

Tuesday, 25th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. G. Miller.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Giolma* on February 18th, as follows:—

Whereas many Civil Servants left the employment of the Provincial Government in order to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of British Columbia now put itself on record as guaranteeing to such men re-employment in the Provincial Civil Service in their old positions or in other positions at the same or higher remuneration.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. the Premier on February 20th, as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Resolved" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "That in the opinion of this House such returning Civil Servants are entitled to priority of employment in the Public Service, in so far as the efficiency of the Public Service will permit."

With leave of the House, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Resolved" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "That this House approves and concurs in all the provisions of Orders in Council No. 187, approved February 20th, 1915; No. 1074, approved October 14th, 1915; No. 1149, approved November 6th, 1915; No. 238, approved March 29th, 1916; No. 1154, approved December 27th, 1916; No. 397, approved April 4th, 1917."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley.</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>			

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Wcart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>		

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

Resolution as amended carried.

Mr. *Bowser* presented a petition (so called) from Mr. Wm. Cowan and many others, residents of South Vancouver, *re* municipal matters.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Inspector of Municipalities of the Province for the year ending December 31st, 1917.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Department of Labour for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

Notice of motion called for Mr. *Bowser* to move the following Resolution:—

That a Select Committee consisting of seven Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Whiteside, Thompson, Anderson, Bell, Burde, Jones, and Bowser*—be appointed to inquire into the following matters:—

- (a.) The administration and enforcement of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act”:
- (b.) The appointment and conduct and salaries and wages of the Commissioner and all employees, permanent or temporary, under said Act:
- (c.) The appropriation and expenditure of all moneys connected with the administration of said Act:
- (d.) All revenues derived from the sale of liquors:
- (e.) The purchase or acquisition of all supplies:
- (f.) The leasing of any and all premises by the Commissioner or any other person for warehouse, dispensary, or storage purposes:
- (g.) The fittings and furniture of said warehouses, dispensaries, or storehouses:
- (h.) All revenues derived from fines or forfeitures and the subsequent disposition of the same:
- (i.) All commissions, rebates, or brokerages paid or contracted to be paid by the Commissioner or any other official or member of the Government on the purchase price of any supplies:
- (j.) All commissions paid or contracted to be paid to the Commissioner or any official on the purchase or sale of supplies.

And that the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons, and the production of books, accounts, invoices, bills of lading, orders, receipts, cheques, correspondence, and telegrams, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry into the administration and operation of the “British Columbia Prohibition Act”; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the Committee and the evidence adduced to the House.

Mr. Speaker *Keen*: I do not think the Resolution of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition is in order. I think it in substance proposes an inquiry into matters which were being inquired into by a Commissioner appointed by Commission dated December 21st, 1918, under the “Public Inquiries Act.” The inquiry under this Commission was being proceeded with, but was stayed by order of the Honourable the Chief Justice of the Province, against which order an appeal was lodged, and which I understand will come before the Appeal Court in April. The policy of the Government is evidently to prosecute this investigation by a Commission under the “Public Inquiries Act,” which Commission is still outstanding, and the motion before me would seem to interfere with that policy. The last clause of the motion also contemplates the expenditure of public funds, which matter can only be brought before this House by Message from His Honour.

I find in *May*, 12th edition, page 248, that “A matter whilst under judication by a Court of Law should not be brought before the House by motion or otherwise.” Also at page 296 of the same volume the following statement appears: “Matters awaiting judication of a Court of Law should not be brought forward in debate. This rule was observed by Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell, both by the wording of the Speech from the Throne and by their procedure in the House regarding Mr. O’Connell’s case, and has been maintained by rulings from the Chair.”

I am therefore compelled to rule this Resolution out of order.

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

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite.</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 25th, 1919.*

*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. 31) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 25th, 1919.*

*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. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many Road Foremen were employed during the last year in the Greenwood Riding?
2. What were the amounts paid to each for the year?
3. How much was paid for horse allowances, with full particulars of names and dates they worked?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Fiscal year 1918-19 to date: Regular Road Foremen, 2; local men placed in charge of small gangs as working foremen, 9.

"2. Fiscal year 1918-19: Road Foremen—Chas. Gauvreau, \$639.50; J. R. Ferguson, \$451.50; F. H. Carey, \$233.25; Joe Christian, \$121.50; S. Dahl, \$54; J. C. Dale, \$98; Hugh Gillis, \$163.50; Ed. Heed, \$74.25; James Kelly, \$44.50; W. Middleton, \$234; David Oxley, \$325.

"3. J. R. Ferguson: April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, \$40.25; May 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, \$46; June 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 (½ day), 26, \$27; July 17, 19 (½ day), \$3; August 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 30, \$12; September 23, 24, 25, \$6; October 8, \$2. J. Ferrous: April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, \$8.75; May 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, \$14. R. Holmes: May 8, 9, 10, 11, \$8; June 12, 27, 29, \$6."

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did Imperial Oil Company advance to the Government the sum of \$10,000 or any other sum to be used on the construction of the Ioco Road?
2. If no such advance was made, did the company spend any sum of money on said road?
3. If so, what arrangement was made with said company as to the repayment of same by the Government?
4. Who superintended the construction of said road?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. The Imperial Oil Company advanced \$10,000 towards the construction of the Ioco Road.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. To be refunded in 1919.
- "4. District Engineer."

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

1. Did R. E. Beattie, of Cranbrook, use the Government's gasoline road-roller on his farm at or near St. Mary's Prairie for any purpose?
2. Did he use the power furnished by said roller for threshing his own and the crops of neighbours in his vicinity?
3. If so, how long did he have said road-roller?
4. What payments did he receive from said neighbours for the services rendered?
5. What did he pay the Government for the use of said machine?
6. Where is the said machine now located?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Application was made by Mr. Beattie in September, 1916, through the Road Superintendent for the loan or rental of gasoline-engine to thresh for farmers on St. Mary's Prairie, and authority issued to Superintendent to rent plant to responsible parties if case urgent.
- "2, 3, and 4. No information.
- "5. No rental received. Department not advised that offer was taken up.
- "6. Cranbrook."

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

1. What was the cost of transferring the Government offices from Hazelton to Smithers?
2. Who owns the premises now occupied as Government offices, etc., at Smithers?
3. What lease (if any) has been secured for same, and the annual rental?
4. Did the Government renovate the said building before entering into occupation of it?
5. If so, what was the total cost of same?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$489.65.
- "2. Roy E. Williams.
- "3. Lease covers Lot 29, Block 95, Smithers Townsite, Map 1054, together with all erections and buildings for term of three years. Rental, first year, \$360; second and third year, \$420 yearly; lessee to do repairs.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. \$969.51."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. At the time of construction of Hope-Princeton Road did Government purchase a donkey-engine for use on said road?
2. If so, was engine new or second-hand, and what make?
3. From whom was it purchased and what did it cost?
4. Has said engine been disposed of; if so, to whom, and at what price?
5. Was it sold by public or private tender?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Engine was new; 10 x 12 Empire; 50 horse-power.
- "3. Purchased from the Ritchie Contracting & Supply Company, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; engine, complete with boiler, cable blocks, etc., \$4,432.
- "4. Yes; V. C. Maddock; \$1,000.
- "5. By public tender."

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

1. Was Dr. A. R. Baker, Chairman of the Game Commission, prosecuted by J. A. Evans Reeve of Chilliwack, for trespassing on his property?
2. If so, what was the result of said prosecution?
3. Was Deputy Game Warden Pyke, of Chilliwack, also prosecuted?
4. Was said Pyke formerly a bar-tender in Vancouver?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Fined \$25 and costs.
- "3. No.
- "4. Have no information."

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

1. When G. A. Carter was appointed as a Provincial constable at Creston, did not the police regulations require a constable to reside in the Province one year?
2. How long had said Carter been in the Province?
3. Did said Carter take office on September 1st, 1917?
4. Was said Carter paid salary for the month of August?
5. If so, why?
6. Did the Department pay the transportation of the family of said Carter from Victoria to Creston?
7. If so, why, and what was the amount of same?
8. Why was said Carter paid \$110 a month?
9. What was Forrester, whom he succeeded, paid per month?
10. Is said Carter still in the Provincial Service?
11. If so, where is he stationed, his position and salary?
12. Who recommended said Carter to the Department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Seven weeks four days.
- "3. No.
- "4. Paid from 24th to 31st only.
- "5. For services as Provincial constable.
- "6. No.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Was paid \$110 a month.
- "9. \$85.
- "10. Yes.
- "11. Vernon; Acting Chief Constable; \$110.
- "12. Attorney-General."

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

1. How many pre-emption records were issued in the Cariboo District between April 1st, 1918, and January 1st, 1919?
2. How many applications for pre-emption records were received by the Department from Cariboo District between April 1st, 1918, and January 1st, 1919?
3. How many applications for pre-emption records in the Cariboo District were refused by the Department between April 1st, 1918, and January 1st, 1919?
4. What is the reason in each case of the refusal of the Department to issue a pre-emption record?
5. What acreage of land has reverted to the Government in the Cariboo District by virtue of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act" of 1916?
6. What acreage of this land has been allotted to returned soldiers?

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

- "1. 246.
- "2. 259.
- "3. 13.
- "4. P.R. No., agency, name of applicant, date of refusal, and reason for refusal are as follows:—

1580, Fort Fraser, Janet Mitchell, October 28th, 1918; irregular application.  
 2574, Quesnel, W. A. Coulthard, May 14th, 1918; land covered by previous record.  
 4265, Fort George, J. J. Westaway, May 27th, 1918; land not suited for agriculture.  
 4269, Fort George, W. P. Waldron, May 27th, 1918; land not suited for agriculture and covered by timber sale.  
 4271, Fort George, J. D. McIntosh, May 13th, 1918; unable to perform duties of pre-emptor.  
 4290, Fort George, F. Hayward, May 6th, 1918; timber land.  
 4366, Fort George, L. Gansner, September 19th, 1918; timber land.  
 4386, Fort George, E. Walsh, July 26th, 1918; covered by timber licence.  
 4388, Fort George, J. F. Bogardus, July 9th, 1918; land unsurveyed.  
 4396, Fort George, A. Leyst, July 12th, 1918; land covered by previous record.  
 4409, Fort George, M. T. Wanamaker, August 13th, 1918; application irregular.  
 4423, Fort George, J. P. Peterson, September 12th, 1918; timber land.  
 4430, Fort George, J. Bernhardt, August 29th, 1918; application irregular.

"5. 366,907 acres.

"6. None of these lands has been especially allotted to returned soldiers, but all surveyed lands are available for pre-emption upon application, with preference to returned soldiers."

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Public Works during the by-election in Chilliwack Electoral District promise the electors to build a wagon-road from Clayburn to Straiton?
2. If so, has said been constructed or commenced?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was J. S. Morrison acting as Road Foreman at Nakusp last year?
2. How long had said Morrison been working on the roads?
3. What was the age of said Morrison?
4. Was said Morrison dismissed and one J. Schiedel appointed in his place?
5. If so, why was Morrison dismissed?
6. Was the said Schiedel a German?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September, 1911, to July, 1918.

"3. No information.

"4. Morrison was discharged and J. Schiedel appointed by local Superintendent; matter brought to attention of District Engineer, Schiedel dismissed and H. W. Herridge, returned soldier, appointed in his place.

"5. Department's instructions not being carried out satisfactorily and Department not getting value for the money spent around Nakusp.

"6. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What are the duties of Joseph Cook, of Vancouver?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What salary is he in receipt of?
4. What is his age?
5. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

- "1. Police work and clerk in Motor Licence Office.
- "2. July 2nd, 1918.
- "3. \$85.
- "4. Forty-three years.
- "5. This appointment was considered in the public interest."

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

1. Was one Street, of Chilliwack; one Cameron, of Rosedale; and Barber, of Mission City, appointed Game Wardens?
- 2 If so, when, and for what length of time?
3. Were they dismissed when the season opened?
4. Were these men all returned soldiers?

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

- "1. Yes, as to Street and Cameron. No, as to Barber; Barber was and is still a Provincial constable.
- "2. Street appointed September 5th, 1918; dismissed November 9th, 1918. Cameron was appointed October 8th, 1918, and is still employed.
- "3. No.
- "4. Yes, as to Street and Cameron."

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

1. How many acres of land (approximately) were held under uncompleted agreements to purchase under sections 34 and 45 of the "Land Act" as at and including January 2nd, 1917?
2. What was the total acreage of said land which was applied for as proportionate allotments under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act"?
3. What was the total acreage of the amount of lands referred to in question 1 which reverted to the Crown?
4. How many applications were received to complete purchase under sections 4 and 5 of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act"?
5. How many acres were involved in the area referred to in question 4?
6. How much money has been received in connection with the land purchases referred to in question 4?
7. How much money is still outstanding in respect of the applications referred to in question 4?
8. What area of the lands referred to in question 4 has been paid for in full as at this date?
9. What area of the same has been Crown-granted as at this date?
10. What is the area of lands subject to the provisions of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act" which has been allowed to be completed by the consent of the Minister, as provided in section 6 of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act, 1917"?

11. What is the area of lands referred to in question 10, the purchase money of which has been paid in full?

12. What is the area of lands referred to in question 10, the purchase of which is still uncompleted?

13. What is the area of the lands referred to in question 10 which has been Crown-granted since the date of allowance by the Minister?

14. What amount of money has been received on account for the purchase money of lands referred to in question 10 since the date of allowance by the Minister?

15. What amount of money is still outstanding on account of purchase money of lands referred to in question 10?

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

"1. Approximately 2,710,123 acres.

"2. Approximately 392,517 acres.

"3. Approximately 2,207,994 acres.

"4. Eight.

"5. 74,520 acres.

"6. \$187,781.60.

"7. None.

"8. 74,520 acres.

"9. 74,520 acres.

"10. Approximately 21,000 acres.

"11. Approximately 21,000 acres.

"12. None.

"13. Approximately 21,000 acres.

"14. Approximately \$73,679.43.

"15. None."

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

1. What was the expenses of the late by-election in the City of Victoria?

2. Who was the Returning Officer, and what was he paid?

3. Who were the other officials in said election, and what was each paid?

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

"1. \$2,637.34, less \$300 forfeited deposit.

"2. H. E. A. Courtney; \$400.

"3. J. S. Murray, Election Clerk, \$100; 5 Presiding Officers, \$15 each; 65 Deputy Returning Officers, \$10 each; 68 Poll Clerks, \$5 each; 5 Constables, \$5 each. Names of these officers not supplied to Department by Returning Officer."

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

What amounts do Drs. Irving and Murphy receive a year for acting as Physicians for the Provincial Home at Kamloops?

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

"\$450."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*February 26th, 1919.*

*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. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Labour Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns."

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

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Monthly Cash Statements of the Corporation of South Vancouver from May, 1918, to January, 1919, inclusive.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Guarantee of a certain Note made by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 26th, 1919.*

*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. 32) intituled "An Act to provide for the Guarantee of a certain Note made by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

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Thursday, 27th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 27th, 1919.*

*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. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The petition (so called) presented by Mr. *Bowser* from Mr. Wm. Cowan and others, residents of South Vancouver (*re* municipal matters), was ruled out of order, on the following grounds:—

Not addressed to the House but to the Government; not dated; no prayer; not framed as a petition, being only a statement of facts, etc. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, pages 110, 111, 113.)

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on February 24th by Dr. *McIntosh*, as follows:—

"That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the question of "State Health Insurance," with a view to discussing the advisability of appointing a Committee to bring in a Bill before the close of this Session of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

With leave of the House, Mr. *McGeer* presented an interim report from the Select Committee appointed to consider schemes and suggestions for the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee, appointed pursuant to Resolutions bearing date the 20th and 24th days of February, 1919, to deal with schemes and suggestions made with a view to rehabilitating returned soldiers, begs leave to submit an interim report as follows:—

Your Committee was attended on by representatives in the persons of Lieutenant A. F. Walker, M.M., and Lieutenant W. H. Kirchner, M.C., D.C.M.; these gentlemen being the Secretary and the Chairman of the preliminary committee of the men who have organized themselves into a body some 300 strong, consisting of ninety-three men with actual farming experience, considered farmers; thirty carpenters; doctors, nursing sisters, civil engineers, blacksmiths, bakers, butchers, etc., of which number 156 are married, who propose to engage in the business of farming on a co-operative basis. The delegation presented the following facts:—

(1.) The co-operative scheme above mentioned had been worked out, settled, and concluded by the men on the return trip from England on the "Empress of Asia," landing at the City of Vancouver some five weeks ago.

(2.) Immediately a proposal was made and submitted to the Dominion Government requesting definite information as to what assistance, aid, or support such an organization was entitled to or would be given.

(3.) At the present time the delegation pointed out to your Committee that the Dominion Government proposed only to advance moneys to actual individual farmers who could pass the test of an examination to be carried on by a Board in the course of formation, thus preventing the bulk of the members of the organization from participating in any benefits in the way of financial assistance purporting to be extended to returned soldiers who are desirous of settling on the land.

(4.) That the men above mentioned are ready, anxious, and willing and desirous of immediately settling on agricultural lands in this Province.

(5.) That the proposal under which the co-operative plan of settlement is to be carried out is as follows:—

- (1.) We suggest that a block of land be allotted to us in Central or Southern British Columbia within easy reach of transportation facilities, preferably in the Okanagan; the land to be properly surveyed into farms, of good quality, all cleared, with an abundant supply of water, and there should be a sufficient amount of free range adjoining for grazing purposes.

- (2.) In their handbook, issued by the Soldiers' Settlement Board, the Dominion Government states that they will advance, *in the nature of stock, implements, etc., and for improvements to the land* (for building houses, barns, etc.), to the value of \$2,500 to the soldier settler.
- (3.) We propose that, instead of the above allotment of stock, implements, etc., the Government grant a sum of money equivalent to \$2,500 per man, to be handed over to a Trust Committee formed by the community, and this committee to have the power of using this money for improvements to the land, for stock, implements, etc. The Trust Committee would guarantee to the Government that the money would be equally divided to each farm, in the nature of stock, improvements, etc., and that no farm would have more than its allotment advance, and that each individual farmer would be responsible to the Government, through the Trust Committee, for the money advanced on his property for stock, implements, improvements, etc. By this method it makes it possible for the soldier settler to be immediately self-sustaining and to carry on improvements to his own farm in particular and to the community in general.
- (4.) It is agreed that each of our soldier settlers will work for the benefit of the community, under experienced supervision, *until all the necessary improvements have been made and each individual farm placed on a producing basis.*
- (5.) *Expenditure of Money.*—The money grant would be expended on improvements, stock, etc., as follows:—

(a.) The erection of a large building for a general store and stocked with all the necessary merchandise for the immediate requirements of the community.

*Buildings, etc.*—A portable sawmill and lumber, etc., will be purchased for the erection of houses, barns, pigsties, chicken-houses, etc. All carpenters in the community, under the direction of an architect and foreman carpenter, will do all the necessary building of houses, etc., also school, assembly-hall, etc. We have approximately twenty-four carpenters among our men, and we estimate that these carpenters, with the assistance of labourers, should erect, on an average, at least two houses per day. By this means our housing problem will be solved within a period of six months. Plumbers and painters will follow after the carpenters and finish off the houses, etc.

*Fencing.*—A foreman and his helpers will look after the erection of the fencing for the individual farm.

(b.) *Cultivation.*—We have ninety-three expert farmers among our soldier settlers, and these men, under the supervision of an experienced foreman, will plough, cultivate, plant seed, and crop, etc., sufficient land for the first year's requirements of the community. We propose to plant in bulk for the first season all the necessary crops required for the community, such as wheat, corn, barley, beans, clover, carrots, turnips, potatoes, onions, parsnips, cabbage, tomatoes, etc., and any surplus from this first season's cultivation will be sold for the benefit of the community in general. A sufficient number of implements, such as tractors, ploughs, cultivators, seeders, etc., will be purchased to carry on this part of the work. If it is necessary to irrigate the land for the first season, gasolene-pumps and wooden piping will be procured to bring the water on to the land.

*Fruit-trees.*—As soon as the survey of the individual farms is completed and the location of the houses made, a certain number of fruit-trees will be planted in a convenient part on each individual farm, providing the settler with fruit in due season for his own consumption.

(c.) *Cattle.*—A sufficient number of live stock, in the nature of milch cows, beef cattle, sheep, hogs, etc., will be purchased to provide the community with milk, butter, meat, etc. This stock will be under the supervision of expert cattlemen and their helpers.

(d.) *Poultry.*—The raising of a large quantity of poultry of all kinds will be immediately taken up under the control of poultry experts and their helpers. This will give the community a sufficient supply of poultry and eggs for the first season.

(e.) *Road-making*.—Under the supervision of an expert road-maker a gang of men with the necessary road-making equipment will carry out this part of the work.

(f.) *Electric Light, Telephones, etc.*—An expert electrician, with his helpers, will look after the installation of telephones and electric-light equipment.

(g.) *Water*.—An engineer and his helpers with well-drilling machinery will look after this branch of the work.

(h.) *Health*.—We have two doctors and several nursing sisters amongst our soldier settlers who will look after the general health of the community.

(i.) *Schools*.—We have several teachers amongst our soldier settlers who will look after the education of the children.

(j.) *Rural Delivery*.—Our telephone system will make it possible to have orders phoned into the store and deliveries made by trucks to the settlers' homes, thus saving the housewife the loss of time going to and fro for her supplies. The telephone system will also materially help the social side of the community.

(k.) *Transportation*.—It is proposed to purchase sufficient automobile equipment which will give a certain amount of transportation to the settlement.

(l.) *General Trades*.—Among our soldier settlers we have butchers, bakers, blacksmiths, mechanics, tailors, bootmakers, etc., who will look after these different lines of work necessary to the community.

(m.) *Banking*.—It is proposed to approach one of our banking institutions to place a branch of their bank in this community for the convenience of the settlers.

(6.) *General*.—As soon as each soldier settler is on his farm and in a position to be self-sustaining, we will go into the more advanced stages of co-operative settlement and provide our own central creamery, packing plant, refrigerators, shipping facilities, purchasing and selling organizations, etc. For the first month or two only the men of the community will be on the ground, living under canvas, with eating and cooking arrangements made the same as we would in a military camp, until sufficient progress has been made to allow the men to bring out their families.

Your Committee spent a good deal of time in discussing the different details of this co-operative plan of land settlement with the delegates above mentioned, and while your Committee does not agree with all the details of said plan, it believes the general principles of co-operative land settlement as outlined to be practicable, sound, and feasible. Your Committee is firmly of the opinion that the assistance provided to be extended to each individual returned soldier should be made available for use by returned soldiers organizing themselves into any such co-operative plan.

Your Committee, in view of the above-mentioned facts, conditions, and circumstances, humbly recommends that the Government at once enter into communication with the Dominion Government with a view to securing immediate assistance along the above-mentioned lines, and with a view to securing assistance, financial and otherwise, to the man desirous of entering into land settlement on the co-operative basis hereinbefore set out; and, further, that assurance be extended to the Dominion Government that the Provincial Government is willing and ready to lend every assistance to the said proposed settlement scheme and to the Dominion Government, and to do everything necessary and essential to assure its success, believing that, while the said co-operative plan of land settlement is not new in certain parts of the Province of British Columbia and elsewhere, it is more or less new to the class of men known as returned soldiers, that it is essential and necessary and of value to have such proposal of land settlement experimented and tested at the earliest possible date.

G. G. MCGEER, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of the following documents:—

(a.) Reports or lists made by Government engineers or officials, of equipment, rolling-stock, plant, materials, contractor's outfit, etc., on and in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Fort George when said railway was taken over by the Government:

(b.) List of materials, equipment, rolling-stock, etc., actually turned over to the Government under clause 14 of the Agreement between the Government and the above railway company:

(c.) Letters and telegrams in connection with above.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose.</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Weart.</i>

NAYS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson.</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Bucham,</i>
<i>Sloan.</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Thompson.</i>		

Mr. *Manson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Yorston*.—

Whereas there has been a recent influx of immigrants to this Province who are not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship:

And whereas in the opinion of this House such immigrants should not be permitted to enter Canada:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully recommends to the Federal authorities at Ottawa the exclusion of immigrants not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted forthwith to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*.—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday, February 28th.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Yorston*, it was *Resolved*.—

Whereas there are many American citizens of a very desirable class who have pre-empted land in this Province:

And whereas by reason of an arrangement made during the war Canada discontinued naturalizing American citizens:

And whereas such arrangement works a serious hardship upon the pre-emptors aforementioned:

And whereas it is desirable that such arrangement be immediately discontinued:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully recommends to the Federal authorities the discontinuance of this arrangement.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted forthwith to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*.—

Whereas the Municipality of the District of Fraser Mills was incorporated on the 26th day of March, 1913:

And whereas during the years 1909 to 1913, inclusive, the amount of real-property taxes collected by the Province within the area now included in the Municipality of the District of Fraser Mills was: 1909, \$810; 1910, \$1,575; 1911, \$2,304; 1912, \$2,475; 1913, \$3,375:

And whereas since the incorporation of the Municipality of the District of Fraser Mills the taxes collected by the municipality have been as follows: 1914, \$571.60; 1915, \$540.54; 1916, \$488.64; 1917, \$598.41:

And whereas within the area of the Municipality of the District of Fraser Mills there are no public roads, streets, sidewalks, schools, or other properties owned and maintained by the municipality:

And whereas the average rate of taxation within district municipalities has approximated 1.36 per cent.:

And whereas the rate of taxation within the Municipality of the District of Fraser Mills is one-tenth of one per cent.:

And whereas it is apparent that the Municipality of Fraser Mills was created and exists for the purpose of evading the burden of a fair measure of taxation:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters be instructed to inquire into the advisability of disincorporating the aforesaid municipality or otherwise placing the said municipality upon a satisfactory basis.

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh,—

That in the opinion of this House the Government should take into immediate consideration the advisability of bringing in an Act at the present Session to appoint a Commission with power to call for witnesses, papers, documents, etc., and to investigate the following matters under oath:—

- (a.) The disposition of the \$500,000 received by Mr. D'Arcy Tate for promoting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, etc., and the names of the individuals to whom any portion of said money was paid, together with the amounts each received:
- (b.) To obtain the evidence of R. D. Thomas as to the names of some of the persons to whom any portion of said above-mentioned money was paid, and the amounts each received, which said information is in the possession of said R. D. Thomas, according to evidence given by him before this House April 18th, 1917, as follows:—

"Q.—Now I am asking you, Mr. Thomas, was it in connection with the campaign funds referred to in this evidence that you had a conversation with Mr. D'Arcy Tate? A.—Yes.

"Q.—He gave you the names—he told you the names of the persons to whom he paid the money? A.—He told me the names of some of the persons to whom he paid the money.

"Q.—Who were the names he mentioned? A.—I cannot answer.

"Q.—Do you know them? A.—I do.

"Q.—You know the names? A.—Yes."

- (c.) The disposition of all cheques and cash received by or paid out by Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited; Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited; Patrick Welch, J. W. Stewart, Donald McLeod, D'Arcy Tate, Foley, Welch & Stewart, or any other person, and to whom any portion or all of said money was paid, and the amounts received by each person, the following amounts to be part of the inquiry:—

Two cheques, Nos. 5583 and 5584, each for \$50,000, issued by P. Welch to D'Arcy Tate on January 16th, 1915:

One cheque for \$10,000, issued by P. Welch to D'Arcy Tate on January 28th, 1915:

Cheque No. 553, Foley, Welch & Stewart to D'Arcy Tate, August 1st, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque No. 556, Foley, Welch & Stewart to D'Arcy Tate, August 30th, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque No. 560, Foley, Welch & Stewart to D'Arcy Tate, September 11th, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque, Foley, Welch & Stewart to P. Welch, August 3rd, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque No. 9362, Foley, Welch & Stewart to P. Welch, August 31st, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque No. 9432, Foley, Welch & Stewart to P. Welch, September 13th, 1916, \$50,000:

Cheque No. S249, issued by P. Welch at request of J. W. Stewart, February 21st, 1916, \$20,000:

Cheque No. S330, P. Welch to D'Arcy Tate, February 28th, 1916, amount \$15,000:

One cheque issued by Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to D'Arcy Tate, February 28th, 1916, \$15,000:

- (d.) To call D'Arcy Tate, R. D. Thomas, W. J. Bowser, Donald McLeod, J. W. Stewart, P. Welch, Ed. White, and any other person to give evidence, and to compel them to answer as to their knowledge of the payments of any money whatsoever, whether mentioned above or not, and to whom any part of said amounts were paid, and for what purpose, with power to commit to the common gaol any person who refuses to answer the questions put to him.

On a point of order raised by the Hon. the Premier, Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that the motion was practically the same as a motion moved by the same Member on February 25th inst., and which was negatived by the House. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, pages 80, 81.)

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

1. What amount of money was expended on repairs to the bridge across the Cottonwood River north of Quesnel on the road to Prince George during the winter of 1918?
2. Between what dates was this money spent?
3. What instructions were given by the Engineer to the foreman in charge of this work?
4. Was this bridge taken down and removed during the summer of 1918?
5. If so, what was the cost of taking the bridge down and removing it?
6. Has this bridge since been re-erected at another point on the Cottonwood River?
7. If so, what is the entire cost of reconstruction?
8. Can the bridge as it stands at present be used by teams travelling from Strathnaver to Quesnel?
9. If not, why not?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Winter 1917-18, \$1,348.47.

"2. November 19th to December 17th.

"3. No record in Department; these are kept in Engineer's office.

"4. March, 1918.

"5. \$585.35.

"6. Yes.

"7. Estimated cost, \$5,375.

"8. No information.

"9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. What amount of money was expended for material and supplies by the Public Works Department in Quesnel during the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1918?
2. What amount of money was expended for material and supplies by the Public Works Department in Quesnel from April 1st, 1918, to December 31st, 1918?
3. What is the name of the firm or individual from whom this material and supplies was purchased, and what amount was purchased from each firm or individual?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$4,552.57.
- "2. \$4,785.54.
- "3. Allison Drug & Book Co., \$16.40; L. Bauer, \$175; B.C. Express, \$317.05; A. E. Boyd, \$477.51; A. Baker, \$277.50; F. Cannon, \$60; C. Carson, \$30; Cariboo Observer, \$14.40; Circle W. Motor Co., \$115.05; Cowan Supply Co., \$119.25; G. Duclos, \$230; O. Earley, \$27.69; W. T. Ewing, \$214.30; Fletcher & Holt, \$979.92; J. A. Fraser & Co., \$552.02; J. Gravel, \$277.25; D. A. Hegdow, \$10.08; Hudson's Bay Co., \$600.35; P. Hunger, \$25; Inland Express, \$274.35; D. Irwin, \$111.40; Johnston Bros., \$169; J. Lazzerin, \$1,462; C. Leonard, \$85.12; W. V. Livingston, \$21.85; A. Locke, \$80.95; T. Marion, \$177.90; L. Michael, \$2.50; G. Milburn, \$14; J. Mae, \$16.50; D. R. McLean, \$75; Norwood Bros., \$36.50; O. Ormheim, \$10; Quesnel Garage & Repair Shop, \$25.15; Quesnel Livery & Feed Stables, \$48.50; J. Reid (Estate of), \$898.10; C. Stabler, \$62.50; Scott Bros., \$11.50; Starr Horn Lodge, \$1.50; Tertiary Mining Co., \$1,159.65; G. Van, \$15; Wah Lee & Co., \$42.37; W. N. Wishart, \$18."

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

1. Was one J. H. Cocking, of Vancouver, acting as Forest Ranger or Fire Warden in Chilliwack and Abbotsford in 1918?
2. If so, had he ever passed any examination?
3. What is the age of said Cocking?
4. Had said Cocking any previous experience?
5. Is said Cocking still in the employment of the Government?
6. If so, in what capacity, at what salary, and where is he located?
7. Is one A. C. Rudland now employed by the Forestry Department?
8. If so, in what capacity, at what salary, and where is he located?
9. Has said Rudland ever passed any examination?
10. Is said Rudland a son-in-law of said Cocking?
11. Who recommended the appointments of said Cocking and Rudland to the Department?
12. Why were returned soldiers not appointed to these positions?

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

- "1. As temporary patrolman only.
- "2. No examination for such temporary employment.
- "3. Fifty-five.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Day-labourer at \$3.50; engaged on construction of float at Ranger Station, Thurston Bay.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Export patrolman on Gulf Islands at \$100 per month.
- "9. No examination held for such positions.
- "10. No information.
- "11. District Forester, Vancouver.
- "12. Returned soldier was appointed but had to resign as he could not stand the strain of such lonely work. District Forester reports that, following instructions from Victoria, he made every effort to obtain another returned soldier, but none available. Returned soldier first appointed was given work in the Lands Department."

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

1. Has the Minister of Lands advanced moneys or made loans to any irrigation companies or other corporations from the Irrigation Conservation Fund during 1918?
2. If so, to what companies or corporations, and the amount to each?
3. What security has been taken by the Department for each loan?
4. When are the loans to be repaid, and what is the rate of interest (if any) charged?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. The following moneys have been set aside: \$10,000 for the improvement of the system operated by the Okanagan Securities Company at Naramata; \$20,000 for the repairs and improve-

ments of the system operated by the Kelowna Irrigation Company; \$5,000 for the improvement of the system operated by the Peachland Townsite Company; \$13,000 for the construction of a system to replace the present inefficient works from Scotty Creek, near Kelowna; \$3,000 for the construction of a main ditch under the Rutland Drainage District. The Executive have favourably considered a loan to the White Valley Irrigation & Power Company for \$14,000.

"3. The moneys when expended will be registered as a first charge against the property, assets, and revenue of the company and as a first charge against the lands benefited pursuant to the provisions of section 287E of the 'Water Act.'

"4. It is provided by the Orders in Council authorizing the loans that the terms, manner, and times of payment, the persons or classes of persons liable for such repayment, and the lands and property chargeable therewith shall be fixed by a further Order in Council to be made under the provisions of section 287G of the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

Mr. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What steps (if any) have been taken by the Lands Department to prohibit the issuing of pre-emption records to applicants who will not accept the full responsibilities of citizenship?

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

"Instructions were issued some time ago to Government Agents that no pre-emption record shall issue to any one unless he had first stated in writing that he was prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship."

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

1. Has the Lands Department or any other department been in correspondence with the Interior Department or any other department at Ottawa relative to the reclamation of the Kootenay flats?

2. If so, will the Minister of Lands table a copy of all correspondence?

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

"1. Department of Lands has.

"2. Have no objection."

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

1. What endeavour has been made by the Department of the Provincial Secretary to obtain a medical practitioner for the Bulkley Valley?

2. What endeavour has been made by the Department of the Provincial Secretary to obtain a medical practitioner for the Francois-Ootsa Lake District?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. The Department has used every effort to secure medical practitioners for outlying districts by recommending to the College of Physicians and Surgeons that all unlicensed medical men should be given a permit until the occasion of the next examination. This practice has been adopted to encourage medical men to come to the Province. In such localities as Bulkley Valley the Department is ready at any time to pay a subsidy to any medical man who will locate there. We are constantly notifying the Secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Vancouver, of such requests. In addition, information is given to inquiring medical men as to likely locations and amount of Government subsidy."

Mr. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Has the Government considered closing the Government office at Fort Fraser in the interests of economy and the dividing of the work of the said office between the Smithers and the Fort George Agencies?

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

"The closing of several Government offices, including that of Fort Fraser, has received some consideration by the Government, but no definite decision has yet been reached."

Mr. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What steps (if any) have been taken by the Department of Agriculture or the Land Settlement Board to prevent lands within the land-settlement areas passing into the ownership of those who are not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship?

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

“Sales to such parties are prohibited by the regulations of the Land Settlement Board.”

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

1. Did one W. V. Jackson, of Creston, borrow the sum of \$10,000 from the Land Settlement Board?

2. If so, when, and what was the rate of interest?

3. What security was taken by the Land Settlement Board?

4. For what term of years was the loan made?

5. Was the money borrowed for the purpose of buying out his partner, James Stocks?

6. If not, for what purpose was the loan made?

7. Is said W. V. Jackson president or secretary of the Liberal Association at Creston?

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

“1. No. Mr. Jackson borrowed \$8,400 from the Board.

“2. May 17th, 1918; 7½ per cent.

“3. A mortgage on Block 27 of Lot 891, Group 1, Kootenay District.

“4. Twenty-five years.

“5. Yes.

“6. Answered by No. 5.

“7. Have no information.”

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board or Department of Agriculture purchase any cattle for farmers during 1918?

2. If so, where were they purchased?

3. How many were purchased?

4. What was the total price paid?

5. If sold, to whom, and at what prices?

6. On what terms were they sold?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Province of Alberta.

“3. 482 head.

“4. \$23,578.62.

“5. Sold to: F. M. Dockrill, Jos. Burgon, E. C. Barger, R. E. Williams, Ira G. Short, Fay S. Short, Eric Lemieux, John J. Bakke, William Croteau, R. E. Wakefield, E. R. Wakefield, W. F. Wakefield, William Wilson, J. P. Downey, J. E. Wilson, John Meaney, C. A. Chapman, K. E. Chapman, J. N. Carr, W. F. Boyer, Edwin Pontin, Alfred Maxwell, Peter Slavin, R. J. Allen, John Swanson, Charles Barrett, and John Hinds, at actual cost price.

“6. 15 per cent. cash, balance in one and two years at 7½ per cent. interest.”

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

1. What amount of money for loaning to farmers was placed at the disposal of the Land Settlement Board by the Government during 1918?

2. How many loans were granted by the Land Settlement Board out of such money?

3. What was the aggregate amount of money thus loaned?

4. What rate of interest has been charged to borrowers on such loans?

5. From what source or sources has the money been obtained for said loans?

6. What rate of interest is such money costing the Province, and what is it costing the Board?

7. How many applications for loans have been received by the Land Settlement Board during 1918?

8. How many applications were refused, and the total amount represented by these applications?

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

"1. \$522,780.

"2. 217.

"3. \$468,850.

"4. \$129,000 at 6½ per cent.; \$339,850 at 7½ per cent.

"5. Proceeds Provincial debentures, 'Loan Act, 1917,' sold to Workmen's Compensation Board.

"6. Cost to Province, 6.125 per cent.; cost to Board, same.

"7. 145.

"8. 52; \$121,700."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is the Agent-General of British Columbia stopping all Government advertising of British Columbia in the British press?

2. If so, is this under Government instructions?

3. And, if not, will the Government instruct the Agent-General to proceed with this advertising policy as carried out by the former Agent-General?

4. What are the reasons for stopping said advertising?

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

"1. The Government has no information touching this matter.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Is one E. J. Rossiter now employed in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. If so, what is his salary, and where is he located?

3. What previous experience has he had in this work?

4. Why was a qualified engineer not appointed to this position?

5. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

6. Was said Rossiter formerly Secretary to the Minister of Railways?

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

"1. Yes, temporarily, as accountant.

"2. \$175 per month; Victoria.

"3. Years.

"4. Accountant required, not an engineer.

"5. No application for this class of work.

"6. Yes."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Who are the present directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its officers?

2. When were they elected?

3. What moneys have been expended by way of construction since the Government took over the railway?

4. What moneys have been expended in the purchasing of plant and equipment since the Government took the railway over?

5. What moneys have been expended by operating said railway since it was taken over?

6. What revenue has been received from its operation during this period?

7. Has the railway been operating at a loss?

8. If so, the net loss per month?

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

"1. Hon. John Oliver, Hon. John Hart, Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, Directors; W. W. Baer, Secretary, temporarily.

"2. Directors elected July 22nd, 1918; Secretary elected August 12th, 1918.

"3. \$375,000.

"4. \$80,000, exclusive of rails.

"5. \$373,335.

"6. \$242,517.

"7. Yes.

"8. Total loss during period under review, \$130,817."

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

1. On what basis is the medical inspection of schools paid for?

2. How often are the pupils of public and high schools subjected to the medical inspection?

3. What are the instructions and treatment provided by the Department in connection with the medical inspection of schools, and especially in regard to affections of the teeth and eyes?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. School Health Inspectors in cities and municipalities receive such remuneration by salaries or fees as may be agreed upon by the authority appointing them. In unorganized districts the Lieutenant-Governor in Council allows 50 cents for examination of each pupil and 50 cents mileage.

"2. Once in every school-year, or oftener if required.

"3. Instructed to make a thorough examination as to the general health of all children, examine all school buildings and school surroundings in his district; every child to be separately and carefully tested at least once a year as to the condition of sight and hearing, of throat and teeth, and as to any other physical disability or defect. Test-cards and blanks furnished by Department. Parents notified of defects requiring treatment. Department does not make provision for treatment."

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

1. How many applications were received by the Department or its Engineer for the position of Road Superintendent in the Cariboo District made vacant by the accidental drowning of Harry Drinkrow?

2. What is the name of each applicant?

3. Why did the Department appoint a man from the Fort George District as Road Superintendent in Cariboo?

4. On whose recommendation was the appointment made?

5. Were any applications received for the position from returned soldiers?

6. Is the present appointee a returned soldier?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. He is a very capable man and an old resident in the district.

"4. District Engineer.

"5. No.

"6. No."

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

1. Are the taxes for the year 1917 paid on the following lots, namely: N. ½ Lot 397, W. ½ Lot 443, Lots 436, 437, 441, E. ½ Lot 470, Range 4, Coast District?

2. If so, upon what dates were the taxes for the year 1917 paid on the said lots?

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

"1. Taxes assessed against the lots mentioned for the year 1917 have not been paid, except for W. ½ Lot 437.

"2. Taxes for W. ½ Lot 437 paid June 25th, 1918."

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

1. Is it proposed to examine all or any of the present Civil Servants?
2. If so, what form of examination is proposed, and the authority for holding same?
3. Does this annul any recommendations already submitted or will it amend any to be submitted by the Deputy Ministers?
4. Will there be any exemptions from the examination?
5. If so, who will they be?
6. Would the results of the examinations in any way affect the present standing of any Civil Servant who has in the past efficiently performed his duties?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. In connection with the grading, 'Civil Service Act, 1917,' section 7, subsection (4), The form of examination has not yet been definitely fixed. Where there are a substantial number doing work of like character, it will probably be in part in the form of a written examination. Where the number is small it will probably take the form of an investigation of the individual work that has been done by each one. Oral examinations or interviews will also be used.
- "3. No.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Yes, in cases where the present standing of the Civil Servant does not correspond to the character of the duties he is performing."

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Government purchase S.S. "Beaver"?
2. If so, from whom, at what price, and for what purpose?
3. Was this sale arranged by one Captain Jackman, of Victoria?
4. If so, what commission did said Captain Jackman receive?
5. Why did the Department not purchase this boat through its own officials?
6. Have any repairs been put on said boat by the Department since its purchase?
7. If so, what has been the total cost of same to date?
8. What is the amount estimated of further work to be done on said boat?
9. When was said boat purchased?
10. Where is she now?
11. Has the Department ever operated said boat?
12. If so, where, and for how long?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Canadian Pacific Railway Company, \$10,000; ferry, Fraser River, between Woodward Landing and Ladner.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. No commission from Government.
- "5. Captain Jackman, knowing that another boat was required for this ferry, approached the Department with a view of selling the 'Beaver,' which, it is understood, he had arranged to take over from the Canadian Pacific Railway.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. To February 2nd, \$26,808.36.
- "8. Approximately \$9,950.
- "9. March 1st, 1918.
- "10. New Westminster.
- "11. No.
- "12. Answered by No. 11."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in all Industries" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Craigflower School Site" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

*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 5.30 p.m.

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## Friday, 28th February, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. L. Clay*.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return under the "Soldiers' Land Act."

The Rules were suspended, and the interim report from the Select Committee appointed to consider schemes and suggestions for the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, presented and received on the 27th inst., was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*.—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Monday next, March 3rd, to consider the Resolution.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Craigflower School Site" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Labour Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Civil Servants."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Monday, 3rd March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Baugh Allen*.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Report under the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

Mr. *Weart* presented the First Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 3rd, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to make an interim report, as follows:—

That as a Member of the Committee having given his certificate in writing, under Rule 10S, that in his opinion Robert Walmsly and G. Young, of Creston, are material and important witnesses in connection with certain items in the Public Accounts for the years 1917 and 1918—namely, Vote 150, item pay-list, \$17,576.95—the Committee is of the opinion that an Order of the House be granted for the attendance of the said witnesses before the Committee, with power to the Committee to summon the said witnesses, as well as all other witnesses deemed necessary, and that the Committee be further empowered to inquire into and examine into all items covering the pay-list for said district up to the present date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. WEART, *Chairman pro tem.*

The report was received.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

## REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 3rd, 1919.

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

Your Committee recommends that the Rules be suspended, and that the time for receiving reports and Private Bills be extended from February 26th, 1919, to March 17th, 1919.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

## REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 3rd, 1919.

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

## REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 3rd, 1919.

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Employment Agencies Act.'"

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Proportional Representation Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on February 24th by Dr. *McIntosh*, as follows:—

That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the question of "State Health Insurance," with a view to discussing the advisability of appointing a Committee to bring in a Bill before the close of this Session of the House.

Mr. *Cowper* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "consider" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following: "the following Resolution: Resolved, That the Committee rise and report, recommending the introduction of legislation providing for State Health Insurance."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Dr. *Rose*, adjourned until the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Manson* on February 27th, as follows:—

Whereas there has been a recent influx of immigrants to this Province who are not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship:

And whereas in the opinion of this House such immigrants should not be permitted to enter Canada:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully recommends to the Federal authorities at Ottawa the exclusion of immigrants not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted forthwith to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

Resolution agreed to.

Mr. *Bowser* moved, seconded by Dr. *Rose*,—

That a Select Committee consisting of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Fisher*, *Bell*, *McIntosh*, *Ross*, and *Bowser*—be appointed to inquire into all matters directly or indirectly relating to the proposed Crown-granting of Lot 1497, Queen Charlotte District, under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act," to James Adam and the issue of a permit to J. R. Morgan & Co., Ltd., to cut Nos. 1 and 2 spruce logs on said lot, and to the cancellation of the said permit; and to further inquire into the damage caused to said James Adam by the withholding of the Crown grant of said Lot 1497, Queen Charlotte District, and by the issue of said permit to J. R. Morgan & Co., Ltd.; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons and the production of books, papers, reports, letters, copies of letters, telegrams, copies of telegrams, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry in the matters aforesaid; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the Committee, and the evidence adduced, to the House.

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

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

1. What amount of money was expended on the construction of the extension of the Dragon Lake Road, Cariboo District, from Anderson's to Early's, during the summer of 1918?
2. Who was the foreman in charge of this work?
3. What is the name of each person employed on this work, and what amount of wages was paid to each person employed, including the foreman?
4. How much money was paid for team-hire on this work, and what amount was paid to each person for team-hire, with full particulars, on this work?
5. What length of road was constructed?
6. When will said road be completed?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$1,446.60.
- "2. D. H. Anderson.
- "3. D. H. Anderson, \$223.25; G. Butterfield, \$63.75; O. Earley, \$28; D. Irwin, \$174.35; G. Lust, \$28.13; O. Magnusson, \$120; O. Paulson, \$112.50; E. Peterson, \$157.25.
- "4. \$150. O. Earley, \$68; D. Irwin, \$12; O. Magnusson, \$70.
- "5. One mile and a quarter.
- "6. This season."

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

1. Did the Government authorize construction of bridge and piling for ferry across the Columbia River at Castlegar?
2. Who is carrying out said work?
3. Were tenders called for said work?

4. If not, why not?

5. If tenders were called for, who tendered on the said work and what were the figures in each case?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Arthur E. Pittaway.

"3. Yes.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Arthur E. Pittaway and E. Doucette; \$2,221 and \$3,285 respectively."

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

What was the total amount expended by the Department on roads, trails, streets, and bridges on Vancouver Island during the years 1917 and 1918?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1917-18, \$232,005.60; 1918-19 (to date), \$173,328.92."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

Has any report been made within the last three years by Engineer R. S. Lea, of Montreal, bearing on the Greater Vancouver Joint Sewerage Board?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"Yes."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Government build a bridge across Elplimstone or Paine Creek near Gibson's Landing, Howe Sound?

2. If so, was it completed, and the cost of same?

3. Who was employed on this work, with full particulars as to the amount paid to each person and rate of wages and time employed by each man and teams (if any)?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; Bridge No. 125, three miles north of Gibson's Landing.

"2. Yes; \$786.03.

"3. Name, rank, amount, rate, and time are as follows:—

J. D. Cameron, foreman, \$94.25; \$6.50; 14½ days.

J. Johnstone, bridge-carpenter, \$65; \$5; 13 days.

C. A. Chamberlin, bridgeman, \$69.75; \$4.50; 15½ days.

C. H. Chamberlin, axeman, \$44; \$4; 11 days.

J. Wiren, axeman, \$58; \$4; 14½ days.

G. Taylor, axeman, \$28; \$4; 7 days.

A. Wyngart, axeman, \$34; \$4; 8½ days.

H. E. Barnes, man and team, \$82.50; \$7.50; 11 days.

M. H. Roads, man and horse, \$2.88; \$5.75; ½ day.

A. McColl, man and horse, \$30.19; \$5.75; 5¼ days."

Mr. F. J. A. *MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Vedder Creek Bridge or any portion of it go out with the floods of 1918?

2. If so, was the said bridge repaired?

3. If so, were said repairs effected by contract or by day-labour?

4. Was there any protection-work put in to protect the said bridge?

5. If so, was said protection-work done by contract or by day-labour?

6. What was the total cost of repairing said bridge?

7. What was the total cost of said protection-work?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. No; but the river cut a new channel north of the bridge in December, 1917.

"2. No; but it was removed.

- " 3. New bridge was erected on new site by day-labour.
- " 4. Mattress placed around one pier of new bridge.
- " 5. By day-labour.
- " 6. Cost of erecting new bridge, \$9,368.04.
- " 7. Included in cost of bridge."

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

1. Is E. J. Bawden, late Sergeant-at-Arms, still acting as Sergeant-at-Arms?
2. If not, is he employed in any other department of the Government Service?
3. If reply to question 1 is in the negative: (a) When did he cease to act; (b) why did he cease to act as Sergeant-at-Arms; (c) when was the overcharge of \$200 first discovered; (d) when was the refund made by him; (e) why was he not discharged immediately; (f) how was the said shortage of \$200 made up, with particulars?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

- " 1. No.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. (a) About April 17th, 1918; (b) he resigned his position owing to disagreement with his superior in respect to the correctness of his pay-roll; (c) about April 17th, 1918; (d) about April 19th, 1918; (e) investigation was proceeding to substantiate reputed overcharge as referred to in Votes and Proceedings of February 21st, 1919; (f) by a cheque duly certified."

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

1. How many Japanese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1915?
2. How many Chinese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1915?
3. How many Hindus arrived in British Columbia during the year 1915?
4. How many Japanese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1916?
5. How many Chinese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1916?
6. How many Hindus arrived in British Columbia during the year 1916?
7. How many Japanese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1917?
8. How many Chinese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1917?
9. How many Hindus arrived in British Columbia during the year 1917?
10. How many Japanese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1918?
11. How many Chinese arrived in British Columbia during the year 1918?
12. How many Hindus arrived in British Columbia during the year 1918?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

" 1 to 12. Statistics respecting immigration are not prepared by any Department of the Provincial Government. All matters relating to entry into the Dominion of Canada of Japanese, Chinese, and Hindus are under the sole control of the Federal Government."

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

1. What are the total amounts paid to the firm of Drs. Burris & Archibald or any member thereof, past or present, and also to the firm of Drs. Irving & Murphy or any member thereof for each fiscal year since March 31st, 1909, under the following headings respectively: (a) For the medical inspection of schools, giving the number of schools so inspected by each; (b) for medical school inspections, Medical Officer to the Provincial Home and also to the Provincial Gaol, Kamloops, B.C., medical evidence, post-mortem examinations, Coroner, and Provincial Health Officer?

2. Who holds, or has held, the office of Coroner and also that of Provincial Health Officer at Kamloops, B.C., during the years mentioned in question 1?

3. When was Dr. M. G. Archibald, of the firm of Drs. Burris & Archibald, president of the Conservative Association, Kamloops, B.C., and what members of said firm have been members of the executive committee of the said Conservative Association?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

" 1. (a.) Act passed in 1910. Dr. M. G. Archibald, to March 31st, 1914 (for years 1912-13-14), 12 schools inspected, \$215; Dr. R. W. Irving, to March 31st, 1914 (for years 1912-13-14),

2 schools inspected, \$20; Dr. M. G. Archibald, to March 31st, 1915, 19 schools inspected, \$307.50; Dr. R. W. Irving, to March 31st, 1915, 5 schools inspected, \$91.50; Dr. M. G. Archibald, to March 31st, 1916, 24 schools inspected, \$252.50; Dr. R. W. Irving, to March 31st, 1916, none; to March 31st, 1917, no payments made to either; Dr. M. G. Archibald, to March 31st, 1918, 25 schools inspected, \$257; Dr. R. W. Irving, to March 31st, 1918, 4 schools inspected, \$61; Dr. M. G. Archibald, to date, 2 schools inspected, \$44.75; Dr. R. W. Irving, to date, 25 schools inspected, \$247.50. Above are total amounts paid for the examinations during the period mentioned. As the fiscal year and the school-year do not coincide the amount paid for the schools examined is given as the amount paid in the fiscal year as shown in the Public Accounts.

"(b.) Amounts paid for medical school inspection given in (a): J. S. Burris, M.D., Medical Attendant, Provincial Home—1909-10, \$433.33; 1910-11, \$400; 1911-12, \$399.98; 1912-13, \$400; 1913-14, \$400; 1914-15, \$400; 1915-16, \$366.67; 1916-17, \$433.33; 1917-18, \$400; 1918-19, 2½ months (April 1st to June 15th), \$183.32. H. H. Murphy and R. W. Irving, jointly, 1918-19 (9½ months, from June 15th to March 31st, 1919), \$318.75. Amounts received by the firm of Drs. Burris & Archibald for medical attendance, Kamloops Gaol: April 1st to March 31st—1909-10, \$400; 1910-11, \$400; 1911-12, \$400; 1912-13, \$400; 1913-14, \$399.98; 1914-15, \$400; 1915-16, \$400; 1916-17, \$400; 1917-18, \$400; April 1st, 1918, to June 15th, 1918, \$83.33. Amounts received by the firm of Drs. Burris & Archibald for holding inquests, post-mortem examinations, and medical evidence: April 1st to March 31st—1909-10 (expenses \$58), \$153; 1910-11, \$30; 1911-12 (expenses \$58.40), \$138.40; 1912-13 (expenses \$148.20), \$418.20; 1913-14 (expenses \$134.60), \$549.20; 1914-15 (expenses \$1.20), \$147.40; 1915-16 (expenses \$71.80), \$290.60; 1916-17 (expenses \$46), \$182; 1917-18, \$45; April 1st, 1918, to February 28th, 1919, \$55. Amounts received by Provincial Health Officer, 1910, \$20; 1911, \$50.

"2. Dr. J. S. Burris, Coroner since 1903; Dr. J. S. Burris, Provincial Medical Officer of Health since 1906.

"3. No information in Department."

Dr. Rose asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What moneys have been spent in drilling mining properties under the "Mineral Survey and Development Act" of 1917?
2. Whose properties were drilled, the location of said claims, the particulars of the work done, and the amount in each case?
3. Has any provision been made to drill other properties during the year?
4. If so, to whom has this provision been made and what is the amount which will be required to do the work?
5. What amount is still left to the Administration Fund of \$100,000 authorized by said Act?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. \$1,428.41, as follows: (a) \$1,300 purchase of Keystone drill; and (b) \$128.41 for supervision of contract drilling at Snowstorm Group, Ashcroft Mining Division.

"2. Western Mines Exploration Syndicate, Ltd., had the use of the Keystone drill at Black Creek, Horsefly River, Cariboo District, drilling placer gravels at its own expense. A contract has been let for drilling the Snowstorm Group of Mineral Claims in Ashcroft Mining Division, owned by Stuart Henderson, on which \$128.41 has so far been paid for supervision.

"3. Drilling of iron property is under consideration.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. \$53,927.35."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Department of Public Works or any other department of the Government allow the Elplimstone Co-operative Association to erect a storehouse on the Government Wharf at Gibson's Landing, Howe Sound, and also allow the same association to build a store on the public highway?
2. If so, what rental does the said association pay for these privileges?
3. Does the association avoid paying taxes as a result of building these stores on the wharf and highway?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Permission allowed to erect a warehouse on the old unused portion of wharf, provided the association kept that portion of the wharf in repair.

"2. No rental.

"3. No."

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.'"

On the motion of Mr. Cowper, the debate was again adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Have any travelling Medical Inspectors been appointed as promised by the Provincial Secretary during the Session of 1918?

2. If appointed, what are their names, what are their duties, and what salaries do each receive?

3. If none have been appointed, what reason or reasons are given for the non-fulfilment of this promise?

4. Were there any applications for these positions?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Impossible to get suitable men for salary voted.

"4. Yes."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was the school-house bridge at Cache Creek on the Cariboo Road torn down?

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

3. What did it cost to tear same down?

4. What did it cost to direct the road and put it in shape as the result of taking out said bridge?

5. Was this bridge not a great convenience to the travelling public?

6. Does the Minister know that certain of the travelling public going from Cache Creek to Clinton ford said stream rather than travel around two miles to the bridge lower down?

7. Was this bridge taken down as the result of orders issued by one Teitlebaum, District Engineer located at Merritt?

8. What is the nationality of said Teitlebaum?

9. Who recommended Teitlebaum to the Minister for employment?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. April and May, 1918. The Engineer reported the bridge as unsafe and the closing of it would in no way inconvenience traffic.

"3. \$168.20.

"4. Nothing.

"5. Apparently so, from the largely signed petitions received for its renewal.

"6. No.

"7. The bridge being unsafe it was deemed advisable to have it demolished. The renewal of bridge is under consideration.

"8. English; born at Kensington, London, England.

"9. District Engineer."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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Tuesday, 4th March, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Hughes.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 4th, 1919.*

*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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution, "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution."

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, 1917-18, by the Superintendent of Education.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Dr. *McIntosh* on February 24th, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Cowper* on March 3rd inst.

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bowser* on March 3rd inst., as follows:—

That a Select Committee consisting of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Fisher*, *Bell*, *McIntosh*, *Ross*, and *Bowser*—be appointed to inquire into all matters directly or indirectly relating to the proposed Crown-granting of Lot 1497, Queen Charlotte District, under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act," to James Adam and the issue of a permit to J. R. Morgan & Co., Ltd., to cut Nos. 1 and 2 spruce logs on said lot, and to the cancellation of the said permit; and to further inquire into the damage caused to said James Adam by the withholding of the Crown grant of said Lot 1497, Queen Charlotte District, and by the issue of said permit to J. R. Morgan & Co., Ltd.; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons and the production of books, papers, reports, letters, copies of letters, telegrams, copies of telegrams, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry in the matters aforesaid; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the Committee, and the evidence adduced, to the House.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley</i> ,	<i>MacKenzie</i> , F. J. A.,	<i>Ross</i> ,	<i>McKenzie</i> , W. A.,
<i>Schofeld</i> ,	<i>Hanes</i> ,	<i>Bowser</i> ,	<i>Hawthornthwaite</i> ,
<i>Jones</i> ,	<i>Burde</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> ,	<i>McIntosh</i> .

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Farris</i> ,	<i>Anderson</i> ,	<i>Walters</i> ,
<i>Yorston</i> ,	<i>Oliver</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , K. C.,	<i>McGeer</i> ,
<i>Nelson</i> ,	<i>King</i> ,	<i>Weart</i> ,	<i>Stewart</i> ,
<i>Mobley</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , M. A.,	<i>MacLean</i> ,	<i>Pauline</i> ,
<i>Willson</i> ,	<i>Sutherland</i> ,	<i>Pattullo</i> ,	<i>Hall</i> ,
<i>Mrs. Smith</i> ,	<i>Manson</i> ,	<i>Hart</i> ,	<i>Buckham</i> ,
<i>Cowper</i> ,	<i>Thompson</i> ,	<i>Whiteside</i> ,	<i>Fisher</i> .
<i>Sloan</i> ,			

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

1. Has Alfred Carss, of Prince Rupert, been relieved from the duties of Judge of the Court of Revision?
2. If so, for what reason?
3. Does the Minister of Finance know that said Carss lost his only son, Lieutenant Adair Carss, while fighting in France?
4. Has one John Dybhavn, of Prince Rupert, been appointed to succeed said Alfred Carss?
5. If so, by whom was he recommended?
6. What is the nationality of said Dybhavn?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. For greater efficiency of the service.
- "3. Am not aware of the fact.
- "4. John Dybhavn, Prince Rupert, was appointed.
- "5. Hon. the Minister of Lands.
- "6. British subject."

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas most of the Provinces of Canada and the States of the American Union, including those contiguous to this Province, operate under the opposite rule of the road to that in use in British Columbia :

And whereas there is considerable road traffic between British Columbia and such contiguous Provinces and States :

And whereas the said road traffic is rapidly on the increase :

And whereas the conflict in the rule of the road as between British Columbia and the contiguous Provinces and States constitutes a serious menace to life and property :

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House is of the opinion that the rule of the road should be changed in this Province to conform with that in the contiguous Provinces and States.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

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Wednesday, 5th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Inkster*.

*Kenneth Forrest Duncan*, Esquire, Member elected to represent the Cowichan Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Colonel *McIntosh*, and took his seat.

The Hon. the Premier presented a duplicate copy of the balance-sheet of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to May 31st, 1918.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

Whereas it is desirable at the present Session to extend to returned soldiers, irrespective of rank, the following assistance: (a) Upon first application for a homesite, to provide free transportation from the soldier's home to proposed new homesite and return to every soldier who makes a *bona-fide* application to the Government for land; (b) to provide free transportation to every soldier, wife and children (including household effects, etc.), from soldier's home to new homesite acquired from the Government under any land-settlement scheme :

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Select Committee appointed to consider schemes and suggestions for the rehabilitating of returned soldiers be instructed to inquire into the advisability of legislation at the present Session to authorize said assistance to returned soldiers.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled motion out of order under Rules 118 and 119.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

Whereas the Dominion Government is paying the fares of soldiers' dependents who are returning from Great Britain to Canada since November 11th, 1918:

And whereas it is equally fair and equitable that the Dominion Government should treat all our soldier dependents on the same basis, including those dependents of soldiers who demonstrated their patriotism by returning to Canada at the request of the Government before November 11th, 1918, to relieve the food and transport situation and for other reasons :

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the Dominion Government should refund fares to all dependents of Canadian soldiers who returned or came to Canada previous to November 11th, 1918.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State (or other proper person) at Ottawa.

A point of order being raised, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of the report of R. S. Lea, engineer, of Montreal, bearing on the system of sewage-disposal under the Greater Vancouver Joint Sewerage Board.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, it was Resolved,—  
That Messrs. *Manson* and *Sutherland* be added to the Public Accounts Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Hanes*, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*, it was Resolved,—

That whereas it is desirable that the financial standing of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company should be made public as to assets, liabilities, receipts, and expenditures, directors, secretary, treasurer, etc.:

And whereas June 30th, 1917, was the last date upon which an annual balance-sheet was filed with the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies, although an annual statement is required to be filed on or before June 30th of each year:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be granted that Returns be made to this House setting out the information required by: (a) Section 4 of chapter 52 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1916; (b) sections 122 and 123 of chapter 194 of the "British Columbia Railway Act."

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

Whereas under section 14 of the memorandum of agreement made on the 22nd day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, represented by the Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart (Foley, Welch & Stewart) *et al.*, it is agreed "that the parties of the second part covenant that all rolling-stock, equipment, plant, and machinery now in, upon, or about the said line of railway or adjacent thereto, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for use by them or any of the said companies in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway, are the properties of the said companies, and are to be transferred, set over, and delivered to the Province":

And whereas E. F. White, who held power of attorney for P. Welch, contractor, and who gave evidence before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, stated that they had three sawmills—two small ones and a fairly good-sized one—one mill sawing 40,000 to 50,000 feet, sawing almost wholly for construction-work, and primarily were put there for sawing for the benefit of the railway, and also that one mill referred to was purchased and operated for the benefit of the construction:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing whether or not any sawmills were turned over to the Government under above-mentioned section 14 of the agreement, and for copies of reports made by R. D. Anderson and Mr. Morrissey, Government employees, of lists of equipment, materials, etc., on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Fort George.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate was adjourned to March 12th inst.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

Whereas W. J. Bowser, a witness called before the Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and who on the 24th day of April, 1917, was asked the following questions:—

"Mr. Hanes: What was the method of disposition of the money that Mr. Tate mentioned—\$500,000? Answer: I decline to answer any questions like that."

And whereas said W. J. Bowser declined to answer said question:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of the House be granted that said W. J. Bowser do personally appear in his place in this House on the 6th March, 1919, or on such other date or dates as may be fixed for that purpose by the Speaker of the House, to answer the said question and any other relative questions, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order as being the same as one upon which the House has already this Session expressed its opinion—viz., on February 27th.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

Whereas *Foley, Welch & Stewart* on February 10th, 1912, undertook an Agreement with His Majesty the King and an Agreement with Sir Richard McBride, whereby the said firm covenanted and agreed with His Majesty the King that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company would, when incorporated, build a line of railway from Vancouver to Fort George under certain conditions and under certain guarantees of bonds by the Provincial Government, of which Government one A. H. B. Macgowan was a member:

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company on the 23rd day of September, 1912, awarded a contract to P. Welch to construct said railway:

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, a witness, in giving evidence before the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of said railway, did give the following evidence:—

“Q.—I take it that it is admitted that Timothy Foley, John W. Stewart, and P. Welch are equally interested in the contract made on 23rd day of September, 1912, in the name of P. Welch with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company? A.—Yes.”

And Edward F. White gave the following evidence before said Committee:—

“Q.—That was from whom? A.—From P. Welch.

“Q.—That is Foley, Welch & Stewart—that is now admitted? A.—Yes.”

And whereas Rankin & Kellett, with their partner, Edward F. White, a director of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, entered into a contract with P. Welch (*Foley, Welch & Stewart*) to build a small portion of said railway:

And whereas one Alexander Henry Boswell Macgowan, a Conservative Member of the last British Columbia Legislature, did while a Member of said Legislature enter into an arrangement with P. Welch (acting for *Foley, Welch & Stewart*), whereby he, the said Macgowan, became a partner in the firm of Rankin & Kellett together with E. F. White, a director of said railway, in their contract with P. Welch (*Foley, Welch & Stewart*), out of which contract said A. H. B. Macgowan received the following cheques from P. Welch direct, a total amounting to approximately \$7,500: One, August 7th, 1914, for \$1,000, endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan, per your attorney; one, October 3rd, 1914, for \$1,500, payable to A. H. B. Macgowan and endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan; one on November 4th, 1914, payable to A. H. B. Macgowan and endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan to the order of Macgowan & Co., and signed by A. H. B. Macgowan; one on December 2nd, 1914, for \$1,500, payable to A. H. B. Macgowan and endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan to order of Macgowan & Co. Ins., Ltd.; one, December 29th, 1914, payable to A. H. B. Macgowan, for \$1,750 and endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan; and one on January 11th, 1915, for \$259.67, payable to A. H. B. Macgowan and endorsed by A. H. B. Macgowan:

And whereas a portion of the evidence given by said A. H. B. Macgowan before the Select Committee was as follows:—

“Q.—What consideration did you give for those cheques? A.—I had an interest in the contract.

“Q.—What contract? A.—With Mr. Rankin. The firm, I think, was Rankin & Co. Mr. Rankin, Mr. Kellett, Mr. White, and myself were interested. Well, my interest represented really my firm's interest—my son's.

“Q.—There was White and yourself? A.—Yes.

“Q.—Had you any written partnership arrangement? A.—No.

“Q.—Have you any letters or anything of that sort showing a partnership arrangement? A.—No.

“Q.—Did you ever visit the work where the sub-contract was being carried on? A.—No; it was too far.

“Q.—Did your son? A.—No.

“Q.—Did you ever invest any money in that sub-contract? A.—No.

"Q.—Did your son? A.—Not that I know of.

"Q.—Were you a member of the Legislature at the time? A.—I was."

And whereas a portion of evidence given by E. F. White before the Select Committee above mentioned was as follows:—

"Mr. Taylor: How much did Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan get out of these sub-contracts? A.—Out of that particular one—that is the only one I know of that he was interested in—it must have been something like \$9,000.

"Q.—He took no part in the sub-contract work, did he? A.—No, he did not. No, he did not.

"Q.—What was that intended to be used for—that \$9,000? A.—I don't know.

"Q.—Did he invest any money in your partnership? A.—No, he did not."

And whereas the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway made a further report to the Speaker of this House on May 1st, 1917, clause 14 of said report being as follows:—

"Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, a Member of the Legislature (about the time or shortly after the Session of 1914, when the additional guarantees were made to the company), was given a share in a sub-contract through the intervention of Mr. Welch. Mr. Macgowan was in no true sense a partner with the sub-contractors in whose contract he shared. He gave no consideration to his associates in time, money, or otherwise. He received as his share \$9,000 paid him by P. Welch in several different cheques from August, 1914, to January, 1915." This clause with said further report being adopted by this House on May 19th, 1917:

And whereas said \$9,000 or \$7,500 paid by P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart) to said A. H. B. Macgowan were moneys received by P. Welch (Foley, Welch & Stewart) from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, a company which Foley, Welch & Stewart had organized and guaranteed, and which said company received its total funds for construction from the trust fund to the credit of the Minister of Finance of this Province, said trust funds being the proceeds of the sale of railway debentures guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Province of British Columbia, and which said principal and interest are being met by this Legislature, of which said A. H. B. Macgowan was a member at that time:

And whereas this is a breach of public trust and contrary to the laws of the country, both statutory and morally, and should not go unnoticed if the dignity of this Legislature is to be maintained:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the facts above set out, together with the balance of evidence given by said A. H. B. Macgowan before the Select Committee above mentioned, be referred by this House to His Majesty's Attorney-General, with a direction that said A. H. B. Macgowan be prosecuted according to law.

The motion was negatived.

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

1. Who are the members of the Minimum Wage Board?
2. When were they appointed?
3. Do they receive any salaries or allowances for this work?
4. What has been the travelling expenses of each member to date?

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

"1. J. D. McNiven, Chairman; Helen Gregory MacGill; and Thomas Mathews.

"2. July 19th, 1918.

"3. No salary or allowance. All necessary expenses incurred by the Board are paid under authority of section 4 of the 'Minimum Wage Act.'

"4. J. D. McNiven, \$174.50; Helen G. MacGill, \$228.41; Thomas Mathews, \$44.31."

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

1. Has one Thomas been appointed as insurance investigator or as investigator of fires?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?
3. What previous experience has he had in this work?
4. Was said Thomas residing in Seattle prior to his appointment?
5. What is the age of said Thomas?
6. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this office?

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

"1. He was appointed under the authority of subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 37, Statutes of 1918, 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,' for the duties named in said subsection.

"2. November 4th, 1918; \$125 per month.

"3. Twenty-two years' experience as general contractor and architect. For the past twelve years he has made a special study of cause and prevention of fires in buildings. He was many times called as an expert on fire prevention and inspection methods by insurance agencies and Courts.

"4. Has been a resident of Vancouver, B.C., for the past nine years.

"5. Fifty-two.

"6. This appointment was considered in the public interest."

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

1. Has any Order in Council been passed bringing into operation sections 1 to 13 of the "Sheriffs Act Amendment Act, 1918"?

2. If so, when was same passed, and was it applicable to the whole Province or only a portion of the Province?

3. If only a portion of the Province, what portion was that, and the reasons for making it only applicable to that portion of the Province?

4. When is it proposed to have these sections applicable to the whole Province?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June 27th, 1918. Applicable to the County of Vancouver only.

"3. It was so made as a matter of policy.

"4. The answer to this question involves a matter of Government policy."

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

1. Is the Government reinstating in the Service in their old positions, or in an equally as good a one, any employees of the Game Department who have returned from overseas service?

2. Does the Government intend to reinstatae in their old positions, or in as equally as good a one, employees of the Game Department who are still serving overseas, on their return?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes."

Mr. *Hanes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What were the approximate outstanding debts and liabilities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company when taken over by the Government?

2. What were the principal amounts owing to each person or company or firm?

3. Were there any notes outstanding?

4. If so, to whom, and the amounts of each?

5. Have they been cancelled or are they still outstanding?

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

"1. \$33,168,426.43.

"2. \$20,160,000 on guaranteed bonds; \$4,800,000, Union Bank; \$4,050,000, Province of British Columbia.

"3. Yes.

"4. Union Bank of Canada, \$4,800,000.

"5. Still outstanding but carried with the Canadian Bank of Commerce at 5½ per cent. in place of 6 per cent."

Mr. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. On what date did the Province take over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?

2. What members of the Executive Council were elected as directors of the said railway?

3. When were they elected?
4. At the time of taking over said railway what was the amount of insurance carried by said company?
5. What amount of insurance is now carried by the said railway company?
6. Was the whole or any part of said insurance placed by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.?
7. If so, how much was so placed, and with what companies was the same placed?
8. Is the Hon. the Minister of Finance a member of said company known as Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.?

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

- "1. April 23rd, 1918.
- "2. Hon. John Oliver, Hon. John Hart, and Hon. J. W. de B. Farris.
- "3. July 22nd, 1918.
- "4. \$1,782,157.
- "5. \$1,736,681.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. \$1,691,687; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.
- "8. No information.

"NOTE.—The present rate paid for this insurance is 42½ cents per \$100. The next lowest offer was over double this rate, whilst other quotations were considerably higher."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. How many passengers travelled on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Whytecliffe on Labour Day, 1918?
2. How many passengers paid fares and how many travelled on passes that day?
3. How many passes have been issued since last Labour Day over the same portion of the road?

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

- "1. 6,664.
- "2. 6,654; 10 annual passes.
- "3. Five.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Did one *W. H. MacInnes* take over certain Pacific Great Eastern books or *P. Welch* books to Seattle to be inspected by said *P. Welch* or any one on his behalf?
2. How long was said *MacInnes* away from his office in Vancouver on this work?
3. What was paid said *MacInnes* for his services and also for expenses?
4. Is said *W. H. MacInnes* the present Civil Service Commissioner?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Fifty-five days.
- "3. \$550; \$275 for expenses.
- "4. Yes."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. When was Pacific Great Eastern Railway taken over from the old operators by the Government?
2. When were the Government's first body of directors elected?
3. What were their names?
4. Are any of the present directors or the temporary secretary in receipt of any salary?
5. If so, what is the amount paid in each case?

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

- "1. April 23rd, 1918.
- "2. July 22nd, 1918.
- "3. Hon. John Oliver, Hon. John Hart, and Hon. J. W. de B. Farris.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Is the firm of Ellis & Brown or W. C. Brown acting as solicitor for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. If so, what salary is being paid?
3. Was said Brown President of the Liberal Association in Vancouver last year?
4. Is said Brown a brother of Stanley Brown?

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

- "1. Yes, when services required.
- "2. No salary. Fees which are taxed.
- "3. No information.
- "4. No information."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Did the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company purchase a car ferry barge?
2. If so, from whom was said barge purchased?
3. What was the purchase price paid?
4. Upon whose advice was this barge purchased?
5. Was said barge examined and reported upon before purchase; and, if so, by whom?
6. Have any alterations or repairs been made to this barge since purchase?
7. If so, what has been the cost of such alterations and repairs?
8. To whom has money been paid in connection with such alterations and repairs?
9. What were the amounts paid in each case?
10. Were prices asked for from other parties in connection with the proposed purchase?
11. If so, what were the prices and who were the parties?
12. What is the capacity of the barge purchased?
13. What were the capacities of other barges offered for sale?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Great Northern Railway Company.
- "3. \$18,000.
- "4. Board of Directors.
- "5. Yes; C. C. Brownlee, I.M.B., Vancouver.
- "6. Alterations from nine-car capacity to eleven-car capacity.
- "7. \$15,565.
- "8. B.C. Marine, Wallace Shipyards, and sundry small concerns.
- "9. B.C. Marine, \$14,704; Wallace Shipyards, \$731; sundries, \$130.
- "10. Yes; tenders called for new barge and no bids were received. Impossible to purchase any other barge of this capacity on Pacific Coast.
- "11. Answered by No. 10.
- "12. Answered by No. 6.
- "13. Eight-car."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Did the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company purchase a steam-tug in Seattle?
2. If so, what was the purchase price paid?
3. Was duty paid on this tug; and, if so, what amount?
4. Have any repairs or alterations been made to this tug; and, if so, what was the cost of such alterations and repairs to date?

5. To whom was money paid for such alterations and repairs, and the amount in each case?
6. Who advised the purchase of this steam-tug?
7. Was this tug examined and reported upon before purchase; and, if so, by whom?
8. Were any offers made to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, or any of its officials, for the sale of steam-tugs owned within the Province of British Columbia?
9. If so, what offers were made, and the price asked in each case?
10. Previous to purchase of steam-tug and barge by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, how was service between Vancouver and Squamish operated?
11. And at what cost, per day or otherwise?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$24,000.
- "3. Yes; \$7,800.
- "4. Yes; \$11,117.
- "5. B.C. Marine, \$5,027; Wallace Shipyards, \$2,206; Progressive Engineering Works, \$2,600; A. Blaine, \$600; Hafer Machinery Co., \$484; sundry small concerns, \$200.
- "6. G. L. Courtney.
- "7. Yes; Lloyd's Surveyor and Steamship Inspector.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. R. C. Ferguson, \$20,000. Unsatisfactory report and offered too late in any event. Great Northern Railway Company's tug 'Earl' too small for purpose. Every effort made to secure suitable vessel, but practically all available tugs on Coast used by Spruce Production Boards in States and Canada.
- "10. By nine-car transfer barge and tugboat 'Freno.'
- "11. Barge, \$60 per day rental; tug, \$3,000 per month rental."

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Was George L. Courtney appointed General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?
2. If so, when was such appointment made?
3. What was the rate of salary paid to the said Mr. Courtney?
4. When was the said Mr. Courtney dismissed?
5. For what reason was he dismissed?
6. Who is Acting General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company at the present time?
7. Is it the intention of the directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to appoint a General Manager for this railway?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. July 8th, 1918.
- "3. \$416.66 per month.
- "4. Tendered resignation by request on December 30th, 1918.
- "5. Answered by No. 4. Services not satisfactory.
- "6. Robert Wilson for Board of Directors.
- "7. Under consideration."

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

1. How many applications for loans were received by the Land Settlement Board during 1918?
2. What was the total amount of money applied for as represented in the above applications?
3. How many applications for loans applied for in 1918 were accepted?
4. What was the aggregate amount of money loaned on applications applied for in 1918?
5. What rate of interest was charged on loans accepted on applications made in 1918?
6. How many districts is the Province divided into for loaning purposes?

7. What is the name or designation of each district and what electoral ridings are included in each district?

8. What is the name of the director for each separate district?

9. What was the total amount of money loaned in each district on applications made in 1918?

10. What was the total amount of salary and expenses of each director during 1918?

11. What was the total amount of salary and expenses of the Chairman of the Board during 1918?

12. What was the total amount of salaries of staff outside the members of the Board for 1918?

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

"1. 145. (See Second Annual Report.)

"2. \$366,150. (See Second Annual Report.)

"3. 66. (See Second Annual Report.)

"4. \$165,150. (See Second Annual Report.)

"5. 7½ per cent.

"6. Five.

"7. District No. 1: All Vancouver Island, the Queen Charlottes, Comox, and Prince Rupert south of the 54th parallel. District No. 2: Prince Rupert north of the 54th parallel, Atlin, Omineca, Fort George, and Cariboo. District No. 3: Lillooet, Yale, North Vancouver, Dewdney, Chilliwack, Delta, New Westminster, South Vancouver, Richmond, and Vancouver. District No. 4: Kamloops, North Okanagan, South Okanagan, Similkameen, Greenwood, and Grand Forks. District No. 5: Rossland, Trail, Slocan, Kaslo, Cranbrook, Fernie, Columbia, and Revelstoke.

"8. No. 1, J. A. Macdonald; No. 2, D. D. Munro; No. 3, M. H. Nelems; No. 4, F. R. E. DeHart; No. 5, C. R. Ward.

"9. No. 1, \$5,750; No. 2, \$9,800; No. 3, \$41,050; No. 4, \$87,050; No. 5, \$21,500.

"10. Answered in detail on Tuesday, February 18th, 1919. (See Votes and Proceedings, No. 13.)

"11. Answered in detail on Tuesday, February 18th, 1919.

"12. \$7,210.60."

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

1. Have any clubs been incorporated under the "Benevolent Societies Act" since December 1st, 1916?

2. If so, their names, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?

3. Have any been refused incorporation?

4. If so, their names and date of refusal?

5. Have any of the above clubs been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?

6. If so, their names and the dates upon which they were dissolved?

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

"1. Yes; twenty-five. Name, place, and solicitor are as follows:—

Amputation Club of B.C., Vancouver; none.

Cape Scott Social Club, Cape Scott; none.

Cowichan Country Club, Duncan; Courtenay & Elliott.

Crystal Club, Willow Point; E. A. Crease.

Dat Coon Club, 558 Fisgard Street, Victoria; H. W. Herchmer.

Edith Cavell Patriotic Club, Vancouver; Williams, Walsh, McKim & Housser.

Hope Soldiers' Comforts Club, Hope; none.

Kamloops Returned Soldiers Club, Kamloops; Fulton, Morley & Clark.

Kamloops Soldiers' Comforts Club, Kamloops; Fulton, Morley & Clark.

Kiwanis Club of the City of Vancouver and Province of British Columbia, Vancouver;

Long & St. John.

Lest-We-Forget Club of New Westminster, New Westminster; none.

Macau Club, Vancouver; A. Henderson, K.C.

Okanagan Oriental Farming Association, Vernon; Cochrane & Ladner.

Oriental Labour Association, Vancouver; C. Macdonald.  
 Prairie Club of Vancouver, Vancouver; Bird, Macdonald & Earle.  
 Seaforth Overseas Club, Vancouver, Tupper & Bull.  
 Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club, Vancouver; F. C. Saunders.  
 St. Julien Surgical Club, Vancouver; Moore & Stewart.  
 Sunset Social & Recreation Club, Merchants Bank Building, Vancouver; Senkler & Van Horne.  
 Tye Sing Club, Vancouver; A. Henderson, K.C.  
 Vernon Chinese Association, Vernon; Cochrane & Ladner.  
 Western Pastime Club, Nanaimo; V. B. Harrison.  
 Western Trench and Hospital Club, Vancouver; W. J. Gardiner.  
 Women's Canadian Club of Vancouver, Vancouver; none.  
 Women's Canadian Club of Victoria, Victoria; F. J. McDiarmid.

"2. Answered by No. 1. Said Act does not require the head office to be stated at time of incorporation or recorded after incorporation. Information given is gathered from contents of documents filed.

"3. Yes. Such applications are placed on general file and there is no method of tracing them, except by examination of all letters received since December 1st, 1916, unless some particulars of date, name, etc., can be furnished.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Following clubs dissolved since December 1st, 1916: Canadian Yamato Club, April 26th, 1918; Oriental Labour Association, January 17th, 1919; Yet Man Club, April 15th, 1918.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. Have any clubs been incorporated as public companies under the "Companies Act" since December 1st, 1916?
2. If so, how many, their names, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?
3. Have any clubs been incorporated as private companies under the "Companies Act" since December 1st, 1916?
4. If so, how many, their names, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?
5. Have any been refused incorporation?
6. If so, their names and date of refusal?
7. Have any of the above clubs been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?
8. If so, their names and the dates upon which they were dissolved?

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

"1. Yes; twelve. Name, registered office, and solicitor are as follows:—

Asiatic Social Club, Limited, 839 Third Avenue, Prince Rupert; Patmore & Fulton.  
 B.C. Social Club, Limited, 633 Second Avenue West, Prince Rupert; A. Carss.  
 Fishermen's Club, Limited, care Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert; Williams & Manson.  
 Grand Terminal Club, Limited, care Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert; Williams & Manson.  
 Harmony Association of Vancouver, B.C., Limited, 19 Hastings Street East, Vancouver; Farris & Emerson.  
 Japanese Fisherman's Club, Limited, Lot 10, Block 1, Port Essington; Patmore & Fulton.  
 Nippon Club, Limited, care Patmore & Fulton, Prince Rupert; Patmore & Fulton.  
 Oriental Business Men's Association, Limited, 138 Pender Street East, Vancouver; Farris & Emerson.  
 Rainbow Club, Limited, Chow Building, George Street, Prince George; W. P. Ogilvie.  
 Stadacona Club, Limited, 722 Granville Street, Vancouver; MacGill & Grant.  
 Sunset Club, Limited, 23½ Pender Street East, Vancouver; Farris & Emerson.  
 Skeena Club, Limited, corner of Sixth Street and Third Avenue, Prince Rupert; Patmore & Fulton.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

- "3. Yes; nine. Name, registered office, and solicitor are as follows:—  
 Alaska Club, Limited, care Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert; Williams & Manson.  
 Marathon Club, Limited; corner of Fifth Street and Fraser Avenue, Prince Rupert;  
 Williams & Manson.  
 Railway Porters' and Waiters' Association, Limited, 1290 Granville Street, Vancouver;  
 Darling & Noble.  
 Seymour Club, Limited, 3 Pender Street East, Vancouver; Burns & Walkem.  
 Smithers Club, Limited, Smithers; Williams & Manson.  
 Stanley Club, Limited, 1104 Standard Bank Building, Vancouver; Burns & Walkem.  
 Trail Club, Limited, care Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert; Williams & Manson.  
 Welfare Club, Limited, 124 Pender Street East, Vancouver, Burns & Walkem.  
 Zero Club, Limited, care Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert; Williams & Manson.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. No. 'Companies Act' authorizes formation of companies for any lawful purpose.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Yes; Seymour Club, Limited, a private company, on February 25th, 1919.
- "8. Answered by No. 7."

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

1. Did the Government purchase any property in Kelowna during 1918?
2. If so, from whom?
3. What did the Government pay for the said property?
4. Was the Government not aware that the said property had been bought by the City of Kelowna for arrears of taxes, amounting to \$65, a month previous?
5. Who recommended the purchase of the said property?
6. For what purpose was this property purchased?
7. Has the Government not owned for years two lots in Kelowna?
8. If so, what was the necessity for purchasing another lot?
9. Was a building erected on the property; if so, what did it cost?
10. Were tenders called for the erection of the building?
11. If so, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Harry Anderson.
- "3. \$187.
- "4. No.
- "5. District Engineer.
- "6. Site for plant and tool-shed.
- "7. Part of one lot owned by Government.
- "8. Not suitable.
- "9. Yes; \$1,150.
- "10. No; built by day-labour.
- "11. Answered by No. 10."

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

1. Was the appropriation exceeded on the Big Sheep Creek Valley Road and on the Burling-Anaconda Mines Trail?
2. If so, how much in each case?
3. Was one Christie foreman on these works?
4. Did the Big Sheep Creek Road lead to Foreman Christie's ranch?
5. Where did said Christie actually reside?
6. Are there any permanent settlers along or beyond the road where the work was done?
7. Was this road authorized to be done by Mr. Willson, Member for Rossland?
8. If so, at what date?
9. Did the Department know at the time of this authorization that it was being done?
10. If not, when did it come to the attention of the Department?

11. Did the Department afterwards approve of the work?  
 12. If so, when?  
 13. Does the Department approve of Members of the Legislative Assembly ordering work to be done by road-gangs?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.  
 " 2. Big Sheep Creek Road, \$88.50; Burlington-Anaconda Mines Trail, \$387.86.  
 " 3. Yes.  
 " 4. Yes.  
 " 5. Rossland.  
 " 6. Yes.  
 " 7. No; by the Department.  
 " 8. April, 1918.  
 " 9. Answered by No. 7.  
 " 10. Answered by No. 7.  
 " 11. Yes.  
 " 12. September, 1918.  
 " 13. No."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited" was read a third time and passed.

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

- Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia."  
 Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was discharged.

*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 5.30 p.m.