

Thursday, March 1st, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. H. McAllister*.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* informed the Speaker that, occasioned by the death of Charles Taschereau Beard, late member for the Electoral District of Esquimalt, a vacancy happens in the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 28th, 1951.

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 'Industrial Development 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. *Wismer* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
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,
February 28th, 1951.

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 '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 Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented a certified copy of the agreement entered into between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited, dated December 29th, 1950. The original of this agreement, of which this is a true and correct copy, is on record in the office of the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C.

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

The Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1950.

Regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases, Department of Health and Welfare, 1951.

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

Whereas by the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1949," a Special Committee of this House was appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to examine and report to the Private Bills Committee on a proposed consolidated and amended "Vancouver Charter":

And whereas such Committee is prepared to report but has drawn to the attention of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that representations have been made alleging that the proposed consolidated and amended Act should not be considered until the Session of 1952 as the final draft of the Act was not available until approximately ten days prior to the opening of the present Session, not affording sufficient time for interested persons and organizations to study the Act and make representations to the Private Bills Committee:

And whereas it is deemed advisable that the Private Bills Committee should give consideration to the issue of postponement:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House refer to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills consideration of the advisability or otherwise of such postponement with power to hear representations and to report its findings to this House as speedily as possible.

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

1. What was the value of base metals produced in the Province in 1949 and 1950?
2. What percentage of base metals produced in 1949 and 1950 were produced by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company?
3. What revenue did the British Columbia Government obtain by way of royalties or other sources from companies producing base metals in 1949 and 1950?
4. What portion of revenue derived was obtained from the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company?

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Mines) replied as follows:—

“ 1. Gross value in 1949, \$91,505,314, and in 1950 (estimated), \$99,271,000.

“ 2. In 1949, 78 per cent; not available for 1950.

“ 3. In 1949, \$3,628,430, plus part of \$13,362,262 collected by the Dominion; not available for 1950.

“ 4. Approximately 93 per cent.”

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

1. What number or percentage of school-children are known or estimated to have defective teeth requiring dental care?

2. What school districts have (a) full- or (b) part-time dentists on their staffs?

3. Are any dentists giving voluntary (unpaid) services to school-children?

4. If yes, who provides their equipment?

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* (Minister of Health and Welfare) replied as follows:—

“ 1. All past surveys carried out in this Province outside Greater Vancouver and Victoria have shown 85 to 90 per cent of the children in need of dental care; in Greater Vancouver it was reported in 1950 that of those children attending school for the first time 35 per cent required no dental treatment; in Greater Victoria it is presently estimated that at the time the children are examined approximately 40 per cent require no dental treatment.

“ 2. (a) Full-time dentists are on the staffs of the following: School District No. 39 (Vancouver), School District No. 40 (New Westminster), School District No. 41 (Burnaby), School District No. 44 (North Vancouver), and School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria); arrangements have been completed and applications from candidates are presently being evaluated for appointments to full-time dentists to at least four health units during the coming summer; by these appointments a preventive dental service will be provided for at least a further eight school districts; moneys for these programmes will be provided through Federal health grants. (b) No school districts presently have part-time dentists on their staffs; preventive dental services are, however, being provided by part-time private dental practitioners within their own offices in nine school districts; these programmes are organized within the communities and a grant towards the cost of operation is provided through Federal health grants.

“ 3. The Department of Health and Welfare has no knowledge that at the present time any dentists are providing voluntary (unpaid) services to school-children.

“ 4. Answered by No. 3.”

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 5.18 p.m.

Friday, March 2nd, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *George Voisey*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Monday, March 5th, 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 one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—

The Annual Report of the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Calendar Year 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*—

The Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith*—

The Ninth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1949.

The Report of the Civil Service Commission of the Province of British Columbia from January 1st to December 31st, 1950.

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

1. What are the regulations governing sick-leave for teachers?
2. To what extent is sick-leave accumulative?
3. Are all teachers treated alike as regards sick-leave and, if not, why not?

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

"1. Section 131, subsection (1), clause (i), of the 'Public Schools Act' requires Boards of School Trustees to grant to the teacher sick-leave with full pay to an aggregate in any one year of one day for each month taught by the teacher in the employ of the Board; normally this is ten days per year.

"2. Unused sick-leave is cumulative to the extent of 50 per cent of the unused portion. In any given year a School Board must allow the teacher ten days' sick-leave on full pay and may allow in addition cumulative sick-leave on full pay, the whole not to exceed thirty days on full pay.

"3. No; cumulative leave is only applicable when acquired in the service of one and the same School Board and is awarded at the discretion of the Board."

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

1. Has the Department made any investigation for the route of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway between Cascade and Rossland?
2. If yes, what routes have been investigated?
3. Was any investigation made of a route via Michener Creek and Sheep Lake?
4. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, (a) what mileage is involved and (b) what is the estimated cost of the various routes?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Location survey—the Victory Highway, Cascade to Paterson, in United States territory; (b) reconnaissance survey—Christina Lake, Fife, Italy Creek, South Fork of Italy Creek to Mile 12 (from Cascade on present road), present road over the summit to Mile 16 (first switchback), north to crossings of West Fork of Swehan Creek and North Fork of Swehan Creek, thence across Big Sheep Creek about 1½ miles south of D. B. Merry's sawmill, climbing back to the present road at Velvet mine switchback and utilizing old road location into Rossland; and (c) study of alternative routes from aerial photography.

“ 3. Yes; from aerial photography only; this route would suggest following down Blueberry Creek toward Castlegar from Sheep Lake.

“ 4. From Cascade to Paterson on the Victory Highway location, 27.6 miles; (b) estimate not finalized on Victory Highway location and no estimates are based on reconnaissance surveys.”

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

1. What has been the total cost of operation of the following ferries, including repairs, depreciation, and all charges, for the year 1950: (a) Kelowna–Westbank, (b) Kootenay Lake, (c) Nelson, and (d) Castlegar?
2. What revenue, if any, was derived from each?

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

“ 1. (a) \$205,372.58, (b) \$129,978.65, (c) \$40,113.71, and (d) \$45,117.05.

“ 2. Kelowna–Westbank Ferry (revenue, \$144,680.30); Kootenay Lake Ferry (revenue, \$88,410); Nelson Ferry, non-revenue; and Castlegar Ferry, non-revenue.”

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

1. Has a contract been let for the construction of a bridge across Rock Creek Canyon on the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway about 1 mile east of Bridesville?
2. If yes, to whom and under what terms?
3. If a contract was let, were tenders called on any part of the work?
4. If not, why not?
5. If a contract was let, had the bridge been designed prior to letting the contract?
6. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, (a) has the Department authorized the subletting of any part of the work; (b) if so, to whom; and (c) on what terms?
7. Did the Department consider making a fill across the canyon?
8. If yes, what yardage of fill was estimated?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Contract awarded to Dominion Bridge Company, Limited, Vancouver, B.C., on prices submitted and accepted by letter. Terms: Lump-sum price for fabrication and erection of superstructure steel owned by the Department and unit prices for foundations.

“ 3. No.

"4. Due to emergency in steel-supply and rapidly advancing prices the steel was previously purchased by the Department from the only available source; that is, the Dominion Bridge Company. The Dominion Bridge Company, having steel in its possession, was the only firm in a position to fabricate and erect same. Foundation work was included in the Dominion Bridge Company's contract to enable erection work to be properly co-ordinated.

"5. Yes.

"6. (a) Yes; (b) General Construction Company, Limited, Vancouver, B.C.; and (c) on unit prices.

"7. Yes.

"8. Approximately 2,000,000 cubic yards plus approximately 1,200 feet of reinforced-concrete culvert."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.26 p.m.

Monday, March 5th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. Penfold*.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* presented the Annual Report of the Director of Mental Hygiene and Psychiatry of the Mental Hospitals for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

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

1. When inmates of Oakalla from out-of-town districts are released, what provision is made to enable them to return to their homes?
2. Is provision made to ensure that no inmate discharged from gaol is released in a destitute condition?
3. If yes, of what does same consist?

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

"1, 2, and 3. The prisoners in Oakalla receive 10 cents per day good-conduct pay which is given them upon their release. The Department, however, has provided \$4,000 in Oakalla Prison Farm Estimates for 1951-52 for return transportation of inmates."

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

1. How many retired Civil Servants, including widows or widowers of said retired Civil Servants, were in receipt of superannuation payments as at December 31st, 1950?

2. What is the average total amount contributed by a Civil Servant during his period of active employment, including period of war service, to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

3. What is the average total amount paid to a superannuant after his or her retirement?

4. What is the average monthly amount paid to the superannuant after his or her retirement?

5. What is the average total contribution of the Provincial Government on behalf of the average Civil Servant during the period of his or her employment?

6. What is the average length of time following retirement that monthly payments are made to retired Civil Servants, their widows or widowers?

7. Does the Government of British Columbia make an annual contribution with the sanction of the Legislature toward the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

8. Is such contribution, if any, made by cash payment into the funds of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund or is it made by extension of credit to the amount authorized by the Legislature?

9. What was the total amount of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund as at the end of the last fiscal year held in (a) bonds of the Province of British Columbia, (b) Treasury bills of the Province of British Columbia, and (c) any other form of obligation on the part of the Province to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

The Hon. Mr. Straith replied as follows:—

“ 1. Nine hundred and ninety-three.

“ 4. During the month of December, 1950, 993 received allowances aggregating \$72,882.46; average allowance, \$73.40, on plan selected, but *see* below; \$63,662.59 of this amount was paid from the Fund; \$9,219.87 was paid from Consolidated Revenue to provide minimum pensions under Schedule B and sundry regulations.

“ 7. Yes; *see* sections 9 and 10 of the Act. During the period April 1st, 1921, to March 31st, 1950, the total of Government contributions to the Fund was \$9,369,691.59. In addition, payments to the special reserve pursuant to section 15 amounted to \$2,280,582.16 for the period April 1st, 1921, to March 31st, 1949, when the payments to the special reserve were discontinued pursuant to the provisions of section 15, subsection (2). The Government also provides out of Consolidated Revenue, pursuant to the provisions of sundry sections of the Act, supplementary amounts to provide minimum pensions under Schedule B, etc. (*see* Annual Report). Further, pursuant to section 14 of the Act, the Minister of Finance pays to the Fund the amount required to enable interest to be credited to various accounts.

“ 8. The payments referred to in No. 7 are made by cash.

“ 9. Total amount of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund as at March 31st, 1950: Cash, Civil Service Superannuation Fund Account, \$2,035,447.36; investments at cost, \$21,411,633.67; total, \$23,447,081.03. (a) Province of British Columbia direct and guaranteed bonds (par value), \$21,609,000; (b) Treasury bills of the Province, *nil*; (c) other securities (not Provincial obligations) (par value), \$457,333.91. (*See also* section 29 of the Act.)

“ 2, 3, 5, and 6. Information is not readily available to enable these questions to be answered in their present form; the need for this information does not arise in the administration of the Fund, nor in any actuarial investigation. The total contribution of a Civil Servant to the Fund involves many factors—salary throughout service, rate of contribution, length of service, voluntary contributions, etc., and as his salary future

cannot be projected, his total eventual contributions cannot be foretold. However, the average contribution of all Civil Servants is at present approximately 6.6 per cent of salary. The total contribution of the Provincial Government on behalf of a Civil Servant is the same as the Civil Servant's compulsory contribution with the addition of compound interest at the prescribed rate.

"The Civil Service Superannuation Fund is a cash purchase scheme; that is, moneys accumulated at retirement purchase an annuity on the plan selected according to the tables in force. It should be stressed that average totals and average monthly allowances are meaningless. Comparisons can only properly be made where a common standard exists, otherwise no pattern can be established and any conclusions drawn would be erroneous. The factors that enter into a superannuation allowance for a Civil Servant include age at entry, percentage of contribution, salary throughout service, age at retirement, choice of plan, age of wife. An average allowance and the average length of time it is paid would only have meaning if all allowances were granted on the same plan and at the same retiring age, whereas allowances in force are on the single-life plan, the five-year guaranteed plan, the ten-year guaranteed plan, the joint-life and last-survivor plan, combination of two or more plans. All of the foregoing are calculated on equivalent values; in addition, 172 allowances are in force under Schedule B.

"The total amount paid to a superannuant after retirement cannot be determined until the death of the superannuant or, in the case of a joint-life and last-survivor plan, the death of the second beneficiary or, in the case of a guaranteed plan, until the expiry of the guaranteed period or the death of the contributor, whichever occurs last. The practice of publishing amounts paid to those receiving superannuation allowances up to the time of death was discontinued in 1945 (*see* Annual Report No. 10), the table having no statistical value. Prior to that date the average duration of allowances paid to those who selected the single-life plan was eight years one month, but this is of no particular significance for it will be observed that out of the 110 deaths to March 31st, 1945, eighty-one employees had retired at ages exceeding 65 years; twenty-three of these were over 70 years at retirement, four being over 75 years at retirement.

"Of the sixty-nine allowances granted under the joint-life and last-survivor and guaranteed plans who had died up to March 31st, 1945, forty-eight were over the age of 65 at retirement, fourteen being over 70, five being over 75. In this group one allowance was paid for two years eight and one-half months, the balance varying between five and twenty-two years eleven months.

"As regards widows of deceased contributors the period of time during which the allowance was paid up to the death of the widows varied from one year two months to eighteen years eight and one-half months; the ages of the widows when the allowance was granted varied between 43 years 4 months and 63 years 7 months."

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 4.56 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. Hendy*.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Whereas at the Federal-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa, December 4th to 7th, 1950, it was agreed, subject to approval of the respective Governments, to amend the "British North America Act":

And whereas the proposed amendment sought to accomplish two objectives: (1) Introduction by the Federal Government of a system of contributory old-age pensions for all persons 70 years of age and over and an old-age pension for persons between 65 and 69 years on a means-test basis; (2) granting of power to the Provinces to impose an indirect sales tax up to but not exceeding 3 per cent in such a manner as not to encroach or interfere with interprovincial trade:

And whereas it is expedient and in the best interests of the people to concur in the enactment of the aforesaid constitutional amendments:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature approve, in principle, the proposed amendments.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 6th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That, while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Okanagan Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act'" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees and in respect of proof of advertising, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 6th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That, while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Sea Bus Lines Ltd. and Victoria Dock Company Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copy of the Bill, and proof of advertising, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 6th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of C. W. Goodrich, George H. Biddle, Sam Garvin, Robert G. Hunter, Charles A. Barnett, Anne L. Rowan, and Stephen Raymer, all of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, and A. M. Lester, of Comox, Province aforesaid, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Mutual Life Assurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 6th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

That, while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of The City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees and proof of advertising, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Has the Government disposed of the Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Co-operative plant?
2. If so, to whom and for what price?
3. Were any objections raised to the sale of the plant and, if so, from whom and what were the bases of objections?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Mr. Barrett Montfort, Vancouver, B.C., for \$10,750.

"3. No."

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

What municipalities, if any, (a) have utilized the provisions of the "Housing Act," being chapter 31 of the Statutes of 1950, or indicated their firm intention of so doing, and (b) to what extent in each individual instance?

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

"The following municipalities have submitted applications for housing projects under the provisions of the 'Housing Act': Cranbrook, North Vancouver City, Prince Rupert, Surrey, Trail, and Vancouver. Agreement with Vancouver has been consummated and architects are working on the plans for the 200-unit low-rental project; Surrey withdrew its application when public demand failed to prove up; the other applications are pending. An additional nineteen municipalities have made inquiries regarding the provisions of the Act and a number of these either have or are examining their housing situation."

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

1. What provision, if any, exists for the (a) appointment of or (b) financial assistance to veterinary surgeons in outlying sections of the Province?
2. What instances, if any, presently obtain under either of the above provisions?

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

"1. (a) The Department of Agriculture does not appoint veterinary surgeons to do general practice; (b) any representative farm wishing to secure services of a veterinary surgeon to undertake general practice in the community may, upon application to the Department of Agriculture, receive a grant up to \$50 per month conditionally upon their making a like grant to the veterinary surgeon.

"2. Grants on the above basis are being paid to a club in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows district and to a club in the Courtenay district."

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

1. Are children and adolescent patients confined at Essondale?
2. If yes, what specific facilities and staff are available for their supervised recreation and occupational training?

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

“ 1. Yes; during the calendar year 1950, there were admitted at Essondale ninety-five boys and seventy-one girls, a total of 166 children under 16 years of age. With the opening of the new building at New Westminster in August, 1950, as many children as could be accommodated were transferred to that institution. There are at the moment at Essondale forty-one boys and twenty-one girls under 16 years of age in residence. Three new buildings are now under construction at New Westminster; on completion of these buildings, the children resident at Essondale will be transferred to the school. When the units are completed, it is contemplated that arrangements will be made for direct admission to the New Westminster branch.

“ 2. A schoolroom is maintained for the children at Essondale and a school-teacher employed. This position is presently vacant but the application of a fully qualified school-teacher is now before the Civil Service Commission for appointment. Correspondence courses, through the Department of Education, are available to suitable candidates; five young adults are now on such courses; five boys, under 16 years of age, are receiving instruction in trades in the vocational shops; ten girls, under 16 years of age, are in regular attendance in occupational therapy shops; supervised groups participate in outdoor activities, weather permitting.”

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

1. What is (a) the total acreage of the Colony Farm, (b) the acreage capable of being cultivated, and (c) the acreage under cultivation?
2. Is the produce of the farm sufficient to supply the agricultural product requirements of Essondale, the Crease Clinic, and the Provincial Mental Hospital at New Westminster?

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

“ 1. (a) 675 acres; (b) 629 acres; and (c) 629 acres, disposed as follows: Vegetable-crop, 53 acres; newly cleared to be cultivated, 12 acres; potatoes, 70 acres; corn, 20 acres; clover, 20 acres; turnips, 7 acres; oats, 125 acres; pasture, 210 acres; rough pasture, 22 acres; pig pasture, 50 acres; and Boys' Industrial School pasture, 40 acres.

“ 2. The farm produced sufficient pork for the requirements of the three institutions. The farm has also been able to supply requirements for potatoes, turnips, and carrots, also cabbage, cauliflower, and beets as long as they would last in storage. During the growing season, from early spring until late fall, the farm has been able to supply all of the institutional requirements for lettuce, all other green vegetables, such as peas, radishes, leeks, beans, etc. Prior to the fire in 1948, the farm was able to supply sufficient milk for institutional requirements. Since then, due to lack of proper facilities (which are rapidly being replaced), this has not been possible. At the present time the farm is milking 170 cows; it is the intention to increase this milking herd to 250 as soon as new facilities are provided. During the year just closed, the farm produced 1,102 tons of potatoes, 151 tons of carrots, 300 tons of turnips, and 25 tons of onions, in addition to other green vegetables.”

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 4.01 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Smith.

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 the Hon. Mr. Carson, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Straith, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

This House authorizes the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to the House.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 7th, 1951.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver," 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. Kenney presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
March 7th, 1951.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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. *Turnbull* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 7th, 1951.

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. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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 Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (on behalf of Mr. *Welch*)—Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Qualicum Beach."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Nelson."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Chilliwack Drainage Areas."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dykes Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Camp Regulation Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented the Second Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Period January 1st, 1950, to December 31st, 1950.

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

1. Were any legal costs incurred prior to the passage of chapter 70 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1950, relative to the right of the Province to tax Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt lands or resources?

2. If so, what were the expenses and remuneration costs and to whom were they paid?

3. What legal costs have been incurred by the Government including (a) expenses and (b) remuneration on all proceedings relative to the right of the Province to tax Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt lands or resources following the powers granted by chapter 70 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1950, and to whom were payments made?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., \$20,310.17; Ewart, Scott, Kelly & Company, \$572.84; Gard Lyall & Company, \$1,104.08; and H. A. Maclean, \$2,692.20—incurred and paid prior to passage of chapter 70 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1950. The following was incurred prior to passage of said chapter 70, but paid later: J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., \$37,384.54.

"3. Fees and expenses of J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., and H. A. Maclean, K.C., for representing the Province on petition for disallowance of said chapter 70 before the Dominion Cabinet as follows: Mr. Farris' account, not yet rendered; Mr. Maclean, expenses only, \$1,018.47."

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

1. What is the total cost to date to the Government for use of the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over the Kootenay River at Wasa Lake?

2. How much of this went to the Canadian Pacific Railway?

3. How much for watchmen?

4. Has any survey been made of footings of the old bridge with a view to using them to build a new bridge on the same location?

5. If not, why not?

6. Has there been any survey made as to the cost of a new bridge?

7. If so, what is the estimated cost?

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

“ 1. \$55,698.04.

“ 2. \$17,043.05.

“ 3. \$19,935.35.

“ 4. No.

“ 5. The timber footings of the old bridge would be of no value in the construction of a new bridge on account of their age.

“ 6. No actual field survey has been carried out but an approximate estimate of cost was made in 1946.

“ 7. Estimated cost in 1946 for a timber bridge was \$105,000.”

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 4.35 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. V. H. Redman*.

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.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*,—

Whereas at the Federal-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa, December 4th to 7th, 1950, it was agreed, subject to approval of the respective Governments, to amend the “British North America Act”:

And whereas the proposed amendment seeks to accomplish the introduction by the Federal Government of a system of contributory old-age pensions for all persons 70 years of age and over and an old-age pension for persons between 65 and 69 years on a means-test basis:

And whereas it is expedient and in the best interests of the people to concur in the enactment of the aforesaid constitutional amendment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature approve, in principle, the proposed amendment.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*,—

Whereas at the Federal-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa, December 4th to 7th, 1950, it was agreed, subject to approval of the respective Governments, to amend the “British North America Act”:

And whereas the proposed amendment seeks to confer powers upon the Provinces to impose an indirect sales tax up to but not exceeding 3 per cent in such a manner as not to encroach or interfere with interprovincial trade:

And whereas it is deemed advisable to concur in the enactment of the aforesaid constitutional amendment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature approve, in principle, the proposed amendment.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act.'"

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. *Morrow*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *MacIntyre*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road."

On the motion of Mr. *McDonell*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Mutual Life Assurance Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Pursuant to a Resolution of the House, your Committee has heard representations on the matter of postponement or otherwise until the Session of 1952 of consideration

of a proposed Bill intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto," and recommends such postponement to the Legislative Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Cates* presented the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board, British Columbia, for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

Mr. *Hendricks* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Are any industrial groups exempt from paying British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service premiums?

2. If so, what are the names of the industrial groups which are exempt from paying such British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service premiums?

3. Is there any approximate estimate of the number of individuals involved?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. The Canadian Pacific Railway Employees' Medical Association of British Columbia and the Telephone Employees' Medical Services Association.

" 3. Yes; 16,983. Supplementary information: On January 8th, 1951, the Canadian Pacific Railway Employees' Medical Association of British Columbia reported 13,500 contributing members and on December 11th, 1950, the Telephone Employees' Medical Services Association reported 3,483 contributing members."

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 5.05 p.m.

Friday, March 9th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. E. M. Tomalin.*

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* made the following statement:—

Madam Speaker,—In view of the fact that honourable members have made a number of references to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and in view of the fact that it was not possible for me to give the customary policy speech, I beg leave of the House at this juncture to make a statement of Government policy and of public importance.

Leave having been granted, the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* continued:—

Madam Speaker,—It was my intention during the debate on the Speech from the Throne to have dealt extensively, amongst other matters, with the Government's policy with respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

When it was decided it would be advisable to abandon the traditional policy speech for this Session, I thought it might be possible to forego a statement of Government policy until the discussion of my salary vote during consideration of Estimates.

However, there have been so many inquiries from honourable members that I deem it advisable that you should now be acquainted publicly with the Government's policy in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

I would like to state that, subject to certain conditions, it is the Government's intention to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish into North Vancouver.

The Government has made this decision in view of the fact that the present barge service is unable to cope with traffic and that an ever-increasing load on the line demands a further development to replace the present barge service and enlarge the service.

To put in a proper ferry service to take care of the unprecedented expansion in traffic and the continued expansion which is inevitable would involve the expenditure of a large sum of money.

If this were done, we would still not have a completely satisfactory solution to the problem since there is anywhere from nine to twelve hours' delay in transit in delivering car-loads to Vancouver by barge.

In view of these circumstances and in view of the fact that we have been advised that the line can be extended from Squamish to North Vancouver at an approximate cost of some \$8,500,000 to \$10,000,000, the Government has decided, subject to the availability of steel and subject to the ability to raise the necessary funds at reasonable rates of interest, and receiving satisfactory bids on this work, to proceed with the extension of this line.

I may add that, at the present time, we have 137 sawmills along the Pacific Great Eastern and in many instances these mills are unable to operate at capacity due to our inability to overcome the bottleneck at Squamish.

I am hopeful that this work can be carried out in the near future and am confident that this extension will redound greatly to the benefit of the operation of the railway as well as to the whole economy of the territory served by the line.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting, the House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Morrow</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>

The debate continued, and was, on the motion of Mr. *Haggen*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at 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 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver."

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Nelson."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Chilliwack Drainage Areas."

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Report of the Commission appointed by the Attorney-General to inquire into the State and Management of Gaols of British Columbia, 1950.

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

1. Are male persons in Oakalla awaiting trial segregated from prisoners under sentence?
2. Are prisoners under sentence to the penitentiary, but temporarily in Oakalla, segregated from those under gaol sentence?
3. Are long-term and short-term prisoners segregated?
4. On what classification basis, if any, are prisoners allotted to the various wards?
5. Are prisoners, other than those under medical care, housed in the infirmary ward?

6. Have arrangements (a) been made or (b) contemplated for the training of guards and instructors in the principles of penology?

7. Has consideration been given, or is it being given, to (a) the removal of all women prisoners from Oakalla to a cottage-type institution located elsewhere and (b) using the present women's gaol for the care and treatment of drug addicts with a view to their permanent cure and rehabilitation?

8. (a) Was a trained librarian recently on the staff; (b) is one now employed; and (c) if not, why?

9. Is all gaol acreage capable of use for agricultural purposes now under cultivation?

10. Is the gaol farm produce sufficient for needs of the institution?

11. Is a surplus produced for disposal to other Provincial institutions?

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

" 1. Yes; in so far as possible; many are, however, kept in the same cell block as sentenced prisoners, but on separate tiers.

" 2. Yes; for the most part they are kept in the south wing cell block, but at times it is necessary to keep some in the west wing cell block on the same tiers as those held waiting trial.

" 3. No.

" 4. Drug addicts, deportees, prisoners with other charges pending, former escapees, unemployable inmates, and many of the short-term prisoners are detained in the west wing cell block; all others are transferred to the east wing cell block or the annex in the old gaol building as accommodation becomes available for employment.

" 5. Yes; owing to the present overcrowded condition of the gaol.

" 6. Yes; provision has been made in the Estimates for the coming fiscal year to provide for in-service training of guards and instructors at the gaol by arrangement with the University of British Columbia.

" 7. (a) This has been recommended in the report of the Gaol Commission and is still under consideration; (b) if and when a new women's gaol is established, consideration is being given to using the present women's gaol as a gaol hospital.

" 8. (a) The former gaol librarian resigned in June last; (b) a new librarian was appointed recently and commenced his duties on March 1st; (c) answered by (b).

" 9. No; there are still a few acres not completely cleared and drained.

" 10. No.

" 11. No."

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

1. Were commissions or committees appointed during the past year to inquire into conditions existing in the administration of or needs of Oakalla Gaol?

2. If yes, of whom did same consist?

3. Have reports of their findings (a) been made and (b) will same be made available to members of the Legislature?

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

" 1. Yes; a commission was appointed under the 'Departmental Inquiries Act' on May 5th, 1950, appointing Eric Pepler, K.C., Deputy Attorney-General; Dr. C. W. Topping, Professor of Sociology, University of British Columbia; and E. G. B. Stevens, Provincial Probation Officer, as Commissioners to inquire and report into the state and management of the gaols of the Province, with special reference to the overcrowded condition of Oakalla Prison Farm.

" 2. Answered by No. 1.

" 3. (a) Yes; on June 20th, 1950; and (b) yes."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. What remuneration, if any, is paid to individual members of the Mothers' Allowance Advisory Board?

2. How often do they meet and where are meetings held?

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

"1. They serve without remuneration but are reimbursed for the actual and necessary travelling expenses.

"2. They meet from time to time at the call of the Minister; one meeting each year is usually held in Victoria, others in Vancouver."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

Monday, March 12th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. J. Hulford*.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Gould</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Morrow</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Braden</i>			

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, 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. *Johnson* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act,’” enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9th, 1951.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To strike out the third and fourth lines of section 2, and to substitute the words “amended by repealing sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 43.”

To strike out section 3, and to substitute the following sections:—

“3. Said chapter 54 is further amended by inserting the following as section 7:—

“‘7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations:—

“(a) Requiring all or any persons engaged in the coal and petroleum industries to register with and to obtain a licence from the Board:

“(b) Establishing classes of occupation in the coal and petroleum industries and rearranging the classes from time to time:

“(c) Providing for licences for the different classes of occupations:

“(d) Requiring licences in respect of any one or more of the classes of occupation:

“(e) Prescribing the form and manner of an application for a licence:

“(f) Prescribing and regulating the fees to be paid for licences:

“(g) Providing for the collection of the licence fees and designating the persons by whom the same shall be collected:

“(h) Providing for the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of licences.’”

“4. Said chapter 54 is further amended by inserting the following as section 14:—

“‘14. The Board shall have power, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to prescribe the specifications to be observed in the erection or construction of gasoline- or oil-filling or service stations or other premises upon which petroleum products are kept for sale, and to require contractors, owners, licensees, or other persons constructing such premises to obtain and hold a valid permit from the Board.’”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act.'"

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 12th, 1951.

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. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies 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. *Cates* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 12th, 1951.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Indian Inquiry 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.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Vancouver Water District Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Victoria Water District Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cates*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Apprenticeship Act.’”

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

What regulations govern financing of pupils, including cost of transportation, up to and including senior matriculation where facilities are not available within their own school district?

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

“By virtue of the ‘Public Schools Act,’ the Board of School Trustees of any school district may make provision for the following in respect of its pupils’ attendance in another school district: (a) The payment of tuition fees; (b) the payment of boarding allowance to a dormitory or other residence of an unstated amount with assistance from the Department of Education in an amount of \$7 per pupil per month; and (c) the payment of text-book charges and charges for eye-glasses for indigent pupils. Transportation of pupils to another school district is the responsibility of parents. A reasonably adequate secondary-school education is now available in most school districts.”

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

1. Has recent highway-construction work been done on the Trans-Canada Highway commencing at Silver Creek, the boundary-line between the Yale and Chilliwack constituencies, and extending approximately 3½ miles west?

2. Was a contract for such construction let to the Emil Anderson Construction Company?

3. What were (a) Department of Public Works’ estimate, (b) contractor’s estimate, and (c) contract figures on the amount of yardage for hauling of solid rock and loose dirt, with cubic-yard price in each case?

4. Since awarding the contract, has any change been made in yardage quantities, classification, or price?

5. If so, on whose (a) recommendation and (b) authority was any change made and what are the particulars of same?

6. Did the Department of Public Works’ original survey on this work show approximately 2 miles of construction through level country and black loam and the balance heavy rock work?

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

“1 and 2. Yes.

“3. (a) \$572,221.20; (b) not known; (c) over-haul 57,082 cubic-yard miles at 20 cents, contract specifies one-half mile free haul.

“4. Yes.

“5. (a) and (b) Chief Engineer; the original contract for the work was let before the Trans-Canada Highway agreement was signed; changes in quantities had to be made to conform to the Trans-Canada Highway standards as set out in the agreement.

“6. Yes.”

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

1. With respect to the new road between Squilax and Salmon Arm, has the right-of-way been located?
2. Does it conflict with any survey or right-of-way of the Canadian Pacific Railway?
3. If the answer to the preceding question is yes, has the Canadian Pacific Railway any priority rights in this respect?
4. If the answer to the preceding question is yes, has any agreement been arrived at with respect thereto?
5. Is any immediate construction work contemplated and, if so, to what extent?

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

“ 1, 2, and 3. Yes.

“ 4 and 5. No.”

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

1. What additional buildings, if any, were made available last year at (a) the Home for the Aged, (b) Essondale, and (c) New Westminster?
2. What additional beds, if any, were made available last year at (a) the Home for the Aged, (b) Essondale, and (c) New Westminster?
3. What buildings are now in the course of construction at each of the foregoing and what additional bed accommodation will be available in each case respectively?
4. What additional such buildings, if any, are now being planned with the firm intention of calling for tenders during the coming year and the number of beds which will be provided in each case?

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

“ 1. (a) New unit, Terrace, October, 1950; additional building, Vernon, February, 1950. (b) Crease Clinic, January 1st, 1951; four new silos, Colony Farm; one new implement-shed; and three new nurses' homes. (c) One new unit, August, 1950.

“ 2. (a) Terrace, 300 beds, and Vernon, 33 beds; (b) Crease Clinic, 325 beds; and (c) 112 cribs and 50 beds.

“ 3. (a) Port Coquitlam, 100 beds; (b) recreational centre and auditorium, and bakery addition; and (c) three new buildings, 300 beds.

“ 4. (a) None; (b) infectious building (tuberculosis)—immediate, 100, and eventual, 228 beds; laundry and storage building, nurses' home and educational centre, new dairy (tenders called), and new feeding barn (tenders called); and (c) new nurses' home. Also sundry other projects relating to power-house, coal-bunkers, occupational therapy, grounds, street-lighting, etc.”

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 5.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Angus Cameron*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1949–50 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1952;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1951;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1950, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 12th, 1951.*

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. *Anscomb* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, “That Madam 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 of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

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

1. Were any firearms confiscated in the years 1946 to 1950 due to infractions of the “Game Act”?
2. If so, how many were confiscated during (a) 1946, (b) 1947, (c) 1948, (d) 1949, and (e) 1950?
3. Were any confiscated firearms disposed of during the above years?
4. If so, how many and by what method during (a) 1946, (b) 1947, (c) 1948, (d) 1949, and (e) 1950?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. *See* answer to No. 4.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. Charged to Game Wardens as part of equipment or on loan to recognized boys' clubs: 1946, 5; 1947, 11; 1948, 22; 1949, 18; 1950, 21. Returned to accused or destroyed when found dangerous: 1946, 3; 1947, 3; 1948, 11; 1949, 2; 1950, 3. Sold individually or in lots after notice of sale being posted in office of Game Commission: 1946, 31; 1947, 42; 1948, 41; 1949, 66; 1950, 45 on hand. Number of firearms confiscated: 1946, 39; 1947, 56; 1948, 74; 1949, 86; 1950, 69.”

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

1. Was a committee appointed in an advisory capacity to the alcohol education department?

2. If yes, (a) of whom does it consist, (b) on what occasions has it met, and (c) what action, if any, has resulted therefrom?

3. What further action is contemplated to achieve the desired results?

4. What grants, if any, have been made in the furtherance of the work of alcohol education?

5. For what specific purposes were such grants made?

6. In whose hands is the disposal of the money?

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

“ 1. Yes; advisory to the Minister.

“ 2. (a) Dr. George A. Davidson, Senior Psychiatrist, Vancouver General Hospital, chairman; Mrs. H. Culter, Youth Activities and Board of School Trustees, New Westminster; Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, John Howard Society, Victoria; Dr. J. L. Murray Anderson, Medical Superintendent, Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; Dean S. N. F. Chant, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of British Columbia; Magistrate Henry C. Hall, Victoria; Dr. G. F. Strong, Medicine, Vancouver; Miss Madeline Clay, Women's Work, Victoria; Miss Laura Holland, Social Work, Victoria; Mr. Neil Swainson, Youth, Victoria. Advisory: Mr. H. L. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Education; Mr. W. F. Kennedy, Chairman, Liquor Control Board; Mr. J. R. Meredith, Research Assistant, Department of Education, secretary. (b) May 15th, June 14th, July 15th, in 1948; February 14th, May 30th, in 1949. (c) Advisory to the Minister in all matters relating to alcohol education, as, for example, preparation and publication of Manual of Reference on Alcohol Education and Units of Study, Grades VII to XII; securing films and previewing; preparation and publication of pamphlet 'If You Drive.'

“ 3. Probably the production of additional pamphlets for public information.

“ 4. None.

“ 5. Answered by No. 4.

“ 6. 'Liquor Act Amendment Act, 1947,' section 121, 'and for the creation of a fund to be expended under the direction of the Minister of Education . . .'

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 5.27 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. R. G. Dredge*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 13th, 1951.*

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. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
March 13th, 1951.*

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. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Flood-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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Development 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trans-Canada Highways 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Twelve million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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. 43) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Twelve million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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. 41) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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. *Johnson* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power 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.

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

1. In the year 1928 what subjects were taught in (a) Grades I to VI, (b) Grades VII to IX, and (c) Grades X to XII?
2. In the year 1949 what subjects were taught in (a) Grades I to VI, (b) Grades VII to IX, and (c) Grades X to XII?
3. In what year were pre-primary classes started?
4. How many pupils attended these classes each year since inception?
5. What is the cost per pupil for each year?

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

“1 and 2. Grades I to VI (all courses are constants, required of all students): 1928 Syllabus—English (reading, writing, spelling, and language), Arithmetic, Nature Study and Agriculture, Geography, History, Music, Drawing, Health, and Manual Arts. 1949 Syllabus—English (reading, writing, spelling, and language), Arithmetic, Elementary Science, Social Studies and Character Education, Music, Graphic Arts, Health and Physical Education, Practical Arts, and Library.

“Grades VII to IX (some courses are constants and some are electives; all are not offered in each of the grades): 1928 Syllabus—English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Health Education, Physical Education, General Science, Art, Music, Library, Agriculture, Latin and French, Typewriting, Junior Business, Business Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Shop Arithmetic, Ancient History, and Practical Arts. 1949 Syllabus—English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Effective Living (including health, physical education, guidance, home and family living), General Science, Art, Music, Library, Agriculture, Latin, French, Spanish, German, Typewriting, Junior Business, Business Arithmetic, Record-keeping, Drama, Library, Industrial Arts (woodwork, metalwork, electricity, and farm mechanics), and Home Economics (dressmaking and homemaking).

“Grades X to XII (some courses are constants and some are electives; all are not offered in each grade or in every school; courses offered in technical and vocational schools not included): 1928 Syllabus—English, Physical Training, Physiology and Hygiene, History, Geography, Mathematics, Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture, French, German, Greek, Latin, Music, Home Economics (clothing, textiles and applied art, foods, nutrition, and home management), Technical (draughting and shopwork), Commerce (book-keeping and accounting), Typewriting, Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Shorthand, Business Correspondence and Filing, Commercial Geography, and Secretarial Practice. 1949 Syllabus—English (business English and journalism), Effective Living (including health, physical education, guidance, mental hygiene, home and family living), Social Studies (history, economic geography, economics, law, and geography), Mathematics (business arithmetic and practical mathematics), General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture, French, German, Latin, Spanish, Art, Music, Drama, Home Economics (homemaking, dressmaking, clothing selection and construction, foods and nutrition, home furnishing, child care and home nursing, and arts and crafts), Industrial Arts (draughting, woodwork, metalwork, electricity, farm mechanics, and arts and crafts), Commerce (book-keeping, typewriting, business arithmetic, law, and shorthand), Junior Business (clerical practice, economic geography, and economics), Secretarial Practice, Office Practice, and Retail Selling.

“These lists do not include courses offered in technical schools and vocational institutes.

“3. 1945.

“4. 1945–46, 507 pupils; 1946–47, 1,009 pupils; 1947–48, 987 pupils; 1948–49, 1,129 pupils; 1949–50, 1,433 pupils.

“5. Not available; no breakdown of costs for any one grade is kept; in general pre-primary costs are approximately one-half of Grade I costs because the teacher handles two groups, one in the morning and another in the afternoon.”

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.

Thursday, March 15th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Greenhalgh*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply. The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1950.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1950.

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

1. Was the classification of Clarke Road, within the municipal area of Port Moody, as a secondary highway rescinded by Order in Council No. 2085, September 8th, 1945, and, by Order in Council No. 2086, classified as an arterial highway?

2. Was the classification of Clarke Road, within the municipal area of the District of Coquitlam, as a secondary highway rescinded by Order in Council No. 2084, September 8th, 1945, and, by Order in Council No. 2087, September 8th, 1945, classified as an arterial highway?

3. (a) Was the aforementioned Clarke Road reclassified at a later date, and, (b) if yes, upon what date and to what classification?

4. What was the nature of work done to the aforementioned road while classified as an arterial highway and the cost of same, if any?

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

"1. No; not in 1945.

"2. No; not in 1945.

"3. In the City of Port Moody, classification as secondary was rescinded by Order in Council No. 2085, approved September 8th, 1948, and reclassification as arterial by Order in Council No. 2086 of the same date; classification as arterial rescinded by Order in Council No. 1833, approved August 7th, 1950. District of Coquitlam, classification as secondary rescinded by Order in Council No. 2084, approved September 8th, 1948;

reclassification as arterial by Order in Council No. 2087, approved same date; classification as arterial rescinded by Order in Council No. 2779, approved December 12th, 1950; classification as secondary approved by Order in Council No. 2778, December 12th, 1950.

"4. In the City of Port Moody, reconstructions consisting of widening, realigning, removal of old sawdust dumps, regrading, overcoming special drainage problems, and moving of poles and surfacing; cost, \$49,232.95. In the District of Coquitlam, reconstructing consisting of widening, straightening, regrading, drainage, and surfacing; cost, \$25,475.17."

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

1. Was an inquest held into the cause of death of Albert Parmiter, killed at Camp B, Stillwater, on February 5th, 1951?

2. What was the verdict as to cause of death?

3. If yes, what were the occupations of members of the jury?

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

"1. Yes; on February 7th, 1951.

"2. 'Albert Parmiter, the said deceased person, came to his death at about the hour of 10 a.m. on the 5th day of February, 1951, at Logging Camp B of O'Brien Logging Company, situated on the west side Gordon Pasha Lake in the vicinity of Stillwater, British Columbia. Death was caused by a blow on the head by a sapling knocked down by the bight of the line. Death could have been avoided by observance of regulations laid by Workmen's Compensation Board. Verdict of death—negligence on the part of persons responsible for seeing that the above regulations are carried out.'

"3. No information."

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Was any money contributed to the junior forest wardens' organizations in the Cranbrook riding?

2. If so, how much?

3. How much of the above amount was contributed to (a) Kimberley, (b) Marysville, (c) Chapman Camp, and (d) Cranbrook?

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

"1. The junior forest wardens are organized as one activity of the work of the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Forestry Association; the Canadian Forestry Association is a Dominion-wide organization interesting itself in forest conservation and protection; during 1950 a contribution of \$4,000 was made to this association; no Government funds are provided expressly for junior forest warden work.

"2. See above.

"3. See above."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.