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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1948

Tuesday, March 2nd, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Twenty-first Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of January, 1948.

His Honour CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, Premier, member for New Westminster Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, first member for Vancouver East Electoral District, that *Robert Henry Carson*, Esquire, member for Kamloops Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair, and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

R. S. Stuart Yates, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *Robert Henry Carson*, Esquire, duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In welcoming you to the Third Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of British Columbia, I do so with the sincere hope that the business of my Government will continue to prosper under the new leadership brought about since last you met.

Retirement of Dr. John Hart from the position of Prime Minister, I am sure, is regretted by all. His unselfish devotion to the public service during a period of twenty-two years is unequalled in the history of British Columbia. The continued confidence of the people which he has enjoyed is in itself a tribute to his integrity and an indication of the high esteem in which he is held. I feel sure that I express the sentiments of my people in wishing him every enjoyment of those years of leisure to which he is so justly entitled. His successor, undoubtedly, is inspired by the same unselfish motives, and I wish him every success in the new responsibilities he has assumed.

During the past year, Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth was united in marriage with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. This event was received with heart-felt joy. My Government, on behalf of the people, extended warm felicitations to the happy couple, accompanied by an appropriate gift as a token of our affection and as an expression of our good wishes.

Since last you met, we have lost two members of the Legislature, one through elevation in the public service and the other by death.

The appointment of the Honourable N. W. Whittaker, K.C., former Speaker of the Legislature, to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, is indeed a fitting tribute to him as a jurist. His impartiality in ruling on many important questions coming before this Assembly won for him the admiration of all.

The passing of Mr. Louis LeBourdais has removed from our midst a member who was held in high esteem by his colleagues. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

It was my pleasure recently to appoint a new Minister of the Crown in the person of the Honourable W. T. Straith, K.C., who succeeds Dr. G. M. Weir as Minister of Education. I am confident that Mr. Straith will discharge his important duties with the same depth of understanding that marked the administration of his predecessor.

I am advised by my Government that two new members have been elected to the Legislature, and I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Arthur Ash and Mr. Walter Hogg upon their being chosen as representatives of the Saanich and Cariboo constituencies respectively.

The convening of this Legislature marks the anniversary of an important historic event. It is fifty years ago that the present Parliament Buildings were officially opened. Much has been accomplished since that date, and I am confident that the passage of another fifty years will witness development far surpassing anything experienced in the history of the Province.

It is with gratification that I note the representations made to the Dominion Government recently in connection with the establishment of an even greater measure of social security than my people now enjoy. The encouraging reception accorded the plea of my Government, I am sure, has been most welcome to my people.

The serious condition of the hospital situation is engaging the attention of my Government, and proposals are being studied with a view to finding a solution to this problem.

Careful study has been given to a number of Provincial-Municipal problems, as well as to the rising cost of social security and other important public services. My Government is aware of the situation created thereby and proposes to place before you measures designed to alleviate this situation.

It is the intention of my Government to submit for your approval legislation revising and amending our labour laws, thereby bringing into effect further improvements in employer-employee relations, which is so desirable.

Further benefits will be extended through increases in certain allowances granted those coming within the scope of the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

Important amendments to the "Forest Act" will be submitted, thereby improving the economy of this important industry and widening the scope of the sustained-yield programme.

Ample provision will be made for the further improvement of our main highways and the completion of major public works projects already undertaken.

Amending legislation governing agricultural matters will be submitted with a view to improving this important basic industry.

You will be asked to give approval to legislation, the main purpose of which will be to introduce a new method of admission to our mental hospitals and to provide a clinic for treatment of patients who may be saved thereby from the stigma of being committed to a mental institution. Other legislation dealing with welfare matters will be placed before you.

You will be advised of the steps taken to provide new technical personnel and facilities for the B.C. Scientific and Industrial Research Council in order to deal with problems relating to industrial chemistry, physics, applied biology, mining, and other important fields of research.

Establishment of a new biological laboratory to develop our fishing industry, I am sure, will commend itself to you.

Amendments to existing legislation governing the mining industry will be submitted.

The development of hydro-electric power for the Interior of the Province as well as on Vancouver Island is progressing favourably.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted.

Legislation affecting many branches of public service of a character designed to improve existing Acts will be placed before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

That this House express its deep sorrow in the death of Louis LeBourdais, Esquire, who for so many years served the public faithfully as a private member for the Cariboo Electoral Riding in the Provincial Legislature:

And further, That this Legislature record its appreciation of his splendid public service and, in doing so, recognize his sincerity of purpose and unselfish motives which won for him the respect of all who knew him:

And further, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. LeBourdais and members of the bereaved family.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Attorney-General)—

Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, 1947.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1946, and the Inspector of Gaols for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1947.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 64 of Chapter 144 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," from February 11th, 1947, to February 18th, 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Finance)—

Returns by Official Administrators of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them under the "Administration Act," being Chapter 5 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," for the Calendar Year 1947.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act" of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," for the Calendar Year 1947.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act" of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," for the Calendar Year 1947.

Fifth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits under the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," being Chapter 295 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Putnam* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Forty-second Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

By the Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson* (Minister of Public Works)—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

Third Annual Report of British Columbia Research Council, 1946-47.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Thirty-first Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year 1946.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1946.

Annual Report of the Provincial Library for the Year 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier)—

Ninth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Eighth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Seventh Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act" for Licence-year 1946-47.

Second Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3rd, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. J. Sipprell*.

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

Mrs. *Hodges* (second member for Victoria) moved, seconded by Mr. *Stevenson* (second member for Vancouver-Point Grey),—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

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

That *Thomas Alfred Love*, Esquire, member for Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Upon the question being put, it was agreed to.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Thursday, March 4th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *D. Hammond*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended to dispense with notice of the following motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* :—

Whereas by Resolution of this House, passed on the opening day of this Session, Mr. *Webster* and Mr. *Gillis* were appointed, among others, to a Special Committee to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of the House:

And whereas Mr. *Webster* and Mr. *Gillis* are unavoidably absent from the Session for the time being and it is expedient that they be replaced by other members on that Committee:

Therefore be it Resolved, That Mr. *Morrow* and Mr. *MacDougall* be appointed to that Committee in the place and stead of Mr. *Webster* and Mr. *Gillis*, and that Mr. *Morrow* be chairman of the Committee.

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* presented the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the Year 1946-47.

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* presented a Return pursuant to Section 170 of the "Mineral Act."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.16 p.m.

Friday, March 5th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Morrow* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 2nd and 4th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 5th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 2nd and 4th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Morrow, Brown, McDonell, Mowat, Cates, Mrs. Rolston, Messrs. MacDougall, H. E. Winch, Turner, and Harding.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Bennett, King, McDonell, MacDougall, Love, Welch, Morrow, Gargrave, Corsbie, and H. E. Winch.*

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *King, Hope, Morrow, Stevenson, Ritchie, Green, Laird, Beard, Bennett, Corsbie, Rowland, Harding, and McInnis.*

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Love, W. J. Johnson, Smith, Webster, Gillis, Mowat, Welch, Laird, Uphill, Guthrie, Corsbie, and Rowland.*

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch, Cates, Stevenson, Ritchie, Green, Mowat, Beard, King, Bennett, Gargrave, Brett, and McInnis.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Hope, Cates, Brown, Love, Morrow, Ritchie, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston, Messrs. W. J. Johnson, Brett, Guthrie, Turner, and Gargrave.*

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, W. J. Johnson, Smith, Stevenson, MacDougall, McDonell, Webster, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Welch, Hope, Uphill, Gargrave, Turner, E. E. Winch, and Guthrie.*

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Mrs. *Rolston, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Mowat, Gillis, Green, Laird, Smith, E. E. Winch, Harding, and McInnis.*

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. What land in Burnaby is owned by the Provincial Government and where is same located?

2. Is any part being reserved for any particular purpose, and, if so, what is such purpose?

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

"1. Lot 71 (174 acres), situated south of Grandview Highway and east of Crown Avenue; Lot 72 (135.5 acres), situated south of Lot 71; Lot 84 (179 acres), situated Oakalla Prison Farm; Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Lot 94, Plan 4707 (7.12 acres), situated Oakalla Prison Farm; Lot 141 (160 acres), situated south side Curtis Street, east of Eighth Avenue; Block D of Lot 164, Plan 3596, situated Oakalla Gaol; part Lot 164 shown on sketch deposited No. 7878 (33.4 acres), situated Oakalla Gaol; unsubdivided portion of Block 2 of Lot 205 (73.12 acres), situated Barnet Road to the east of Capitol Hill School; Lots 9 to 16, inclusive, Block 2 of Lot 205 (11.31 acres), situated Barnet Road to the east of Capitol Hill School.

"2. Lot 71, part west of Willingdon Avenue (approximately 100 acres), reserved for use by Department of National Defence; part east of Willingdon Avenue (approximately 74 acres), reserved for Government purposes; Lot 72 (approximately 135.5

acres), reserved for Government purposes; Lot 84 (approximately 179 acres), reserved for prison farm; Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Lot 94, Plan 4707 (approximately 7.12 acres), acquired for prison farm; Lot 141 (approximately 160 acres), reserved for recreation and enjoyment of public; Block D of Lot 164, Plan 3596, acquired for prison purposes; part Lot 164 shown on sketch deposited No. 7878 (approximately 33.4 acres), acquired for prison purposes; unsubdivided portion of Block 2 of Lot 205 (approximately 73.12 acres), reserved for Government purposes; Lots 9 to 16, inclusive, Block 2 of Lot 205 (approximately 11.31 acres), reserved for Government purposes."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.37 p.m.

Monday, March 8th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. L. Leadbeater*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, on behalf of Mr. *Corsbie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion which appeared in the Votes and Proceedings of Friday last in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

That a Return be filed of all written submissions and correspondence from oil companies during the past twelve months relative to an increase in the selling price of gasoline and the reports of actuaries or accountants employed by the Government or the Control Board to investigate the books of the oil companies.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to validate the 1947 Annual Election for the Village of Osoyoos," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6th, 1948.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to validate the 1947 Annual Election for the Village of Osoyoos," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What is the total estimated board-feet of merchantable timber in the Fort George Forest District?
2. How many working circles have been approved for this district?
3. What is the acreage involved?
4. What is the estimated board-feet of merchantable timber in these areas?
5. What was the total log export for British Columbia during the year 1947?
6. What portion of this export was made under legislation passed during this Parliament?

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

- "1. 32,909,500,000 board-feet.
- "2. None.
- "3 and 4. *See* No. 2.
- "5. 88,177,436 board-feet.
- "6. 6,120,180 board-feet for the year 1947; this export under legislation passed by previous Parliament in 1923 and extended from year to year by this Parliament."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. E. Holling*.

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from Norman Wallace, George Augustus Henley, and Russell Robert Walker for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Fidelity Insurance Company."

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 8th, 1948.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson* presented a Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

1. Did an accident occur at the Pacific Eastern Gold Mine last year?
2. If yes, how many lives were lost?
3. What was the cause of the disaster?
4. Did a Coroner's jury inquire into the death of these men?
5. If yes, give the names of the jurors and their occupations.

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Three.
- "3. An explosion of gas.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Albert Pike, mining engineer (foreman); Robert Falconer, miner; John Carmichael, mucker; Jack O'Brien, hoistman; Robert Sanders, machine doctor; and Christian Fuchs, miner."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Christie Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1947?
2. Between what points in such road was such work done?
3. Of what does such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

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

- "1. Graveling, grading, and ditching.
- "2. Entire length of road.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$373.77."

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Indian Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1947?
2. Between what points in such road was such work done?
3. Of what does such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

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

- " 1. Graveling and grading.
- " 2. Entire length of road.
- " 3. Answered by No. 1.
- " 4. \$307.26."

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

1. Has any survey been made of water-power on Nanaimo River in the Cowichan-Newcastle District?
2. If yes, what is the estimated amount of power available?
3. Have the water rights of this river been granted to any individual or corporation?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. 18,200 horse-power.
- " 3. Yes; for waterworks purpose; Corporation of City of Nanaimo and Granby Consolidated Smelting & Power Company, Limited."

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following question:—

What municipalities have made agreements with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation which have been approved by the Provincial Government?

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

" None."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. B. Rowell*.

Mr. *Uphill* presented a petition from Antonios Pashos, Robert Lawson Ennis, and John Alexander Sutherland for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insurance Company."

Mrs. *Hodges* presented a petition from The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

The following petitions were received:—

From Norman Wallace, George Augustus Henley, and Russell Robert Walker for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Fidelity Insurance Company."

From the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Rolston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. Has there been a new appointment as Deputy Minister of Public Works?
2. If so, was the appointee previously employed by the Alberta Government?
3. If previously employed by the Alberta Government, is the appointee drawing any superannuation allowance from the Alberta Government?
4. If the new Deputy Minister is a direct importation from Alberta, what are his qualifications superior to engineers at present in the employ of the Department with long service?

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

"1. No.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Thursday, March 11th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* made a statement in relation to an authorization of an increase in the price of gasoline.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. Speaker gave his ruling on the interpretation of the rule invoked by Mr. H. E. Winch, and Mr. H. E. Winch appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

Question proposed—" Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? "

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>

Mr. Speaker then put the question—" Shall the House adjourn? "

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Rowland</i>			

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Cates</i>	

The following petitions were received:—

From Antonios Pashos, Robert Lawson Ennis, and John Alexander Sutherland for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insurance Company."

From The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to validate the 1947 Annual Election for the Village of Osoyoos" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

The Seventy-fourth Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1945.

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

Report on Hospital Statistics and Administration of the "Hospital Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—

Report of the Provincial Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

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

1. Have any municipalities availed themselves of the "Slum Clearance Assistance Act," 1946?
2. If yes, what are the names of the municipalities and what was the amount of each grant?
3. Have any applications been received for grants under the above Act relative to which decisions are pending?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No."

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

1. What was the total log-scale for the Fort George Forest District for the year 1947?
2. What was the number of ties produced in that year?
3. What was the number of pit-props produced in that year?
4. What was the total revenue accruing to the Government from the district from (a) stumpage and (b) royalties?

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

"1. 220,600,122 feet board-measure.

"2. 190,804 hewn ties.

"3. 1,497,012 lineal feet.

"4. (a) \$423,117.30 and (b) \$306,925.93."

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

1. How many permits, licences, or leases have been granted to prospect for or produce oil or natural gas in the Peace River District to date?

2. Have any permits, licences, or leases to prospect for or produce oil or natural gas been refused in the Peace River District?

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

"1. Number of permits issued, 4; number of licences issued, *nil*; number of leases issued, *nil*; applications for permits pending, 5.

"2. Number of applications for permits refused, 1; number of applications for licences refused, *nil*; number of applications for leases refused, *nil*."

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

1. Are any land surveys contemplated for the Peace River Land Recording Districts this summer?

2. If yes, in what areas?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Portions of Township 82, Range 15; Township 83, Range 15; Township 84, Range 14; Township 85, Range 14; Township 88, Range 17; Township 88, Range 18; Township 85, Range 22; and camp-site leases and areas set aside for the recreation and enjoyment of the public along the Alaska Highway from Charlie Lake to Lower Post."

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

1. Have Cabinet Ministers been speaking over the CBR free political time broadcasts at 10.15 p.m. on Mondays?

2. If so, has the radio script of any Cabinet Minister been sent to British Columbia papers by arrangement with O'Brien Advertising, Limited?

3. If yes, have such scripts, or any of them, carried a covering memorandum from the O'Brien Advertising, Limited, of Vancouver, pointing out that these broadcasts outline Government policy and asking that the papers use as much of the script material as possible?

4. If the answers to Nos. 2 and 3 are yes, is any charge for services rendered by the O'Brien Advertising, Limited, in this connection paid from Provincial Government funds?

5. If yes, what moneys have been expended and by what ministerial departments in preparation of radio scripts or advertising services since the C.B.C. free political broadcasts started in the new series last October?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No information.

"3. No information.

"4. No.

"5. None."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 p.m.

Friday, March 12th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Comley*.

EIGHT MINUTES PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

R. S. Stuart Yates, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to validate the 1947 Annual Election for the Village of Osoyoos."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bill.

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

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the House, and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

That on Monday, March 15th, and all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 12th, 1948.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pre-emptors’ Free Grants Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘University Endowment Lands Administration Act.’”

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* presented a Return of reports and correspondence in relation to an increase in the selling price of gasoline.

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

1. When were Commissioners appointed to inquire into the operations and financial status of (a) sickness insurance and (b) death benefits associations?
2. When were the reports of the respective Commissioners received by the Government?
3. What action, if any, has since been taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of members of the foregoing respective associations?

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

“1. Messrs. Cowan and Grimmett were appointed on November 4th, 1944.

“2. Mr. Grimmett’s report was received November 29th, 1946, and Mr. Cowan’s report was received on December 3rd, 1946.

“3. (a) The ‘Societies Act, 1947,’ was enacted; (b) 1947 amendments to the ‘Insurance Act’ were passed; and (c) six societies were investigated, five of which have been suspended and the sixth, by virtue of the Government’s action, has ceased to carry on business.”

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

1. Is the Groundhog coalfield, or any part of it, under Government reserve?
2. Is any part of it held by individuals or corporations?
3. Is it at present open for prospecting for coal and petroleum by anyone?
4. How far is it from this coalfield to tide-water and at what port would this be?

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

“1. No.

“2. No.

“3. Yes; subject to any prior staking or application in transit.

“4. Approximately 150 miles from Stewart.”

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

How many board-feet of lumber were produced in the Peace River District in (a) 1946 and (b) 1947?

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

“(a) 21,064 M log-scale and (b) 23,495 M log-scale.”

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

1. Has the British Columbia Historical Association been registered with the Registrar of Companies under the provisions of the "Societies Act"?

2. If so, have any branches of such society been registered with the Registrar of Companies?

3. If so, where are such branches located?

4. Is there a branch of the association in East Kootenay?

5. If so, has it received any grants from the parent organization and to whom has any money been paid and for what purpose?

6. How are the funds of the association disposed of?

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

"1. Incorporated under the 'Societies Act' on March 2nd, 1927.

"2, 3, 4, and 5. No notice of the formation of any branches of the society has been filed under the 'Societies Act.'

"6. No information."

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

1. Was an extension of time granted to the contractors for completion of their contract to build the Hart Highway?

2. If yes, what is the new time for completion of this contract?

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

"1. Yes; for Section A (Summit Lake to Azousetta Lake); none requested for Section B.

"2. Section A, December 31st, 1948."

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

1. Have the negotiations been completed between the Provincial and Dominion Governments in respect of the building of the proposed road connecting Atlin with the Alaska Highway?

2. If not, what progress has been made?

3. If yes, when will the road be completed?

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

"1. No.

"2. Surveys have been completed and plans, etc., prepared; also negotiations with the Federal Government with respect to construction are proceeding.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.

Monday, March 15th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. R. McGillivray*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act restricting the Use of White Canes except by Blind Persons."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registered Nurses Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School for Boys Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School for Girls Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jubilee Hospital Amendment Act, 1894,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. How many, if any, (a) male and (b) female members of the staff at Tranquille and Vancouver tuberculosis hospitals respectively have developed tuberculosis during each of the past five years?

2. How many nurses have resigned from the staffs of the aforementioned hospitals respectively during the past five years and what were the reasons for their so doing?

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

"1. Tranquille.—Total employees, 320; total employed in past five years, 1,595. Tuberculosis cases: 1943, one female; 1945, one female; 1946, one female; 1947, one female; total, four females. Pleurisy: Two females. Vancouver.—Tuberculosis cases: 1944, two females; 1947, one (suspect) female; total, three females. Pleurisy: 1945, one female. Rates: Tranquille, excluding pleurisy, 0.25 per cent., and, including pleurisy, 0.38 per cent.; Vancouver, excluding pleurisy, 0.24 per cent., and, including pleurisy, 0.48 per cent. These rates are similar to or less than those in the general population. Rate in general population, 0.45 per cent. All cases of tuberculosis were minimal in type.

"2. Tranquille: Total nurses on staff, forty-three; total nurses leaving over five-year period, 123. Reasons for leaving were as follows: Twenty-two went to other positions; fifteen, ill health; nine, for postgraduate work; thirteen, to be married; seventeen, for family reasons; five, over age and retired; ten, other reasons (isolation a factor—six of the ten asked to resign); four, to the armed services; six returned to the East; twenty-two, unknown (isolation considered a factor); total, one hundred and twenty-three. Vancouver: Total nurses on staff, fifty; total nurses leaving over five-year period, thirty-nine. Reasons for leaving were as follows: Two, no reason; six, to take further training; four, entered other fields of nursing; four, to get married; six, left Province; four, retired, due to illness; six, left for family reasons; two, resignations were requested; three, voluntarily resigned; two, because of unsatisfactory salary adjustments."

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

Is information available of the known or estimated number of elderly persons in the Province whose (a) physical or (b) mental condition, due to age, warrants provision of accommodation such as is not now provided by Government, municipal, or philanthropic bodies, or by persons operating on a commercial basis?

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

“No comprehensive information is available.”

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

1. In what schools and to what extent is visual education being utilized?
2. What facilities are available for this purpose?
3. What facilities and plans are contemplated for extension of this educational medium?

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

“1. Three hundred and two schools in sixty-two of the seventy-five school districts are now drawing film-strips and silent and sound motion pictures from the library of the Division of Visual Education; circulation service averages eighty-five of these aids per day.

“2. Since its inception, with the appointment of a director in August, 1946, the Division laid the ground-work upon which circulation of visual aids to the schools of the Province was commenced January 2nd, 1948. The Division took over the library of motion pictures and film-strips of the Vancouver School Board and augmented it to a total of approximately 2,000 reels of motion-picture films and 3,000 film-strips. These teaching aids are made available free of charge to schools administered by the Department of Education, the only cost being that of transporting material. Parcel-post shipments are made at a special reduced rate authorized by the post-office department.

“3. It is planned to increase the library of film-strips and motion pictures by annual increments. Special attention will be given to the production and procurement of visual aids for schools in outlying and isolated areas.”

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

Is information available relative to the average length of hospitalization of mentally sick persons cared for in Provincial institutions and the average *per capita* cost of same?

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

“The average length of hospitalization of mentally sick persons admitted between January 1st, 1946, and December 31st, 1947, and who have died or have been discharged was: Deaths, 108 days, and discharges, 95 days. The over-all cost of maintaining patients in mental hospitals during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1947, was \$1.89 *per diem*.”

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

1. Is there a placing agent for fire insurance on the Provincial Government buildings?
2. If yes, what is the name of such agent and when was the appointment made?

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

“1. No.

“2. See answer to No. 1.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—
Are tenders called before placement of fire insurance on the contents of Provincial Government buildings?

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

“No.”

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

1. Has there been a new appointment as Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works?

2. If so, was the appointee previously employed by the Alberta Government?

3. If previously employed by the Alberta Government, is the appointee drawing any superannuation allowance from the Alberta Government?

4. If the new Assistant Deputy Minister is a direct importation from Alberta, what are his qualifications superior to engineers at present in the employ of the Department with long service?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“3. No information.

“4. Graduate of University of Toronto, specializing in bridge engineering; thirty-seven years' experience as bridge engineer in charge of design and construction of highway bridges, including ten years in administrative charge of Highway Department of Alberta.”

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

1. When was sampling plant established at Prince Rupert?

2. What were the reasons for its establishment?

3. Did it serve a useful purpose and what tonnage of ore was purchased?

4. When was the plant closed and what were the reasons?

5. What was the final disposition of plant and equipment?

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

“1. August, 1937.

“2. To encourage development-work by prospector-owners by the purchase of small lots of ore and to stimulate development in the country adjacent to the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian National Railways.

“3. It seemed to stimulate interest to some extent for about three years, but in the biggest year the tonnage handled amounted to less than one-half the amount estimated as necessary to justify the service. The following tonnage of ore was purchased: 1938, 104 tons; 1939, 217 tons; 1940, 171 tons; 1941, 119 tons; 1942, 30 tons; 1943, 1.6 tons; 1944, 3.5 tons; and 1945, 22 tons.

“4. August, 1946, as practically no ore had been shipped to the plant for five years and no tonnage to justify continuing the service was in sight. The Department's grub-stake scheme was proving to be a more effective means of stimulating prospecting.

“5. The building has been demolished and the equipment stored in Prince Rupert for possible future use.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.49 p.m.

Monday, March 15th, 1948.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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 10.47 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. R. Johns*.

The Certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the results of the by-elections of members to represent the Electoral District of Saanich and the Electoral District of Cariboo respectively were read, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, March 13th, 1948.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation on the thirteenth day of September, 1947, of the Honourable Norman William Whittaker, K.C., a member thereof for the Saanich Electoral District:

“And whereas on the second day of January, 1948, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the thirteenth day of March, 1948, the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Arthur James Richard Ash* to represent the Saanich Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“R. A. PENNINGTON,

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

“ PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,
“ VICTORIA, March 16th, 1948.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1947, of Louis LeBourdais, a member thereof for the Cariboo Electoral District:

“ And whereas on the second day of January, 1948, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the sixteenth day of March, 1948, the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Walter Hogg* to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ R. A. PENNINGTON,
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

“ *To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

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

That the Certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the results of the by-elections of members to represent the Electoral District of Saanich and the Electoral District of Cariboo respectively be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Arthur James Richard Ash* and Mr. *Walter Hogg*, having been duly sworn, were introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier) and the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Finance) and took their seats.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

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

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

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

Mr. *Morrow* presented a further Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 2nd and 4th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 2nd and 4th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Selecting Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to submit a further report, as follows:—

1. Mr. *W. Hogg* be added to the Select Standing Committees on Agriculture and Forestry.

2. Mr. *A. J. R. Ash* be added to the Selecting Standing Committees on Standing Orders and Private Bills and Municipal Matters.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

What number of non-psychotic senile patients, (a) male and (b) female respectively, are now in each Provincial mental hospital?

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

“(a) and (b). None.”

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

What major building additions are now (a) under way or (b) planned for construction during the current year at the respective mental hospitals?

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

“Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale: (a) Admission unit, 220-bed hospital, Colony Farm, nurses' home (tenders in); and (b) laundry, farm additions and offices, milking-parlour, feed-barns, etc. Provincial Mental Hospital, New Westminster: (a) Nurses' home and (b) 100-bed unit. Provincial Mental Home, Colquitz: (a) *Nil* and (b) *nil*.”

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

1. How many (a) male and (b) female members of the staff at each Provincial mental hospital are engaged exclusively in providing and supervising patient recreational activities?

2. What is the nature of such major recreational activities?

3. Is provision being made for extension of recreational staff and facilities and what is the nature of same?

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

“1. At Essondale on the staff of the recreational department there is a director with his assistant. On the staff of the audio-visual department there is a director and two assistants. At New Westminster there is a full-time director, an attendant who assists him, and an attendant who gives the 16 mm. pictures. The director of the audio-visual department also gives weekly picture shows with the 35 mm. machine.

“2. Inactive.—Social: Concerts, entertainment displays, barn dances, old-time dances, costume dances, variety dances, and picnics. Games: Cribbage, checkers, chess, bridge, whist, crokinole, and bingo. Tournaments are arranged from time to time. Active.—Indoor: Badminton, basketball, pin ball, ping pong, hand soccer, push ball, horse shoes, deck tennis, duck on the rock, swimming, and diving. Outdoor: Softball, tennis, badminton, soccer, basketball, volleyball, golf (eight-hole), handball, pin ball, padder tennis, hand soccer, goal-hi, push ball, tether ball, volley hand ball, horse shoes, deck tennis, duck on the rock, relay games, ring dodge ball, bombardment, whistle tag, over and under, croquet, archery, swimming, and diving.

“3. Provision of extension of the recreational facilities is being started in a modest way. It is being taught to attendants and nurses with the intention that this course be enhanced to the point whereby nurses and attendants will take part in recreation.”

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

How many (a) children under 6 and (b) adults over 60, medically certified as mentally incompetent, were refused admission to Essondale during each of the past two calendar years?

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

“(a) During the last two calendar years twenty-five children were on the waiting list for admission. They have all been certified under the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’ These deferred patients are admitted depending on the urgency of the circumstances surrounding the commitment. Preference is given to the older children in the group where practicable. (b) There are no restrictions in the admittance of patients in the 60–69-year group. There was a total of fifty-nine patients over 70 years of age on our waiting list whose admission was deferred. Priority is given to the patients whose mental symptoms are more active and who present a hazard in the environment in which they are domiciled. Priority is also given to those individuals in isolated areas where no other provision for their care is available.”

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

1. How many working circles have been approved in the Prince Rupert Forest District?

2. How many applications have been received for such working circles in the above forest district?

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

“1. None.

“2. Three.”

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

1. How many applications for management licences have been received up to date?

2. How many have been approved?

3. In which forest districts are situated the areas covered by the approved licences?

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

“1. One hundred and one; of these, twenty-five are progressing toward award.

“2. None.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *A. E. deL. Nunns*.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1946–47 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," Chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1949;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1948;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1947, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 16th, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Norman Wallace, George Augustus Henley, and Russell Robert Walker for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Fidelity Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" have been complied with, except in respect to proof of advertising and deposit with the Clerk of the House within the required time the petition, copy of Bill, and requisite fees, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Antonios Pashos, Robert Lawson Ennis, and John Alexander Sutherland for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insur-

ance Company" have been complied with, except in respect to proof of advertising and deposit with the Clerk of the House within the required time the petition, copy of Bill, and requisite fees, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

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

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the advisory board of Farmers' Institutes and any other agricultural organizations and to call any Department of Agriculture officials with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House.

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

Whereas it is considered expedient to amend the "Provincial Elections Act":

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to consider provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" and amendments thereto, and to report to the House such findings and recommendations in respect thereof as the said Committee may deem advisable, the report to be tabled in the House not later than Monday, March 29th, 1948.

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

Whereas it is considered expedient to amend the "Provincial Elections Act":

Therefore be it Resolved, That the following Committee be appointed to consider amendments: Messrs. *King*, *Morrow*, *Cates*, *Brown*, *H. E. Winch*, *Gargrave*, and *Love*.

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

The First Annual Report of the Milk Board, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

The Second Annual Report of the Milk Board, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1947.

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

1. What is the estimated bed capacity of the Provincial hospital at New Westminster?

2. What is the present number of inmates?

3. How many inmates at Essondale (*a*) under and (*b*) over the age of 15 years are of the type who would be at New Westminster if suitable accommodation were available?

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

"1. 466.

"2. 632.

"3. (*a*) Thirty-three (14 males and 19 females) and (*b*) 269 (113 males and 156 females)."

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

What is the known or estimated *per capita* cost of social services, other than pension, provided for old-age pensioners by (a) Provincial Government and (b) municipalities?

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

“Other than pension provided for old-age pensioners, the estimated *per capita* of population cost of social services for the current fiscal year is (a) \$3.75 and (b) no figures available. Total *per capita* cost, including gross old-age pensions, is \$13 *per capita*. These figures are exclusive of administration costs.”

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

1. What is the estimated bed capacity at Essondale?
2. How many patients are now in residence?

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

- “1. 2,287.
- “2. 3,228.”

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

1. Does the Director of Alcoholic Education hold any other position under the Department of Education?
2. If so, what position?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Assistant Superintendent of Education in charge of the curriculum.”

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 5.12 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. G. Redmond*.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brett*,—

That all words after the first word “That” in the motion made by the Hon. the Minister of Finance, namely, “‘That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair’ for the House to go into Committee of Supply,” be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof, “this House condemns the policy, now sought to be introduced, of imposing a Provincial sales tax.”

On the question being put, the House divided.

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

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>Ash</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Beard</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Putnam</i>

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Rowland</i>			

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

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

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Automobile & General Insurance Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Fidelity Insurance Company."

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

1. How many drug addicts were admitted to the Provincial gaols during 1947?
2. How many were convicted as (a) addicts, (b) peddlers, and (c) for other offences?
3. How many convicted as peddlers were not themselves addicts?
4. Is similar information available relative to commitments to the British Columbia penitentiary?

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

" 1. Male, 212, twenty-one of these transferred to penitentiary; female, ninety-six, one of these transferred to penitentiary.

" 2. (a) Male, sixty-two, nineteen of these transferred to penitentiary; female, twenty-six, none of these transferred to penitentiary. (b) Male, five, all transferred to penitentiary. (c) Male, 146, four of these transferred to penitentiary; female, seventy-four, one of these transferred to penitentiary.

" 3. Male, one, transferred to penitentiary.

" 4. Yes."

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

1. How many mattresses have been bought for use in Oakalla during the past five years?

2. Of what materials are these filled?

3. Are new mattresses made by inmates in Oakalla for use in (a) Provincial gaols and (b) other Provincial institutions?

4. If yes, of what materials are same filled?

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

"1. Nine hundred and ninety only were purchased from the War Assets Corporation on April 17th, 1947.

"2. Cotton felt filling.

"3. (a) To date this fiscal year only twenty-five mattress ticks have been manufactured for use in Oakalla in cases where it is deemed expedient for sanitary reasons; none for other gaols; (b) no.

"4. In relation to No. 3 (a), the ticks are filled with straw.

"NOTE.—Previous to April, 1947, mattress ticks were manufactured by inmates for use in Oakalla at a rate of approximately 160 per year and were filled with straw."

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

1. Did the Department of Public Works make any purchases of gas, oil, diesel oil, and (or) grease for the Slocan and Arrow Lakes Districts from the end of March, 1947, to the end of December, 1947?

2. If yes, what was the amount and value of each of the above respectively?

3. From whom were the above purchases made?

4. If from more than one agency, what was the total purchase from each?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Gasoline, 32,035 gallons, \$8,312.24; oil, 815 gallons, \$741.01; diesel, 4,135 gallons, \$803.43; and grease, 1,832 lb., \$258.27.

"3. Imperial Oil, Ltd., \$7,602.44; Shell Oil Co., Ltd., \$1,660.63; British American Oil Company, \$588.95; Home Oil Distributors, \$235.80; and McColl-Frontenac Oil Company, \$37.13.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

When permanent partial disability cases on limited period of workmen's compensation die before the expiration of period provided for, what disposition is made of the unexpended balance of the capital sum set up for payment of claim?

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

"When a workman is entitled to periodical payments for life for a permanent partial impairment of over 10 per cent. of total, commutation and payment of the capitalized amount by way of larger monthly payments over a shorter period, but terminating with the workman's demise, cannot be made except at the request of the workman and at an amount agreed upon by him. The mortality tables on which pensions are based anticipate that the balance in funds set aside for those who die before their time will be required for those who live beyond their tabular life expectancy. Thus the amount unexpended in the first instance provides the means of meeting the shortage in the second."

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 5.33 p.m.

Friday, March 19th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. Anderson*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. What was the total assessment of the Nanaimo Assessment District for the years 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946?
2. What was the total assessment of the Cowichan Assessment District for the years 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946?

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

"1. 1942, \$12,483,735; 1943, \$11,952,609; 1944, \$12,147,157; 1945, \$12,379,847; and 1946, \$12,640,391.

"2. 1942, \$5,803,109; 1943, \$5,742,100; 1944, \$6,386,315; 1945, \$6,432,761; and 1946, \$5,931,116."

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 4.30 p.m.