

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
SESSION 1936

Tuesday, February 25th, 1936.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Eighteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JAMES ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Administrator of the Province, dated the 10th day of January, 1936,

His Honour JOHN WILLIAM FORDHAM JOHNSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Third Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Last year was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the Throne of His Gracious Majesty King George V., and great was the rejoicing of his people. With deep sorrow we now record the death of His late Majesty. In singular degree he had won the devotion, affection, and respect of all his subjects, and the manifestations of esteem and regard from all parts of the world bear striking tribute to the character of His late Majesty.

To King Edward VIII., to Queen Mary, to the Duke and Duchess of York, and to the other members of the Royal Family, sincerest sympathy is extended.

It is a matter of profound gratitude that His late Majesty King George V. is succeeded by one who in pre-eminent degree has been nurtured and trained for the high position to which he is now called. I feel sure that the same loyalty and devotion which was extended to His late Majesty will also be extended to King Edward VIII.

While there has been a steady improvement in business conditions, the international situation is of a very disquieting character. Situated as we are upon this Continent, we are indeed fortunate, yet we cannot but view with grave concern world events of so great significance as are now transpiring.

During the year a Dominion general election took place, and following the election the new Government called a conference of the Dominion and the Provinces of Canada to discuss important problems of mutual concern. The agenda covered a wide range of subjects and good progress was made. All of these important matters will be pursued to definite conclusions, and it is confidently felt that it will result in placing the Provinces and the Dominion as a whole in more favourable position to efficaciously function in their respective spheres.

In every branch of the Provincial Service during the past year there has been exceptional activity in a great variety of endeavour. Not only have the various departments met immediate matters in hand to the full extent of resources available, but the closest and most intimate study has been made of problems confronting us looking to future action. In respect

of some of these matters legislation will be submitted for your consideration at the present Session, but in respect of others it is thought that it will be desirable to call a Session of the Legislature in the fall, when further information will be available which will ensure the formulation of measures to best advantage, including measures to improve the position of the municipalities.

Reports of the various departments of my Government will be laid before you. The Public Accounts and Estimates for the year will also be submitted for your consideration.

In leaving you to your duties, I do so with confidence that you will meet them faithfully. May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop *Seaton*.

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

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received the declaration of resignation of Alexander Malcolm Manson, member representing the Electoral District of Omineca, dated September 14th, 1935, and received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary on September 23rd, 1935.

Ordered, That pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, an entry of the declaration so delivered to Mr. Speaker be made in the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“ *Hon. H. G. Perry, M.L.A.,*
Speaker, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ DEAR AND HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby declare my intention of resigning my seat in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the Electoral District of Omineca on Saturday, the 14th day of September, A.D. 1935.

“ And I do hereby resign my seat for the said electoral district this 14th day September, A.D. 1935.

“ In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of September, A.D. 1935.

“ A. M. MANSON.

“ Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

“ WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS,
Solicitor,
716 Hall Building, Vancouver, B.C.

“ FRED J. R. WHITCHELO,
Salesman,
303 Pender St. W., Vancouver, B.C.”

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received the declaration of resignation of Gerald Gratton McGeer, member representing the Electoral District of Vancouver-Burrard, dated August 7th, 1935, and received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary on October 2nd, 1935.

Ordered, That pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, an entry of the declaration so delivered to Mr. Speaker be made in the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“ *Hon. H. G. Perry, M.L.A.,*
Speaker, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby declare my intention of resigning my seat in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the Electoral District of Vancouver-Burrard on the 7th day of August, A.D. 1935.

“ And I do hereby resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the said Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District this 7th day of August, A.D. 1935.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August, A.D. 1935.

"G. G. McGEER.

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

"J. H. FORESTER,
2537 Balaclava St., Vancouver, B.C.

"THOS. BRAIDWOOD,
2392 W. 10 Ave., Vancouver, B.C."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (Prime Minister), seconded by Mr. *Connell* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That a humble Address be presented to His Gracious Majesty King Edward VIII. in the following words:—

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

"MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty with sentiments of profound sorrow at the death of our late revered Sovereign, King George V., and beg to extend to Your Majesty sincere sympathy in your bereavement which we share most deeply with Your Majesty, Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the other members of the Royal Family.

"We rejoice in the accession of Your Majesty to the Throne. We are deeply appreciative of Your Majesty's intimate knowledge of the varied problems, aims, and high resolves of the many peoples and countries within the British Commonwealth of Nations and the Empire. Under Your Majesty's guidance and reign we look with confidence and faith towards the future, and beg to assure Your Majesty of our loyalty and devotion."

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the above Resolution by standing in silence for one minute.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (Prime Minister), seconded by Mr. *Connell* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That the following message of condolence be sent to Her Majesty Queen Mary:—

"YOUR MAJESTY,—We, the members of the Legislature of British Columbia, respectfully tender to Your Majesty our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow and bereavement. On behalf of the people of this Province of British Columbia, who share your grief and bereavement, may we assure Your Majesty of the deep regard and affection which Your Majesty inspired as Consort and helpmeet of our late beloved Sovereign, King George V."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

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

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Wismer, D. McPherson, Johnson, Connell, and Pooley.*

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

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

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on the Nelson Provincial Gaol for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1935.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Return pursuant to Section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under B.C. Statutes, 1926-27, Chapter 14.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. Mr. Speaker—

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1935.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

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

By the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs—

Two Annual Reports of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Years ended December 31st, 1933, and December 31st, 1934, respectively.

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 3.23 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. G. Wilson*.

Mr. *McKeen* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Mr. *Johnson* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of dealing with the resale of tax-sale lands, and for other powers.

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

Mrs. *Smith* (Vancouver-Burrard) moved, seconded by Mr. *Kenney* (Skeena),—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

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

That *Lawrence Arnold Hanna*, member for Comox Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

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

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

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

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 4.13 p.m.

Thursday, February 27th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. A. Gaudette*.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of dealing with the resale of tax-sale lands, and for other 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.

Mr. *Connell* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Swailes*, to add the following words:—

"This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that it does not believe that the present Government has administered the affairs of the Province wisely; and, further, this

House feels assured that the course which the Government has been pursuing does not meet with general public approval."

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>McPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</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 Mr. *Planta*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Acting Attorney-General) 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 respecting the Limitation of Actions," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 27th, 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. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Limitation of Actions," 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 respecting the Issuance of Writs for certain Elections in the Omineca and Vancouver-Burrard Electoral Districts," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 27th, 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. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Issuance of Writs for certain Elections in the Omineca and Vancouver-Burrard Electoral Districts," 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. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1935.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

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 5.55 p.m.

Friday, February 28th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

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.

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

Mr. *Wismer* presented the following Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 25th instant:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 27th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Barrow, Carson, Gillis, Murray, A. McDonald, MacKay, D. McPherson, Putnam, Strachan, Tupper, Swailes, Planta, and Savage*.

FISHERIES.—Messrs. *McKeen, Gillis, Barrow, Hanna, Kenney, A. McDonald, Swailes, E. E. Winch, Savage, Bakewell, Pooley, and Planta*.

FORESTRY.—Messrs. *Leary, Carson, A. McDonald, McKeen, Strachan, Whittaker, Bakewell, Bruhn, Harris, and Savage*.

MINING.—Messrs. *D. McPherson, Asselstine, Burns, King, Leary, Tupper, Murray, Putnam, MacKay, Carson, Wilkinson, Connell, E. E. Winch, Bruhn, Pooley, and Uphill*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Whittaker, Gillis, Carson, Hanna, McKeen, Putnam, Johnson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Burns, Price, Mrs. Steeves, and Messrs. Connell and Anscomb*.

PRINTING.—Mrs. *Smith*, and Messrs. *Leary*, *Murray*, *D. McPherson*, *H. E. Winch*, and *Savage*.

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Wismer*, *Hanna*, *Harris*, *Johnson*, *McKeen*, *Wilkinson*, *Strachan*, *Price*, Mrs. *Smith*, Mrs. *Steeves*, and Mr. *Pooley*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. *Wismer*, *Sutherland*, *Asselstine*, *Burns*, *Harris*, *Johnson*, *Kenney*, *King*, *Wilkinson*, *Leary*, *Connell*, *H. E. Winch*, *Anscomb*, *Bruhn*, and *Planta*.

RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *MacKay*, *Johnson*, *Murray*, *Tupper*, *Price*, and *Planta*.
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 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 'Cemeteries Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28th, 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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28th, 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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.