

Monday, March 2nd, 1936.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. P. S. Luttrell*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a question of privilege with regard to certain newspaper reports of a speech he had made, and moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*,—

That this House regrets the frailties of human nature, but feels that life would be less exciting without them.

On the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. *Whittaker* presented the following petitions:—

From the Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company and the Okanagan Investments Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of confirming a certain indenture entered into by the petitioners, and for vesting certain estates and business in the Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company.

From F. E. Winslow, E. W. McMullen, D. Leeming, Burgess J. Gadsden, and R. H. B. Ker, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating "The Victoria Foundation," and for granting it certain powers.

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. *Bruhn*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Annual Report of the Children's Division of the Department of Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Report and Financial Statement made under the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Six Months ended September 30th, 1935.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act."

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Exclusive of student-teachers at the Normal Schools and University, have any persons during the year 1935 taken courses of instruction or training at the expense of the Government for the purpose of qualifying them for appointment to the staff of some branch of the Department of the Minister of Education?

2. Are any persons being so trained at the present time?

3. If yes: (a.) What are the names of such persons? (b.) To what positions is it proposed to appoint them? (c.) What is the cost of such instruction?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Exclusive of school-teachers, have any appointments been made to the staff of the Department of Education during the year 1935?

2. If yes: (a.) What are the names of such appointees? (b.) Positions to which appointed? (c.) Previous experience qualifying for such appointment? (d.) Salary attached to the position to which appointed?

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

"1 and 2. The following permanent appointments have been made to the staff of the Department of Education during the year 1935:—

"MacDonald, C. E., Principal, School for the Deaf and the Blind. Salary: \$2,712, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: Attended Dalhousie University, 1918; graduate of Blackstone Institute, LL.B.; advanced professional training in educational sociology, psychology, mental hygiene, educational measurement, visual instruction, vocational guidance, etc.; successful experience in Halifax School for the Deaf, Rochester School for the Deaf, Alabama School for the Deaf, and New Jersey School for the Deaf.

"Woodward, K. B., Inspector of Schools. Salary: \$2,900, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: Graduate of Victoria Normal School; B.A. of Queens University, Kingston; B.Paed. of Toronto University with honours; several years of successful experience as teacher and principal.

"Jewett, F. A., Inspector of Schools. Salary: \$2,900, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: B.A. of the University of New Brunswick with honours in chemistry, physics, and natural science; advanced professional training at the Summer School, University of British Columbia; several years of successful experience as teacher and principal.

"Gray, William, Inspector of Schools. Salary: \$2,900, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: Graduate of Edinburgh University, M.A.; graduate of Edinburgh Training College for Teachers; successful experience as teacher and principal of elementary and high schools.

"Freeman, Miss M. L., Stenographer (General Office). Salary: \$780. Qualifications: Qualified at Civil Service Examination; five months' experience in broker's office.

Cornett, Miss M. F. M., Correspondence Instructor, Elementary Correspondence School. Salary: \$900, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: Graduate of University of British Columbia and Provincial Normal School.

"Bullock-Webster, L., Clerk, General Office. Salary: \$1,000, less percentage reductions. Qualifications: Several years secretarial and office duties."

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 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Pooley* rose to a question of privilege with reference to what he considered the premature publication in the newspapers of Government business.

Mr. Speaker ruled, however, that, as there was no motion before the House, the debate on the question was out of order.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company and the Okanagan Investments Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of confirming a certain indenture entered into by the petitioners, and for vesting certain estates and business in the Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company.

From F. E. Winslow, E. W. McMullen, D. Leeming, Burgess J. Gadsden, and R. H. B. Ker, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating "The Victoria Foundation," and for granting it certain powers.

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. *Hanna*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Report of Sale of Government Property pursuant to "Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1930."

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. What was the approximate tonnage of coal contracted for during the fiscal year 1935-36 for each of the Provincial institutions?
2. What grade of coal is being supplied to each institution?
3. What is the name and address of each firm supplying coal to each institution?
4. Where is the coal-mine located from which the coal is being mined in each case?
5. What price per ton is being paid for each grade of coal delivered to each institution?

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Government appointed a new Superintendent of Welfare to succeed Dr. George Davidson?
2. If yes, what are the appointee's qualifications and previous experience in this class of work?

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

"1. Yes; Mr. James H. Creighton.

"2. Academic: B.A., University of B.C., major economics and political science; M.A., University of B.C., major economics, political science and government, minor history; post-graduate work leading to Ph.D. degree in economics, Columbia University, New York; post-graduate work at Columbia University and University of B.C. in psychology and vocational guidance. Professional training: Graduate, Vancouver Provincial Normal School; summer session courses in education at University of B.C. and Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. Experience: 17½ years' teaching in elementary and junior high schools in the Province of British Columbia—5 years grade-teacher, 12½ years vice-principal; boys' counselor, teacher of social studies and vocational guidance and educational guidance."

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

1. During the year 1935 have any persons taken courses of instruction or training at the expense of the Government for the purpose of qualifying themselves for appointment to some branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary?
2. Are any persons being so trained at the present time?
3. If yes: (a.) What are the names of such persons? (b.) To what positions is it proposed to appoint them? (c.) What is the cost of such instruction?

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

"1. Yes; subject to important qualifications. Bursaries were granted in the autumn of 1935 to particularly well-qualified men and women to enable them to take social-welfare courses in approved schools of social work. These bursaries were granted upon the recommendation of departmental officials, assisted by a committee consisting of Dean Mary L. Bollert and Professor C. W. Topping, of the University of British Columbia, and Miss Mary McPhedran, of the Vancouver Family Welfare Bureau. The bursaries were designed to cover only a part of the expenses incidental to training courses. While the training was designed to fit the trainees for social-welfare positions in Government service, no commitments were made that any not already employed would be given positions in the Department of the Provincial Secretary. Two of the group were already in the employ of the Department and agreed to devote spare time to a part of the social-work course at the University of British Columbia.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a.) Name of trainee and amount of bursary, 1935-36, as follows: Miss Ursula Whitehead, \$300; Miss Mary King, \$300; Mrs. Mary Nicholson, \$300; Mr. Wallace Mayers, \$175; Miss Marian N. O'Meara, \$150; Mr. Alfred Shipp, \$100; Miss Berna Martin, \$250; Mrs. Katherine A. Moody, \$35. (b.) Covered by answer to question 1. (c.) Covered by answer to question 3 (a)."

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 6.13 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 4th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with.

No. 1—City of Vancouver.

No. 2—City of Victoria.

No. 3—F. E. Winslow, David Leeming, and others.

No. 4—Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company and Okanagan Investments Trust Company.

Your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bills. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *McKeen*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Johnson*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

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. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas, pursuant to the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Printing presented to this House on the 29th day of March, 1934, and to the Supply Vote of the Legislature at the Second Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia,

designated as Vote No. 43, a revision of the Statutes of the Province has been undertaken under the supervision of the Department of the Attorney-General:

And whereas, in the course of the said revision and in the classification and consolidation of the said Statutes, it has been found necessary to omit certain Statutes and parts thereof which have expired, been repealed, or had their effect, and certain Statutes and parts of Statutes repealing the whole or parts of certain other Statutes, and to alter the number and arrangement of the Statutes that shall be in force at the time of the completion of the said revision, classification, and consolidation, and the arrangement of the different sections thereof:

And whereas, in the course of the said revision, classification, and consolidation, it has also been found necessary to make alterations in the language, in order to preserve a uniform mode of expression; and to make minor amendments to bring out more clearly what is deemed to have been the intention of the Legislature, or to reconcile seemingly inconsistent enactments, or to correct clerical or typographical errors:

And whereas, in the course of the said revision, classification, and consolidation, it has also been found necessary to omit certain Statutes and parts of Statutes which, although printed among the Public General Statutes, have reference only to a particular place or municipality and have no general application throughout the Province, or which have a limited use only:

And whereas the said revision has now been completed:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of the following members of this House: Messrs. *Sloan, Hanna, Pooley, Whittaker*, and *Wismer*, be appointed to examine fully into the said revision, classification, and consolidation, and all Statutes which have been rearranged, varied, changed, repealed, expired, amended, corrected, altered, or omitted.

And that such Committee report its findings and recommendations to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, speaking on behalf of himself and the other Ministers concerned, stated that certain questions on the Order Paper were of such a nature that the replies thereto should be in the form of Returns, and that there was no objection to laying such Returns upon the table, and it was so *Ordered*; the questions being as follows:—

Mr. *Bruhn* to ask the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Premier visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Premier and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

Mr. *Bruhn* to ask the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Attorney-General and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

Mr. *Bruhn* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Finance visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Minister of Finance and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

Mr. *Anscomb* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Labour visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Minister of Labour and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

Mr. *Anscomb* to ask the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Provincial Secretary visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Provincial Secretary and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Acting Attorney-General), Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Liability for Damages for Negligence where more than One Person is at Fault" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1934–35 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. Is any provision made by the Provincial Relief Department or otherwise for the supplying of clothing to Ex-Servicemen's Billets at 123 Powell Street, Vancouver?
2. If so, what are the arrangements?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Daily allowance to Ex-Servicemen's Billets is for food, clothing, and shelter, understanding being that any operating surplus must be used for boot-repairs and clothing."

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

1. Have any arrangements been made regarding dental services to men who are housed at Ex-Servicemen's Billets, 123 Powell Street, Vancouver?
2. If so, what are the arrangements?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Any registered single unemployed person in Vancouver may apply to Medical Clinic, who will arrange for any necessary extractions."

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

1. What was the total cut in board-feet during 1935 in the Vancouver Forestry District?
2. What was the total cut in board-feet during 1935 on Vancouver Island?
3. How many logging operations were conducted on Vancouver Island in 1935?

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

- "1. 2,214,696,624 board-feet.
- "2. Not segregated.
- "3. 1,031 for entire forest district. No segregation for Vancouver Island."

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

1. Have inspections been made of the "Reserve" mine, Nanaimo, during the past six months by an Inspector of Mines?
2. If yes, how many?
3. Is there a "gas committee" at this mine?
4. If yes, what are the names of the present members?
5. If there is not such a committee, why has not such an appointment been made as provided for under Rule 37, Part II., of the "Coal-mines Regulation Act"?
6. Do the Inspectors make a practice of getting in touch with the gas committee in every mine visited?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Eleven. On September 19th, October 17th, November 22nd, November 25th, December 10th, and December 11th, 1935; January 13th, January 14th, January 15th, February 4th, and February 5th, 1936.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by question 3.
- "5. Attention of men, Reserve Mine, directed by notice to General Rule 37, 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,' on December 10th, 1935, and January 14th, 1936. Action by Inspector will follow men's failure to comply with rule.
- "6. No. Inspectors frequently meet committee, and always receive copies of committee's reports."

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

1. Has the Government carried out any reforestation during the past two years? If so, who carried out this work?
2. How big an area has been reforested?
3. What has been the cost per acre, including the raising of the seedlings?

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

- "1. Yes. Carried out by the Forest Branch.
- "2. In the past two years 104 acres. Total to date, 1,026 acres.
- "3. Planting to date has been experimental and costs have varied accordingly from a maximum of \$22 per acre to a minimum of \$11. Recent costs between \$11 and \$12. The Forest Service has always taken the stand that it would not pay to start artificial planting on a large scale, and that natural regeneration helped by proper silvicultural practice and forest-protection is all that is justified in British Columbia at present."

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

1. What is the total amount of unpaid income tax as at January 31st, 1936?
2. What is the amount of the accrued interest thereon at January 31st, 1936?

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

“ 1. \$868,220.15.

“ 2. Amount cannot be readily computed owing to varying delinquent dates.”

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

1. Did the Minister of Public Works visit Eastern Canada and the United States in 1935?
2. If so, what places and on what dates, and what was the purpose of such visit or visits?
3. How long was he absent from the Province?
4. What was the amount of his expenses?

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

“ 1. Eastern Canada, no; United States, yes.

“ 2. Olympia, Wash.; September 24th to 29th; to attend the Washington Good Roads Convention.

“ 3. Five days.

“ 4. \$59.60.”

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

1. Have any lands been purchased, or have any agreements to purchase lands been made, in respect of the new Fraser River Bridge?
2. If yes, with whom have such agreements been made, or from whom have such lands been purchased?
3. What are the areas of land involved and the prices paid in each individual case?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2 and 3. Negotiations not completed.”

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 5.23 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Planta*, the following notice of motion standing in his name on the Order Paper was withdrawn:—

Whereas the plenipotentiaries of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada signed and affixed their respective seals to the Convention known as the “Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Convention” on May 26th, 1930, the terms of which provide for the protection, preservation, and extension of the sockeye-salmon fisheries of the Fraser River system; and

Whereas the Dominion Parliament ratified the said Treaty known as the “Sockeye Salmon Treaty” on May 30th, 1930; and

Whereas the United States of America has not yet ratified the said Treaty; and

Whereas, according to authoritative press dispatches dated February 7th and 8th, 1936, Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster, has declared his intention of introducing a motion in the House of Commons advocating the abrogation of the said Treaty:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly go on record as opposed to the abrogation of the "Sockeye Salmon Treaty" by the Canadian Parliament, and urges upon this Government the vital importance of directing the Provincial Commissioner of Fisheries to use his good office to facilitate the early ratification of the Treaty by the United States of America.

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. *Pooley*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Whittaker*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Victoria Foundation."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company."

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 3rd, 1936.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Codling-moth Control 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.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Farm Loan (British Columbia) Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 1936.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Farm Loan (British Columbia) 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.

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Social Welfare any jurisdiction or powers of supervision over the Fairbridge Farm Colony on Vancouver Island?
2. Do the children employed on this school receive their education in a public school or are they taught in the Fairbridge Farm School?
3. Are the children brought out to this Fairbridge Farm from Great Britain for the specific purpose of having them trained to become "domestics" and "farm-labourers"?
4. Does the British Columbia Government believe that there is need for "domestics" and "farm-labourers" in this Province sufficient to warrant the scheme as it is?
5. Is provision made for the training of these children in other lines of work for which they may show capability?
6. Are those in charge of the running of Fairbridge Farm School Canadians or are they British born and trained?

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

"1. The jurisdiction and powers of the Department of Social Welfare apply to the children of the Fairbridge Farm Colony in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of children in other rural areas of the Province.

"2 to 5. There is in the district a public school named Fairbridge School, supported in exactly the same way as other rural schools in the Province. The school district is in charge of a Provincial Inspector of Schools acting as Official Trustee, the teachers are the holders of certificates issued by the Department of Education, and the prescribed public school curriculum is followed in the school. Besides having all the advantages that are usually found in small rural schools, the children have an opportunity to receive some training and practice in the various activities of farm-life.

"6. We have no information as to the birthplace of the teachers of Fairbridge Public School or officials of the Farm Colony. The teachers received their academic and professional training in this Province. They hold Normal School and teachers' certificates issued by the Department of Education of this Province and are experienced instructors."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Did the Honourable Minister receive a letter dated July 5th, 1935, from a M. Glenday, of Parksville, complaining that Relief Investigator Shilland (Parksville District) was questioning applicants regarding affiliations with Local 7, Waterfront and Water Transport Workers, and advising those who so belonged to an organized union to go back longshoring and scab on organized labour?

2. If so, was this complaint investigated?
3. If not, why not?
4. If investigated, was any action taken by the Minister?
5. If no action taken, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Minister discussed matter with Shilland.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Does the B.C. Logging Association, or any other body or association connected with the lumbering industry, operate and conduct an employment agency for the purpose of hiring men for such industry?
2. If so, where is such employment agency (or agencies) located?
3. Is such agency (or agencies) sanctioned or licensed by the Department of Labour?
4. Is any fee, payment, registration charge, or placement impost made or exacted from those seeking work at such employment agency (or agencies)?
5. Does such agency (or agencies), if any, make written reports to the Department of Labour showing the name, regular residence, nationality, employment provided, rate of pay,

charge made for board and other deductions from wages of each person employed for the lumbering industry through such agency or (agencies)?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. B.C. Loggers Agency, Limited, 876 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B.C.

“3. Licence not required. No sanction or approval given by Department.

“4. Acceptance of fee prohibited by Statute.

“5. Reports as required by ‘Employment Agencies Act’ furnished monthly. Statute does not require agency to report deductions or wages.”

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

1. Have any exemptions been granted to the Vancouver General Hospital under the “Hours of Work Act”?

2. If so, for what reason?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has any order been brought down by Industrial Relations Board covering employees of chartered banks?

2. If so, are the regulations being enforced?

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

“1. No. Employees of chartered banks within exclusive jurisdiction of Dominion Government.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Have any exemptions been granted to public institutions under the “Hours of Work Act”?

2. If so, what institutions and for what reason?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Who is in charge of the farming operations at the Boys’ Industrial School, Coquitlam?

2. Was he previously in charge of the Poultry Department?

3. Were poultry buildings destroyed by fire with loss of equipment and several hundred birds?

4. If so, what was the cause of the fire?

5. What was the capital value of the loss?

6. Were the dairy-farm, silo, and contents recently destroyed by fire?

7. If so, what was the cause of the fire?

8. What was the capital value of the loss?

9. Have any horses from the above-mentioned school been recently sold?

10. If so: (a) To whom; (b) for what price; (c) the original cost of same?

11. Has any harness and implements been stolen from the institution recently?

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

“1. The farming operations at the Boys’ Industrial School were limited last year to truck-gardening and the gathering of a little hay. Mr. Moore, of Colony Farm, advised on these operations, using a large part of the farm as pasture for his cattle. Mr. Munro, a practical farmer who attended Guelph Agricultural College for two years, supervised the work.

“2. Yes.

- " 3. One poultry building, one brooder, and 550 baby chicks.
 " 4. A short circuit.
 " 5. \$1,400.
 " 6. The upper portion of the dairy-barn, including the silo, was destroyed by fire. About 7 tons of loose hay, one or two forks, an old churn and separator were destroyed.
 " 7. Not definitely known; investigation proceeding.
 " 8. Approximately \$2,000.
 " 9. Yes; under the direction of the Farm Manager at Colony Farm, by order of the Purchasing Agent.
 " 10. Two horses: (a) George McComb; (b) \$25; (c) one 20-year-old horse, purchase price unknown; one 13-year-old horse, purchase price \$250. One horse: (a) R. Pkrul; (b) \$5; (c) purchase price unknown, being useless sold to fox-farm.
 " 11. No."

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 5.35 p.m.

Friday, March 6th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Adjutant *L. Ede* (Salvation Army).

Mr. *Planta* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, stated the subject-matter, which related to a certain motion before the Parliament of Canada regarding the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries, and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* stated that the Government at Ottawa had full cognizance of the attitude of this Government regarding the matter.

Mr. Speaker, after reading the statement submitted by Mr. *Planta*, ruled that, in view particularly of the statement of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the matter was not of urgent public importance, and that accordingly the motion was out of order.

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.

Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Murray*,—

To add the following words:—

" This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that it does not believe that it is 'advisable to call a Session of the Legislature in the fall,' but rather that this present Session of the Legislature should be adjourned after passing the Supplies to His Majesty to meet again in the fall, thereby effecting a substantial saving to the people."

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Murray</i>	<i>Swails</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>
<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Connell</i>	

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Burns</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

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

1. How many of the retired Civil Servants were affected by the cuts in pensions made effective last year?
2. What was the saving to the Civil Service Fund?

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

“1. Fifty-eight.

“2. \$8,543.40 per annum. The probabilities are that the aggregate saving will be in excess of \$50,000. The provisions of the ‘Superannuation Act’ were in fairness made to apply to Civil Servants retired under the previously existing Statute as well as to those to be retired in the future.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Were purchases made by the Forest Branch during 1935 from R. Islip, Overwaitea, Ltd., Nakusp?
2. If yes, what was the total amount of these purchases?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Forest Protection Fund: Overwaitea, Ltd., \$7.86; R. Islip, *nil*. Unemployment Relief Fund (G), non-contributory, Sec. 8, Forestry (Young Men’s Forestry Training Plan): Overwaitea, Ltd., \$201.38; R. Islip, \$331.99.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o’clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, March 9th, 1936.

THREE O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. 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.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, 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 His Majesty.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1936.

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. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
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,
March 9th, 1936.

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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" 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.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to relieve the Kettle Valley Railway Company from certain Obligations imposed under an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle

River Valley Railway Company, and a certain other Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1914, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle Valley Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 9th, 1936.*

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. 11) intituled "An Act to relieve the Kettle Valley Railway Company from certain Obligations imposed under an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle River Valley Railway Company, and a certain other Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1914, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle Valley Railway Company," 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.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented three Returns in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

1. Is there a Mr. Hogarth working for the Public Works Department in the Vancouver District?

2. If so: (a) When was he appointed; (b) what is his position; (c) what are his qualifications; (d) what is his present remuneration; (e) what was his town of domicile previous to his new employment?

1. Is P. Phillip still in the employ of the Department of Public Works?

2. If not, when did his term of employment finish?

3. Did he resign or was he dismissed?

4. If he resigned, was it of his own free will, or was he asked to by the Minister?

5. If he resigned by request, for what reason was his resignation asked for?

6. Was any remuneration allowed P. Phillip on his cessation of employment?

7. If so, how much?

8. If so, why was such allowance made?

9. Has any one been appointed to the position previously held by P. Phillip?

10. If so, what is the individual's: (a) Name; (b) qualifications; (c) previous Government employment; (d) present remuneration; (e) former town of domicile previous to coming to Victoria?

1. Were any Provincial cars involved in accidents between February 1st, 1935, and January 31st, 1936?

2. If yes, how many; and who were the drivers of said cars?

3. Were any damage claims made against the Province as a result of said accidents?

4. If yes, how many?

5. How many claims were paid by the insurance company insuring Provincial cars, and to whom and for what accidents was the money paid?

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to certain questions on the Order Paper:—

Honourable Members,—Regarding the following questions on to-day's Order Paper asked of the Hon. the Minister of Labour, as follows:—

"1. Is the White Pine Lumber Company, of Nakusp, in debt to the Workmen's Compensation Board? If yes, what is the amount of that debt, and has any effort been made to collect same? How long have the various amounts constituting this debt been accumulating?"

"2. Has the Arrow Lakes Lumber Company at any time been in arrears in their payments to the Workmen's Compensation Board? If yes, was legal action threatened against this company for payment of these arrears?"

These are not in order for the following reasons:—

The information sought is not within the official knowledge or duties of the Minister, as the matters referred to in the questions are not matters of administration for which the Department of Labour is responsible. Therefore the Minister is not obliged to answer the question. (*See Journals of the House, March 8th, 1935, and Speakers' Decisions, B.C., Vol. II., pp. 49 and 50.*)

Further, this form of question introduces the names of persons or bodies invidiously. *Camp.*, pp. 130-33.

The information desired by the honourable member should be sought privately and would doubtless be supplied; and, if not, a motion for a Return of all debts due to the Workmen's Compensation Board could be made.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker.*

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

1. What were the total number of deaths (exclusive of still-births) of children under 1 year of age during the year 1935?
2. If these can be segregated, how many of these were in: (a) Hospitals; (b) Government institutions; (c) private homes?

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

"1. 383.

"2. (a) 263; (b) nil; (c) 120."

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

1. Does the Workmen's Compensation Board contribute to the Ocean Falls Hospital Society for the cost of hospitalization of industrial accidents in the Ocean Falls Hospital?
2. If not, why not?
3. If yes, on what basis?

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

"The Provincial Secretary is not concerned with the Workmen's Compensation Board; the following answers were obtained from that body:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$2.50 per day for hospitalization in Workmen's Compensation cases where workmen not covered by an Approved Medical Aid Plan or by Sick Mariners' Fund."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Were orders made out by the Relief Department during 1935 on R. Islip, Overwaitea, Ltd., Nakusp? If yes, what was the total amount of these orders?
2. Was any work performed by Government relief-workers in the construction of a new wing to Arrow Lake Hospital? If yes, what was the nature of this work, and what were the rates of pay?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes. Common labour at the rate of 40 cents per hour."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was a F. Blakemore formerly employed by the Department of Public Works as janitor?
2. If yes, is he still in the employ of the Government?
3. If not, when was he discharged, and for what reasons?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. March 2nd, 1935; public interest."

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

1. How many persons applied for old-age pensions in British Columbia during 1934 and 1935?
2. How many were rejected or refused for reasons given by the Board that their children should support them?
3. Is there a uniform system adopted to determine when children should contribute?
4. If yes, are the same rules applied in other Provinces?

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

“No information in this Department; but Minister of Labour replied as follows:—

“1. 1934, 1,857; 1935, 1,938.

“2. 1934, 57; 1935, 54.

“3. No. In order to determine under Dominion Government Regulation No. 18 the ‘other means of livelihood, whether in money or in kind, which the pensioner may be reasonably expected to receive,’ it is necessary to ascertain the incomes of sons and daughters of the applicant and determine whether such sons and daughters are so situated financially that they may be expected to assist their parent or parents.

“4. No definite knowledge.”

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

1. What is the amount of relief paid in Fernie City?
2. What is the amount of relief paid in the Fernie District?
3. What percentage of this amount was paid to the unemployed in Fernie District?
4. What percentage of this amount was paid to the unemployed in Fernie City?
5. What amount was paid in salaries and wages in City of Fernie for the administration of the relief?
6. What amount was paid in salaries and wages in the Fernie District for the administration of relief?
7. What amount was paid for machinery, tools, commission, or other expenses in the administration of relief in the Fernie District?
8. What amount was paid for machinery, tools, commission, or other expenses in the administration of relief in the City of Fernie?
9. What was the amount of salary and expenses of Investigator Guthrie each month since his appointment?

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

“1 to 8. See Public Accounts and Report of Minister of Public Works for 1934–35.

“9. Salary: January, 1935, \$44.35; February, 1935, to January, 1936, \$125 per month. Expenses: February, 1935, to January, 1936, inclusive, as follows: February, \$42.85; March, \$57.80; April, \$125.50; May, \$149; June, \$152.25; July, \$152.86; August, \$167.65; September, \$154; October, \$199.95; November, \$169.70; December, \$125.30; January, \$146.05.”

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

1. What was the total cost of the Merville Soldier Settlement Scheme?
2. What was the estimated cost?
3. What interest has been paid on moneys borrowed in connection with this scheme?
4. What has been the administrative cost since its inception?
5. What has been the cost of: (a) Maintenance; (b) repairs; (c) improvements?
6. What revenue has the Government derived from it from: (a) Sale of lands; (b) miscellaneous?

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

“1. Total as at December 31st, 1935, \$704,255.96.

“2. No estimate made.

“3. Interest to December 31st, 1935, \$559,931.37.

“4. Administered by Land Settlement Board officials; proportionate administration costs not segregated.

“5. (a) Nil; (b) nil; (c) total outlay on improvement.

“6. (a) \$64,474.46; (b) \$144,745.48.”

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

1. Was any money spent in the Peace River area during the years 1934 and 1935 on inspection of surveyed or unsurveyed lands?
2. What was the total cost of such survey during 1934 and 1935?
3. How many Inspectors were engaged: Permanent; temporary; and give names?
4. What salaries were paid each permanent or temporary Inspector, and how much in travelling expenses?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. 1934, \$867.59; 1935, \$6,455.67.

" 3. Permanent Inspectors, 3: J. Keener, B. Carmichael, and J. Hall. Temporary Assistant Inspectors, 6: W. R. Holloway, T. S. Crack, J. T. Stublely, H. A. Carlin, D. Cran, and A. Holland.

" 4. Keener, salary \$967.74, expenses \$610.89; Carmichael, salary \$1,000, expenses \$381.35; Hall, salary \$967.74, expenses \$677; Holloway, salary \$176, expenses \$127.70; Crack, salary \$176, expenses \$188.60; Stublely, salary \$160, expenses \$165.15; Carlin, salary \$172, expenses \$224.25; Cran, salary \$232, expenses \$77.55; Holland, salary \$68, expenses \$33."

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 4.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

By leave of the House, the following notices of motion standing on the Order Paper in the names of Mr. *E. E. Winch* and Mr. *H. E. Winch*, respectively, were withdrawn, the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* stating that the Returns asked for would be duly laid on the table:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works of all papers, correspondence, and tenders relative to the Vancouver Tubercular Unit.

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works of all papers, correspondence, specifications, tenders, and contracts dealing with the gravelling, oiling, or hard-surfacing of roads in or about the town of Revelstoke during the year 1935.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the present Government of British Columbia has repeatedly declared itself in favour of a policy of setting the unemployed to work at necessary public works and substituting a "work and wages" policy for the present system of work for relief; and

Whereas the Canadian House of Commons has recognized the necessity for housing and slum-clearance schemes by making loans available to individuals and corporations for the purpose of financing housing schemes; and

Whereas a housing plan is of all schemes of public works most suited to give employment to many classes of skilled and unskilled labour, and to distribute the largest possible amount of money in the form of wages and purchasing-power:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House appoint a Committee to make a survey of the housing needs of British Columbia and to draw up a housing plan for the Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas there are many people in British Columbia to-day who are in dire need, and who are unable to obtain relief, because they have not been resident in the Province before May 1st, 1931, and are not able to qualify under circular, series 100, issued by the Provincial Relief Department:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Federal Government to immediately take steps to further an interprovincial agreement, by which responsibility for the relief of transients who move from one Province into another, and who have not established domicile sufficiently to entitle them to regular Provincial relief maintenance, can be clearly defined and enforced.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas there has been a gradual raise in commodity prices during the year; and

Whereas the present maximum relief scales are entirely inadequate to maintain minimum standards of health and comfort, in view of the increased cost of living; and

Whereas the maximum scale set for the relief maintenance of children up to the age of 21 is a blanket scale which does not take into account the differing needs of the various age-groups of growing children:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the maximum scales of relief should be revised and brought into closer conformity with present commodity prices.

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the present relief scale for children, covering all ages up to 21, should be abolished and a graduated relief scale substituted therefor, which would take into consideration the needs of children as they emerge into different stages of growth and maturity.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order, on the ground that the motion involved the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, in his opinion, the motion did not necessarily involve such expenditure, and was in order.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Planta*, seconded by Mr. *Bruhn*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas the following motion is now before the House of Commons, Order of the Day, page 12, No. 11, by Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster:—

“Whereas a Treaty more particularly described as a Convention was drawn up between the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the United States of America with regard to the protection, preservation, and extension of the sockeye-salmon fisheries of the Fraser River system, and was signed at Washington on the twenty-sixth day of May, 1930; and

“Whereas the Convention or Treaty was not to come into effect until ratified by His Majesty in accordance with constitutional practice and by the President of the United States of America; and

“Whereas the said Convention was ratified by the Parliament of Canada on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1930; and

“Whereas the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, has not ratified the Convention:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Government take under consideration the advisability of rescinding their approval of 1930 ”:

Whereas the ratification of the Sockeye-salmon Fisheries Convention by the Parliament of Canada, May 29th, 1930, binds the Dominion of Canada under Article (1) of the said Convention to place the waterways of the Fraser River and the streams and lakes tributaries thereto subject to the authority of the Convention; and

Whereas the Commission of six proposed in the Convention would have jurisdiction over the said waterways in priority to the Water-powers Branch of the Dominion and Provincial Governments; and

Whereas rescinding the ratification of the said Convention by the Canadian Parliament would place the Water-power Branches of the Dominion and Province again in priority jurisdiction over the said waterways; and

Whereas the livelihood of fishermen dependent on the salmon-run of the Fraser River will be jeopardized by permitting water-power development on the Fraser River to take precedence over the full protection of the said waterways for the propagation of salmon and the intended protection, preservation, and extension of the sockeye-salmon fisheries in the Fraser River system which is the objective of the Commission proposed under the Sockeye-salmon Fisheries Convention now ratified by Canada; and

Whereas any action by the Canadian Parliament to rescind its ratification of the Sockeye-salmon Fisheries Convention will destroy the progress now made between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America toward the consummation of an international Sockeye-salmon Commission which has already cost the Dominion of Canada a large sum of money; and

Whereas the notice of motion by Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster, will be immediately dealt with by the House of Commons, Ottawa:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House goes on record as being opposed to the rescinding of the ratification of the Sockeye-salmon Fisheries Convention by the Canadian Parliament, and urges upon this Government the imperative necessity of instructing the Provincial Commissioner of Fisheries to use his good offices to the end that the United States of America may reciprocate Canada's gesture and ratify the Convention at the earliest possible date, so that the waterways of the Fraser River and the streams and lakes tributary thereto may at an early date come within the active jurisdiction of the proposed International Commission the objects which are set forth in the Convention.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or such other proper official at Ottawa.

On the motion of Mr. Wismer, seconded by Mr. Burns, it was Resolved,—

That the name of Mr. Kenney be added to the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

On the motion of Mr. Wismer, seconded by Mr. Hanna, it was Resolved,—

That the name of Mr. Whittaker be added to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Wismer, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, it was Resolved,—

That the names of Mr. Harris and Mr. Johnson be added to the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Nelson."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the City of New Westminster."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Prince Rupert."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. MacDonald—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters:—

Bill (No. 17) intituled “ An Act relating to The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and certain Drainage and Dyking Works on Lulu Island.”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “ An Act to enable The Corporation of Delta to establish Drainage Areas and Drainage-works.”

On the motion that Bill (No. 3) intituled “ An Act respecting the Issuance of Writs for certain Elections in the Omineca and Vancouver-Burrard Electoral Districts ” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment,—

To strike out the word “ now,” and to substitute therefor the words “ six months hence.”

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Court of Appeal Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “ An Act respecting the Limitation of Actions.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Cemeteries Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Coal and Petroleum Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act respecting Liability for Damages for Negligence where more than One Person is at Fault.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Codling-moth Control Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 9) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.’ ”

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

1. Have any appointments been made to the staff of any department of the Provincial Secretary during the year 1935?

2. If yes: (a.) What are the names of such appointees? (b.) Positions to which appointed? (c.) Previous experience qualifying for such appointment? (d.) Salary attached to the position to which appointed?

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return of all papers, correspondence, and tenders relative to the Vancouver Tubercular Unit.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the following papers:—

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1935.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commissioner for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

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

1. Were any Provincial Police engaged in the enforcement of orders promulgated under the “ Natural Products Marketing Act ” during 1935?

2. If yes, how many and over what period of time?

3. What was the cost?

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

“ 1 to 3. *Assistance to Marketing Board*.—B Division: One Probationer employed for 113 days (August 27th to December 18th), salary \$339, expenses \$26.10. C Division: Seven men for eight days (regular men employed), expenses \$20. E Division: One Sergeant employed

for 141 days (August 13th to December 31st), salary \$724.78; thirteen Probationers employed for 178 days (July 6th to December 31st), salary \$6,447, expenses \$462.30. Total, salaries \$7,510.78, expenses \$508.40."

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

1. Have any "medical schemes" been approved by the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. If yes, how many?
3. What are the names of the firms involved?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Seventeen now in effect.

"3. Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Fraser Mills Sash & Door Co., Ltd.; Canadian Western Lumber Co., Ltd.; Powell River Co., Ltd.; Pacific Mills, Ltd.; Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.; Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.; Chilliwack Telephones, Ltd.; Kootenay Telephone Co., Ltd.; British Columbia Telephone Co.; Canadian Pacific Railway Co.; West Kootenay Power & Light Co., Ltd.; Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.; Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co.; Canadian National Railways; British Yukon Navigation & Railway Co.; Coast Copper Co., Ltd."

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

1. Were seven men killed in a snowslide last winter at the Taylor Windfall Mine, Bridge River?
2. If so, was workmen's compensation paid to their dependents?
3. If not, why not?

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

"1. No; but seven were killed in a snowslide last winter at Taseko Motherlode Gold Mines, Ltd., Whitewater District.

"2. Yes.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. *Savage* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What is the estimated yearly cost of the Sumas-Matsqui School scheme involving the larger administrative unit? What was the cost in 1935 to Christmas?
2. What is the actual or estimated yearly cost of the Peace River School scheme?

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

"1. The actual cost of operating the schools of the Sumas School District for the year 1935 was \$15,933.98, of which the Government contributed \$8,733.72. The cost of operating the schools of the Matsqui School District for 1935 was \$35,720.37, of which the Government contributed \$22,467.79. Sumas Municipality also contributed during the year the sum of \$2,700 towards the expenses of the Sumas-Abbotsford High School.

"2. For the school-year which ended on June 30th, 1935, the actual cost of the schools in the thirty-eight small school districts in the Peace River which were consolidated into four large school districts was \$41,563.28, of which \$14,734.50 was contributed by the districts."

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

1. What are the names of the present Censors of the Moving-picture Board? When were they appointed, and what is the remuneration of each?
2. How many returned men are in the employ of the Moving-picture Censor Board?
3. If any, what is the salary of each?
4. Are they drawing pension of any kind in addition to their salary? If so, what amount? What are their duties?
5. Is it contemplated to superannuate the present Censor, Mr. Smith?
6. Are any films allowed to come into British Columbia without being censored?
7. If so, what pictures, and why?

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

"1. There is no 'Moving-picture Board.' Particulars in connection with the salaries, dates of appointments, etc., of the staff of the Censor of Moving Pictures are as follows:

Jas. A. Smith, Censor, 1931, \$2,700, less percentage reductions (was Assistant Censor from 1913 to 1930); M. Curry, Assistant Censor, 1930, \$1,920, less percentage reductions; Mrs. M. E. H. Hawkshaw, Assistant Censor, 1928, \$1,500, less percentage reductions; J. B. Hughes, Assistant Censor, 1934, \$1,500, less percentage reductions; E. S. Brooks, Projectionist and Cutter, etc., 1928, \$2,400, less percentage reductions; Miss A. Daggar, Clerk-Stenographer, 1925, \$1,248, less percentage reductions.

"2. One Great War veteran; one Boer War veteran; and another with War Department service (England), making munitions.

"3. See answer to No. 1.

"4. No information.

"5. Yes.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Is a Mr. Llewellyn a member of the staff in the office of the Registrar of Companies?
2. If not, when did he leave, and why?
3. If left, what salary was he in receipt of at time of leaving?
4. If left, how long had he been in the public service, and what was his position therein?
5. If left, has any person, and who, been appointed in his place?
6. If so, what are the qualifications and experience of such person for the position?
7. If so, at what salary was such person appointed, and what is his present salary?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Resigned as at December 31st, 1934, to take up a more remunerative position.

"3. \$2,200, less percentage reductions.

"4. Since December 1st, 1911, commencing as Clerk, but latterly appointed Deputy Registrar.

"5. Yes; M. M. McFarlane.

"6. Barrister and solicitor.

"7. \$2,400, less percentage reductions."

Mr. Anscomb asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Commission appointed in November, 1934, to inquire into the various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum products in the Province of British Columbia finished its inquiry?
2. If yes, did the Commission present its report to the Government?
3. How many meetings of inquiry did the Commission hold, and at what places?
4. What amount has been paid to each Commissioner from date of appointment to February 29th, 1936, for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses?
5. What amount has been paid to each counsel acting on Commission for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses?
6. Has each counsel been paid in full; and, if not, what sum is still owing to each?
7. What amount has been paid to Price, Waterhouse & Co., and what amount is still owing, if any?
8. What other officials have been employed in connection with the inquiry, and what is the total sum of money paid to each such official for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses?
9. Did any member of Commission visit Ottawa during the year 1935; and, if so, who, for what purpose, and what per-diem allowance was he paid?
10. What is the total sum paid to such Commissioner, if any, in connection with his trip to Ottawa for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling expenses?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows:—

"1. No; a few sittings yet to be held.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. During intervals in preparation and study of matters to be inquired into and calling of some 500 witnesses, the Commission sat eighty-eight days; sittings were held at Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, New Westminster, South New Westminster, Ioco, Fernie, Cranbrook,

Nelson, Trail, Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops, Merritt, and Princeton, and in addition visits were made to various coal-mines, coalyards, oil-refineries, and plants.

"4. The Honourable Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald, sole Commissioner, received \$1,290.80 travelling expenses and other incidental disbursements, but no salary nor remuneration.

"5. C. H. O'Halloran, Victoria, chief counsel, received \$11,435 legal fees and \$2,776.87 travelling expenses and other incidental disbursements in preparation of evidence and briefs. J. Pitcairn Hogg, Vancouver, associate counsel, received \$6,003.75 legal fees and \$559.72 travelling expenses and other incidental disbursements in preparation of evidence and briefs.

"6. No; amounts cannot be determined until conclusion of inquiry.

"7. Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants, Vancouver, received \$15,581.74 fees and \$607.77 out-of-pocket disbursements; see also answer to No. 6.

"8. Name, salary (including allowances for stenographic work and reporting), and travelling expenses as follows: R. W. Hartley, salary \$1,968.31, expenses \$995.20; Dr. W. A. Carrothers, expenses \$108.42; K. Moodie, expenses \$363.10; P. J. Mackay, salary \$1,097.45; J. Gilbert, salary \$1,722.10, expenses \$163; Miss N. Fitzgerald, salary \$425; V. D. Webb, salary \$136.50; W. A. W. Hames, salary \$60, expenses \$15.65; M. S. Bryan, salary \$2,887.10, expenses \$105.95; H. Langley, salary \$204.45, expenses \$26. Professor R. R. West, University of B.C., no amount yet paid; Professor Seyer, University of B.C., no amount yet paid.

"9. C. H. O'Halloran, chief counsel to the Commission, appeared as counsel for the Province before the Tariff Board at Ottawa in November, 1935, on the Gasoline and Petroleum Reference (Reference No. 84), on the basis of \$75 per day counsel fee before the Tariff Board when sitting and \$50 per day counsel fee in preparation therefor.

"10. No payment yet made, except \$606.79 for travelling expenses and disbursements in preparation of brief."

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

1. How many Provincial Police, permanent and special, have been engaged in connection with the municipal police in the City of Vancouver during the year 1935 to February 1st, 1936?
2. How many are at present employed in this work in the City of Vancouver, and what is the monthly cost?
3. What amount of money has been expended therein?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. Records of Provincial Police are computed by 'man-days,' and on this basis members of the Force were employed in assisting City Police in Vancouver for 23,903 'man-days' in connection with relief-camp strike (January to June, 1935) and the Longshoremen's strike (June, 1935, to January, 1936). The actual number of men employed fluctuated between a high of 175 on call to a low of 50.

"2. None.

"3. Between January, 1935, and February 1st, 1936, \$107,353.12."

Mr. H. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How many men under the age of 30 were sentenced to Oakalla Prison Farm during the year 1935?
2. How many women under the age of 30 were sentenced to Oakalla Prison Farm during the year 1935?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. 617.

"2. 32."

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

1. Has the Government any information concerning damage caused by recent floods in the Bella Coola Valley?
2. If so, has the Government taken any steps to repair the damage?
3. If so, are preventive measures being taken or contemplated?

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

- “ 1. Yes. See Annual Report for 1934–35, page T 14.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. Yes, as far as practicable and funds would allow.”

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

1. Was financial aid given to Harry Johnson, Arrowhead, B.C., for the building of a logging-road in 1934?
2. If so, how much?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. See answer to No. 1.”

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 3.55 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1935–36, pursuant to the provisions of the “ Audit Act,” chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1937;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1936;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1935, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11th, 1936.

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. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, “ 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. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bakewell*:—

1. Has the Beaton Boat Company received a subsidy from the Provincial Government for operating S.S. "Beaton" on the Upper Arrow Lake?
2. If yes, what is the amount?
3. What is the distance between Beaton and Arrowhead?
4. What is the schedule of fares between Beaton and Arrowhead on the S.S. "Beaton"?
5. Has the Provincial Government control over tariffs on this ferry?
6. What was the net profit of the Beaton Boat Company for their last fiscal year?

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

1. Was any money spent in surveys of water-power on the Fraser River waterways during the years 1934 and 1935? If so, what dates were such surveys conducted, giving number of days of each period of survey?
2. How many persons were engaged in such surveys, and what was the total cost, inclusive of wages, food, and equipment, giving each item separately?
3. Who was in charge of the surveys?
4. Has any report of the surveys been completed; and, if so, did the final report prove the practicability of hydro-power development?
5. Did the surveys include specific area or areas? If so, what is the description of the surveyed area or areas?
6. Has any proposal been presented to the Government by any private or public companies or company or any person or persons seeking to negotiate for the use or purchase of such water-power?
7. Does the Government intend lifting the reserve placed on the water-power of the Fraser River during the first Session of this Parliament?
8. Has any value been fixed on the water-power indicated in the surveys?

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

- "1. Yes. 1934, September 14th to October 6th, 23 days; 1935, July 14th to October 5th, 84 days.
- "2. 1934: Five persons; total cost, \$965.15; wages, \$421.54; food, \$128.05; equipment, \$31.56; transportation, \$242.02; miscellaneous, \$141.98. 1935: Nine persons; total cost, \$3,475.47; wages, \$2,337.70; food, \$540.28; equipment, \$79.09; transportation, \$420.44; miscellaneous, \$97.96.
- "3. 1934, S. H. Frame and R. C. Farrow; 1935, R. C. Farrow. Under the direction of F. W. Knewstubb.
- "4. No.
- "5. Yes. Probable dam-sites and flooded lands along the river from Lillooet to Quesnel.
- "6. No.
- "7. Not until there is a reason for so doing.
- "8. No."

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

1. Did the bridge across the Kiskatinaw River, west of Dawson Creek, Peace River District, collapse during high water during 1935?
2. What was the cost of reconstruction: In wages; team-hire; timber; bridge crews; hardware?
3. Were persons on relief given work in this construction? If so, what proportion of the total went to persons on relief?

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

- "1. No. Bridge was taken out by ice.
- "2. (a) \$1,543.17; (b) \$749.25; (c) \$5,902.49; (d) \$1,912.80; (e) \$3,664.64.
- "3. Yes; \$3,399.62 spent on relief recipients."

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

1. Has one S. H. Pipe been employed or consulted by the Government?
2. If so, in what capacity and for what purpose?

3. If so, for how long, and at what rate of remuneration?
4. If so, what amount has been paid: (a) Remuneration; (b) travelling expenses?
5. Were any other persons employed in the same connection?
6. If so, who, for how long, what rate of pay, and how much have they been paid respectively?

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

"1 to 6. Yes; on December 4th, 1935, S. H. Pipe, of the S. H. Pipe & Co. firm of actuaries, Toronto, was engaged by the Government to examine the draft Health Insurance Bill and to give an opinion upon the actuarial soundness of the Bill and of the calculations upon which it was based. Mr. Pipe completed his work and delivered his written opinion on February 25th, 1936. Mr. Pipe's fee for professional services was \$1,282.40. H. H. Wolfenden was engaged as a consultant actuary at the regular professional rate of \$12 per hour. His fee for services was \$1,000. Professor G. F. Drummond, Professor of Statistics at the University of British Columbia, was engaged in compiling certain statistics from August, 1935, to February, 1936. His fee was \$845. Professor N. B. McLean, head of the Department of Mathematics at McGill University, was engaged for similar work. His fee was \$250. All accounts have been paid in full."

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

1. Are any workers permanently employed on Kingsway, in the Burnaby Electoral Riding?
2. If yes, how many?
3. Are these paid on an hourly, weekly, or monthly basis?
4. What is the rate paid per hour?

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

"1 to 4. One man regularly employed at \$3.20 per day four days per week."

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

1. Has the Government carried out any work of any kind on a cost-plus basis?
2. If any, in what electoral districts?
3. If any, who carried out the work, and how much was expended in each case?

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

"1 to 3. Since November 15th, 1933, no formal contracts on a cost-plus basis have been entered into."

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

1. Has the Government made a survey of any proposed route for a highway leading from Vanderhoof via Manson Creek to Finlay Forks?
2. If so, how much did the said survey cost?
3. What officials of the Government conducted the survey?
4. Was any route determined as a result of the reconnaissance?
5. If so, define the said route?

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

"1. Reconnaissance made of route. Survey partially completed.

"2. \$2,607.

"3. Experienced locating engineer specially employed.

"4. Matter under consideration.

"5. See answer to No. 4."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

If any, how many medical schemes have been approved or are now in operation under the "Master and Servant Act"?

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

"One firm has filed a statement of account in accordance with section 15 of the 'Master and Servant Act.'"

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

1. Was a Commission appointed to collect data in connection with the question of State health insurance?
2. If so, what persons composed the said Commission?
3. If so, what rate of remuneration, if any, has been paid to the members of the Commission?
4. If so, what clerical staff was attached to the Commission; give names and rates of pay of each person, and amounts paid or to be paid?
5. If a Commission was appointed, when and where did it sit, and did it make any report?
6. If so, what has been the total cost in: (a) Salaries; (b) travelling expenses?

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

"1 to 6. No; but the following were appointed by the Provincial Government on July 27th, 1935, to conduct public hearings on the draft Bill for health insurance as contained in 'A Plan of Health Insurance for British Columbia, 1935.' The purpose of this Committee was 'to obtain from interested individuals and organizations their criticism and suggestions regarding the Bill. Further, the Committee was to analyse representations and to suggest amendments to the proposed Bill which would make it economically and socially sound and acceptable to the majority of the electorate.'

"Members of Committee: Percy R. Bengough; Grace Fairley, R.N.; A. Grant Fleming, M.D.; J. H. McDonald; E. W. Neel; Allon Peebles, Ph.D.

"Consultants: H. M. Cassidy, Ph.D.; George T. Cunningham; C. F. Davie, K.C.; J. J. Gillis, M.D., M.L.A.; Alfred K. Haywood, M.D.; R. L. Pallen, D.D.S.; Hon. Geo. S. Pearson; Helen Douglas Smith, M.L.A.; E. S. H. Winn; H. E. Young, M.D.

"Members served without remuneration. No clerical staff was attached to the Committee except Miss N. Fitzgerald, public stenographer, whose fee for services was \$105. This amount has been paid. Other work was performed by the regular staff of the Provincial Secretary's Department without extra remuneration.

"To keep the cost down to an absolute minimum public hearings were held as follows:—

"E. W. Neel, representing the Committee: Prince Rupert, August 22nd; Smithers, August 24th; Prince George, August 26th; Williams Lake, August 27th; Nelson, August 31st; Cranbrook, September 3rd; Fernie, September 4th.

"Dr. H. M. Cassidy, representing the Committee: Kamloops, September 16th; Vernon, September 17th; Revelstoke, September 18th; Kelowna, September 20th; Penticton, September 21st; Trail, September 23rd and 24th.

"Committee and Consultants, Dr. A. Peebles, Chairman: Vancouver, September 9th to 12th (inclusive); New Westminster, September 14th; Victoria, September 23rd and 24th.

"Dr. A. Peebles, Chairman, E. W. Neel, C. F. Davie, K.C., and Hon. G. S. Pearson: Nanaimo, September 25th; Port Alberni, September 26th.

"The Committee submitted its report November 12th, 1935. The total expenses of the Committee were \$2,710.26."

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

1. Have any requests been received from the Clearwater District for services of a nurse?
2. If so, what has been done regarding the matter?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the Government as a result of a hearing before the Executive Council on October 9th, 1934, decide to make, to a Mrs. D. G. Gray, of 3139 Blackwood Street, Victoria, a grant of \$2,000 cash and \$50 a month until her child reached the age of 16 years as a compensation to her arising by the death of her husband in February, 1933, as the result of being struck down by a Public Works motor-car driven by a Public Works employee?

2. Has this grant been paid?

3. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes; in view of information before Council at hearing which was held November 13th, 1934.

"2 and 3. It was later found no legal responsibility rested on Government. This has been cared for as a mothers' pension case."

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 3.37 p.m.

Thursday, March 12th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Issuance of Writs for certain Elections in the Omineca and Vancouver-Burrard Electoral Districts" be now read a second time, and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* to strike out the word "now," and to substitute therefor the words "six months hence."

The debate continued.

Question proposed—"Shall the word proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Burns</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Murray</i>	<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Swailes</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Connell</i>	

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the following papers:—

Return of Orders in Council pursuant to Section 124A of the "Taxation Act."

Return of Orders in Council pursuant to Section 43 of the "Revenue Act."

Return of Moneys received and paid by the Official Administrator pursuant to Section 53 of the "Administration Act."

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 11th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendments. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 12th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Okanagan Loan & Investment Trust Company." All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Monday, March 16th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decisions on the points of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the motions moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 10th instant, which are more particularly set out in the said decisions, which are as follows:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order was raised by the Honourable Prime Minister on the following motion moved by the honourable member for North Vancouver on the 10th instant:—

"Whereas the present Government of British Columbia has repeatedly declared itself in favour of a policy of setting the unemployed to work at necessary public works and substituting a 'work and wages' policy for the present system of work for relief; and

"Whereas the Canadian House of Commons has recognized the necessity for housing and slum-clearance schemes by making loans available to individuals and corporations for the purpose of financing housing schemes; and

"Whereas a housing plan is of all schemes of public works most suited to give employment to many classes of skilled and unskilled labour, and to distribute the largest possible amount of money in the form of wages and purchasing-power:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House appoint a Committee to make a survey of the housing needs of British Columbia and to draw up a housing plan for the Province."

The appointment of a Select Committee is a matter for the House. The Government or any private member might move for the appointment of a Select Committee.

According to *May*, 13th ed., p. 468, "A Select Committee may be appointed by either House to consider any matters upon which that House may desire information and assistance. . . . The proceedings of every Select Committee are restricted to their own order of reference; that is to say, they are confined to the consideration of the matter referred to the Committee." See also our own S.O. No. 45 (1) and (h).

The point of order was taken on the assumption that the appointment of the Committee would entail public expenditure. I cannot assume what report the Committee, if appointed, may make to the House. Therefore it would be improper for me to assume any such report, if adopted, would entail public expenditure. Our own Standing Orders Nos. 66 and 67 clearly state that the House will not receive or adopt or pass any resolution recommending the expenditure of public money unless recommended by the Crown. See also *Speakers' Decisions*, B.C., Vol. I., p. 81, which confirms that the report of the Committee cannot be received if it exceeds its powers or interferes with the policy of the Government or entails public expenditure.

In the motion under review no public expenditure is directly or indirectly asked for, but is a motion asking that this House appoint a Committee to do two things:—

- (a.) To make a survey of the housing needs of British Columbia; and
- (b.) To draw up a housing plan for the Province.

It does not necessarily follow that the Committee, in complying with this order of reference, would necessarily bring in a report to interfere with the policy of the Government or to entail public expenditure. If the proposed Committee can bring in a report without recommending public expenditure or imposing taxation, or without interfering with or dictating the policy of the Government, then this House can, if it sees fit, appoint such a Committee.

A somewhat similar matter was dealt with by Mr. Speaker Pauline on November 20th, 1922 (see *Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. II., p. 25), when the then Attorney-General objected on point of order to a motion for a Committee to consider a certain subject, and the point of order was not allowed and the motion was allowed as in order.

I rule the motion is in order.

I might also point out that a further motion will be necessary, if the motion under review is passed by the House, naming the Select Committee and defining the order of reference and the matters the said Committee are to consider and upon which they are to report to the House.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

Honourable Members.—A point of order was raised by the Honourable Prime Minister on the following motion moved by the honourable member for North Vancouver:—

"Whereas there are many people in British Columbia to-day who are in dire need, and who are unable to obtain relief, because they have not been resident in the Province before May 1st, 1931, and are not able to qualify under circular, series 100, issued by the Provincial Relief Department:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Federal Government to immediately take steps to further an interprovincial agreement, by which responsibility for the relief of transients who move from one Province into another, and who have not established domicile sufficiently to entitle them to regular Provincial relief maintenance, can be clearly defined and enforced."

The following words contained in the Resolution appear to me to be out of order: "this House is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Federal Government to immediately take steps to further an interprovincial agreement." These words constitute a mandatory motion to the Government affecting and dictating Government policy. See *Journals of the House*, 1934, p. 25, and *Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. II., p. 36, where Mr. Speaker Keen ruled a similar motion out of order as interfering with the policy of the Government, and which is analogous to this motion because it urged an agreement be entered into with another Government. Also see *Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. I., p. 81.

The motion is therefore out of order.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

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

1. Has a report compiled by a Dr. Trooman dealing with miners suffering from silicosis been filed with the Department of Labour?
2. If so, does the Minister propose to acquaint the House of its contents?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Report will not be dealt with until investigation which is still proceeding is completed.”

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

1. Is J. A. Grant an employee of the Department?
2. Is he qualified for superannuation?
3. If yes, has he been granted superannuation?
4. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Not in the public interest.”

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

1. If any, how many deaths occurred in the Province of British Columbia during the year 1935 as a result of automobile accident? How many of these were: (a) Pedestrians; (b) occupants of the car?
2. In how many of these cases have the drivers been charged with manslaughter?
3. In how many have convictions been obtained and sentence imposed?
4. In how many have the drivers' licences been suspended: (a) Permanently; (b) temporarily?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 90. (a) 38 pedestrians, 16 drivers, 19 occupants, 12 cyclists, and miscellaneous 5.
- “ 2. 21.
- “ 3. 1.
- “ 4. (a) None; (b) 19.”

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

1. Has any inquiry been held into the sudden death of one Gordon Moore while being transferred from Oakalla Prison Farm to Vancouver General Hospital?
2. If so, what were the findings of such inquiry?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes. A Coroner's inquest was held at Vancouver on February 6th, 1936.
- “ 2. 'That Gordon Moore came to his death in an ambulance proceeding to the General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., on February 1st, 1936, as the result of a cerebral hæmorrhage, following an attack of scarlet fever, while an inmate of Oakalla Prison, and that no blame can be attached to the prison authorities in any way.'”

Mr. Pooley asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Government appointed a body styled the Economic Council?
2. If so, of what persons is the Council composed; give names and addresses?
3. If so, are the members under salary, and how much in each case, giving names of recipients?
4. If so, what is the total cost of the Commission since appointment to February 1st, 1936, in: (a) Salaries; (b) travelling expenses; (c) staff and office expenses?

No information in this Department, but the Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Dr. W. A. Carrothers, Vancouver, B.C., Chairman of Council. Members of Council: Jos. O. Nicholls, Nanaimo, B.C.; Jas. G. Robson, New Westminster, B.C. (resigned); Thos.

W. Bingay, Trail, B.C. (resigned); Jas. H. Lawson, Vancouver, B.C. (resigned); Percival E. French, Vernon, B.C. (resigned); Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Hazelton, B.C.; J. B. Leland, West Vancouver, B.C. (resigned).

"3. Only Chairman of Council under salary, \$6,000 per annum; members of Council receive \$10 per diem whilst attending meetings of said Council, together with the actual expenses incurred in travelling to and from said meetings.

"4. Total cost of Council since January 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1936: (a) Salaries, \$12,500; (b) travelling expenses, \$4,804.01; (c) staff and office expenses, \$10,680.79."

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

1. Is the Government constructing a bridge across the Fraser at New Westminster under authority of the Legislature of last year?

2. If so, has the contract been let for the construction of this bridge, and under what terms?

3. Who are the contractors?

4. What is the amount of the contract, and what does it include? Where are the funds being secured?

5. Is the Government contemplating any reconstructing of the old span?

6. If so, who is paying for the reconstruction, and where are the funds being secured?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes; unit-price basis.

"3. The Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.

"4. (a) \$2,722,101.62 (*see* answer to No. 2); (b) bridge (super- and sub-structure), one north and one south approach; (c) in Canada.

"5. No.

"6. *See* answer to No. 5."

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

1. In January this year did the Minister receive a petition from the residents of the Bella Coola Valley asking that two bridges at Salloomt be repaired?

2. What steps are being taken or contemplated in regard to these bridges?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Matter under consideration."

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

1. How many men are employed in the operation of the Barnston Island Ferry?

2. How many hours per day are these men employed?

3. What is the rate of pay?

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

"1. Three; two on full time and one two days each week.

"2. Ferry operated when and as required; traffic does not warrant a definite schedule.

"3. \$105 and \$90 per month respectively for the full-time employees; \$4 and \$3.20 per day for the casual help, depending on nature of services rendered."

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 4.10 p.m.

Friday, March 13th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to relieve the Kettle Valley Railway Company from certain Obligations imposed under an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle River Valley Railway Company, and a certain other Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1914, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle Valley Railway Company."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Nelson."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the City of New Westminster."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Prince Rupert."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Practice of Land Surveying."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1918,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1936.

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. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1918,'" 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.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 13th, 1936.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game 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.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. How many appointments have been made in the Public Service since the Government assumed office?
2. In what departments were such appointments made?
3. How many of these were: (a) Replacements by reason of resignation, dismissal, or superannuation, giving number in each case; (b) new appointments by way of additions to staff or created positions; (c) salary of each new appointee on entry; (d) names of said new appointees?
4. Have any increases in salary been made to such persons since their appointment, and how much in each case?

Accounts of the Land Settlement Board to December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper:—

In the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—

1. What amount of money was borrowed by the Province between April 1st, 1935, and February 15th, 1936?
2. From whom was said money borrowed, and for what purposes and in what amounts has it been expended?

In the name of Mr. *Anscomb*—

What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars, as on January 1st, 1936?

In the name of Mr. *Anscomb*—

1. What sums have been borrowed by the Government since January 1st, 1935, to January 31st, 1936?
2. From whom in each case was the amount borrowed and under what authority?
3. What has been the rate of interest on each loan?
4. When are loans repayable?
5. Has each loan been fully expended; and, if not, what balance remains available?
6. For what purpose was each loan borrowed?

In the name of Mr. *Bruhn*—

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on February 1st, 1936?
2. What was the net debt of the Province on February 1st, 1936?
3. What part of this debt was: (a) Funded; (b) owed to the Federal Government; (c) owed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce?
4. What is the total amount in the sinking funds of the Province at February 1st, 1936?
5. Was any amount taken from the sinking funds between January 1st, 1935, and February 29th, 1936?
6. If so, for what purpose or purposes was this money used?
7. If any amounts have been taken from the sinking funds, were these moneys removed from funds against loans for which they were originally set aside?
8. Was there an excess of current revenues over current expenditures in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1935?
9. If so: (a) How much was the excess; (b) has this money been expended; (c) if so, for what purposes was it expended?

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper:—

In the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—

1. Were any loans made from the Industrial Development Fund between January 1st, 1935, and December 31st, 1935?
2. If so, to whom were these loans made, and what amounts were allotted to each?
3. Were any collections on past loans made during the year 1935 by the Department of Industries?
4. If so, from whom were collections made, and what was the amount collected in each case?
5. How many requests for loans were made in the year 1935?

In the name of Mr. *Bruhn*—

1. What is the total sum loaned under "An Act respecting the Department of Industries" since January 1st, 1934, to February 1st, 1936?
2. To whom were such loans, if any, made, with amounts in each case?
3. What is the total sum collected during the same period?
4. What is the total sum charged as overhead for: (a) Salaries; (b) travelling expenses; (c) office expenses, from January 1st, 1934, to February 1st, 1936?

By the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*—

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Planta*:—

1. Was repairing or any new construction-work done on the Malahat Highway, Gold-stream section, during the year 1935?
2. If so: (a) What amount was expended; (b) for repairs; (c) new construction?
3. Did the Department rent any equipment during the period the work was being done, if any?
4. If so: (a) What equipment was rented; (b) what is the name and address of the firm or firms from whom equipment was rented?
5. How many days, if any, was each piece of equipment rented, and what rate per day was paid?

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*:—

1. How many miles of new road were constructed on Vancouver Island from January 1st, 1919, to January 1st, 1936?
2. What was the mileage of such new roads constructed on Vancouver Island in each of the years from January 1st, 1919, to January 1st, 1936?
3. How many miles of trails were constructed on Vancouver Island from January 1st, 1919, to January 1st, 1936?

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. Did the Government purchase any heavy machinery in 1935?
2. If so, what was the number of each of the following: (a) Graders; (b) tractors; (c) gas or steam shovels; (d) trucks; (e) motor-cars?
3. What was the cost of each, and from whom purchased?
4. If any other heavy machinery was purchased give name of make, cost, and from whom purchased?

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

1. What amount of money has been collected from gasoline tax from March 1st, 1935, to February 29th, 1936?
2. What amount of money has been collected from motor-car and motor-truck licences during the same period?
3. What amount of money has been collected during the same period from drivers' licences?
4. What amount of money has been paid by the Government by way of rebate on gasoline tax to: (a) Farmers; (b) mining companies; (c) logging companies; (d) fishermen?
5. What amount per gallon is paid by way of rebate?

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

- "1. \$2,846,762.51 gross.
- "2. Complete returns not yet available.
- "3. Complete returns not yet available.
- "4. \$316,687.97; no occupational segregation made.
- "5. 6 cents."

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

1. When did the Peace River Block revert to Provincial jurisdiction from the Dominion Government?
2. What has been the gross cost of maintaining Government services and Department administration in the Peace River District in 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935?
3. What have been the total revenues for the same years?

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

- "1. August 1st, 1930.
- "2 and 3. Cannot segregate revenue or expenditure appertaining to Peace River Block."

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

1. By whose authority was the ditching and dyking below the most southerly bridge on Sand Creek done?
2. What was the purpose of the work done below the Sand Creek Bridge?
3. What was the cost of the new piece of road between Sand Creek and Waldo which was done by J. Aye?

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

- "1. No ditching or dyking carried out by the Department.
- "2. Bar removed for protection of bridge.
- "3. \$86.40."

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

1. Has the Government issued any bonds to the Dominion Bridge Company?
2. If so, what is the amount of the bonds so issued?
3. What interest is payable on such bonds?
4. When will such bonds mature?
5. Is any sinking fund being established to retire these bonds at maturity?
6. Will the Government issue any further bonds to the Dominion Bridge Company?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$1,000,000.
- " 3. 3½ per cent.
- " 4. July 8th, 1938. Callable at any interest-payment date during term pursuant to thirty days' notice before such date.
- " 5. No.
- " 6. Arrangement was made for an additional \$1,000,000 on same basis as and when the Government required it."

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

1. How many employees of the Provincial Government are registered with the Civil Service Commissioner?
2. How many of such Civil Servants permanently reside in Victoria and surrounding municipalities?
3. How many of such employees are employed with Government departments at Victoria?
4. How many of such employees are employed on Vancouver Island outside of Victoria?
5. How many such employees are employed at: (a) Vancouver; (b) New Westminster; (c) Burnaby; (d) North Vancouver; (e) University area; (f) Municipality of Richmond; (g) Municipality of Coquitlam?

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

- " 1. 1,330 permanent Civil Servants (exclusive of police and sundry employees).
- " 2. No information.
- " 3. 607.
- " 4. 45.
- " 5. Records do not segregate Civil Servants into municipal or other areas."

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

1. How many persons were employed in the Civil Service of British Columbia on December 31st, 1935?
2. How many such Civil Servants were employed on Vancouver Island and in the Islands Electoral District?
3. How many Civil Servants were employed in the City of Vancouver and the Electoral Districts of Burnaby, Delta, Vancouver-Point Grey, New Westminster, Dewdney, North Vancouver, and Chilliwack?

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

- " 1. 1,333 permanent Civil Servants (exclusive of police and sundry employees).
- " 2. 656.
- " 3. Records do not segregate Civil Servants by electoral districts."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Are sinking funds being provided for the following "guarantees"; and, if so, how much has been allowed for each one during the years 1933, 1934, and 1935: (a) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company (due July 15th, 1942); (b) Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board (due 1954-71); (c) Agricultural Credit Commission (due May 1st, 1941); (d) West Nicomen Dyking District (due May 1st, 1953)?

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

"(a.) No instalments provided during the years 1933, 1934, and 1935. (b.) Yes. 1933, \$42,677.23; 1934, \$59,192.02; 1935, \$61,093.38. (c.) No instalments provided during 1933, 1934, and 1935. (d.) Yes. 1933, \$840.05; 1934, \$833.17; 1935, \$591.51."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the complete capital cost of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project?
2. What is the amount owing the Province in water rates plus accrued interest from users of the project?
3. What is the amount of delinquent water rates plus accrued interest for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935?

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

- " 1. Cost of lands and improvements thereon as at March 31st, 1935, \$3,371,799.95.
- " 2. \$21,348.46.
- " 3. 1933, \$1,568; 1934, \$5,201; 1935, \$13,521; no interest charged thereon until May, 1936."

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

1. Has the Minister any knowledge of an offer by the inventor, Mathew Allen, in July, 1922, to the Forestry Department of a method of preventing, controlling, and extinguishing forest fires?
2. Does the Minister know what arrangements were made by the late P. Z. Caverhill, Chief Forester, for the demonstration of the method by Mathew Allen, and the agreed fee of \$100.
3. Has this fee been paid?
4. If not, why not?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Yes. No arrangements were made and there was no agreement regarding a fee.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. In an interview with the Chief Forester in July, 1922, Mathew Allen asked to be retained as a consultant at an initial fee of \$100. He refused without this payment to disclose any details regarding his scheme for fire-prevention. There was no demonstration. The matter was not proceeded with. No fee was earned and no payment has been made."

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

1. What is the total amount of money expended on the Princeton–Coalmont Road since November 1st, 1933, to December 31st, 1935?
2. What did the work consist of?
3. What is the total amount of money expended on the Coalmont–Blakeburn Road since November 1st, 1933, to December 31st, 1935?
4. What did the work consist of?
5. What is the total amount of money expended on the Hedley–Princeton Road since November 1st, 1933, to December 31st, 1935?

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

- " 1. \$18,616.55.
- " 2. Relocation, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance.
- " 3. \$1,336.47.
- " 4. Improvement, surfacing, snow-removal, and maintenance.
- " 5. \$27,286."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What proportion of "Accounts Receivable" (as enumerated below) on page L vi. of Public Accounts does the Minister believe are collectable: (a) Assessed taxes; (b) grazing fees; (c) probate and succession duties; (d) timber royalty and stumpage; (e) land sales—principal outstanding; (f) Provincial municipalities; (g) sundry debtors?

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

"Gross amount of accounts receivable, \$7,811,560.22; reserve for losses, \$1,188,926.07; balance, \$6,622,634.15, deemed collectable in full."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. How much money was expended on roads during the year 1935 in the District of Oliver?
2. Were any funds intended for this district directed to other districts or district?
3. If so: (a) How much; (b) to what districts were they diverted; (c) and for what reason?

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

- " 1. \$63,881.67, fiscal year 1935-36 to date.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. See answer to No. 2.

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

1. What rate per acre is being charged by the Government for irrigation-water to the fruit-growers in the South Okanagan Irrigation Project at Oliver.
2. Does the said rate so charged meet all overhead costs in connection with irrigation, including ditch-riders, maintenance, and renewals of the irrigation system?
3. If not, what has been the annual loss during the past eight years of operation, and charged to the general taxpayers of the Province?
4. What is the acreage on the Oliver Project located above the main irrigation-ditch, to which water must be pumped?
5. What rate per acre is being charged to such lands?
6. Does the rate per acre so charged meet all overhead costs, such as electric current, ditch-riders, renewals, and maintenance costs?
7. If not, what has been the annual loss to the Government during the past eight years?
8. Does the original agreement as between the Government and the purchasers of land on the Oliver Project provide for the formation of a water district, or any other method, whereby the users of water may be charged the full cost of irrigation?
9. If so, on what date does this provision come into effect, and how?
10. If so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the formation of a water district; and, if so, when?
11. If not, why not?
12. How many cars of (a) fruit and (b) vegetables were shipped from the Oliver Project in the year 1935?

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

- " 1. \$6 per acre.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. Expenses for the operation and maintenance of the irrigation system have not been segregated from general administration expenses of the project.
- " 4. 643 acres.
- " 5. \$6 per acre plus an additional sum according to the quantity of water used. This varies each year.
- " 6. No.
- " 7. Same as No. 3.
- " 8. Yes.
- " 9. No date set. Organization effected under the provisions of Part VI. of the 'Water Act.'
- " 10. No present intention.
- " 11. Not in public interest.
- " 12. No information in this Department."

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 4.36 p.m.