

Thursday, February 12th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. W. McPherson*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *H. E. Winch* made the following statement:—

Mr. Speaker,—There is a matter of importance most vital to the City of Vancouver which must be drawn to the attention of the Government and the Legislature without delay.

On March 24th, 1949, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor gave assent to a Bill intituled the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1949." Section 7 of the said Act reads as follows:—

"7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, upon the request of the City of Vancouver, appoint a committee of three members elected to the Legislative Assembly to examine the Bill and report thereon to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills when the Bill is referred to that Committee."

The honourable members will note that the section puts no limitation on time on the committee and it is therefore axiomatic that any committee appointed stands as such until such time as the "Vancouver Incorporation Consolidation Act" is referred to the Private Bills Committee.

A request was received from the City of Vancouver for the appointment of such a committee, and, in December of 1949, by Order in Council, a committee of three was appointed. Mr. *Reginald MacDougall*, M.L.A., of Vancouver, was named as chairman, Mr. *J. Gould*, M.L.A., and Mr. *H. E. Winch*, M.L.A., as members. Upon many occasions this committee met with representatives of the City Council and the special legal counsel appointed by the city. Numerous meetings were held by the committee and it was almost prepared to report at the 1952 Session. However, because the new "Vancouver Incorporation Act" was not referred to the Private Bills Committee, the report was not completed nor filed. Since the regular Session of the Legislature in 1952, some discussions have been held by members of the committee, but, owing to political and physical mortality, the composition of the committee has been reduced. Mr. *Reginald MacDougall*, M.L.A., the chairman, passed away recently, and Mr. *J. Gould* was not re-elected to the Legislature. This, in accordance with the Act, leaves only myself as a member of the committee.

The petition of the City of Vancouver for a consolidated Act has now been received by this House and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, and I presume that it will be considered by that Committee.

I should now like to draw the attention of the House and the Attorney-General to section 9 of the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1949," which says as follows:—

"9. When considering the Bill, the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall have before it the report of the committee so appointed, and may make such use thereof as it sees fit."

In view of this mandatory section of the Act there is considerable doubt as to the legality of the Private Bills Committee being able to deal with the Vancouver Act.

I draw this to the attention of the House because if an amendment is required it should be introduced and assented to immediately as there is a time limitation for the introduction of Private Bills and for the report of the committee to the House.

There may be other ways of overcoming the apparent legal obstacles.

In the interest of the City of Vancouver, which must have action at this Session, I request the immediate consideration of the Attorney-General and the Government on this matter.

HAROLD E. WINCH.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Thursday, February 12th, and all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* presented the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

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

1. Does the Department of Public Works operate an aeroplane?
2. If so, under whose direction does it operate?
3. Is the aeroplane ever used for other than straight Departmental business and, if so, under what circumstances?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. The Hon. the Minister of Public Works.

“ 3. Yes; it is used on occasion by other departments of the Government in emergencies or proof of need.”

And presented a Return in reply to the following question:—

4. What is the flight log of the aeroplane showing destination and passengers from August 1st, 1952, to February 2nd, 1953?

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

1. Has any change in scaling woods cut on Crown lands been made since August 1st, 1952?
2. If yes, (a) what scale is now used, (b) what provision is made in the new scale for waste in manufacturing, if any, and (c) what provision is made for scaling defective logs, such as forked logs and crooked logs?
3. Does the present new scale make any provision for overrun at sawmills and to what extent, if any, is it allowed?
4. How many men are required to do the scaling under the new system in respect of individual scales?
5. How many men were required under the system of scaling British Columbia log-scale?

6. What is the conversion factor of computing feet board-measure as related to cubic contents?

7. Under what statutory authority (section) of the "Forest Act" or other Act was the change made?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) The British Columbia cubic scale, (b) *nil*, and (c) same provisions as apply in scaling feet board-measure under British Columbia log-scale.

"3. No.

"4 and 5. Physical work and time element involved in scaling vary widely, being dependent upon numerous factors such as location of material, dimensional characteristics of timber, quality, grades, number of species, and number of timber-marks. It is my opinion that, as scalers become fully conversant with cubic measurement, efficiency will be on a par with that demonstrated under the British Columbia log-scale.

"6. The feet board-measure recovered from any log varies between wide limits, depending on many factors, such as the size and quality of the log, the equipment and mechanical efficiency of the mill, and the competence of the mill operators. The British Columbia log-scale purports to give the number of board-feet that the mill will recover from a log, but the actual results obtained can vary between such wide limits that they frequently have little or no relation to the log-scale. The log-scale is related exclusively to the manufacture of lumber in sawmills. The cubic scale accurately measures the quantity of wood, no matter what its end use may be. There is, therefore, no reliable standard conversion factor between cubic and log-scale, but the individual mill using a reasonably uniform type of log will be able to establish an accurate conversion factor in board-feet, square feet of plywood, pounds of pulp, as the case may be, for their own business. The recovery in board-feet of lumber for various types of logs and manufacturing plants may be expected to vary between 5 and 9 board-feet per cubic foot.

"7. Section 65, 'Forest Act,' chapter 128, R.S.B.C. 1948."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, 1953.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commorientes Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Mount Robson Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' and Women's Institutes Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Sraith*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Friday, February 13th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 13th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill to be intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the

' Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 13th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That while Standing Order No. 100 in respect to the petition of David Mathews, Oscar Frederick Morrison, Gerald Robert Smith, and Edwin A. Rae for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting Dental Technicians" has not been complied with in that the published notice does not clearly and distinctly specify the nature and object of the application, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the ' Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto."

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting Dental Technicians."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, seconded by the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

1. Has your Department received reports from any of the following: The Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; the Jubilee Hospital, Vernon; the St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria; the Kelowna General Hospital; the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops; the Kimberley Hospital, and, if so, with respect to each severally from January 31st to December 31st,

1952, (a) was there an increase in non-insured cases and, if so, by what percentage; (b) how many hospital-days were occupied by non-insured patients and what is the total of bills so incurred; (c) what percentage of these hospital bills were collected; (d) what are the costs to the hospital of the collection of these debts; (e) what amount of the *per diem* rate was written off as bad debts; (f) were there deficits in any of these hospitals in their 1952 budget and, if so, how much; (g) how are these deficits, if any, to be made up?

2. (a) Between August 9th and December 31st, 1952, what was the total amount charged under the dollar-a-day co-insurance; (b) what percentage of this co-insurance was collected?

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

1. How much money has the Department of Health and Welfare voted to and paid to the Vancouver General Hospital for the purposes of modifying the semi-private pavilion for eventual use as a children's health centre?

2. What is the estimated total cost of this conversion and by whom was the estimate given?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. The Provincial Government, through the Department of Health and Welfare, has authorized a grant-in-aid amounting to \$27,500 to assist the Vancouver General Hospital in modifying the semi-private pavilion for pædiatrics; no payments have been made out of this authorization to date.

"2. The estimated cost of the complete conversion of the semi-private pavilion for pædiatric services is \$286,145; this estimate includes an allowance of \$110,145 for the final stage of conversion, which would consist of converting the central sterilizing and supply department on the fourth floor to operating-room space; this final stage is dependent on the completion of the proposed acute unit. The architectural firm of Sharp & Thompson, Berwick, Pratt has provided the Vancouver General Hospital with the foregoing estimates of cost."

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

1. Is James Hamilton, of Minneapolis, U.S.A., still employed by the Provincial Government as a consultant in the hospital or health field?

2. If not, when was his contract terminated?

3. When was Mr. Hamilton originally hired, by whom, and on whose recommendations?

4. What is the total amount paid to James Hamilton and Associates since he was originally hired?

5. Has the Provincial Government sent personnel to study in Minneapolis under Mr. Hamilton in a course in hospital administration and, if so, how many and what are their names?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. No; James A. Hamilton and Associates are no longer directly employed by the Provincial Government as consultants. However, certain hospital construction and planning projects inaugurated under the original agreements in 1948, 1949, and 1950 are yet to be finalized by some hospitals. On all construction projects initiated since late in 1950, the staff of the Hospital Insurance Service has provided a full consultation

service to hospitals. In addition, the Hospital Insurance Service conducts space-utilization studies and other special surveys at the request of hospitals.

"2. Four separate agreements were entered into with James A. Hamilton and Associates: (a) A general hospital survey of the Province and a long-range plan for the existing and future needs; (b) management and building consultation appraisals of selected hospitals as authorized by the Minister of Health and Welfare; (c) space-utilization studies, similar in general terms to (b) above, by specific authority of the Minister of Health and Welfare; (d) a survey of policy and administration of the Hospital Insurance Service. Agreements (a) and (d) were completed in 1950 and 1951; certain phases of (b) and (c) are yet to be finalized. No new projects with James A. Hamilton and Associates have been entered into since late in 1950.

"3. The first agreement with James A. Hamilton and Associates was dated October 5th, 1948, and was signed for the Government by Dr. J. M. Hershey, former Commissioner, British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service. The firm enjoyed a wide reputation as experts in their field and had done work in 1947 in Vancouver in a private capacity.

"4. The grand total of moneys paid to date covering all agreements by the Provincial Government amounts to \$198,668.69; agreements (b) and (c), however, provide for repayments of a portion of the costs by hospitals and the Federal Government. The total sum repaid to date amounts to \$59,128.36, leaving a net cost to the Government of \$139,540.33 in all.

"5. Mr. James Mainguy, of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, studied hospital administration at the University of Minnesota. The course at the university is under Mr. Hamilton's direction, but is administered by the School of Public Health. Twelve months of the twenty-one-month course were taken in a hospital and a regional council in New York State disassociated from the university. The entire cost was financed under the Dominion Health Training Grants programme."

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Are the services of James Hamilton and Associates to any private hospital being paid for by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"The services of James A. Hamilton and Associates have never been employed in conjunction with any private hospital within the meaning of the 'Hospital Act' and, therefore, nothing has been paid to them in this connection by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service."

Mr. *Proudfoot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

How many patients under the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service paid co-insurance at the rate of \$1 *per diem* from July, 1952, to December 31st, 1952: (a) \$30 to \$40, (b) \$41 to \$50, (c) \$51 to \$60, (d) \$61 to \$70, (e) \$71 to \$80, and (f) \$81 and over?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"The dollar-a-day charge is collected by the hospitals; individual records of hospital collections are not maintained by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service; number of patients charged \$1 per day: (a) 1,266, (b) 504, (c) 318, (d) 163, (e) 126, and (f) 319."

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

1. In the period for which records are readily available, since the granting of Forest Management Licence No. 1 to Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, what has been the total timber cut according to species?

2. What was the total Government revenue received from said timber cut?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Timber cut on Forest Management Licence No. 1, cubic feet, by species from date of granting of licence until January 31st, 1953: Cedar, 101,240; spruce, 2,731,861; hemlock, 5,839,990; balsam, 2,284,379; cypress, 541; cottonwood, 408,871; hardwoods, 37; total, 11,366,919 cubic feet. Total includes 1,613,950 cubic feet cut from timber licences included in the licence and on which royalty only was payable and collected.

“ 2. \$215,653.24.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 16th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. O. Penfold*.

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by Mr. *Shantz*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Hon. *Tilly Jean Rolston* be named a member of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Doukhobor Research Committee.

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

1. Have any forest management licences been issued in the Cranbrook riding?
2. If so, (a) to whom, (b) where are the locations, and (c) what is the respective acreage?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Not applicable.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, February 16th, 1953.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Proudfoot* presented Details of Expenditures by the Federal Government represented by Payments to or Expenditures in the Province during the Fiscal Year 1951-52.

Mr. *Hills* presented a Petition for the Construction of a Road between Masset and Port Clements dated March, 1952.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* “ That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow,” Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.49 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *George Biddle*.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on a point of order raised by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 16th instant:—

Honourable Members,—At the last sitting of the House on the evening of Monday, February 16th, the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition questioned the procedural rectitude of the Hon. the Premier in introducing a motion as follows: “ That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.”

The contention of the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition was that this could not be done in the light of the motion passed by the House on Thursday, February 12th, as follows: "That on Thursday, February 12th, and all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered."

Sir T. Erskine May's 15th edition, page 206, states in part: "These times have been varied by a series of Sessional orders modifying previous Standing Orders."

Standing Order No. 2, which fixes the time of ordinary meetings of the House at 2 p.m., is totally inelastic inasmuch as there is no provision made for further Orders of the House, but the motion of February 12th distinctly states, "unless otherwise ordered."

The new Rule, which supersedes Standing Order No. 2, thus makes it clear that although certain times are set, the House may otherwise order and fix any times it may in its wisdom decide.

I, therefore, hold that under the substituted Rule, that is the motion of February 12th, the times of sittings are entirely at the discretion of the House, and the motion put by the Hon. the Premier was in order.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—44.

Messieurs

<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bonner</i>
<i>Sowden</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Shantz</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
<i>Hills</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Bury</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Snowsell</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gunderson</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*, seconded by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*, seconded by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. B. Smith*.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Gunderson*, seconded by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1951–52 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1954;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1953;

Schedule A. Sums granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1952, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16th, 1953.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.19 p.m.

Thursday, February 19th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. A. J. Waters*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the Greater Vancouver Water District."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to validate an Agreement relating to the Distribution of Electrical Energy in Cultus Lake Park."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Corporation of the District of Saanich Relief Act, 1927.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*—Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horned Cattle Purchases Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Bury*—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Jamieson*—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees."

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1953.

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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Improvements Assistance Enabling Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 6th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide a Grant in Aid of the Reconstruction of Flood-devastated Areas in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1953.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to provide a Grant in Aid of the Reconstruction of Flood-devastated Areas in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing the Appointment of a Committee to inquire into Development of the Columbia River Basin," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11th, 1953.

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 authorizing the Appointment of a Committee to inquire into Development of the Columbia River Basin," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. What is the aggregate cost of construction to date on Highway No. 1 between Hope and the junction with Highway No. 5 at Grindrod?
2. For what length of time, if any, was No. 1 Highway, or any portion of same, impassable during 1952?
3. What has been the total cost of construction of the Hope-Princeton Highway between Hope and Kaleden to date?
4. For what length of time, if any, was this highway, or any part thereof, impassable during 1952?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

" 1. The Trans-Canada Highway does not go through Grindrod; the junction with Okanagan Highway is at Sicamous; the aggregate cost of construction since the date of the Trans-Canada Agreement (April, 1950) to February 13th, 1953, is \$7,089,508.59 between Hope and Sicamous.

" 2. Three hundred and twenty hours.

" 3. \$11,821,195.03.

" 4. The highway was not closed at any time during 1952."

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

1. Has the highway bridge at Springbrook been replaced by a temporary bridge?
2. If so, have plans been made for the replacement of this with a permanent bridge?
3. If yes, what plans have been made?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. See answer to No. 2.”

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

1. Does the Government use the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over the Kootenay River at Wasa Lake?
2. If so, at what date did it commence?
3. What is the total cost to date for use of this bridge?
4. How much of this went to the Canadian Pacific Railway?
5. How much for watchmen?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. October 15th, 1947.
- “ 3. \$82,078.59.
- “ 4. \$27,515.58.
- “ 5. \$35,361.58.”

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

1. (a) Has the Department any plans for completing the paving of Highway No. 1 between Sicamous and Revelstoke this year and, (b) if not, what portion of it will be paved during the coming fiscal year?
2. (a) Has the Department any plans for completing the paving of the highway between Sicamous and Grindrod this year and, (b) if not, what portion of it will be paved during the coming fiscal year?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) No and (b) none.
- “ 2. (a) No and (b) none.”

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

1. How much money was specifically earmarked for secondary roads for the fiscal year 1952–53?
2. How much was expended on secondary roads between April 1st, 1952, and August 1st, 1952?
3. How much was expended on secondary roads between August 1st, 1952, and February 1st, 1953?
4. How much remained unexpended out of this vote on February 1st, 1953?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$2,000,000.
- “ 2. \$559,685.73.
- “ 3. \$1,182,960.98.
- “ 4. \$257,353.29.”

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

1. How much money was budgeted for the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway for the fiscal year 1952-53?
2. How much was expended between April 1st, 1952, and August 1st, 1952?
3. How much was expended between August 1st, 1952, and February 1st, 1953?
4. How much remains unexpended?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$2,000,000.
- “ 2. \$387,483.83.
- “ 3. \$1,164,935.08.
- “ 4. \$447,581.09.”

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

1. Have any negotiations been conducted between the Department of Public Works of the Provincial Government and the Federal Department of Public Works in taking over the Cow Bay floats in Prince Rupert by the Federal Government?
2. If yes, what action, if any, is contemplated?
3. If no action intimated by the Federal Government, what action is being considered by the Department of Public Works?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. The floats will be turned over to the Federal Government.
- “ 3. Plans are being prepared to complete transfer.”

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

1. Under section 65 of the “Forest Act,” R.S.B.C. 1948, does the applicant for whom a timber sale is made have the right to elect as to whether the timber shall be scaled by cubic measure or feet board-measure?
2. Does the Department of Lands and Forests advise applicants as to their rights under the aforementioned section?
3. If yes, (a) how many purchasers of the 506 sales made, as stated in Votes and Proceedings, February 11th, page 4, elected cubic scale and (b) how many elected British Columbia log-scale?
4. If no, why is the applicant not so advised?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2, 3, and 4. Not applicable.”

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

Has the Department any plans for completing paving of No. 3 Highway from Boundary Falls for approximately 17 miles east?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ It is proposed to call for tenders for construction of the sections from Boundary Falls to Greenwood this coming year. Paving will be carried out after construction is complete. This may be the following year.”

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

1. Was a contract let to the Marwell Construction Company to construct the Port Mellon Road?

2. If yes, (a) on what date was this contract let, (b) on what date did actual construction begin, and (c) did the original contract state a date on which construction was to be completed and, if so, what was that date?

3. Did the contract provide for penalties for non-fulfilment of contract?

4. If yes, (a) what were these penalties, (b) have these penalties been levied, and (c) has the Department of Public Works considered imposing these penalties as an aid to speedy completion of this project?

5. By what date is it estimated by the Department of Public Works that this road will be open to school-bus traffic?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) October 9th, 1951; (b) October 16th, 1951; and (c) yes, August 31st, 1952.

“ 3. No pecuniary penalties provided for in contract; Crown would have to prove and sue for damages resulting from delay.

“ 4. Answered by No. 3.

“ 5. July, 1953.”

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

1. Did the Department of Health and Welfare make an investigation into the matter of granting a permit or licence to Dr. Weber, of Smithers, to practise dentistry in British Columbia throughout the Bulkley Valley?

2. If yes, (a) when, (b) who made the investigation, and (c) what were his findings?

3. Will the Department present or make a Return of the report to the House?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) During May and June, 1952, and previously; (b) senior officials of the Health Branch; and (c) that the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia acted rightly in extending to Dr. Weber, of Smithers, a permit to practise dentistry.

“ 3. No further report is considered necessary.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 19th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gunderson*, the Rules were suspended, and Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to provide a Grant in Aid of the Reconstruction of Flood-devastated Areas in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe" was read a second time, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Sraith*, on behalf of Mr. *Gibbs*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented a paper, Disposition of Orders in Council under Previous Regime, dated February 18th, 1953.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.14 p.m.

Friday, February 20th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. E. E. King*.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of procedure raised by Mrs. *Hodges* on the 19th instant with reference to using the private names with the introducers of Message Bills:—

Honourable Members,—At the afternoon sitting on Thursday, February 19th, there arose an intriguing point of procedure. The honourable the first member for Victoria drew the attention of the Chair to the fact that the Speaker was using the private names with the introducers of Message Bills. On the surface, the use of these names would appear to be a mode of censure as, in general practice, the only time the name of a member is used is when he is named by the Speaker.

Reference to Beauchesne's second edition of Parliamentary Rules and Forms, pages 336, 337, 338, and 339, shows that all forms of Bills introduced by motion bear the

private name of the person introducing. This would indicate that the form used by the Speaker recently was in order.

It has been the practice in this House to merely read the Message rather than the motion, and, in order to prevent confusion in future, this latter form will be followed, and the private names of the mover and seconder will not be used, the Speaker merely reading the face of the Message and not the motion.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

FORTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 43) An Act to provide a Grant in Aid of the Reconstruction of Flood-devastated Areas in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe.

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

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

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

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1951.

Mr. *Corbett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—
How often did the Labour Relations Board meet in the year 1952?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"There were twenty-seven full meetings of the Labour Relations Board in the year 1952."

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

How often has the Labour Relations Board met since January 12th, 1953, until this date?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"Between January 12th and February 13th, 1953, there were eight full meetings of the Labour Relations Board."

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

Has the Labour Relations Board in the past carried out duties other than those defined in the “Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act”?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“Yes; the Labour Relations Board entered into administrative problems and directed the staff of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch of the Department of Labour.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

Monday, February 23rd, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. O. Penfold*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Reid* presented a paper on education during the debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply, and purportedly signed by A. J. Clotworthy.

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

Since August 1st, 1952, what moneys, for what services, and under what authority have been borrowed on Treasury notes?

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* replied as follows:—

“Details in the Budget Address and statistical tables appended thereto.”

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

1. What was the balance as at August 1st, 1952, of cash in Treasury and in transit?
2. What was the balance as at August 1st, 1952, of bank, general account?
3. What was the balance as at August 1st, 1952, of accounts receivable: (a) Assessed taxes, (b) grazing fees, (c) probate and succession duties, (d) timber royalties and stumpage, (e) land sales (principal O/S), (f) Provincial municipalities, and (g) sundry debtors?

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* replied as follows:—

“1, 2, and 3. It is regretted that these questions cannot be answered in their present form.”

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

1. Have any applications been made for forest management licences in the Eagle Valley area between Sicamous and Clan William?
2. Is the Department contemplating granting any licences in this area?
3. If so, (a) who are the applicants and (b) for what area are the applications made?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. The one application in this district is being studied, but has not been referred to the Government for disposition.
- “ 3. Not applicable; see answer to No. 2 above.”

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

1. When were the books of the Department of Finance finally closed covering the fiscal year 1951–52?
2. What was the surplus shown at that time covering the fiscal year 1951–52?

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. May 31st, 1952.
- “ 2. See Public Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1952.”

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

What is the amount in benefits, if any, paid to the Indians or Indian villages of British Columbia for the payment (a) off or (b) on the Indian reservations of the social security and municipal aid tax?

The Hon. *E. M. Gunderson* replied as follows:—

“ No social security benefits are paid to Indians who are wards of the Government of Canada. Indians who reside within corporate limits as defined by the ‘Municipal Act’ and who are part of the population of that local government have so far benefited from the distribution of the municipal aid tax. Any Indian not a ward of the Crown in the right of Canada is eligible and thus receives social security benefits in the same manner as all other British Columbia residents. No accounting is kept of payments according to race or creed.”

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

1. Have any amounts been paid since February 26th, 1952, with respect to petition for disallowance of chapter 70, “Statutes of British Columbia, 1950,” relative to the right of the Province to tax Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt lands?
2. If so, what amounts and to whom were they paid?
3. What further amounts, if any, remain to be paid?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. None.
- “ 3. None, as far as known.”

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

1. Has any recommendation been made by you to the Federal Government for remission of sentences passed after conviction on charges of arson on any members of the Sons of Freedom sect?
2. If so, in favour of what persons?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; concurring in the recommendations of the Penal Subcommittee of the Consultative Committee on Doukhobor Problems, charged with study of the rehabilitative qualities of each accused person.

“ 2. George G. Markin, whose sentence expires April, 1953; Peter C. Tamelin, John Nazarov, Cecil C. Lapshinoff, Peter G. Kastrukoff, Paul Mitten, Peter Slastookin, Bill Makortoff, Pete Demoskoff, and Alex Kootnikoff, whose sentences expire May, 1953; Peter Kolodin and Paul A. Woiken, whose sentences expire September, 1953.”

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

1. What amount of Vote 60 of the 1952–53 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

2. Was a meeting or meetings held during the past year between representatives of any Provincial department and representatives of the Federal Narcotic Division for the purpose of considering drug addiction, its treatment, and prevention?

3. If yes, will copies of the minutes, reports, or recommendations arising from such meetings be made available to members of the Legislature?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$1,277.84.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. It is not proposed to table reports until discussions are completed.”

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

1. At the time the Royal Canadian Mounted Police took over police duties in British Columbia, how many Provincial Police were employed by the Provincial Government?

2. What was the total cost to the Provincial Government for policing British Columbia during the last twelve months under the Provincial Police?

3. What number of Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been employed in British Columbia during each of the years since taking over?

4. What has been the total cost of policing the Province during each of the years since this work was taken over by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

5. Do the Royal Canadian Mounted Police perform all the duties that were done under the Provincial Police?

6. If not, what do these duties consist of and what additional sum do such duties cost the Provincial Government per year?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Five hundred and thirty-seven officers and men.

“ 2. April 1st, 1949, to March 31st, 1950 (fiscal year), \$1,748,762.04; less received from municipalities for policing, \$462,597.33; total, \$1,286,164.71.

“ 3. August 15th, 1950, 378 Provincial strength and 172 municipal strength; August 15th, 1951, 396 Provincial strength and 201 municipal strength; August 15th, 1952, 408 Provincial strength and 233 municipal strength.

“ 4. August 15th, 1950, to March 31st, 1951, \$332,018 (on the basis of \$1,400 per man per year); April 1st, 1951, to March 31st, 1952, \$529,200 (on the same basis).

“ 5. No.

“ 6. April 1st, 1951, to March 31st, 1952: Staffing gaols, Kamloops Gaol and Prince George Men's Gaol, salaries only, \$31,037.40; sundry incidental police expense, which includes medical examinations of prisoners, meals for prisoners in lockups after convictions, legal forms, and other miscellaneous items, \$29,200.16; provision for remuneration to outside agencies issuing motor licences, \$3,321.72; total, \$63,559.28.”

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

1. Was the Department of the Attorney-General represented at the Coroner's investigation into the death of Clarence Clemons?
2. If yes, (a) did such representative submit a report to the Department and (b) will same be made available to members of the Legislature?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. (a) Yes; by letter only; and (b) yes."

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

1. Has the attention of the Department been drawn to any cases of damage, by fire or bombing, on high-tension transmission-lines in the Nelson or Grand Forks districts in 1952 or 1953?
2. If so, what action, if any, has been taken?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Police action."

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

What were the total liquor fines under the "Indian Act" for the years 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952 in each of the Cities of Prince Rupert, Prince George, Vancouver, Kamloops, and Smithers?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

" Information not available, as fines are paid to the municipalities."

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

1. How many, if any, present inmates of Oakalla are suffering from tuberculosis?
2. What facilities, if any, exist within the institution for the care and treatment of tubercular patients?
3. Do such facilities conform to present-day hospital standards for this type of ailment?
4. Is the Oakalla (a) general staff or (b) those in actual contact with tubercular patients covered for tubercular infection by workmen's compensation?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

" 1. There are twenty-five cases of tuberculosis present in Oakalla Prison Farm; of these, fifteen are active, five are suspects, and five are arrested cases.

" 2. Infirmary-type treatment is given as prescribed by the Division of Tuberculosis Control, Willow Street, Vancouver; antibiotics only are used in the institution.

" 3. No.

" 4. (a) and (b) No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.