

Wednesday, November 18th, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 5th, 1925.

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. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Bryan*, Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the City of North Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 7 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act," the Province of British Columbia is maintaining a Mental Hospital:

And whereas the number of persons treated in the said Mental Hospital and its branches is increasing to an alarming extent:

And whereas 66 per cent. of the inmates of the Mental Hospital are not Canadian-born and 90 per cent. not natives of this Province:

And whereas it is necessary to provide for the erection of further buildings to house the increasing number of patients:

And whereas the cost to the people of this Province for the maintenance of the mentally afflicted is now over \$750,000 per annum, exclusive of capital charges:

And whereas the treatment and care of subnormal and mentally deficient children has also become an urgent and very serious question:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to investigate and report upon the following matters:—

- (1.) The reasons for the increase in the number of patients maintained in the Provincial Mental Hospital and branches thereof:
- (2.) The causes and prevention of lunacy in the Province generally:
- (3.) The entry into the Province of insane, mentally deficient, and subnormal persons:
- (4.) The care and treatment of subnormal children:
- (5.) All such other matters and things relating to the subject of insanity, especially as they affect the Province of British Columbia, as the said Committee may deem pertinent to their inquiry.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. *Twigg* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

Whereas Mr. *Twigg*, the third Member for Victoria, from his place in this House has charged that the Honourable the Attorney-General and the Honourable the Provincial Secretary are each guilty of dereliction of duty in the discharge of their respective official functions, in that they have aroused a general feeling of distrust, disapprobation, and horror of them throughout the Province by their respective actions in acquiescing in and allowing the use of human remains for unlawful purposes:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the aforesaid allegations be referred to a Special Committee of the House immediately, with instructions to inquire into the truth or otherwise of the above allegations, and with power to summon witnesses, produce documents, take evidence under oath, and report to the House at an early date.

The debate continuing, Mr. *Pooley* proposed to read certain evidence in the case of *Rex v. Robinson*.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled that the debate should be confined to the subject-matter of the motion, and that the reading of such evidence was out of order.

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

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Broune</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>		

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Munn</i>

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, seconded by Mr. *Woodward*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia or any member thereof and the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any member thereof since 1871 up to the present date relative to the transfer to the Dominion Government of the lands known as the Peace River Block, and of all correspondence relative to any changes in the terms of such transfer, and all correspondence relative to the return of the said lands to the Province of British Columbia.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act relating to the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, and the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. Was a full-page display advertisement as appeared in the Vancouver *Morning Sun* of Friday, November 6th, 1925, also the *Evening Sun* of same date, issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. If so, was the same authorized by the Minister of Railways?

3. What did the advertisements cost the P.G.E.?

4. Had this advertisement anything to do with services rendered by the *Sun* newspaper in the late Federal campaign?

5. What was the necessity of this advertisement at this period of the year?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$500.

"4. No.

"5. The opening of the Second Narrows Bridge being an important public event, advantage was taken of the opportunity to advertise in the special bridge issues of the newspapers."

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

1. Does the Government carry as an asset in its balance-sheet as at March 31st, 1925, of the Industrial Development Fund an item of loans actually granted under the "Department of Industries Act, 1919," amounting to \$1,187,309.67?

2. Does the Minister of Finance expect a full return of the amount of these loans?

3. If not, what percentage does the Minister consider as a bad debt?

4. What action (if any) is the Minister taking or proposes to take to collect on the advances made?

5. How many advances have been made under the Act?

6. How many of those to whom advances were made have gone out of business?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. Probably 12 to 15 per cent.
- "4. Collections being made as development of each industry warrants.
- "5. Seventy-four.
- "6. Eight permanently; seven now for sale."

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

What is the name of, and (whether municipal rural or assisted rural school) the number of teachers employed in, each school, and the amount of assessment for school purposes in each school district, in the Fort George constituency?

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

Fort George Electoral District.

<i>Assisted and Rural School Districts.</i>	No. of Teachers employed.	Assessment voted for School Purposes, 1925.	Rate in Mills, 1925.	Assessment voted for School Purposes, 1926.
Aleza Lake	1	\$ 400 00	6.6	\$ 400 00
Bear Flats	1	*	---	-----
Croydon	1	*	---	400 00
Dawson Creek	1	200 00	2.0	250 00
Dawson Creek, North	1	250 00	8.4	200 00
Dawson Creek, South	1	200 00	4.1	150 00
Doe Creek	1	250 00	4.7	200 00
Dome Creek	1	400 00	3.0	300 00
Dunster	1	150 00	3.4	150 00
Fort George†	2	1,500 00	5.4	1,500 00
Fort George, South†	2	700 00	3.2	2,000 00
Fort St. John	1	420 00	4.6	200 00
Hudson Hope	1	*	---	-----
Hutton	1	*	---	-----
Landry	1	360 00	3.3	-----
Lee	1	200 00	6.4	200 00
Longworth	1	-----	---	-----
Loos	1	*	---	-----
Mud River	1	400 00	6.8	400 00
McBride†	2	2,400 00	14.9	2,400 00
Newlands	1	400 00	5.7	400 00
Pouce Coupe	1	200 00	2.0	250 00
Pouce Coupe, Central	1	300 00	2.7	275 00
Rolla	2	300 00	1.6	325 00
Saskatoon Creek	1	150 00	1.5	275 00
Shelley	1	1,400 00	13.6	-----
Stone Creek	1	*	---	-----
Sunset Prairie	1	100 00	4.8	50 00
Swan Lake	1	300 00	11.5	-----
Swan Lake, North	1	375 00	5.2	375 00
Taylor's Flats	1	50 00	3.5	100 00
Willow River	1	*	---	400 00
Woodpecker	1	*	---	-----

City Municipality School District.

Prince George	12	‡	‡	‡
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* No assessment. † Rural schools.

‡ Total taxable property, 1925, \$3,279,528; tax rate for schools, 8.34 mills. Total taxable property, 1926, \$2,778,288; tax rate for schools, 16.15 mills.

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

1. What quantity of eggs has been imported in the Province of British Columbia within the last two years, giving the number of importations, the number of eggs in each lot: (a) In shell; (b) out of the shell; and (c) lots of egg whites or yolks imported?
2. How many reports have been received under clause 6 of the "Eggs Marks Act"?
3. How many reports have been received under clause 7 of the "Eggs Marks Act"?
4. How many Inspectors have been appointed under the Act and where are they operating?
5. Have any reports been received from any such Inspectors under section 9, clause (c)?
6. Are there any firms in the Province exhibiting signs under clause 5?

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

"1. (a) 4,000 cases in two shipments, Chinese fresh eggs in shell, shipped out of Province at time of arrival; 322 boxes Chinese duck-eggs in mud in 149 shipments, for Chinese consumption; 1,392 cases United States eggs in nineteen shipments, bulk of which were shipped north for Yukon trade; (b) 25 cans frozen Chinese whole eggs; (c) 10 cans frozen Chinese egg-whites. Of this shipment of 35 cans there are in storage 8 cans and prosecution is pending regarding disposal of remaining 27 cans to a Vancouver bakery.

"2 and 3. No reports owing to one of our Inspectors being on hand to examine manifest on arrival of each boat and checking eggs accordingly.

"4. Three at Vancouver, including Chief Inspector, and one at each of the following places: Victoria, Prince Rupert, New Westminster, Grand Forks, Nelson, Waneta, Cranbrook. Dominion Egg Inspector, to whom the Customs officers report, also supplies the Chief Provincial Inspector with information.

"5. Two only, as no other places have been using Chinese eggs to our knowledge, bar the Chinese stores where the duck-eggs preserved in mud or clay are used by Chinese only.

"6. One only, where the only Chinese frozen eggs and dried egg-albumen in the Province at present are stored."

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

1. Does the Government carry as a current asset an item of accounts receivable amounting to \$2,305,049.42, called "Arrears Assessed Taxes"?
2. If so, how far back do these arrears extend?
3. If so, does the Minister expect to collect 100 per cent. of said arrears?
4. If not, what percentage of said arrears does the Minister consider as a bad debt?
5. What action (if any) is the Minister taking to collect said arrears?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 1921.

"3. Yes; only the amount considered collectable included as accounts receivable.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Tax sales and delinquent notices."

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

1. Does the Government carry as an asset in its balance-sheet as at March 31st, 1925, of the Industrial Development Fund, "Department of Industries Act, 1919," an item of \$146,197.95 for overdue interest?
2. If so, how far does such overdue interest go back?
3. Does the Minister expect to collect 100 per cent. of said interest?
4. If not, what percentage of said interest does the Minister consider as a bad debt?
5. What action (if any) is being taken to collect said arrears?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The greatest part is overdue one year; the remainder is spread over the three previous years.

"3. No.

"4. Probably 12 to 15 per cent.

"5. Collections being made as development of each industry warrants."

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

1. Are there any surveys being made by the Department in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the past year, or surveys of any contemplated changes in routes?
2. If so, who by and when?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. W. W. Bell, C.E., September and October; D. J. Bergin, C.E., August and September.”

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

1. Did Thos. Kilpatrick, General Manager of the P.G.E. Railway, give an interview to the *Vancouver Sun* of Friday, November 6th, 1925, opposing an abandonment of the P.G.E. Railway?
2. Was the General Manager authorized by the Minister to express an opinion dealing with public policy as to the future of the P.G.E. Railway?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Does the Government carry as a current asset an item of accounts receivable amounting to \$1,473,173.61, called “Loans under the Better Housing Act, 1919”?
2. If so, does the Minister of Finance expect a 100-per-cent. liquidation of said loans?
3. If not, what percentage of said loans does the Minister consider as a bad debt?
4. What are the arrears (if any) in collections on this account?
5. Is the Minister satisfied with the repayments being made on said loans?
6. If not, what action (if any) is being taken to have borrowers keep up their payments?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes; the whole amount being loaned to Provincial municipalities and covered by their debentures.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. None.

“5. Yes.

“6. Answered by No. 5.”

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

1. Does the Government carry as a current asset an item of accounts receivable amounting to \$568,821.70, called “Arrears Timber Royalty and Stumpage”?
2. If so, how far back do these arrears extend?
3. If so, does the Minister expect to collect 100 per cent. of said arrears?
4. If not, what percentage of said arrears does the Minister consider as a bad debt?
5. What action (if any) is the Minister taking to collect said arrears?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The collectable arrears go back to 1920; but this is an exceptional account held up by litigation, which it is expected will be liquidated this month.

“3. No.

“4. Approximately 1 per cent. doubtful and 2 per cent. to be credited back to pre-emptors upon satisfactory completion of their duties under the ‘Land Act.’

“5. Action under the provisions of the ‘Forest Act’ collections have been put in force.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mrs. *Lamb* (wife of Commissioner Lamb, of the Salvation Army).

Mr. *Perry* presented the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 19th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 4—Corporation of the City of Port Moody.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 19th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Stoan*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That under and by virtue of the terms of the Resolution unanimously passed by this Legislature on November 18th, 1925, a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Rothwell*, *Odlum*, *W. A. McKenzie*, *Hayward*, and *Harrison*, be appointed to investigate and report upon the following matters:—

- (1.) The reasons for the increase in the number of patients maintained in the Provincial Mental Hospital and branches thereof:
- (2.) The causes and prevention of lunacy in the Province generally:
- (3.) The entry into the Province of insane, mentally deficient, and subnormal persons:
- (4.) The care and treatment of subnormal children:
- (5.) All such other matters and things relating to the subject of insanity, especially as they affect the Province of British Columbia, as the said Committee may deem pertinent to their inquiry.

That instructions be given to the said Committee to report its findings and recommendations to this House; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for the attendance of persons, the production of books, papers, and to do all things necessary in carrying out a full inquiry.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Twigg* on 18th instant, as follows:—

Whereas Mr. *Twigg*, the third Member for Victoria, from his place in this House has charged that the Honourable the Attorney-General and the Honourable the Provincial Secretary are each guilty of dereliction of duty in the discharge of their respective official functions, in that they have aroused a general feeling of distrust, disapprobation, and horror of them throughout the Province by their respective actions in acquiescing in and allowing the use of human remains for unlawful purposes:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the aforesaid allegations be referred to a Special Committee of the House immediately, with instructions to inquire into the truth or otherwise of the above allegations, and with power to summon witnesses, produce documents, take evidence under oath, and report to the House at an early date.

Mr. *Davie* moved in amendment,—

To add thereto the following:—

“And that the said Special Committee consist of seven Members, as follows, namely: Messrs. *Wrinch*, *Odlum*, *Perry*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Twigg*, *Hinchliffe*, and *Creery*.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Oliver</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Lyons</i>			

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Oliver</i>		

Mr. *Browne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neclands*,—

Whereas it would appear that organizers from foreign parts have recently entered this Province for the purpose of organizing a secret society of the name of the Ku Klux Klan:

And whereas this Legislature is of the opinion that it is not in the interests of this Province nor of Canada that the formation of an organization such as the Ku Klux Klan be encouraged:

And whereas it is not desirable that such aforementioned organizers be admitted to Canada:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That this House express its disapproval of the organization of such a society in Canada; and that this House further is of the opinion that Federal immigration authorities should debar persons coming into Canada for the purposes of organizing the aforementioned society or one to be conducted on similar lines.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What was the total amount paid last year under the personal-property tax on mining property and premises, including smelters, concentrators, mills, etc.?

2. What was the total amount paid by mining companies last year under the income-tax?

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

"1. Nil. (Not taxable.)"

"2. Income-tax paid in respect of income earned year 1924, \$540,651.22."

Mr. *Creery* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount of succession duties collected during each of the last three years from estates of deceased persons who did not reside in British Columbia?

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

"1922: Assessed, \$122,065.67; collected, \$122,065.67. 1923: Assessed, \$68,600.31; collected, \$68,600.31. 1924: Assessed, \$423,342.58; collected, \$216,152.30; balance secured by bond, \$207,190.28."

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

1. Were tenders called for all caps and uniforms for the Provincial Police Force since that Department have been uniformed?
2. If so, how many tenders were received, and who were the tenderers, and where are their places of business located—for each issue?
3. Has more than one issue of caps and uniforms been made?
4. Was the lowest tender in each case accepted?
5. If not, why not?

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

“1. Tenders were called for uniforms but not for caps, caps being purchased direct from manufacturers, Muir Cap Company, Toronto.

“2. Fifteen tenders were received, as follows: Tip Top Tailors, Victoria; I. H. Herman, Victoria; A. E. Scurrah, Victoria; R. J. Boond, Vancouver; D. F. Sprinkling, Victoria; Commin & Creelman, Vancouver; H. G. Bray, Toronto; Gordon Campbell, Vancouver; Tibbitts & Co., Victoria; C. Pendlebury, Victoria; Fyvie Bros., Victoria; Ray Bros. Tailoring, Vancouver; J. A. Lange, Vancouver; Gray & Jeffs, Vancouver; John C. Doig, Vancouver.

“3. No.

“4. Yes; customs tailoring, hand-made features, and first-class workmanship considered.

“5. Answered by No. 4.”

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

1. When did A. M. Johnson, K.C., leave the Liquor Board?
2. In what Government work has he been employed since?
3. Does he hold any special position in the Attorney-General's Department, or in connection with the Liquor Board; and, if so, what?
4. What are the total amounts of fees, salaries, and disbursements drawn by the said A. M. Johnson, K.C., since he left the Liquor Board?
5. What amounts of fees, salaries, and disbursements are still owing said A. M. Johnson?

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

“1. October 31st, 1924.

“2. Prosecuting officer of Liquor Control Board. Department from time to time requisitions Mr. Johnson's services for special prosecutions, but without additional salary or remuneration.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. Salary, \$5,000; disbursements, \$606.

“5. Disbursements, \$33.15.”

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

What sum of money was expended by the Mines Department on roads and trails in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral Riding during each of the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1925?

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

“January, \$100; February, *nil*; March, *nil*; April, \$43.60; May, \$639.49; June, \$66.40; July, \$2,431; August, \$122; September, \$274; October, vouchers not yet to hand.”

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

1. What quantities of butter were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1920?
2. What quantities of butter were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1920?
3. What quantities of butter were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1924?
4. What quantities of butter were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1924?

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

“1. Total imports from foreign points (Customs returns for statistical purposes do not show point of origin), 944,612 lb.

“2. Total exports to foreign points, *nil*.

“3. Total imports from foreign points, 1,094,995 lb.

“4. Total exports to foreign points, *nil*.”

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

1. What quantities of fresh vegetables were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1920?
2. What quantities of fresh vegetables were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1920?
3. What quantities of fresh vegetables were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1924?
4. What quantities of fresh vegetables were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1924?

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

"1. Total imports from foreign points (Customs returns for statistical purposes do not show point of origin), 21,829 tons.

"2. Total exports to foreign points, 9,956 tons.

"3. Total imports from foreign points, 12,130 tons.

"4. Total exports to foreign points, 2,078 tons."

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

1. What quantities of fresh fruits were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1920?
2. What quantities of fresh fruits were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1920?
3. What quantities of fresh fruits were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1924?
4. What quantities of fresh fruits were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1924?

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

"1. Total imports from foreign points (Customs returns for statistical purposes do not show point of origin), 4,108 tons.

"2. Total exports to foreign points, 3,130 tons.

"3. Total imports from foreign points, 3,425 tons.

"4. Total exports to foreign points, 12,514 tons."

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

1. What quantities of canned fruits and vegetables were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1920?
2. What quantities of canned fruits and vegetables were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1920?
3. What quantities of canned fruits and vegetables were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1924?
4. What quantities of canned fruits and vegetables were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1924?

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

"1. Total imports from foreign points (Customs returns for statistical purposes do not show point of origin), 7,936,617 lb.

"2. Total exports to foreign points, 557,071 lb.

"3. Total imports from foreign points, 4,433,578 lb.

"4. Total exports to foreign points, 1,794,517 lb."

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

1. How many schools have been burned in Doukhobor settlements in British Columbia to date?
2. Where were these schools located?
3. What was the date of the burning of each school, approximately?

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

"1. Nine.

"2 and 3. Outlook, May, 1923; five at Brilliant (one was burned in June, 1923); Glade, June, 1923; Pass Creek, August, 1923; Spencer, February, 1925."

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

1. Has more than one inquest been held regarding the death of Janet Smith?
2. If so, does the Coroner who held the first inquest still hold the office of Coroner?

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

"1. Yes; two.

"2. Yes. The same Coroner presided at both inquests."

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

1. What amount of money has been paid by the Department to T. H. Patterson and Bert C. Ross in connection with work done or services rendered by them respectively in the matter of the prosecution of one Ross Watson?

2. Of what nationality are these two gentlemen and what are their respective professions?

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

"1. No separate account for professional services or disbursements of either T. H. Patterson, B. C. Ross, or Patterson & Ross for their work done in connection with the arrest, extradition, or prosecution of one Ross Watson has ever been rendered to the Department, nor has the Department paid either the said T. H. Patterson, B. C. Ross, or Patterson & Ross any sum of money on account of the arrest, extradition, and prosecution of Ross Watson alone. The Department has paid the said firm of Patterson & Ross for professional services and disbursements the sum of \$5,439.35 in connection with the apprehension, extradition, and prosecution of Ross C. Watson, Ernie Gambertoli, R. Chiveley, T. H. Johnson, George Rossi, William Bagley, Antone Moresco, and E. O'Donnell, charged with participation in Royal Bank of Canada at Nanaimo hold-up. The last five named have been duly convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary at New Westminster for terms varying from ten to eight years each, and in addition have been ordered whipped.

"2. Messrs. Patterson & Ross are attorneys-at-law who acted as legal agents for the Department in the Nanaimo Bank robbery extradition cases, and of whom otherwise the Department has no official information."

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

1. Is one Daniel Hurley holding the position as Liquor Vendor at Lillooet?

2. Has the said Daniel Hurley been convicted and fined for infractions of the "Game Act"?

3. If so, on what occasion, who by, and what were the amounts of the fines?

4. Has the said Daniel Hurley been convicted and fined for infractions of the "Liquor Act"?

5. If so, on what occasion, who by, and what were the amounts of the fines?

6. Has the said Daniel Hurley admitted at any time under oath that on the occasion of his arrest he gave an assumed name?

7. If so, when?

8. What was the name that he gave, of what offence was he charged, and what was the penalty (if any)?

9. Is the said Daniel Hurley supposed to give all his time to the Government business as the Liquor Vendor?

10. Has the Attorney-General any knowledge whether he spends any of his time superintending the retail store at Lillooet supposed to be owned by his son?

11. Has the Department any knowledge of a request of a number of residents in Lillooet and district to have the Liquor Vendor's store closed at that point?

12. Is the said Hurley the landlord of the premises in Lillooet wherein the Liquor Vendor's store is located?

13. What rent does the Government pay for the said store, and to whom?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No record of such.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. No conviction reported in police reports forwarded in accordance with section 121 of the 'Government Liquor Act.'

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6, 7, and 8. No information.

"9. Yes.

"10. No. The Liquor Control Board is not concerned with the business activities of its employees outside of regular business hours.

"11. No petition has been received, although a letter received by the Board indicated that a petition was being circulated.

"12. Premises leased from Daniel Hurley and George Prosser.

"13. \$35 per month. Rent paid to Hurley and Prosser."

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

1. What quantities of eggs were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1920?
2. What quantities of eggs were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1920?
3. What quantities of eggs were imported from the U.S.A. to B.C. in 1924?
4. What quantities of eggs were exported from B.C. to the U.S.A. in 1924?

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

"1. Total imports from foreign points (Customs returns for statistical purposes do not show point of origin), 1,073,567 dozen.

"2. Total exports to foreign points, 31,834 dozen.

"3. Total imports from foreign points, 139,973 dozen.

"4. Total exports to foreign points, 29,388 dozen."

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

1. For the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1925, were tenders called for uniforms and clothing, or for materials for making same, for Oakalla Prison Farm?

2. If so, what tenders were received and for what articles?

3. Was the lowest tender in each case accepted?

4. If no, why?

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

"1. Yes. Supply of materials for making guard uniforms was included in annual contract for dry-goods.

"2. F. Sterling, tailor's fittings; Mark Fisher, partial tender on dry-goods; Gault Bros., dry-goods; Jas. Thomson, dry-goods.

"3. Yes; quality, suitability, and price considered from samples submitted.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Were Archie M. Johnson, W. N. Winsby, and J. H. Falconer at any time Liquor Commissioners for British Columbia?

2. Are Mr. Johnson, Mr. Winsby, and Mr. Falconer still members of the Liquor Board?

3. If no, did they resign, or were they dismissed as Commissioners? If either, when?

4. If they are not now on the Board, are they in the employ of the Government now in any capacity?

5. If they are not in the employ of the Government now, have they been since December 1st, 1924?

6. If yes, in what capacity and what remuneration or fees has each been paid since December 1st, 1924, to October 31st, 1925?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. See Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, November 11th, 1924.

"4. Mr. Johnson is a prosecuting officer and counsel for the Board. Neither Mr. Winsby nor Mr. Falconer are in the Government service in any capacity at the present time.

"5 and 6. Mr. Winsby was in the employ of the Taxation Branch of the Department of Finance from May 11th, 1925, to July 6th, 1925 (when he resigned), at a salary of \$150 per month; total amount paid Mr. Winsby, \$280.64. Mr. Johnson has been paid since December 1st, 1924, to October 31st, 1925, \$4,583.26."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Friday, November 20th, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* announced to the House that he had been officially advised by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the death to-day of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Alexandra.

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

That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty the King and the Royal Family on the death of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Alexandra be presented to His Majesty:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire humbly to tender to Your Majesty and the Members of the Royal Family assurances of our profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy in the great loss Your Majesty and the Empire have sustained through the death of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Alexandra.

Though geographically distant from the centre of Your Majesty's Empire, the people of British Columbia have ever been most devotedly attached to Your Majesty's royal person and family, and the death of the revered Queen Mother has plunged them in deepest grief.

We, therefore, venture to hope that Your Majesty and the Royal Family will be graciously pleased to accept this humble, but loyal and sincere, assurance of our sorrow and sympathy in the bereavement which the Supreme Ruler, in His providence, has permitted to befall Your Majesty.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

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

That the Address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and forwarded through the proper channel.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 2.35 p.m.

Monday, November 23rd, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Browne* presented the following petitions:—

From the Social Service Council of Burnaby, praying for the introduction of a "Mentally Deficiency Bill."

From the Social Service Council of Burnaby, praying for the amendment of the "Municipal Act" with regard to the curfew bell.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 20th, 1925.

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. 22) intituled "An Act relating to Marine Insurance," 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. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 23rd, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 23rd, 1925.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend section 3 of the Bill as follows:—

"Page 4, lines 25, 26, 27: Strike out the words 'The Corporation may purchase any Crown lands for sale in the district and the purchase price shall be regarded as compensation in lieu of allotment.'

"Page 6, line 14: Insert after the word 'Council' the words 'and upon payment of such reasonable fees for the work involved as the Registrar may prescribe.'

"Page 6, line 28: Insert after the word 'shall' the words 'upon payment of the proper fees.'

"Page 12: Add the following as sections of Part II., enacted by said section 3:—

"41. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant to the Corporation and the Corporation may accept any Crown land in the district or adjacent thereto in satisfaction of any taxes charged against any Crown lands in the municipality pursuant to section 246 of the "Municipal Act."

"42. This Part shall apply to Crown lands in the district held by purchasers from the Crown, and in such cases both the Crown and the purchasers shall be deemed to be owners within the meaning of this Part.

"43. Items 5, 6, and 9 of the Second Schedule to the "Land Registry Act" shall not apply in respect of matters and proceedings mentioned in section 23 of this Act."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Reports No. 8 and No. 9 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

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

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 20th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to do Justice to Joseph Peter Keane" did not contain a preamble.

Your Committee had the opportunity of hearing the promoter of the Bill and has given most careful consideration to the arguments submitted, and has come to the conclusion that it is not in the public interest for the Legislature to interfere with decisions of the Courts in matters where litigants have not exhausted all remedies open to them by the said Courts, which have been created by Parliament for the specific purpose of adjudicating upon such issues as are contained in the above-mentioned Bill.

The Bill in question seeks to set aside and render null and void certain decisions, findings, and orders by the Courts of our Province, yet it does not appear that the petitioner did exhaust available remedies at law in that connection.

We find the preamble to the Bill has not been proved.

We further find that the material allegations made in support of the Bill have not been proved.

We recommend, therefore, that the Bill be not allowed to proceed, and that the fees paid by the promoter of the Bill be refunded to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Superannuation Report under the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1925.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Poolcy*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

With the leave of the House, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the amendments to Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey," introduced by Message and read a first time to-day, were read a second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole having charge of the said Bill.

On the motion of Mr. *Catherwood*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. Has the Department any knowledge of the boiler installed in the University Buildings?
2. Was this boiler inspected by an Inspector before it was installed?
3. If so, what was the name of the Inspector?
4. Was the boiler a new boiler or an old boiler?
5. If an old boiler, what was the date it was built?
6. Is it not the practice to condemn boilers after they are twenty years old?

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

"1. Yes; see answer to No. 4.

"2. Yes.

"3. J. B. Tait.

"4 and 5. Three new boilers installed in the University Buildings.

"6. No."

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

1. What is the number of Chinese children attending public schools in rural districts?
2. What is the number of Japanese children attending such public schools?
3. What is the number, respectively, of Chinese and Japanese children born outside the Province who are attending such public schools?

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

- "1. 138 in rural municipalities; 104 in rural and assisted districts.
- "2. 771 in rural municipalities; 247 in rural and assisted districts.
- "3. No information."

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

1. Have any applications been received for permission to rent any of the lands comprised within the boundaries of the Sumas Dyking Area?
2. If yes, give the names and addresses of the applicants and the number of acres applied for in each case?
3. Have any of the said applications been granted or leases entered into?
4. If so, to whom, and details of rental and terms in each case?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Applications to lease portions of the Crown lands have been received from a large number of parties during the last two years. Local inquiries have been received from: Brett & Elgie, F. De Graw, J. H. Quinlan, A. MacKinnon, F. W. Bennett, A. and R. Chadsey, P. Manuel, J. Stromberg, J. A. Evans, L. Graham. Outside inquiries have been received from: W. H. Thornton, London, Ont.; P. Corbett, Everson, Wash.; H. Aish, Matsqui, B.C.; P. A. Ingvason, Fresno, Cal.; — Orde, Portland, Ore. Besides numerous general inquiries regarding sale or lease of lands.
- "3. See answer to No. 4.
- "4. Short-term leases for one year only have been granted by the Board to the following resident farmers, on terms depending on circumstances of each case:—Eugene Bennett: 100 acres (in Section 6, Township 23) in lake margin was leased him to end of 1924. Crop-share basis, he taking \$8 per acre off crop produced and Board getting one-quarter of remainder. Board received \$118 from Bennett under this agreement. J. Stromberg: 80 acres (in Sections 12 and 13, Township 19) adjoining his property at south end of Lake Canal. The land to be fenced, ploughed, and seeded down. Leased to end of 1926. A. MacKinnon: 30 acres (in S.E. ¼ Section 7, Township 23) along East Vedder Dyke, adjoining his property. Leased for current year on condition that he plough and seed down all available land. J. A. Evans: 80 acres (in Sections 7 and 18, Township 23) along East Vedder Dyke, for current year. All land out of water to be ploughed and seeded down."

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

1. What has been the total sum of money spent on the Merville Settlement Area with interest up to November 1st, 1925?
2. What amount of cash has been received from the sale of lands in this area?

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

- "1. \$689,771.46 (interest has not been charged).
- "2. \$9,755.37."

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

1. What has been the total sum of money invested in the Christian Ranch with interest up to November 1st, 1925?
2. Is the ranch rented at the present time?
3. If so, what is the rental per annum?

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

- "1. \$58,058.59 (interest has not been charged).
- "2. Yes.
- "3. \$800."

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

1. Did the Premier address a letter to some Members of the Legislature asking their opinion as to the advisability of holding the Session of the Legislature after the New Year instead of in November and December as at present?

2. If yes, how many were addressed?

3. How many favoured the Fall Session and how many after the New Year?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Fifteen.

“3. There were twelve replies, of which five favoured a Fall Session, four favoured a Spring Session, and three were indifferent.”

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

1. What has been the total amount of money loaned under the Agricultural Commission Board to November 1st, 1925?

2. What amount has been repaid?

3. What is the amount in arrears to November 1st, 1925?

4. What has been the total amount of money loaned by the Land Settlement Board to November 1st, 1925?

5. What amount has been repaid?

6. What is the amount in arrears to November 1st, 1925?

7. What has been the total sum of money paid the officials and staff of the Land Settlement Board in the matter of salaries and expenses from organization to November 1st, 1925?

8. What has been the total deficit of the Land Settlement Board from organization to November 1st, 1925?

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

“1. \$872,600.

“2. \$387,899.55.

“3. \$109,895.86 (including principal money and interest).

“4. \$4,766,173.05.

“5. \$603,435.80.

“6. \$134,496.02 (including principal money and interest).

“7. \$183,873.20.

“8. \$1,253,939.62 as at December 31st, 1924, the date of the Board's last annual statement. No adjustments yet made subsequent to that date. Of this amount the sum of \$614,140.26 was expended in the rehabilitation of returned soldiers, and a reduction of the interest charged as between the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Land Settlement Board will further reduce the deficit by \$252,657.”

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was: (a) The architect's estimate; (b) the amount of building contract; (c) the amount of heating contract; (d) total contract; (e) extras; (f) percentage of extras on the following buildings: Prince Rupert Court-house; Acute Building, Essondale; Power-house, Essondale (building only); Temporary Building, University of British Columbia (including Forestry); Incurable Hospital, Marpole; Nurses' Home, Tranquille; Farm Building, Tranquille; Boarding-house, Tranquille; Armstrong School?

2. (a) What was the total amount of the above-mentioned nine contracts; (b) what was the total extras on the above-mentioned nine contracts; (c) what was the average percentage of such contracts?

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

“1. (a.) Architect's Estimate: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$370,000; Acute Building, Essondale, \$650,000; Power-house, Essondale (building only), \$129,875; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, \$731,234; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, \$50,000; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$30,000; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, \$45,000; Boarding-house, Tranquille, \$14,700; Armstrong School, \$118,000; Armstrong School, heating, \$30,000.

"(b.) Building Contract: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$386,900; Acute Building, Essondale, \$573,800; Power-house, Essondale (building only), \$132,800; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, \$729,478; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, \$57,070; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$32,300; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, \$32,863; Boarding-house, Tranquille, \$17,900; Armstrong School, \$93,000.

"(c.) Heating Contract: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$19,272; Acute Building, Essondale, \$56,386; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$4,196; Armstrong School, \$29,555.

"(d.) Total: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$406,172; Acute Building, Essondale, \$630,186; Power-house, Essondale (building only), \$132,800; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, \$729,478; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, \$57,070; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$36,296; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, \$32,863; Boarding-house, Tranquille, \$17,900; Armstrong School, \$122,555.

"(e.) Extras: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$6,326.12; Acute Building, Essondale, \$7,451.57; Power-house, Essondale (building only), \$3,032.95; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, \$7,660.79; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, \$809.31; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$1,085.90; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, \$1,514; Boarding-house, Tranquille, \$450.87.

"Grand Total: Prince Rupert Court-house, \$412,498.12; Acute Building, Essondale, \$637,537.57; Power-house, Essondale (building only), \$135,832.96; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, \$737,138.79; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, \$57,879.31; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, \$37,581.90; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, \$34,377; Boarding-house, Tranquille, \$18,350.87; Armstrong School, \$122,555.

"(f.) Percentage of Extras on Contract: Prince Rupert Court-house, 1½; Acute Building, Essondale, 1¼; Power-house, Essondale (building only), 2¼; Temporary Buildings, U.B.C., including Forestry, 1¼; Incurable Hospital, Marpole, 1½; Nurses' Home, Tranquille, 2¾; Farm Buildings, Tranquille, 4½; Boarding-house, Tranquille, 2½; Armstrong School, *nil*.

"2. (a) Total amount of contracts, \$2,165,320; (b) total amount of extras, \$28,331.52; (c) 1¼ per cent."

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

1. What are the total expenses incurred to date by the Government in its continued efforts to secure a removal of discrimination against British Columbia in the matter of railway transportation rates?

2. What amount of such expenses has been already paid?

3. To whom, stating the amount in each case?

4. How much is still owing?

5. To whom, stating the amount in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Manson*, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, replied as follows:—

"1. See Public Accounts, 1922-23, page A 75; 1923-24, page O 75; 1924-25, page O 68. Travelling expenses, Hon. John Oliver, \$2,689.74.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No accounts have been rendered since those shown in last Public Accounts.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What was the total sum of money expended by the Department of Mines in all branches during the year 1914?

2. What was the total sum of money expended by the Department of Mines in all branches during the year 1924?

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

"1. Not available for the calendar year 1914. The Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1914, show \$82,846.43 expended, exclusive of advertising, fuel, light, postage, printing, stationery, telegrams, telephone, etc.; such expenses not being shown separately by departments in the Public Accounts for that year.

"2. \$243,502.96. Of this amount, \$126,956.62 was expended under the 'Mines Development Act' and 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'"

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

1. What revenue per gallon does the Provincial Government receive from breweries supplying it with beer?

2. What is the total revenue each month from this source since the sale of beer by the glass came into force?

3. What other revenue does the Provincial Government receive from British Columbia brewers?

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

"1. The Provincial Government does not receive any revenue from the brewers as operators of breweries.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. The Provincial Government does not receive any revenue from the brewers as operators of breweries. We collect from them such taxes as income-taxes, personal-property taxes, etc., in the same manner and to the same extent that we collect from other men engaged in business."

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

1. How much beer has been purchased from each of the breweries in the Province since the sale of beer by the glass became effective?

2. What is the total payment to each brewery by the Liquor Board since the sale of beer by the glass became effective?

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

"1 and 2. From March 21st, 1925, to September 30th, 1925:—

"Amalgamated Brewers Agency, Ltd.: Barrels bulk beer, 33,457½; barrels bottled beer, 98,653; barrels bottled ale, 4,767; amount, \$2,339,694.75.

"Cranbrook Brewing Co.: Barrels bulk beer, 492½; barrels bottled beer, 2,022; amount, \$42,474.25.

"Enterprise Brewing Co.: Barrels bulk beer, 151; barrels bottled beer, 602½; barrels bottled ale, 57½; amount, \$13,856.

"Fernie-Fort Steele Brewing Co.: Barrels bulk beer, 2,119½; barrels bottled beer, 5,917; barrels bottled ale, 179½; amount, \$140,341.50.

"Nelson Brewing Co.: Barrels bulk beer, 1,710; barrels bottled beer, 3,850; barrels bottled ale, 654; amount, \$107,913.

"Princeton Brewing Co.: Barrels bottled beer, 1,948; amount, \$32,142."

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

1. What was the quantity production of silver in the Atlin Electoral District in 1914?

2. What was the quantity production of silver in the Atlin Electoral District in 1924?

3. What was the quantity production of copper in the Atlin Electoral District in 1914?

4. What was the quantity production of copper in the Atlin Electoral District in 1924?

5. What was the quantity production of zinc in the Atlin Electoral District in 1914?

6. What was the quantity production of zinc in the Atlin Electoral District in 1924?

7. What was the quantity production of gold in the Atlin Electoral District in 1914?

8. What was the quantity production of gold in the Atlin Electoral District in 1924?

9. What was the quantity production of lead in the Atlin Electoral District in 1914?

10. What was the quantity production of lead in the Atlin Electoral District in 1924?

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

"1. 131,509 oz.

"2. 3,484,998 oz.

"3. 11,123,376 lb.

"4. 35,993,450 lb.

"5. Nil.

"6. Nil.

"7. 17,250 oz. (placer); 2,884 oz. (lode).

"8. 7,516 oz. (placer); 145,790 oz. (lode).

"9. Nil.

"10. 508,711 lb."

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

1. Has one M. B. Jackson been employed by the Government in connection with the investigation into the death of Janet Smith?
2. In what capacity?
3. At what salary?
4. On what date did his duties commence?
5. How much has he been paid by the Government for such services?
6. How much is still due and unpaid for said services?
7. Is Mr. Jackson's work in connection with the said investigation completed?
8. What special qualifications for the work in which he has been engaged does Mr. Jackson possess?
9. Was the said Mr. Jackson the Liberal candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly at the last general election?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. To scrutinize the evidence taken at the two inquests, totalling 1605 folios, and all the police reports in connection with the matter, which are very bulky, and to advise thereon, and generally to take all necessary and legal steps to ascertain the cause of the death and to bring to justice the person or persons (if any) guilty in connection therewith.
- "3. Not on salary.
- "4. November, 1924.
- "5. *Nil*.
- "6. Not yet determined.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Mr. Jackson is a King's Counsel, has done excellent work in a similar capacity, and is a barrister of almost thirty years' standing.
- "9. Yes."

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

1. What sum of money taken from Vote 252A (relief of unemployment) was expended in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral Riding during each of the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1925?
2. What sum of money taken from the district vote was expended in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral Riding each month over the same period?

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

- "1 and 2. January, \$227.83; February, \$5,885.15; March, \$883.25. No expenditure after March 31st as vote lapsed at the end of fiscal year.
- "2. January, \$1,406.34; February, \$1,235.82; March, 3,026.64; April, \$9,960.73; May, \$9,035.27; June, \$7,026.02; July, \$2,624.14; August, \$2,232.43; September, \$471.04."

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

1. Were tenders called for chairs for the theatre at the University at Point Grey?
2. If so, when?
3. What firms tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?
4. What firm was awarded the contract?
5. Were sample chairs passed upon by the architect or other official? If so, by whom?
6. Were sample chairs submitted by Clines, Ltd., of Vancouver, passed upon and approved of by the architect or some other official?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. May 21st, 1925.
- "3. E. S. Parnell, \$7,843.20; Brooks Corning, \$7,482.05; Restmore Manufacturing Co., \$7,280; David Spencer, \$6,656; Clines, Ltd., \$5,892.80.
- "4. Spencers, Ltd.
- "5. Supervising Architect, according to specifications.
- "6. Not approved; not according to specification."

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

1. Were tenders called for chairs for the lecture-room of the University at Point Grey?
2. If so, when?
3. What number of chairs were tendered on?
4. What tenders were received, who from, and the amount of each tender?
5. Which tender was accepted?
6. Does the tender include cost of installation?
7. If not, why not?
8. What was the cost of installation?
9. What was the cost to the Province of each chair installed in place?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Question indefinite; about fifty or sixty lecture-rooms. Tenders called for students' chairs.

"2. April 17th, 1925.

"3. 1.973 with metal base; 38, wooden legs.

"4. Restmore Manufacturing Co., \$33,143.50; James Brookes Woodworking Co., \$40,607.50; Canadian Queen Co., \$29,520.75.

"5. Restmore Manufacturing Co.; recommended by Purchasing Agent, Clerk of Works, and Supervising Architect.

"6. Yes."

"7. Answered by 6.

"8. Included in cost of chairs.

"9. \$16.50, metal base; \$15.50, wooden legs."

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

1. Is any amount of interest-money payable in respect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway undertaking of the Province?
2. What portion of such amount (if any) is borrowed annually, and what amount of interest is payable thereon?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Yes. Interest on guaranteed stock, \$620,737.82 annually; direct obligations of Government, \$1,034,103.44 annually up to June 30th, 1925.

"2. No direct borrowings are made to cover payments. Coincidentally, the amount of borrowings for general purposes approximates the amount paid out as interest on P.G.E. Guaranteed Stock since 1917."

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

1. What (a) additions or (b) alterations have been made to the Parliament Buildings since January 1st, 1925? Give particulars and reasons.
2. Do they conform to the general architectural lines or plan of the said buildings?
3. If not, why not? And, if not, give estimate of cost to have made them and each of them conform to original buildings.
4. What was the cost of these alterations or additions? Give particulars.
5. Was the original architect of the said buildings consulted? If not, give name of architect who was consulted.
6. If additional space was provided by such alterations or additions, give details.
7. Was work done by contract or day-labour? If former, give name of contractor who carried out the work.

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Additions: New property-room for Lands Department; addition of two rooms and store-room for Treasury Department. Additional space required by above departments; additions erected on their requisitions.

"2. No.

"3. Conservation of public funds; not necessary to erect wall 3 feet thick, half granite and half brick-work, that only carry their own weight when 12-inch hollow tiles will do the work.

Treasury Department: At least \$2,200 additional, or as much again as the whole work cost. Property-room, Lands Department: At least \$7,500 or double what the actual building cost.

"4. Treasury Department: Accounts not all in yet, price approximately \$2,100. Property-room: Labour, \$534.50; material, \$2,349.28; roofing (Cooley), \$354; total, \$3,237.78.

"5. No. Work done under Supervising Architect.

"6. Treasury: Ground floor, 182 square feet; first floor, 182 square feet; store in basement in addition. Property-room: Approximately 1,650 square feet.

"7. All work done by departmental tradesmen, except roofing and sheet-metal work to property-room done by H. Cooley & Sons."

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

1. What amount of legal fees and disbursements have been paid to Douglas Armour, K.C., since the year 1916?

2. What were the services rendered and the amount of fees and disbursements in each case?

3. What was the name and style of his law firm during the times said payments were made, respectively?

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

"1. See Public Accounts, 1921–22, page A 67; 1923–24, page O 210; 1924–25, page O 202.

"2. Crown Counsel, Vancouver Spring Assize; Counsel, Pacific Great Eastern Royal Commission. Disbursements, Vancouver Spring Assize, *nil*; P.G.E. Inquiry, \$500.

"3. No official information."

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

1. Did the Legislature during the Session of 1923 pass a Resolution respectfully requesting the Canadian Government to extend the powers of the Royal Commission investigating into the exportation of pulp-wood, and to instruct the said Commission to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the export of unmanufactured timber, and to report as to what action (if any) should be taken in respect thereof?

2. Was such request duly sent to the proper authorities?

3. Were the powers of the said Royal Commission extended, and was it instructed to inquire into the circumstances relating to the export of unmanufactured timber?

4. Did the said Royal Commission make the inquiry asked for in the aforesaid Resolution?

5. What recommendations (if any) were made by the said Royal Commission?

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

"1. See Legislative Journals for 1923, pages 97, 135, and 136.

"2. Copy of Resolution duly sent to Ottawa.

"3. No.

"4. The Royal Commission made general inquiry.

"5. Report of Royal Commission too long to spread on Order Paper. See published report."

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

1. What was the amount of fuel bought and paid for by the Department during fiscal year ended March 31st, 1925?

2. Were tenders called for said fuel?

3. Who were the tenderers (if any), and what were the figures quoted by each tenderer?

4. Was the lowest tender accepted?

5. If not, why not?

6. Who was awarded the tender?

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

"1. By Public Works Department: Parliament Buildings, \$18,404.72; Government House, \$3,100.17.

"2. Yes.

"3. Parliament Buildings: Mackay & Gillespie, lump \$11.47, nut \$10.87; W. Walker & Son, lump \$11.67, nut \$11.07; R. Hall & Sons, lump \$11.50, nut \$11; J. Kingham & Co., lump \$11.60, nut \$11; The Victoria Fuel Co., lump \$11.70, nut \$10.95; J. E. Painter & Co., lump \$11.62, nut \$11.05; J. Smith & Sons, lump \$10.75, nut \$10.25. Government House: R. Hall & Sons, lump

\$11.52; Mackay & Gillespie, lump \$11.80; W. Walker & Son, lump \$11.77; J. Kingham & Co., lump \$11.65; The Victoria Fuel Co., lump \$11.70; J. E. Painter & Co., lump \$11.72; J. Smith & Sons, lump \$10.75.

"4. Yes.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Parliament Buildings, Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd.; Government House, Richard Hall & Sons."

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

1. What has been the total sum of money spent on the Creston Settlement Area with interest up to November 1st, 1925?

2. What amount of cash has been received from the sale of lands in this area?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. \$625,612.89 (interest has not been charged).

"2. \$23,720.65."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.13 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1925.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Social Service Council of Burnaby, praying for the introduction of a "Mentally Deficiency Bill."

From the Social Service Council of Burnaby, praying for the amendment of the "Municipal Act" with regard to the curfew bell.

On the motion of Mr. Perry, Report No. 10 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

Mr. Perry presented the Eleventh Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 24th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver." All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House of the 13th instant, of all correspondence between the Premier or other representatives of the Government and the Registrar and Returning Officers under the "Provincial Elections Act" pertaining to the operation of the Act or any suggested alterations thereto.

To lie upon the table.

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

Whereas, under the "British North America Act," the Federal Department of Immigration and Colonization have full authority to deal with all immigrants coming to Canada :

And whereas, when incapacitated, the burden and charge of mentally and physically defective immigrants falls on the Provincial and municipal authorities :

And whereas, also, the Minister, under the "Immigration Act" of 1921, may issue a written permit, authorizing any person to enter Canada without being subject to the provisions of the "Immigration Act" :

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the co-operation of the various Provinces would be in the public interest and materially assist in keeping mental defectives out of the Dominion, and that immediately upon the issue of any such permit the Deputy Minister of Immigration be requested to furnish the Provincial Secretary of the Province in which such immigrant, under permit, purposes to reside, with the name, age, and occupation of the immigrant, the municipality or locality to which he or she is proceeding, and the date of expiry of such permit.

And be it further *Resolved*, That this House is of the opinion that the extension or cancellation of the permit, on its expiry, be based on the recommendation submitted to the Minister by the Provincial Secretary of the Province concerned.

And be it further *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, should the Federal Department of Immigration and Colonization not authorize the Provincial Governments to re-examine any immigrant granted a permit to remain in Canada for a stated period of time on account of mental or physical defects, or refuse to consider their recommendations concerning the eligibility of such immigrant to be granted an extension of such permit, that all costs for maintenance and treatment of such immigrant becoming a public charge should be chargeable to the Federal Department of Immigration and Colonization by the Provincial authorities concerned.

And be it further *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, the strictest scrutiny of all immigrants coming into Canada as regards physical and mental condition be made by the Immigration Department.

And be it further *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa, and to the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces of Canada.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Browne* on 19th instant, as follows:—

Whereas it would appear that organizers from foreign parts have recently entered this Province for the purposes of organizing a secret society of the name of the Ku Klux Klan :

And whereas this Legislature is of the opinion that it is not in the interests of this Province nor of Canada that the formation of an organization such as the Ku Klux Klan be encouraged :

And whereas it is not desirable that such aforementioned organizers be admitted to Canada :

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That this House express its disapproval of the organization of such a society in Canada ; and that this House further is of the opinion that Federal immigration authorities should debar persons coming into Canada for the purposes of organizing the aforementioned society or one to be conducted on similar lines.

Mr. *Burde* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Perry*,—

To add thereto the following:—

"That at the proposed conference of all the Provincial Governments for the purpose of discussing amendments to the 'British North America Act,' the Hon. Minister representing British Columbia be instructed by this House to urge an amendment to the 'British North America Act' to empower any Provincial Legislature to enact such measures as deemed necessary to protect its people against the danger to life and property from associations and persons who wear hoods, masks, or false faces at political, religious, fraternal, social, or other meetings, or on Hallow-e'en, Guy Fawke's Day, St. Andrew's night, St. George's night, St. Patrick's night, St. David's night, Empire Day, Dominion Day, Labour Day, May Day, All Fools' Day, or at

exhibitions, carnivals, theatres, temples, towers, ships, or balls, or at any other time or place designated in the Province enacting such legislation."

The amendment was lost.

The debate continuing on the main motion, it was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 24th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved. That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to Marine Insurance" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. Has G. G. McGeer been employed by the Government in the past in any capacity in connection with the British Columbia freight-rates case?
2. If so, when did his engagement commence, and is he still under engagement?
3. If not now engaged, when did engagement cease?
4. What (if any) is the amount paid to date to Mr. McGeer in fees, costs, and general expenses in connection with the freight-rates case, and amount due?
5. What (if any) is the total cost to date in all respects to the Province, and amount due, on the freight-rates case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Engagement commenced January 26th, 1921. He is still retained.

"3. Under date November 11th, 1925, Mr. McGeer suggested discontinuance of his retainer, but his suggestion has not been adopted.

"4. See Public Accounts, 1922-23, page A 75; 1923-24, page O 75; 1924-25, page O 68; of which the sum of \$39,883.95 was disbursements to cover salaries and expenses of experts, transcripts of evidence, travelling and living expenses, etc. Advances totalling \$5,000 have been

made to Mr. McGeer, subject to being accounted for, on account of work done and expenses incurred since last account. Upon receipt of bills same will be taxed.

"5. See Public Accounts, 1922-23, page A 75; 1923-24, page O 75; 1924-25, page O 68. And in addition travelling expenses of the Hon. the Premier, amounting to \$2,689.74, and less a substantial amount the Province of Alberta has undertaken to assume, but which has not yet been determined."

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

1. What is the number of students at the University of British Columbia at the present term?

2. What is the annual cost per student to the Province, including capital expenditure and sinking fund?

3. What is the number of students who are: (a) Domiciled in British Columbia; (b) domiciled in Canada, but not in British Columbia; (c) domiciled in China; (d) domiciled in Japan; (e) domiciled in any other foreign country?

4. What is the annual cost borne by each student who is: (a) Domiciled in British Columbia; (b) domiciled in Canada, but not domiciled in British Columbia; (c) domiciled in China; (d) domiciled in Japan; (e) domiciled in any other foreign country?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. 1,447.

"2. Annual cost per student, not including capital expenditure and sinking fund, \$447. Information regarding capital expenditure and sinking fund not available yet.

"3. (a) 1,400; (b) 22; (c) 0; (d) 3; (e) 15. The remaining 7 include 5 from England and 2 from Scotland.

"4. Each student in the Faculty of Arts and Science pays \$100 tuition fees per session; each student in the Faculty of Agriculture pays \$100 tuition fees per session; each student in the Faculty of Applied Science pays \$150 tuition fees per session."

Mr. Wallinger asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

How many mines were there in the Province in 1924 working at a profit?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"Eight mining operations in British Columbia showed sufficient profit in year 1924 to come under income-tax. As more than one mine is controlled and operated by one mining corporation in some cases, it is difficult to show how many 'mines' were profitably worked. Also there may have been operating mines with margins of profit which were required to pay only the 2-per-cent. mineral-tax."

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

1. Did the Premier of the Province write a letter to the E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Ltd., guaranteeing on behalf of the Government of this Province the payment of certain over-commitments in connection with the University of British Columbia?

2. If so, what was the date thereof, and who was responsible for said letter?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. The Hon. the Premier gave to The E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, two letters, copies of which are attached hereto.

" October 8th, 1925.

" Messrs. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.,
445 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

"DEAR SIRS,—Referring to your statement, dated October 6th, 1925, of progress estimates and bills for work and material, amounting to one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty-one cents (\$112,571.41), which you have supplied on the University Buildings and services at Point Grey, I have to advise you that the amount of this statement, as above, will be paid to your account at the Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver, B.C., as soon as the Legislature makes provision therefor, which we anticipate will be within the next

three months, together with interest at seven per centum (7%) per annum on the various items from the date set against each item.

"Yours truly,
"JOHN OLIVER."

"November 3rd, 1925.

"Messrs. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.,
445 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

"DEAR SIRS,—With reference to your statement, dated October 7th, 1925, of progress estimates and bills for work and material, amounting to one hundred and twenty-two thousand nine hundred dollars and ten cents (\$122,900.10), which you have supplied on the University Buildings and services at Point Grey, I have to advise you that the amount of this statement, as above, will be paid to your account at the Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver, B.C., as soon as the Legislature makes provision therefor, which we anticipate will be within the next three months, together with interest at seven per centum (7%) per annum on the various items from the date set against each item.

"Yours truly,
"JOHN OLIVER,
Premier."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What is the total enrolment of students in the University of British Columbia in 1925?
2. What is the proportion of men and women in such enrolment?
3. What percentage of the total enrolment comes from the City of Vancouver?
4. What is the occupation of parents of students in such enrolment, grouped under professional, business, labour, retired, and other classifications?
5. How many other different places in British Columbia, outside of Vancouver, have sent students to the University of British Columbia in 1925?
6. How many students in the 1925 enrolment have come from places outside of British Columbia?
7. What proportion of all graduates of the University of British Columbia is: (a) Resident in British Columbia; (b) resident in Canada; (c) resident in U.S.A.; (d) resident in other various countries?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- "1. Enrolment at present session, 1,447.
- "2. 816 men; 631 women.
- "3. Students from Vancouver, South Vancouver, Point Grey, and Burnaby number 962. These students give their street addresses but not the municipality in which they reside.
- "4. Information will be given later.
- "5. 104 districts outside of Vancouver and vicinity.
- "6. 47.
- "7. Out of the 749 graduates of the classes of 1916 to 1924, inclusive, (a) 520 are resident in British Columbia; (b) 81 in other Provinces of Canada; (c) 112 in the United States (of these 28 are taking post-graduate work at universities); (d) 26 in other countries and 10 deceased. Definite information regarding the graduates of 1925 has not yet been compiled."

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

1. Have workmen employed by the Provincial Government done any work within the last three months on the road leading into the premises of the Napier Lumber Company near Cowichan Station?
2. If so, on what dates?
3. What was the nature of the work done?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes; road known as Koksilah River Side Road.
- "2. October 19th, 20th, and 21st; amount spent, \$37.50.
- "3. Hauling 35 yards gravel to repair hole and patching two planks on one of the bridges."

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

1. What amount of money has been spent in the construction of the Fraser Canyon Highway?
2. What was the amount of the contracts entered into by Palmer Bros.?
3. Has this figure been exceeded? If so, by how much and under whose authority?
4. What is the amount of contracts awarded to Tierney & Co.?
5. Has this amount been exceeded? If so, by how much and under whose authority?
6. How much of the work is completed by each contractor?

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

"1. Total, \$893,167.89, as follows: (a) Day-labour, Hope-Yale, including hire of shovel and work done by W. P. Tierney; (b) Yale to site of Old Alexandria Bridge; (c) Old Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd Indian Reserve; (d) survey and engineering over whole route.

"2, 3, 4, and 5. Contracts on unit-price basis on location adopted at that date. See Return made to House, Votes and Proceedings No. 30, December 10th, 1924. In addition, Contract No. 1, Yale-Spuzzum, was extended 4 miles west of Yale.

"6. W. P. Tierney & Co., Yale to site of Old Alexandria Bridge, approximately 90 per cent.; A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., Old Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd Indian Reserve, approximately 90 per cent."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to construct a bridge across the West Arm of Kootenay Lake to replace the present ferry?

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

"No decision to bridge the West Arm of Kootenay Lake has yet been made."

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

1. What is the amount of gasolene and oil (if any) used at the Government Garage, Menzies Street, Victoria, and paid for out of public funds?

2. How many cars owned or used by the Government are entitled to be supplied with gas and oil from this garage?

3. Do any of the Department's staff obtain gas or oil from this garage?

4. If so, is such supply charged to the official or is same paid out of the public funds?

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

"1. Gasolene, \$591.65; oil, \$96.04; fiscal year 1924-25.

"2. Two cars.

"3. A total of 6 gallons of gasolene in one year used by the Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer in his private car for use on official business when Government car not available. No allowance made by Government for use of car. Gasolene and oil also supplied for lawn-mowers and concrete-mixer in connection with buildings and grounds.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

If the construction operations had been suspended on the University Buildings in March, 1925, how many of the 1925 enrolment could have been adequately housed in the University at Point Grey?

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

"None."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.