

Friday, 5th March, 1915.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Mr. MacKenzie presented the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 5th, 1915.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture beg leave to report as follows:—

The Committee on Agriculture held nine meetings. The Committee recommended to the Government that the bounty on panthers should be raised to twenty-five dollars on Vancouver Island, and that a bounty of two cents be paid on ground-squirrels in the districts affected by these animals.

The Committee also recommended that Provincial constables should act as Brand Inspectors in districts where there was not sufficient work for a special Brand Inspector.

Also that the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and the Hon. the Minister of Railways be asked to use their best endeavour to have the Canadian Northern Railway operated between Port Mann and Hope, with a view to the transportation of lime from the quarry at Popcum to the farmers on the Lower Fraser.

The Committee also laid before the Executive Council the necessity of the continuation of grants to Agricultural Associations.

Also the needs of the farmers and pre-emptors as to the removal of the royalty on shingle-bolts and cordwood.

Also the "Noxious Weeds Act" was redrafted and carried through the House with the consent of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, and the Committee recommended that the Government should take care of the weeds growing on the public highways.

Seventeen delegations were received, and their requests taken up with the various departments affected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK J. MACKENZIE, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Mr. H. E. Forster asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Were any cattle condemned for bovine tuberculosis by Provincial veterinarians during the years 1912, 1913, and 1914, and were any of such cattle sent to Swift Canadian Company's abattoir at Eburne?

2. Was anything, and how much, paid for said cattle by Swift Canadian Company?

3. How many animals were destroyed in their fertilizer-tank?

4. How much was paid for the hides from the same?

5. How much was paid for the by-products from the same?

6. Were any of the carcasses of these animals hung up in their cold-storage room to be used for food for the residents of Vancouver and other places?

7. How much per head or per pound was paid by them for these carcasses which were for human consumption?

8. What was the average wholesale market price, per head or per pound, for beef at the time these carcasses were bought by them?

9. Were a number of the animals so slaughtered valuable dairy stock and in some cases registered as pure-bred?

10. How many cattle were condemned in Kent Municipality during the last three months?

11. What price was paid the owners as compensation for the same by the Government?

12. What became of these cattle?

13. If sold, to whom sold?
14. What price was received by the Government for the same?
15. Is one S. L. Brown in the employ of the Government?
16. If so, in what capacity, and at what salary?
17. Have any of the above cattle been slaughtered and sold for human consumption?
18. Who attended on behalf of the Government to sale to the Swift Canadian Company of cattle condemned under the tuberculin test during the years 1912, 1913, and 1914?
19. Did the Department of Agriculture have any agent or inspector to attend to such sale?
20. If so, was it the duty of such agent or inspector to deal on behalf of the Government as to price to be paid by Swift Canadian Company for such cattle?
21. Was it his duty to keep account of such sale in all its particulars?
22. Was it his duty to see that certain carcasses were destroyed, and keep account of the number of the same?
23. Was it his duty to keep account of the carcasses passed as fit for human consumption?
24. Was he in a position to know whether any of the above-mentioned cattle were valuable dairy stock or registered as pure-bred?
25. Can he supply the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture with the information necessary so that he can answer without further delay questions 1 to 6 and 9, or any of them?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$726.55.
- "3. Forty-three.
- "4. Nothing. Hides are given for disposal of carcass, by consent of owner.
- "5. Nothing. By-products are also given for disposal of carcass, by consent of owner.
- "6. Yes, those that passed inspection.
- "7. Two to eight cents per pound.
- "8. Five to eight cents per pound, according to quality.
- "9. Yes, a small percentage.
- "10. Fifty-six.
- "11. \$2.447.
- "12. Some destroyed; others sold.
- "13. S. L. Brown, Vancouver, and R. E. Mandale, Mission City.
- "14. Nothing. Payment was made direct to owners of cattle.
- "15. No.
- "16. Answered by No. 15.
- "17. Yes, those that passed inspection.
- "18. Dr. Alton, Dr. White, and Dr. McKay attended for inspection of cattle.
- "19. Answered by No. 18.
- "20. No. Cattle are disposed of to best advantage.
- "21. Yes.
- "22. Yes.
- "23. Yes.
- "24. Yes.
- "25. Yes."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Agriculture and providing for the Incorporation and Regulation of Agricultural Associations and making Provision for Agricultural Credits."

The debate was again adjourned to the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments. Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.
 Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *Price Ellison* 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 ratify the Issue and Sale of certain Treasury Bills and to provide for the Repayment of the same," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
5th March, 1915.

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. 84) intituled "An Act to ratify the Issue and Sale of certain Treasury Bills and to provide for the Repayment of the same," 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. the Minister of Finance presented the Annual Report on Agriculture for the year 1914.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the Use of Water by Pulp and Paper Companies" was committed.

Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed.
 Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* 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 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
5th March, 1915.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" 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.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Cariboo" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting Contracts relating to Land" a debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to resume it again at 8 p.m.

Friday, 5th March, 1915.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Sittings resumed.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting Contracts relating to Land" was continued.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the Rice Lake Land in North Vancouver" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Fort George" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Mackay.</i>

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

MacLean, *Place,* *Williams,* *Behnsen.*
Forster, H. E.,

Bill committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to ratify the Issue and Sale of certain Treasury Bills and to provide for the Repayment of the same" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was recommitted.

Reported with amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Agriculture and providing for the Incorporation and Regulation of Agricultural Associations and making Provision for Agricultural Credits."

Bill read a second time and committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at next sitting:—

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Employment Agencies Act.'"
Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act.'"
Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"
Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Street-lighting."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting Contracts relating to Land" was committed.

Reported with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 2.50 a.m.

Saturday, 6th March, 1915.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, under Resolution of the House passed last Session, "It was resolved that the Speaker and the Clerk of the House be authorized to report and have printed the Speakers' decisions up to date."

The report of these decisions, covering the period 1872 to 1914, is completed, and has been in the Printer's hands for some time, but owing to pressure of other work the printing has been delayed.

Mr. *Place* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

Whereas the lamentable failure of the Dominion Trust Company is causing great hardship and suffering in the Province:

And whereas a belief exists that the "Trust Companies Act" was not enforced:

And whereas it would appear that the Attorney-General is not in a position to equitably enforce the law:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House censures the Government for its failure to take such steps as would secure an impartial inquiry, and thereby discover the persons responsible for this deplorable condition of affairs.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—2.

Messieurs

Place,

Williams.

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw</i> ,	<i>Manson, Wm.</i> ,	<i>Bowser</i> ,	<i>Campbell</i> ,
<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>Tisdall</i> ,	<i>McBride</i> ,	<i>Taylor</i> ,
<i>Manson, Michael</i> ,	<i>Jackson</i> ,	<i>Shatford</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> ,
<i>Lucas</i> ,	<i>Cauley</i> ,	<i>Thomson</i> ,	<i>Hayward</i> ,
<i>MacLean</i> ,	<i>Caven</i> ,	<i>Schofield</i> ,	<i>Mackay</i> ,
<i>Wood</i> ,	<i>Pooley</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Behnsen</i> .

The Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered.

Mr. *Wm. Manson* moved to amend section 20 by inserting after the word "such," in the sixth line, the words "sum or."

Carried.

Mr. *Wm. Manson* moved to add as subsection (3) of section 246 as contained in section 40 of the Bill:—

"(3.) Notwithstanding the failure of the collector of any municipality to levy in any year delinquent taxes and subsequent taxes in arrear, the collector shall have the right to enforce, by any of the remedies provided by said chapter 52, the collection of such taxes which became delinquent prior to the date of the passing of this Act, together with all costs, interest, and charges."

And to renumber the following subsections.

Carried.

Mr. *Wm. Manson* moved to add after section 52 the following as section 53:—

“ 53. Said chapter 52 is hereby further amended by adding the following to section 364:—

“(2.) In the case of expropriation of land, if the person upon whom notice is to be served is absent from the Province, application may be made by the Municipal Council to a Judge of the Supreme Court or to the Judge of the County Court for the county in which the municipality is situate, for an order for substitutional service of such notice, and if such order be granted compliance therewith shall be deemed to be good service of such notice.”

And to renumber the following sections.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act respecting the Use of Water by Pulp and Paper Companies” was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following to section 3:—

“Provided that the benefits of this section shall not be claimed by nor granted to any company owning or controlling the land and buildings of the town or village tributary to the said pulp or paper works.”

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

What amount of money was expended on the Pacific Highway between Blaine and New Westminster?

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

“ 1910-11	\$	33 75
1911-12		34,092 76
1912-13		39,965 00
1913-14		48,317 57
1914-15 to date		11,896 20
Total		\$134,305 28”

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to incorporate the City of Fort George” was again committed.

Reported with amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shops Regulation Act’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Employment Agencies Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* 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 provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

25th February, 1915.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Street-lighting" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Workmen engaged in Industrial Operations" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was discharged.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday, 6th February, 1915.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
- (No. 6) An Act relating to the Licensing of Kelp-reduction Works.
- (No. 7) An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting Contracts relating to Land.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Moving Pictures Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province.
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Iron Placer Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to modify the Provisions of the "Forest Act" in relation to Special Timber Licences.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Benevolent Societies Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant Relief from Penalties and Forfeitures in relation to Moneys payable to the Crown, and in relation to other Similar Matters.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Master and Servant Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Execution Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Plans Cancellation Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Line Fences Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Statute of Limitations."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Religious Institutions Act."
- (No. 30) An Act for the Protection of Workmen engaged in Industrial Operations.
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Special Surveys Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Motor-traffic Regulation Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Sandon Receivership Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Court Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Pound District Act."
- (No. 42) An Act respecting Noxious Weeds.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Land Act."

- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
 (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
 (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Drainage and Dyking Act."
 (No. 50) An Act respecting the City of New Westminster, British Columbia.
 (No. 51) An Act to validate certain Municipal By-laws of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.
 (No. 52) An Act legalizing the Payment by the City of North Vancouver of certain Moneys, and annexing District Lot 272 and the Foreshore in Front of said District Lot.
 (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."
 (No. 56) An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers, and to validate certain By-laws.
 (No. 57) An Act to incorporate the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia.
 (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act."
 (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
 (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act."
 (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Married Women's Property Act."
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Employment Agencies Act."
 (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
 (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
 (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
 (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Distress Act."
 (No. 72) An Act respecting Agriculture and providing for the Incorporation and Regulation of Agricultural Associations and making Provision for Agricultural Credits.
 (No. 73) An Act to incorporate the City of Fort George.
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
 (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
 (No. 76) An Act respecting the Rice Lake Land in North Vancouver.
 (No. 77) An Act respecting the Use of Water by Pulp and Paper Companies.
 (No. 79) An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Cariboo.
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Railway Act."
 (No. 82) An Act respecting Rural Street-lighting.
 (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
 (No. 84) An Act to ratify the Issue and Sale of certain Treasury Bills and to provide for the Repayment of the same.

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."

The Clerk of the House then read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 19) An Act to amend the "Pool-rooms Act."

His Honour was pleased to withhold his assent thereto.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor withholds his assent to this Bill and reserves the same until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto."

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It affords me pleasure, in relieving you from your Legislative duties, to give expression to my appreciation of the zeal and care you have displayed in dealing with the various matters that have engaged your attention during the present Session.

Among the important measures with which you have dealt, the Agricultural Credits Act should inure to the general production of the means of life throughout the Province, and materially assist in furthering settlement upon the land.

The Act conferring certain powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting contracts relating to land should prevent undue pressure being exercised upon those who have unavoidably suffered through the financial stress occasioned by world-wide conditions attendant upon the situation in Europe.

By the amendment to the “Constitution Act,” five additional Members are added to your numbers and adequate representation given to sections of the Province whose growth has been so gratifying of late years, while the boundaries of various constituencies are rectified.

The appropriations for Public Works are most liberal in existing circumstances, and are calculated to meet the demands of the time.

Since you have assembled, the gallant soldiers who responded from this Province to the call of arms have already received their baptism of fire in the mighty struggle in which Canada, as one of the component parts of the Empire, has become involved. The outcome of that struggle we face with confidence and fortitude, and with a supreme faith in the justice of our cause.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the necessary expenditures in assisting the general needs of the Province, and I sincerely trust that the efforts you have put forth during the Session now closed will result in the continued progress and prosperity of all parts of British Columbia.

The Hon. Dr. *Young*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker.*

VICTORIA, B.C.:

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