged in live-stock and poultry production in other areas of the Province.

Assistance under the "Distress Area Assistance Act," 1956, was made available to small-fruit growers, nursery stock, and live-stock owners on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island during last year.

By arrangement with the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of British Columbia, a study has been made of the vegetable industry operated in the Interior of the Province.

Dean Earl MacPhee, Director of the School of Commerce at the University of British Columbia, was appointed sole Commissioner to inquire into the marketing of tree-fruits in British Columbia.

Mr. Justice Lord, sole Commissioner, continues to investigate the status of lands formerly owned by Doukhobors in British Columbia.

Chief Justice Sloan has been sole Commissioner to investigate matters affecting our forest resources, and my Government is looking forward to receiving his report in due course.

My Government is submitting the "Milk Industry Act," 1956, to the Court of Appeal, under the provisions of the "Constitutional Determination Act."

Establishment of an Agricultural Services Centre will proceed during the year 1957 to demonstrate work in horticulture, field crops, and random testing of poultry.

Amendments to various Acts will be submitted to you.

The Public Accounts and reports of various departments of my Government will be laid before you.

The ways and means for supply to be granted to Her Majesty during the ensuing year embody measures designed to cope fully with current needs, the economic growth experienced in the Province, and the Federal credit restrictions now prevalent.

I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties with full confidence that your deliberations under Divine guidance will be in the best interests of each and all our citizens.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agent-General Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to

time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, Messrs. *I. F. Corbett*, *R. M. Strachan*, and *P. A. Gibbs*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That *A. S. Matthew*, Esquire, second member for Vancouver Centre Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House express its sincere regret at the death of Ernest Edward Winch, member for the Electoral District of Burnaby, and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Winch and the family of the late member the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a silent standing vote.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary)—

Return in accordance with the provisions of Section 199 of the “Provincial Elections Act, 1953,” Chapter 5 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1953 (Second Session).

Third Interim Report of His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord on the Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province of British Columbia, dated June 11th, 1956.

Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Civil Service Superannuation Act” during the Fiscal Year 1955–56.

First Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act” for the Year ended March 31st, 1956.

Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Teachers’ Pensions Act” during the Period January 1st, 1955, to December 31st, 1955.

Annual Report of the Director of Provincial Mental Health Services for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956.

Profit and Loss Statement of the Department of the Queen’s Printer for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General)—

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

The Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1955.

The Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

The Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1956.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956.

The Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months’ Period ended September 30th, 1956.

By the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 63 of Chapter 175, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," from January 19th, 1956, to February 4th, 1957.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956.

The Report of the Purchasing Commission from January 1st, 1956.

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," Chapter 348, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956.

The Report submitted in accordance with Section 53 of the "Administration Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," of Returns by Official Administrators of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them from January 1st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956.

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

By the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1956.

By the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* (Minister of Highways)—

Highways Report, 1955-56.

By the Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Labour)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Labour of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

By the Hon. *E. C. Westwood* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Vancouver General Hospital, 1955.

Eleventh Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

Eighty-fourth Report of Vital Statistics for the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1955.

Eighty-third Report of Vital Statistics for the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1954.

Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1956.

Eighth Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1st to December 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* (Minister of Fisheries)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)—

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1956.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.58 p.m.

Friday, February 8th, 1957.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. MacPherson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Strachan*, seconded by Mr. *Turner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, February 7th, be amended by inserting after the words "a debate arose," in the fourth paragraph on page 3, the following:—

"In the debate Mr. *Strachan* raised a point of order, namely, that the principal motion was not in order in that the House had no knowledge that a vacancy existed.

"Mr. Speaker overruled his point of order.

"The ruling of the Speaker was sustained.

"Mr. *Gregory* rose to a point of privilege while Mr. *Strachan* was in possession of the floor.

"Mr. Speaker ruled that a point of privilege be not raised while another member has possession of the floor.

"Principal motion agreed to."

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Campbell* (Comox) moved, seconded by Mrs. *Brown* (Vancouver-Point Grey),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.31 p.m.

Monday, February 11th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* made the following statement:—

“As a result of the publicity attending the recent change in the position of Law Clerk, the Government feels obliged to make the following statement:—

“A change has been made and recommended to this House in the position of Law Clerk because it was learned with disapproval that the prior incumbent, while acting as adviser to the Private Bills Committee, was on more than one occasion acting at the same time privately for the petitioner for a Private Bill before the same Committee. For example, in 1955 a bill was rendered to a petitioner in the following terms:—

“ “ To professional services, all services as Parliamentary Counsel and agent, revising and settling Bill as introduced, settling amendments to be made in Committee of the Whole House, and advising as to resisting proposed Governmental amendments, including supervising printing of Bill at all stages and all attendances, conferences, letters, etc., \$150; plus long-distance telephone calls, \$5.40; total, \$155.40.”

“ It is felt that this House is entitled to disinterested service from its officers and action to this end has been taken.’ ”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Mr. Strachan moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Harding*,—

That the motion moved by the honourable member for Comox and seconded by the honourable third member for Vancouver-Point Grey in reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding the words “ but this House is deeply concerned at the crisis which now faces the University of British Columbia. We believe that the University of British Columbia is recognized as one of the outstanding educational institutions in the country. We are hopeful that it can remain so. We regret that the Speech from the Throne gave no indication that the Government proposes to act with dispatch in helping the University to maintain its present standards by the immediate allocation of sufficient funds to meet the needs of to-day and the morrow.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

Gregory
Gibbs
Squire

Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Uphill
Nimsick
Haggen, Mrs.

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Mathew</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Stacey</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 1957, and on all following days of the Session, there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

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 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *McDonald*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

In the debate the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, by leave of the House, tabled the following document: "Memorandum of Intention made this 11th day of November, 1956, between Birger Strid, Director, of Stockholm, Sweden, and Bernard Gore, Director, of London, England (hereinafter referred to as 'the Principals'), acting on behalf of Axel Wenner-Gren, of Stockholm, of the First Part, and the Government of the Province of British Columbia, represented by the Minister of Finance, of the Second Part."

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

By the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*—

Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board (including the Agricultural Credit Commission) for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

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

1. Are all processors of poultry for domestic consumption subject to British Columbia Government regulations which require Provincial health inspection of poultry prior to processing, health of employees engaged in processing, and sanitary conditions of processing plants?

2. If such inspection is required, are all processors permitted by the British Columbia Department of Agriculture to label processed poultry as “ approved ” by your inspectorate for domestic consumption?

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. No; there are no Provincial regulations at present which require poultry for intra-Provincial consumption to be inspected for health. All poultry processing plants are required to be registered under Canada Department of Agriculture regulations for the purpose of grading and marking the poultry processed. Premises and equipment must meet standards similar to those required by the Health of Animals Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, before such registration is granted. At present 43 per cent of all poultry processed in British Columbia registered stations is inspected by veterinarians of the Health of Animals Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture.”

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 5.34 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Senior Captain *C. Frayne*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1956, in compliance with the provisions of the "Public Works Act."

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 5.46 p.m.

Thursday, February 14th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. M. Hubbard*.

On the motion of Mr. *Dowding*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Mr. *Strachan* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, matters arising out of the disclosures made in this House by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests regarding the memorandum of intention consummated between the Minister of Finance and the principals acting on behalf of Axel Wenner-Gren, of Stockholm. He then handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the statement did not disclose a definite matter of urgent public importance.

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

The House divided.

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

YEAS—37.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Bruch</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>		

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Dowding* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

“By adding at the end of the motion moved by the honourable member for Comox the following: That this House regrets that the matters arising out of the disclosures made by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Resources respecting a certain memorandum of intention, dated the 11th day of November, 1956, and made between the Hon. the Minister of Finance and Mr. Birger Strid and Mr. Bernard Gore as principals for one Axel Wenner-Gren were not disclosed to this House in the Speech from the Throne.”

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 14th, 1957.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session and the adjourned debate on the motion to amend the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, moved by Mr. *Dowding* at the last sitting, as follows: “By adding at the end of the motion moved by the honourable member for Comox the following: That this House regrets that the matters arising out of the disclosures made by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Resources respecting a certain memorandum of intention, dated the 11th day of November, 1956, and made between the Hon. the Minister of Finance and Mr. Birger Strid and Mr. Bernard Gore as principals for one Axel Wenner-Gren were not disclosed to this House in the Speech from the Throne.”

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered* that the question be now put.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

NAYS—37.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Cherwynd</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Bruch</i>			

PAIR:

Messieurs

Gibbs *Corbett*

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, the debate on the main motion was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 a.m.

Friday, February 15th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. Foreman*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* (on behalf of Mr. *Sharp*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 7th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 15th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 7th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS. — Messrs. *Matthew* (Convener), *Bryan*, *Campbell*, *Corbett*, *Price*, *Sharp*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, Messrs. *Eddie*, *Turner*, *Gregory*, and *Uphill*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Corbett* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Lundell*, *Matthew*, *Murray*, *Sharp*, *Smith*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, Messrs. *Harding*, *Nimsick*, *Strachan*, and *Gibbs*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS. — Messrs. *Bate* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Carnell*, *Roche*, *Shirreff*, *Sommers*, *Stacey*, *Nimsick*, Mrs. *Haggen*, and Mr. *Gibbs*.

AGRICULTURE. — Messrs. *Richter* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Newton*, *Reid*, *Roche*, *Shantz*, *Shelford*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Strachan*, and *Gregory*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Bruch* (Convener), *Bate*, *Bryan*, *Lundell*, *Massey*, *Price*, *Reid*, *Richter*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, Mrs. *Brown*, Messrs. *Eddie*, *Nimsick*, *Squire*, *Turner*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Shantz* (Convener), *Corbett*, *Massey*, *Murray*, *Newton*, *Stacey*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Gargrave*, and *Gregory*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Shirreff* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Campbell*, *Murray*, *Robinson*, *Smith*, *Sommers*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Messrs. *Eddie*, *Squire*, *Gregory*, and *Uphill*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Price* (Convener), *Bate*, *Bruch*, *Massey*, *Robinson*, *Shelford*, the Hon. *L. Wicks*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Gargrave*, *Harding*, Mrs. *Haggen*, and Mr. *Gibbs*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of Minnie Mead May, liquidator of Gibson Mining Company Limited (Non-Personal Liability) for leave to introduce a Private Bill for restoration of property and redress and compensation.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the petition of C. James Abrams, James J. Behan, John C. Broatch, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia."

Mr. *Matthew* presented the petition of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries."

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of John A. Newson, John F. Kelly, John W. Toogood, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to validate the Articles

of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club.”

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.’”

Mr. *Murray* presented the petition of Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945.’”

Mr. *Smith* presented the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

Mr. *Stacey* presented the petition of Black Ball Ferries Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.’”

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. G. Williston* presented a corrected copy of the “Memorandum of Intention made this 11th day of November, 1956, between Birger Strid, Director, of Stockholm, Sweden, and Bernard Gore, Director, of London, England (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Principals’), acting on behalf of Axel Wenner-Gren, of Stockholm, of the First Part, and the Government of the Province of British Columbia, represented by the Minister of Finance, of the Second Part,” tabled the 12th day of February, 1957, and in substitution therefor.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

Monday, February 18th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. D. Smith*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Central Park Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Centennial Celebrations Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Ladner Bridge Agreement Modification Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. N. Chant*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act.’”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Haggen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following petitions were *Ordered* to be received:—

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of Minnie Mead May, liquidator of Gibson Mining Company Limited (Non-Personal Liability), for leave to introduce a Private Bill for restoration of property and redress and compensation.

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of C. James Abrams, James J. Behan, John C. Broatch, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of John A. Newson, John F. Kelly, John W. Toogood, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to validate the Articles of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Murray*—the petition of Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*—the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

On the motion of Mr. *Steacy*—the petition of Black Ball Ferries Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.’”

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 5.44 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Smith*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act,'" standing on the Order Paper in his name, was withdrawn.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 18th, 1957.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Compensation to Blind Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Disease contracted in the Course of their Employment," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18th, 1957.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for Compensation to Blind Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Disease contracted in the Course of their Employment," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act establishing a Committee to consider Matters regarding the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18th, 1957.

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. 4) intituled "An Act establishing a Committee to consider Matters regarding the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Higgins*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* presented the Report of Study of Rain-making Machines pursuant to Resolution of the Legislature of British Columbia, March 2nd, 1956.

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 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1957.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Thursday, February 21st, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brigadier *C. J. Milley*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—Yesterday I had occasion to speak to a member when he made reference to a certain Statute. Further to what I then had to say, and in order to give the point more clarity, I quote a passage taken from Sir Erskine May's "Parliamentary Practice," 15th edition, at pages 436–37, as follows:—

"*Against a Statute*.—Disrespectful or abusive mention of a Statute would seem to be partly open to the same objections as improper language applied to Parliament itself; for it imputes discredit to the Legislature which passed it, and has a tendency to bring the law into contempt; though the necessity of the repeal of a law justifies, as an argument for that course, its condemnation in debate."

This does not mean that suggestions for an amendment cannot be made, and it is quite clear that on a substantive motion, for instance on a Bill for repeal or amendment, words impugning the Statute may be used.

Obiter dicta, I quote our own Standing Order No. 40, subsection (3):—

"(3) No member shall reflect upon any vote of the House passed during the current Session, except for the purpose of moving that such vote be rescinded."

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—38.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>		

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>		

PAIR:

Messieurs

Steacy

Gibbs

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, seconded by the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and report its findings to this House.

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* presented the Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

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

In each of the years 1946 to 1956, how many motor-vehicles were registered in British Columbia and what percentage were registered on Vancouver Island?

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

Licence Year.	Total Motor-vehicles in British Columbia.	Total Motor-vehicles on Vancouver Island.	Percentage on Vancou- ver Island.
" 1946.....	147,196	31,915	21.58
1947.....	175,320	36,003	20.54
1948.....	197,590	40,497	20.44
1949.....	225,327	46,065	20.44
1950.....	265,703	52,825	19.88
1951.....	287,273	56,393	19.63
1952.....	317,553	61,972	19.52
1953.....	345,005	61,963	17.96
1954.....	367,967	65,930	17.92
1955.....	405,578	72,236	17.81
1956 (March 1st, 1956–January 31st, 1957)....	447,981	79,402	17.72 "

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 5.58 p.m.

Friday, February 22nd, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. J. Jones*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1955–56 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1958;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1957;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1956, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1957.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Insurance Premiums," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1957.

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. 13) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Insurance Premiums," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Grants to Residential Home-owners," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1957.

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. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Grants to Residential Home-owners," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1957.

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. 16) 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 after to-day.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1957.

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. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Governments of Canada and the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 22nd, 1957.

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. 18) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Governments of Canada and the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 22nd, 1957.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Logging Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Report of the Civil Service Commission, Province of British Columbia, from January 1st to December 31st, 1956.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.