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OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1918

Thursday, 7th February, 1918.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Fourteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable J. A. MACDONALD, Administrator of the Province, dated the 2nd day of January, 1918,

HIS HONOUR SIR FRANK STILLMAN BARNARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Dr. MacLean, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. the Premier, the first Member for Victoria City Electoral District, moved, seconded by William John Bowser, Esquire, the fifth Member for Vancouver City Electoral District, That John Keen, Esquire, Member for Kaslo Electoral District, do take the Speaker's Chair, and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

Thornton Fell, Esquire, K.C., the Clerk of the House, having declared John Keen, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

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

The Honourable Dr. *MacLean* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to this the second Session of the Fourteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the last Session of this House, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, has paid this Province his first official visit. The reception accorded him by the people of this Province was warm and cordial. The deep interest evinced by His Excellency in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Province was most gratifying, and undoubtedly will redound to the benefit of our people.

During the last year the world war was signalized by the advent of our great sister Anglo-Saxon nation into the conflict as an Ally. The aims of the Allies have been enunciated clearly in the recent speeches of the Right Honourable the Premier of Great Britain and the President of the United States. With these aims this Province is in hearty accord.

While we sympathize deeply with those of our people who have suffered bereavement by the desolation of the war, the continued heroism of all branches of the Military and Naval Services of Canada evokes our warmest admiration and pride.

For the first time in the history of the Province a woman has been returned as a Member of the Assembly. Her election is a fitting tribute and recognition of the right of women to take part in the affairs of their country.

My Government, represented by the Provincial Secretary, took part in conferences recently held at Ottawa, convened by Dominion authorities to devise ways and means for taking care of returned soldiers who are mentally or physically afflicted. A measure for this purpose will be laid before you. My Government is anxious to co-operate with the Federal authorities in all matters relating to the welfare of returned soldiers.

Owing to the existing conditions under which the precious and base metals in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt are held jointly by the Railway Company and the Province, you will be asked to consider this situation, to the end that the area involved may be given more attention by prospectors and investors. The disabilities against the acquisition of mineral claims under the mining laws of the Province, now existing in Strathcona Park, will be removed, subject to restrictions as to the acquisition of surface and timber rights.

My Government is securing the services of an expert to advise on the electro-thermic treatment of iron ores, and measures for the encouragement of iron and steel industries will be presented for your consideration.

You will be asked at the earliest opportunity to pass upon a measure dealing with the production of spruce for aeroplane-construction, a material for which Great Britain and her Allies depend mainly upon the resources of the Pacific Coast.

The physical and financial circumstances connected with a number of irrigation projects in the Province compel consideration of ways and means to meet an acute situation. Consequently, you will be asked to approve action looking both toward the conservation of existing productive areas and the development of new areas.

The attention of my Government has been directed to the necessity of providing for the care of neglected and destitute children within the Province, and legislation will be introduced dealing with this question.

My Government proposes to submit legislation for your consideration dealing with working conditions, the eight-hour day, and wages in certain industries.

A measure will be submitted for your consideration authorizing the Department of Agriculture to furnish seed-grain to farmers.

Since the last Session the Board of Taxation authorized by you has been sitting. The findings of the Board will be laid before you with proposals for legislation.

Measures will be submitted exempting the property of soldiers and sailors, who have served or are serving overseas in the war, from sale for unpaid Provincial taxes.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you early in the Session.

The Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

Gentlemen, in leaving you to your deliberations, I assure you of my confidence that the work entrusted to you will be well and faithfully performed.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Captain *Campbell*.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Elections held in January, 1918" 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. *Brewster*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of Members to represent the vacancies in the Electoral Districts of Newcastle, Similkameen, and Vancouver, also a report of the Returning Officer of the Electoral District of Alberni, were read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,
7th February, 1918.

“Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignations of the Members thereof for the Newcastle and Similkameen Electoral Districts, and the death of one of the Members thereof for the Vancouver City Electoral District; and

“Whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused thereby, and for such purpose writs dated the 2nd day of January, 1918, were duly issued:

“Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that the electors have chosen the undermentioned as representatives in the Legislative Assembly of the Districts aforesaid, namely:—

NEWCASTLE James Hurst Hawthornthwaite, of Esquimalt.
SIMILKAMEEN William Alexander McKenzie, of Penticton.
VANCOUVER CITY Mary Ellen Smith, of Vancouver.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,
7th February, 1918.

“SIR,—With reference to the by-election in the Alberni Electoral District held on the 24th of January last, I have the honour to transmit a report, dated the 4th instant, made to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary by the Returning Officer, as follows:—

“SIR,—Enclosed herewith find returns from the several polling stations as received by wire. On account of the extreme weather at the north end of the Island the ballot boxes will not reach me before the end of the week. I could not satisfy myself that I could get them here any sooner by having them sent via Port Hardy and Vancouver. Also the wires were down and I could not get any communication with the person in charge of the boxes had I so desired. On their arrival I will hold the final count and return the Writ at the earliest possible moment.—Your obedient servant, GEO. A. HUFF.”

“I am, Sir,
“Your obedient servant,
“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—The Eleventh Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1916.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—Bulletin No. 1, 1918: Preliminary Review and Estimate of Mineral Production, 1917.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—The Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—The Public Accounts of the Province for the year ended 31st March, 1917.

Mrs. *Mary Ellen Smith*, Member elected to represent Vancouver City Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and *W. J. Bowser*, Esquire, and took her seat.

James Hurst Hawthornthwaite, Member elected to represent Newcastle Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and *W. J. Bowser*, Esquire, and took his seat.

William Alexander McKenzie, Member elected to represent the Similkameen Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and *W. J. Bowser*, Esquire, and took his seat.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Monday, 11th February, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cooke*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Ordered*,—

That Rule 48 of the Rules of this House be suspended in so far as may be necessary to facilitate the action of the House in connection with Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Elections held in January, 1918," and that the said Bill is one of extreme urgency and the occasion of its being dealt with an extraordinary one within the meaning of Rule 64.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Elections held in January, 1918" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 1)," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 11th, 1918.

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. 2) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 1)," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, it was *Ordered*,—

That Rule 48 of the Rules of this House be suspended in so far as may be necessary to facilitate the action of the House in connection with Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 1)," and that it be deemed to be an urgent one and the occasion of its being dealt with an extraordinary one within the meaning of Rule 64.

Bill read a second time and committed forthwith.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Hall*—From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for certain enabling powers. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *Hall*—From F. M. Preston and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia. (No. 1.)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*—

That the Rules be suspended for the purpose of considering the following motion: "That the time set by Rule 72 for receiving petitions and otherwise dealing with Private Bills be computed from the 26th day of February next instead of from the opening of the present Session."

Negatived.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 11th, 1918.

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

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles of the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act respecting Municipal Elections held in January, 1918.

(No. 2) An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 1).

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

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

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26th, 1918.

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Robson*.

The Certificate of the election of *Richard Pateman Wallis* to represent Alberni Electoral District was read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals, and is as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
“20th February, 1918.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the Member thereof for the Alberni Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 29th day of December last a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued:

“Now it is hereby certified that on the 20th day of February instant the Writ was received from the Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *Richard Pateman Wallis*, of Nanoose Bay, to represent the Alberni Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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

Richard Pateman Wallis, Member elected to represent Alberni Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and *W. J. Bowser*, Esquire, and took his seat.

The following petitions were received:—

From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for certain enabling powers. (No. 2.)

From F. M. Preston and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia. (No. 1.)

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to consider the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session:—

Mr. *Fisher* (Fernie) moved, seconded by Mr. *Barrow* (Chilliwack),—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We much appreciate the recent visit of His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, and assure His Excellency that, both as the representative of our gracious King and for his own sake, His Excellency will ever be a welcome visitor to British Columbia.

We are sensible of the importance of and deeply grateful for the entry of the United States into the war, as one of the Allied Nations, on the side of liberty and justice, and we reaffirm the unanimous support of the people of British Columbia in achieving the aims of the Allies.

Our grief over the loss of so many gallant men is tempered by pride in and admiration for the splendid heroism of all branches of Canada's Overseas Forces.

We welcome to the Legislative Assembly its first woman member, and feel certain that this recognition of the right of women to a share in the legislative functions of their country will be productive of much good.

We note with appreciation that His Honour's Government was represented by the Provincial Secretary at a Federal conference respecting returned soldiers. Our hearty co-operation will be given in all measures for the care of those who return mentally or physically afflicted.

We will be pleased to consider proposals respecting the minerals in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt, and for the removal of disabilities against acquiring mineral claims in Strathcona Park, in order to encourage prospecting in those areas.

We warmly approve of the action of His Honour's Government in securing expert advice on the electro-thermic treatment of iron ores, and we will give our best consideration to proposed measures for the encouragement of iron and steel industries.

We observe that the Government proposes to submit a measure dealing with the production of spruce for aeroplane purposes, to which important matter we will give fitting attention.

We regret that the situation in connection with several irrigation projects has reached an acute stage, and note that legislation will be proposed to meet this.

We commend the action of His Honour's Government in regard to proposals for caring for neglected and destitute children.

Legislation dealing with labour matters will have our careful attention.

We note that a measure will be submitted relating to the supply of seed-grain to farmers.

We are pleased to learn that proposals for legislation based upon the findings of the Board of Taxation will be submitted, and we can assure His Honour of our earnest consideration for all plans directed to such a co-ordination of the several taxes as will bring about a more equitable distribution of the burden of taxation among the various economic interests in the Province.

We are glad to know that steps will be taken to exempt the property of soldiers and sailors on overseas service from sale for unpaid Provincial taxes.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates for the ensuing year will receive our close scrutiny.

We assure His Honour that all measures laid before us shall receive our attentive and serious consideration.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 26th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction," 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.

House in Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, recommending the introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain," 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. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1917-18.

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 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

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.

On the motion of Dr. *Rose*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 26th, 1918.

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. 10) intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province," 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. Dr. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 27th, 1918.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 26th, 1918.

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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sandon Receivership 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 following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Life-insurance Policies Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

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

That the time set by Rule 72 for receiving petitions and otherwise dealing with Private Bills be computed from this day, and not from the opening day of the Session.

Mr. *Bowser* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ross*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 27th day of March, 1917.

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

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

1. What representations, if any, were made by Workmen's Compensation Board with respect to moving from Victoria to Vancouver?
2. Why did it move?
3. What efforts, if any, were made by Government to have Board remain in Victoria?

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

"1. No representations were made by the Board to the Government. Section 62 of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' places full authority in the Board to decide the location of its offices.

"2. The Government was not advised.

"3. None. I am advised that the Hon. Mr. Brewster and the Hon. Mr. Hart, as representatives of the City of Victoria, strongly objected to the removal."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" a debate arose, which was adjourned until 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 4.45 p.m.

Thursday, 28th February, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 28th, 1918.

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 to amend the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal 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. Dr. King presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1918.

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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" 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 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.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a copy of the Order in Council, No. 1348, referred to in Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction."

The Hon. the Minister of Railways presented Papers *re* the Agreement between the Government of British Columbia and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as follows: (1) Memorandum of Agreement made February 22nd, 1918; (2) Letter of R. T. Elliott directed to R. D. Thomas; (3) Copy of Order in Council approved February 25th, 1918.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 1st March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1918.

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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Inspection 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. *Sloan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1918.

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 'Coal-mines Regulation 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. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1918.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 1st, 1918.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Regulation 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. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 1st, 1918.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Juvenile Courts," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 1st, 1918.

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 respecting Juvenile Courts," 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 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.

Mr. Speaker *Keen*, on a question of order, ruled: "That the sixth Member for Vancouver City as a Member of this House must comply with House Rule No. 18 and address the Chair

uncovered, as all Members, male and female, are by the 'Provincial Elections Act Amendment Act' now on the same common ground on the floor of this House."

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

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture presented the First Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board of British Columbia.

The Standing Committees for the Session were appointed, as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Jackson, Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, Anderson, Thompson, Ross, and Rose.*

Railways—Messrs. *Hall, Anderson, Cowper, Sutherland, McGeer, Pauline, Hawthornthwaite, Ross, W. A. McKenzie, and Jones.*

Public Accounts—Messrs. *Pauline, M. A. Macdonald, K. C. Macdonald, Fisher, Mobley, Weart, Wallis, Jones, and Bowser.*

Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Bell, Whiteside, Weart, Walters, Willson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Schofield, Jones, and W. A. McKenzie.*

Agriculture—Messrs. *K. C. Macdonald, Barrow, McGeer, Stewart, Yorston, Jones, Wallis, and Mrs. Smith.*

Printing—Messrs. *Manson, Nelson, Buckham, and A. McDonald.*

Mining—Messrs. *Thompson, Manson, Nelson, Buckham, Fisher, Mobley, Sutherland, Walters, Hall, Weart, Yorston, Willson, Cowper, Hawthornthwaite, W. A. McKenzie, Ross, Schofield, Rose, A. McDonald, and Wallis.*

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

By Mr. *Nelson*—Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act.'"

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to establish a General Eight-hour Day."

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries."

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

1. Has the report of the Hon. Mr. Justice Gregory in regard to the claims for compensation made as a result of the Extension riots been considered?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the claims for compensation so made?

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

- "1. It is being considered.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government since it took office in 1916?
2. From whom has it borrowed and under what authority?
3. What interest was paid?
4. Were any commissions paid?
5. If so, to whom, and the amount?
6. How much is still due on account of said loans?
7. When are these loans to be paid?

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

- "1. \$3,850,000.
- "2. \$2,000,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce by way of overdraft under authority of the 'Revenue Act'; \$1,300,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce by the issue of Treasury bills under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1916,' on account of the Pacific Great Eastern

Railway Company; \$250,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce by the issue of a Treasury bill under authority of the 'Loan Act, 1917'; \$300,000 from the Workmen's Compensation Board by the issue of a debenture, 'Loan Act, 1917.'

"3. Five per cent. per annum.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. \$3,850,000.

"7. \$3,550,000 on the 30th April, 1918 (subject to renewal); \$300,000 on the 1st December, 1937."

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

1. Has the Taxation Commission completed its labours?
2. Has it filed its final report?
3. If so, will it be presented to the Legislature, and when?
4. What was the total cost of said Commission?
5. What was the amount paid each Commissioner, and at what rate were they paid?
6. What time did the labours of said Commission cover?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Not yet known.

"5. Commissioners W. G. Cameron and Thomas Kidd each \$150 per month; the Chairman, the late J. B. McKilligan, Surveyor of Taxes, received nothing.

"6. The Commission commenced its labours November 1st, 1917."

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

1. What was the total expense incurred in connection with the investigation held under the "Fort George Election Inquiry Act"?
2. What amount was paid to His Honour Judge Young?
3. What was the amount paid to L. W. Patmore as counsel, and at what rate was he paid?

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

"1. \$4,122.60.

"2. \$494.36.

"3. \$1,436.95; \$50 per day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Seed-grain" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Debate resumed on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction."

The debate was again adjourned to Monday next.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.