

Thursday, February 10th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

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

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

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 3) An Act respecting Tug-boat Men's Liens for Towage.

(No. 15) An Act respecting Departmental Inquiries.

(No. 17) An Act to amend the "Engineering Act."

(No. 29) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."

(No. 51) An Act authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to acquire the Assets and Undertakings of the Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, and repealing an Act entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and Sooke Harbour Water Company, Limited, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of October, 1912."

(No. 55) An Act to validate certain By-laws of the Municipality of South Vancouver.

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."

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee had the opportunity of hearing counsel for the promoters of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Christian Brothers of Ireland," and has given careful consideration to the arguments submitted. It would appear that it has been the policy of the Legislature not to incorporate such institutions, and it would seem that there should be special circumstances before an institution for primary education should be established by a Private Act.

The Statutes of the Province—namely, the "Societies Act" and the "Companies Act"—provide for powers applied for by the promoters, with the exception of granting or conferring degrees or diplomas of literary, technical, or scientific standing, but this is obviously a privilege which should not be allowed to be used without special permission. The promoters of the Bill considered that a society under the "Societies Act" would not be able to take or hold any property to be devoted to its purposes upon any trust. The promoters can apply for incorporation under the "Societies Act" and acquire property subject to a trust, and could under section 3 (c) of the "Trust Companies Act" apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to be approved as exempted from the "Trust Companies Act."

Your Committee, while not desiring to take exception to the Bill itself, hesitates to change the practice of the Legislature followed for many years and thereby establish a precedent for Bills perhaps with less merit.

Your Committee, therefore, finds the preamble of the Bill has not been proved, and recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed, and that the fees paid by the promoters of the Bill be refunded to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 10th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have not been complied with, inasmuch as copies of the petitions, Bills, and fees were not deposited with the Clerk of the House eight clear days before the opening of the Session, nor has the advertising been completed.

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bills.

No. 11—Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited.

No. 12—Ladner Bridge Company, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

Mr. Odium presented the First Report of the Select Committee appointed by Order of the House on January 31st to investigate certain matters relating to campaign funds, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

February 10th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Select Special Committee, appointed under the Resolution of the House on the 31st day of January, 1927, to investigate, *inter alia*, matters arising out of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission investigating the Department of Customs and Excise, submits the following as its first interim report, dealing with that part of the evidence referred to containing implications against certain employees of the Liquor Control Board:—

1. The evidence laid before the Royal Commission, while not conclusive in fastening guilt upon any employees of the Liquor Control Board, nevertheless establishes sufficient grounds for justifying a searching inquiry upon oath to ascertain whether or not any employees of the Board were guilty of receiving, from certain persons or corporations interested in the liquor business, payments of money intended to corruptly or improperly influence them in the performance of their official duties. Owing to the absence of witnesses who would be in a position to give positive evidence in regard to these matters, and owing to the fact that such an investigation would probably have been beyond the scope of the powers of the Royal Commission, the evidence adduced was not complete, and this Committee is of the opinion that the investigation should be made thorough by compelling the attendance and examination of all persons having a knowledge of these matters.

2. While this Committee realizes that it would be improper to attempt to form any judgment on the evidence laid before the Royal Commission, nevertheless it feels bound to point out that memoranda contained in certain documents and on certain cheques indicate that sums of money were paid by the liquor interests to certain employees engaged by the Liquor Control Board. Certain books and documents also indicate that a payment of \$125 per week was made to a person designated by the letter "M" and that payments were also made to a person known as

"Pearl F." That these payments were made under suspicious circumstances and in a suspicious manner may be presumed from the fact that the liquor company in question apparently attempted to destroy the vouchers containing evidence of these payments, and in fact did either destroy or do away with some of the vouchers and did mutilate others.

3. The "Departmental Inquiries Act" provides the proper machinery for investigating matters of this character, and this Committee recommends that a Commissioner or Commissioners be appointed under that Act to carry out such an investigation.

4. The Committee submits herewith, as an appendix to this report, extracts of the evidence taken before the said Royal Commission bearing upon the matters herein dealt with.

5. Further reports, touching other and perhaps more important phases of the problem referred to it, will be submitted by this Committee at as early a moment as is possible.

VICTOR W. OBLUM, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Bryan*, the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Act, 1895'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Dr. *Wrinch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to redefine the Territorial Limits of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster and the Corporation of the District of Surrey" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House.

February 10th, 1927.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy 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.

Dr. *Rothwell* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 10th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

We beg to report that after hearing various delegations representing the fruit and vegetable interests, we have given consideration to their requests asking for legislation as approved by the B.C.F.G.A. Convention held at Kelowna, January 31st, 1927.

A draft Bill has been approved by your Committee and ordered that we recommend the introduction of the Bill, that same be printed and presented to the House as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. ROTHWELL, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

1. What was the amount of all licence fees, taxes, and attorney fees collected from: (a) Life assurance companies for year ended March 31st, 1925, and for year ended March 31st, 1926; (b) all other insurance companies for same respective periods?

2. What was the total amount of expenses of the Insurance Department for each of the above years?

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

"1. (a) and (b). Licence and filing fees: 1924-25, \$30,818.37; 1925-26, \$24,010.54. Taxes collected by Taxation Branch, Department of Finance. No attorney fees collected. No segregation is made of life and other insurance companies as far as revenue is concerned.

"2. See Public Accounts, fiscal year 1924-25, page O 24, and fiscal year 1925-26, page N 22."

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

1. Were there any prosecutions for infractions of the "Game Act" in the Chilliwack District during the latter half of 1926?

2. If so, give names of offenders and penalties imposed.

3. Were any of these penalties remitted in whole or in part? Give particulars.

4. On whose recommendation were such penalties remitted?

5. Have shooting rights over the Government-owned lands in the Sumas Lake area been given or leased to private individuals?

6. If so, to whom?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Thos. Strott, \$10; Russell Thornton, \$75; A. F. Kirkham, \$50; Frank Page, \$10; E. de La Giroday, \$20 (1 shotgun confiscated); A. Hindle, \$20 (1 shotgun confiscated); W. Lee, \$20 (1 shotgun confiscated); J. H. Stevenson, \$10; Alex. Smith, \$10; Alex. Joe (Indian), \$10

(1 mink and 2 racoon pelts confiscated); Joe Lucas, \$10; R. J. Mavis, \$15; W. J. Hutton, \$25; Alex. Joe (Indian), \$10; S. Mussell (Indian), withdrawn; G. Wallas (Indian), withdrawn; Frank Miller, \$35; Walter Whelpton, \$25; Sam Cromarty, \$10; F. Bassino, \$25.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. No information in Department.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 11th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
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(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting the following as section 6 of the Bill and renumbering the following sections:—

"6. Said chapter 93 is amended by inserting the following as section 53B:—

"53B. Where standing timber has been killed by fire and a material decrease in the value of the timber has resulted therefrom, upon a report of the Forest Branch showing the extent of the damage so caused to the timber and that the damage was not caused through any negligence or design on the part of the owner or holder of the timber, or any person interested therein, and upon the recommendation of the Chief Forester, the Minister may, in his discretion, allow a rebate of royalty in respect of the damaged timber, such rebate not to exceed one-half of the royalty otherwise payable in respect thereof."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the amendment to Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time.

With the leave of the House, the amendment was read a second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

With the leave of the House, on the motion of *Dr. Wrinch*, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of *Mr. Perry*, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

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

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 11th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Electric Power and Gas Company, Limited."

Your Committee had the privilege of hearing counsel for the municipalities affected by the operations of the public utilities to be controlled by the above-mentioned Company, and it was proposed that the relations between various municipalities and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, should be surveyed by your Committee, who felt this was not its function at this time.

Your Committee feel, however, that, in order that the public interest shall be protected in its relations with public utility organizations, some form of Public Utilities Commission should be appointed from time to time to deal with such matters, or that the "British Columbia Electric Railway Passenger Rates Act, 1922," be amended to provide for dealing with all public utilities.

In the opinion of your Committee the Bill, as amended, does not enlarge any rights now existing and protects the public against the impairment of any existing obligations of the "companies."

The promoters of the Bill have assured your Committee that they will print copies of the Private Acts mentioned in the Schedule and have same made available for the officials of the municipalities affected.

In the opinion of your Committee the Bill, as amended, does not jeopardize the municipal or public interests, as the companies to be amalgamated are owned and controlled by and are liabilities of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited.

Both the municipalities and the promoters expressed their desire that the existing relations of good-will continue, and it appears to your Committee no good purpose can be served in further postponing the Bill, which was suggested, as ample time has been given for its examination since it was advertised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of *Mr. Paterson*—Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited."

On the motion of *Mr. I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Colley*, seconded by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Burde*, *Uphill*, *Hinchliffe*, *Harrison*, and Mrs. *Smith*, with power to such Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the House.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wallinger*,—

Whereas the Department of Education has prescribed for use in high schools a certain book—namely, "English Prose Selections," edited by W. L. Macdonald, M.A., Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, University of British Columbia:

And whereas a certain "selection" contained in the said book belittles and ridicules, among other things, the Parliament of Great Britain:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is not to the best interests of this Province that the pupils in its schools should be required to read or study literature that tends to detract from the dignity of, or bring into ridicule, any lawfully constituted Parliament or Legislature within the British Empire.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*,—

Whereas on the 8th day of this month the member for Similkameen, standing in his place on the floor of this House, did make a statement to the effect that one Thomas Menzies, formerly a member of this House, did (in connection with the soldier settlement at Merville) make, or did assist in making, and did sign a report in connection with the said soldier settlement at Merville, and that the said report signed by the said Thomas Menzies did contain a statement to the effect that in connection with land-clearing work or improvements at the said soldier settlement at Merville a large sum of public money—namely, \$167,000—had disappeared and was unaccounted for:

And whereas in the *Daily Colonist* newspaper in its issue of February 9th there was published a statement under the caption "Public Funds are Missing," which caption was followed by the following words: "Sum of \$167,000 disappeared in operations at Merville, quotes Conservative member for Similkameen":

And whereas the Hon. the Premier did (at the opening of the Legislature on the 9th day of this month and upon a question of privilege) produce a copy of a "Report of Committee formed to investigate into Conditions at Merville," signed by J. C. Rogers, W. S. Latta, and Thomas Menzies, and which report contains no allegation whatsoever referring to the disappearance of or the non-accounting for \$167,000 or any other sum of public moneys:

And whereas the Premier did further produce and read to the House the following letters:—

"VICTORIA, B.C., February 9th, 1927.

"Memorandum for the Honourable John Oliver.

"Re Report on Merville.

"In response to a letter from the Honourable E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, dated September 20th, 1921, a survey of the Merville District was made by Colonel Latta, Mr. Rogers, and myself, and a report made of our investigation to the above-mentioned Minister and signed by the three of us. To the best of my knowledge this is the only report made by me to the Government.

"THOS. MENZIES."

"VICTORIA, February 9th, 1927.

"The Hon. John Oliver,

Premier of British Columbia, Buildings.

"SIR,—With reference to the report in the *Colonist* this morning under the caption 'Public Funds are Missing,' that the sum of \$167,000 disappeared, unaccounted for, during the land-clearing operations at Merville, it is hereby certified that the accounts of the Land Settlement Board have been regularly audited from inception to December 31st, 1925, and that during such period all expenditures have been properly vouched and certified.

"A copy of the Report on Conditions at Merville, signed by Thos. Menzies (ex-M.L.A.), jointly with J. C. Rogers and W. S. Latta, is attached hereto, from which it will be observed there is no mention of the allegations referred to. Mr. Menzies has been interviewed and has no recollection of ever making any report on Merville other than the one, a copy of which is enclosed, and, further, has never had any opportunity of examining the accounts of the Board.

"I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"H. N. WRIGHT,

Deputy Comptroller-General."

And whereas, after the reading of the letters as above, the member for Similkameen did, standing in his place on the floor of this House, reassert the statement he had made the previous day, and, further, that he had sent to his home for the report signed by Thomas Menzies:

And whereas the member for South Okanagan and the member for Esquimalt, each from his place in the House, did state that each of them had seen the report referred to, which report contained the statements or allegations as stated by the member for Similkameen, and that each of them had received a copy thereof:

And whereas the statements made constitute a very serious charge of wrongdoing on the part of some person or persons unnamed:

And whereas the truth or otherwise of the statements made should be fully proven:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House—namely, Messrs. *Perry, Kergin, Leary, Bruhn, and Stoddart*—be appointed, with instructions to inquire as to:—

(1.) Whether or not the Thomas Menzies referred to did make or assist in making and did sign any report to the Government or any member thereof containing the statement as alleged.

(2.) Whether or not \$167,000 of the public moneys of British Columbia or any other amount of public money disappeared or was unaccounted for as alleged by the statement made by the member for Similkameen, supported by the member for South Okanagan and the member for Esquimalt.

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

That the following words be added at the end of the second paragraph of instructions: "and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records and to take evidence under oath, and to report their findings to this House."

The amendment was carried.

Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Jones*.—

"And be it further Resolved, That the member for Similkameen, the member for South Okanagan, and the member for Esquimalt be entitled to be represented by counsel before such Committee."

The amendment was carried.

The Resolution as amended was carried.

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

1. Did one J. H. Christie own Lot 1019, Spallumacheen District?
2. Did he get a loan on this property from the British Columbia Land Settlement Board?
3. Did he lose the property as a result of non-payment?
4. Was the resale of this property by public auction or private tender?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. No; the property in question was sold for delinquent taxes to the Corporation of the Township of Spallumacheen at the municipal tax sale held in 1925. The Land Settlement Board, for its own protection, was forced to purchase the lands from the municipality in accordance with the provisions of the 'Municipal Act.'

"4. Public tender. Property advertised in *Armstrong Advertiser*."

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

1. Was one M. B. Jackson, K.C., employed by the Government in the Janet Smith case? If so, in what capacity?
2. What was the total amount paid to the said M. B. Jackson: (a) For disbursements; (b) for services rendered?
3. What was the total cost to the Province of the Janet Smith case?
4. Was the said M. B. Jackson employed in any proceedings arising out of the Janet Smith case? If so, enumerate them.
5. What was the total cost to the Province of such proceedings?
6. What was the total amount paid to the said M. B. Jackson in each of said proceedings: (a) On account of disbursements; (b) on account of services rendered?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. See House Journals, 1925, page 57.

"2. Mr. Jackson's bill was allowed on the whole at \$2,920.12, of which approximately \$477.12 represented disbursements.

"3. Information not segregated by cases.

"4. Rex vs. Wing Foon Sing, charged with the murder of Janet Smith.

"5. Answered by No. 3.

"6. Answered by No. 2."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Monday, February 14th, 1927.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. Sloan presented Economy Geology Series No. 3 of the Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Canada: "The Iron Ores of Canada, Volume I., British Columbia and Yukon."

To lie upon the table.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 14th, 1927.

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 to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development 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. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
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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. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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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. 39) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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. *Barrow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1927.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1927.

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. 47) intituled "An Act respecting Garibaldi Park," 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to alter and readjust the Boundaries of The Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and The Corporation of the District of Sumas."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Surveys relating to Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to redefine the Territorial Limits of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster and the Corporation of the District of Surrey" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

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

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act respecting Taxation of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Act, 1895.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting The First Narrows Bridge Company" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What specific recommendations made in the report regarding the recent Educational Survey have been adopted by the Department of Education?
2. To what extent (if any) has the adoption of such recommendations increased the cost of education: (a) To the Department; (b) to municipalities and school districts?

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

"1. Each year improvements are made in our educational system. Attention should be drawn to the fact that, in accordance with the general policy of the Department, many of the changes mentioned below would have been instituted regardless of the report of the Commission. Specific changes were as follows:—

"(1.) The text-book in hygiene recommended in the Survey has been authorized.

"(2.) Initial steps have been taken towards the establishment of junior high schools. Junior high-school classes are in operation now in three districts and the Vancouver School Board is erecting large schools of this type.

"(3.) A uniform Provincial card-index system for pupils has been made and the cards supplied by the Department of Education.

"(4.) The 'Public Schools Act' has been so amended that School Boards may admit to school in September pupils who are under six years of age, so as to lessen the number who enrol in the middle of the school-year.

"(5.) Greater emphasis is being placed on the teaching of the history of Canada and of British Columbia and of civics. An up-to-date text in citizenship has recently been prescribed.

"(6.) The Elementary School Programme now provides for more hand-work activities for pupils in Grades II., III., and IV., and the teaching of sewing in Grades VI., VII., and VIII. is being stimulated and home economics for girls is receiving more and more attention.

"(7.) A detailed course in vocal music has been drawn up for elementary schools.

"(8.) Oral arithmetic is being emphasized and the form of the entrance examinations in arithmetic and other subjects considerably modified with the view of making them more objective.

"(9.) Laboratory-work in physics and chemistry is now an essential part of the high-school courses in these subjects in Grades X., XI., and XII.

"(10.) *Teaching Personnel.*—The Department does not admit to a Normal School any student with a supplemental in Grade XI. outstanding, and the age of entering Normal has been raised. Students are encouraged to complete Grade XII. or first-year arts of Victoria College or the University of British Columbia before entering Normal School.

"(11.) *Normal Schools.*—The Normal School session has been extended to forty weeks as recommended in the Survey Report. Students-in-training for first-class certificates are as far as possible segregated for Normal School instruction. Interim second and interim first-class certificates only are granted to students on graduation from Normal Schools. These interim certificates are valid for two years and are made permanent if the Inspectors' reports on the teachers' work are satisfactory. Amendments have been made to the 'Public Schools Act' whereby any school in the Province is available for the purpose of observation and practice-teaching when required. A much greater amount of time is devoted to observation and practice-teaching by each teacher-in-training, who towards the end of the term is required to teach a class for a half-day or a full day; to plan and supervise seat-work, etc. Text-books in each

subject have been assigned and more and more attention is being given to modern developments in education. A teacher of educational psychology, history of education, and mental measurements has been added to the staff of Vancouver Normal School; also a lady instructor in physical training, school games, and hygiene for the lady students, who comprise about 80 per cent. of the total number. The scale of salaries for Normal School instructors has been raised considerably. The work of the Normal Schools is being supplemented by summer-school courses and a demonstration class is taught by specially selected teachers for the benefit of those teachers who attend the summer school.

"(12.) An additional Professor of Education has been added to the staff of the University to assist in the training of high-school teachers.

"(13.) *School Inspection and Supervision.*—The Provincial Inspectors who have been carrying on regular inspection in the elementary schools of the Cities of Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster, where Municipal Inspectors are employed, have been relieved almost wholly of their usual duties in those cities, and their time is now available for better inspection and partial supervision of schools in district municipalities and rural districts. The Department has made a regulation in accordance with the recommendations of the Survey for the certification of Inspectors. The minimum and maximum salaries of Inspectors have been increased. Provision has been made for the appointment of a Chief Inspector of Schools.

"(14.) Greater emphasis is being placed upon health education in all schools. A definite syllabus in the subject has been drawn up for each grade of the elementary schools.

"(15.) Two consolidations of school districts have recently been effected by the Department—one at Tsolum, comprising the five small rural school districts of Sandwick, Merville, Grantham, Headquarters, and Dove Creek, and the other at Comox, where Comox, Lazo, and Nob Hill have been formed into one district.

"(16.) The 'Public Schools Act' has been amended to enable Municipal Boards of School Trustees to purchase necessary text-books and supply them direct to pupils free of charge or at cost.

"(17.) One diploma only in penmanship is now granted, and that to pupils of Grade VIII, who are completing the elementary-school course.

"(18.) A new spelling-book has been compiled in conjunction with the Department of Education of Alberta.

"(19.) Every possible encouragement is being given to School Boards and teachers in building up school libraries.

"(20.) A Supervisor of Home Economics has been appointed for the Province.

"(21.) The former plan of paying bonuses to teachers for work in elementary agriculture has been discontinued and teachers of agriculture are required to have professional training equal to that given in the Normal Schools.

"2. (a.) The adoption of the recommendations already carried out has involved an expenditure by the Department for salaries of two additional instructors at Vancouver Normal School and for a Provincial Director of Home Economics amounting to \$7,320 per annum, but the amendment to the 'Public Schools Act' relating to practice-teaching and observation in schools for Normal School students has effected a saving of \$6,650 per annum. (b.) Necessary information not available to Department."

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 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

Resolution agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,644,815.88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Aliens Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Sixteenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting Garibaldi Park."

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to alter and readjust the Boundaries of The Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and The Corporation of the District of Sumas."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Forest Act" and the amendment thereto introduced by Message on February 11th were committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Government do some protection-work, clearing of log-jams, etc., near the Vedder River some five or six years ago?
2. If so, who was to pay for said work?
3. What was the original estimate of the cost of such work?
4. What was the actual cost?
5. Has any attempt been made by the Government to collect from property-owners in the vicinity of such works any part of the cost thereof?
6. If so, when?
7. What proportion of said cost does the Government intend to collect from property-owners?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Owners of land benefited, 50 per cent.; Government, 50 per cent.
- "3. \$75,000.
- "4. \$76,000.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. 1925 and 1926.
- "7. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. How many cars of freight were handled by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between Vancouver and way points from January 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926, inclusive?
2. How many trips were made by car-barge between Vancouver and Squamish in that time?
3. What was the cost of operating the car-barge during that period?
4. How many passengers were carried by the railway during that time?
5. What were the gross receipts, and how much was paid the Union Steamship Company as their proportion?
6. What were the gross receipts for express carried by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between Vancouver and way points, and how much was paid to the Union Steamship Company as their portion?
7. Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway pay the Union Steamship Company anything more than a portion of passenger, express, and freight charges handled by them? If so, how much?
8. What has been the annual cost of operating car-barges, including sinking of equipment, during the time from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1926, both dates inclusive?
9. In dealing with the British Columbia Electric Company for Bridge River power rights, was there any provision made for favourable consideration for power to operate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway should it be required in the future?

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

- "1. Vancouver to Squamish, 829 loads, 678 empties; Squamish to Vancouver, 1,108 loads, 393 empties.
- "2. 163 round trips.
- "3. \$49,663.71 (car-barge and tug).
- "4. 30,575, Squamish Division.
- "5. Passenger receipts, Squamish Division, \$97,577.15, of which \$17,760 paid to Union Steamships, Ltd.
- "6. Express receipts, \$31,709.61, of which \$2,300.30 paid to Union Steamships, Ltd.
- "7. No.
- "8. \$318,063.43, total cost from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1926.
- "9. No."

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

1. What is the total mileage of the work on the Cariboo Road covered by estimates already made?
2. What was the total amount of the estimates for various sections?
3. What has been the cost of these various sections up to date?

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

"1. Approximately 97 miles.

"2. Hope to Yale, \$129,250.45; Yale to Alexandria Bridge, \$264,168.10; Alexandria Bridge, \$98,674; Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd, \$1,082,064.29; Boothroyd to Lytton, \$322,822; Lytton to Spences Bridge, \$394,338, before final revisions are adopted.

"3. Hope to Yale, \$190,113.14; Yale to Alexandria Bridge, \$292,963.27; Alexandria Bridge, \$97,078.57; Alexandria Bridge to Boothroyd, \$963,093.62; Boothroyd to Lytton, \$284,889; Lytton to Spences Bridge, no payments yet made to contractor.

"The above figures are exclusive of engineering costs of \$106,999.83."

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

1. How many acres of Crown land were sold under the purchase clauses of "Land Act" from 1910 to 1916, inclusive?

2. How many acres of Crown land sold under the purchase clauses of the "Land Act" up to 1916 have reverted to the Crown since then by reason of non-payment of taxes?

3. On how many acres of above reverted land was the purchase price paid in full, and the total value of same?

4. Were the terms and provisions of the "Land Act" adhered to and the deposit of 50 cents per acre paid by every applicant?

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

"1. 3,918,283.15 acres.

"2. On account of proportionate allotments made under the provisions of the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act,' chapter 59, British Columbia Statutes, 1916, also subdivisions into town lots and acreage parcels of various sizes affecting these lands, it would be very difficult and take considerable time to compile this information.

"3. Answered by No. 2. (NOTE.—Unless lands are paid for in full and Crown-granted, they are not subject to tax sale and reversion.)

"4. Deposit of 50 cents per acre was paid on all unsurveyed lands and 25 per cent. of the purchase price on all surveyed lands in respect to which applications to purchase were approved."

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

1. What was the amount in feet of sawlogs exported from the Province per year during the last six years from: (a) Crown-granted lands; (b) other timber lands?

2. What was the gross value thereof respectively?

3. What was the total amount in feet of fir, cedar, hemlock, and all other kinds of sawlogs exported during those years?

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

"1. Figures not segregated to show quantities exported from all Crown-granted lands as a whole or from other timber lands as a whole, but the following figures cover: (a) Lands Crown-granted on or prior to March 12th, 1906; and (b) lands Crown-granted subsequent to March 12th, 1906, and other Crown lands held under pre-emption, timber licence, lease, etc.:—

"1921: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 30,914,265, (b) 20,599,933; fir, (a) 15,848,671, (b) 2,203,692; spruce, (a) 5,727,999, (b) 573,787; hemlock, (a) 8,266,992, (b) 4,690,286; balsam, (a) 1,085,788, (b) 23,954; miscellaneous, (a) 268,439, (b) 12,701; total, (a) 62,112,154, (b) 28,104,353; value, \$1,648,000 (not possible to segregate).

"1922: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 38,031,077, (b) 28,612,355; fir, (a) 36,614,158, (b) 2,281,522; spruce, (a) 6,121,470, (b) 1,571,284; hemlock, (a) 17,139,995, (b) 13,656,850; pine, (a) 1,831,104, (b) 73,294; miscellaneous, (a) 1,960,831, (b) 3,624,772; total, (a) 101,698,635, (b) 49,820,077; value, \$2,939,000 (not possible to segregate).

"1923: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 59,978,431, (b) 33,844,711; fir, (a) 67,356,212, (b) 5,231,597; spruce, (a) 11,112,232, (b) 443,764; hemlock, (a) 34,613,612, (b) 6,163,660; pine, (a) 1,835,440, (b) 66,233; miscellaneous, (a) 12,118,995, (b) 893,154; total, (a) 187,014,922, (b) 46,643,119; value, \$4,200,000 (not possible to segregate).

"1924: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 56,919,351, (b) 22,788,120; fir, (a) 93,121,678, (b) 6,272,518; spruce, (a) 8,728,998, (b) 2,184,660; hemlock, (a) 22,232,714, (b) 16,730,396; balsam, (a) 5,187,863, (b) 2,338,187; pine, (a) 3,786,558, (b) 21,561; miscellaneous, (a) 53,359, (b) 164,864; total, (a) 190,030,521, (b) 50,500,306; value, \$4,300,000 (not possible to segregate).

" 1925: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 50,766,728, (b) 29,440,382; fir, (a) 79,509,345, (b) 6,323,071; spruce, (a) 4,915,674, (b) 561,091; hemlock, (a) 20,463,081, (b) 8,198,742; balsam, (a) 4,152,178, (b) 1,340,714; pine, (a) 4,218,678, (b) 426,214; miscellaneous, (a) 79,275, (b) 22,788; total, (a) 164,104,959, (b) 46,313,002; value, (a) \$3,066,000, (b) \$804,000.

" 1926: F.B.M.—Cedar, (a) 64,685,085, (b) 41,571,163; fir, (a) 79,120,414, (b) 2,764,355; spruce, (a) 2,111,612, (b) 379,762; hemlock, (a) 20,107,565, (b) 4,319,091; balsam, (a) 3,337,697, (b) 1,265,163; pine, (a) 4,423,296, (b) 308,206; miscellaneous, (a) 82,406, (b) 1,901; total, (a) 173,868,074, (b) 50,609,641; value, (a) \$2,502,000, (b) \$668,000.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1928.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1928.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Workshop and Shipping Office, to 31st March, 1928.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Statistics, to 31st March, 1928.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Commissioner, to 31st March, 1928.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of Fruit Pests, Diseases, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Inspection of Imported and Exported Horticultural and Field Products, to 31st March, 1928.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, to 31st March, 1928.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomological and Research, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, District Agriculturists, to 31st March, 1928.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crop Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular Cattle—Compensation, Supplies, Temporary Assistance, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Fairs, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Seed Improvement, to 31st March, 1928.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Departmental Exhibits, to 31st March, 1928.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Compensation *re* Foul-brood in Bees, to 31st March, 1928.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of Noxious Weeds, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Western Canada Live Stock Union, to 31st March, 1928.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants to Settlers in Aid of Purchase of Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1928.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Gopher Extermination, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Services hitherto paid by Dominion Government under "Agricultural Instruction Act," to 31st March, 1928.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grasshopper Extermination, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act respecting The Lions Gate Bridge Company, Limited" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting The Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Davie, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting The British Columbia Electric Power & Gas Company, Limited" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Coventry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

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

1. What was the total taxation revenue collected in the Fort Steele, Cranbrook, and Fernie Assessment District for the year ended December 31st, 1926?

2. What assessment districts other than Victoria and Vancouver showed a larger revenue during this period than the aforesaid district?

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

"1. \$636,682.08.

"2. Nelson Assessment District, \$811,463.19."

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Agriculture from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

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

"\$2,181.50."

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Agriculture purchase during the year 1926?

2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased, from whom was each purchased, and where is such firm doing business?

3. What price was paid for each?

4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Department of Agriculture as at November 1st, 1926?

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

"1. Fourteen.

"2. Ford. National Motors, Ltd., Victoria, 6; Dearborn Motors, Ltd., Kamloops, 1; Watkin's Garage, Ltd., Vernon, 3; Hanson Garage, Cranbrook, 1; Vancouver Motors, Ltd., Vancouver, 1; Wm. S. Henry, Smithers, 1; McPherson Garage Co., Ltd., Grand Forks, 1.

"3. \$763.10; \$650.50; \$717; \$744; \$744; \$684; \$750; \$585; \$753.60; \$777.50; \$777.50; \$690; \$676; \$764.23.

"4. Thirty-four Ford touring; one Ford truck."

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 5.48 p.m.

Thursday, February 17th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Exchange of Townsite Lands of the Crown," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1927.

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. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Exchange of Townsite Lands of the Crown," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1927.

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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Odlum* presented the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed by Order of the House on January 31st to investigate certain matters relating to campaign funds, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
February 17th, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Select Special Committee appointed by Resolution of the House on the 31st day of January, 1927, with instructions to examine the evidence given before the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise, and to report its findings and to make recommendations, begs leave to present the following as its Second Report:—

1. The Committee has examined the evidence, comprising approximately 8,000 pages, and has made copies of those parts thereof relating to contributions made by brewers, distillers, and others interested in the liquor business to the campaign funds of political parties. A copy of all such extracts from the evidence is submitted herewith as Appendix No. 1.

2. This evidence discloses that large contributions for campaign funds have been made by the liquor interests to both Liberal and Conservative parties in this Province, the contributions extending over the past thirty-five years.

3. The books of the Vancouver Breweries contain an account under the heading of "Assurance and Protection." This account, according to the evidence, relates to payments for campaign funds of political parties, to disbursements to fight against prohibition, to payments to the press for advertising, and to general charitable and other donations.

4. The books of the Consolidated Exporters, Limited, contain an account, headed "Mexican Duties," showing disbursements of approximately \$1,000,000 made over a period of four years. This account was alleged to represent the cost incurred in meeting the charges of the Mexican Government and its officials, and the expenses of the company's agents in marketing its liquor in a foreign country, presumably the United States. The books of the Consolidated Exporters, Limited, officials of the company swore, were destroyed at the end of each year. The evidence indicates that payments of dividends to shareholders amounting to \$50,000 at a time were covered up in them under the Mexican Duties Account, apparently in order to avoid payment of income-tax. No satisfactory explanation of the account was given by the company's officials or employees.

5. The evidence of the officials and employees of the Vancouver Breweries and of another export liquor concern known as the Kennedy Company was also very unsatisfactory. In fact, most of the officials and employees of concerns engaged in the liquor business showed marvellous lapses of memory as well as professed ignorance of their books of account. As a result it is not possible, from the evidence perused, to ascertain with any degree of certainty the actual amounts contributed by these liquor interests to political campaign funds, although the Committee is satisfied that they were large. In spite of the inference contained in the name given to the account in which these payments were carried, the witnesses connected with the liquor business swore, in their evidence before the Royal Commission, that they had received no promise of assurance or protection from any one whatsoever as a consideration for the contributions made.

6. The Committee has had its attention directed to four specific suggestions of wrongdoing growing out of campaign contributions, namely:—

- (a.) The increase in the price of beer, from \$15 to \$16.50 per barrel, made in the spring of 1924 on sales by the breweries to the Liquor Control Board.
- (b.) The lobby carried on by the breweries, followed by the vote of the House, in the Session of 1924, authorizing sale of beer by the glass, which vote had been preceded by a plebiscite on that question.
- (c.) The payment by the Liquor Control Board, for whisky f.o.b. Glasgow, of prices higher than those for which whisky shipped from Glasgow was sold to other countries, particularly to South Africa and Australia.
- (d.) The use of Secret Service funds for political purposes.

7. The Committee heard witnesses on the subject first referred to—namely, the increase in the price of beer—and went into the matter with some thoroughness. The evidence showed that for bottled beer, by the barrel, the brewers in five different Provinces receive the following prices:—

In British Columbia	\$16 50
In Alberta	18 75½
In Saskatchewan	17 00
In Manitoba	18 87½
In Ontario	17 00

Although satisfied that the increase may have been warranted by the market conditions then prevailing, and convinced that nothing has been revealed to it to indicate wrongdoing in this connection, the Committee, in view of the recommendations submitted in a subsequent paragraph, and in view of the fact that it does not consider it has investigated the subject as thoroughly as is desirable, prefers not to make a formal finding thereon.

8. Because of its desire to report to the House at as early a date as possible, and because of the recommendations hereinafter to be made, the Committee did not attempt any exhaustive

inquiry into the second allegation recited above—namely, that connected with the vote on beer by the glass. It merely satisfied itself that suspicions did exist concerning the circumstances connected with that vote, and decided that this was not a matter with which it could deal either adequately or with propriety and authority.

9. The charge relating to the price paid for liquor f.o.b. Glasgow was probed in considerable detail. The Purchasing Agent, Mr. Paterson, and the Liquor Commissioner, Mr. Davidson, were examined under oath. From their evidence, and from the documentary proof produced by Mr. Davidson, the following facts were established:—

- (a.) That, following the war, the Distillers' Association of Great Britain formed a combine to regulate the price of whisky.
- (b.) That the Association discriminated against the North American Continent (including Canada) by charging to North American purchasers ten shillings per case more than they charged to purchasers in any other part of the world.
- (c.) That this discrimination was later reduced by five shillings per case.
- (d.) That Mr. Paterson, the Purchasing Agent, protested against this discrimination; and that Mr. Davidson, the Liquor Commissioner, took part in a joint conference of the Liquor Commissioners of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, held in Calgary on February 11th, 1926, at which a resolution was adopted reading as follows:—

“ Resolution No. 2.

“ Proposed by Mr. R. D. Waugh; seconded by Dr. W. W. Amos.

“ Resolved, That the following letter be sent to the Secretary of the Whisky Association, London, England, and a copy thereof to the High Commissioner for Canada, London, England:—

*“ ‘ J. King Stewart, Esq.,
Secretary, The Whisky Association,
London, England.*

“ ‘ DEAR SIR,—A copy of your letter of the 21st ulto, with reference to the export prices of whisky, addressed to the Secretary of the High Commissioner in London, was submitted to-day to a meeting in Calgary, Alberta, of the Liquor Control Boards of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

“ ‘ It is the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners that no good reason exists for the discrimination in prices between Canada and South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries, and it was further unanimously decided that the distillers be respectfully requested to eliminate the overcharge and unjust discrimination against Canada.

“ ‘ A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Canadian High Commissioner.

“ ‘ Yours truly,

“ ‘ R. D. WAUGH.’ ”

- (e.) That eventually the Distillers' Association removed the discrimination above mentioned, and that since such removal whisky f.o.b. Glasgow has been purchased by all the said Provinces, including British Columbia, at the same price as that charged for whisky sold to all other countries in the world.

It may be added that, while no official reason for the discrimination was ever given, it was generally understood to have been imposed because of the special expense incurred in marketing liquor in the United States.

10. With reference to the complaint concerning the disbursement of Secret Service funds and the lack of publication of any of the details, this Committee is of the opinion that publication of such details would entirely destroy the efficiency and purpose of the Secret Service. An investigation of that matter by this Committee would therefore be inadvisable. The Committee submits that there is no reason to depart from the British and Canadian practice, which provides for an examination of such detailed expenditures by the recognized Leader of the Opposition under the strict seal of confidence.

11. The Committee heard evidence of a general nature dealing with expenses of elections, and finds that under the method of carrying on election campaigns in the more thickly populated centres the expenses have become so great that a candidate of ordinary means cannot possibly afford to pay them out of his own pocket. The magnitude of these expenditures, even of those of a perfectly legitimate character, deserves serious consideration by the Legislature and by the public. Reform by some effective method or law should be sought, although the best means of attaining this result may be difficult to discover. Many suggestions were made to the Committee, ranging from compulsory voting, and stricter regulations concerning the publication of campaign contributions and expenditures, to disbursements out of public funds to meet the basic costs of elections. But as these are all more or less controversial in their nature, and as their inclusion herein might tend to defeat the main purpose of this Report, the Committee prefers to make no further comment thereon.

12. The Committee listened attentively to all allegations and suggestions submitted to it and sought advice as to sources from which it could secure further pertinent evidence. While it found general admission of the fact that campaign funds had been raised in sums so substantial as to warrant deep public concern, it did not discover any reasonably specific suggestions of wrongful acts, on the part of public officials or public men, resulting therefrom, except those set out in this and in the Committee's First Report. It has felt it its duty, therefore, to send these particular matters on for more detailed and competent investigation, contenting itself, in so far as the general size of campaign funds themselves are concerned, with a declaration that the evil does exist and that remedies therefor must be sought. It is convinced that, in general, the growth of cities and the intensive methods demanded by modern democracy have caused even the proper expenses of elections to mount until they are now so large as to drive political parties to all kinds of expedients in order to find the funds required. The need for money has grown, but no legitimate sources for providing it have ever been established. Responsibility for the startling increases in the sums spent and for the expedients adopted to meet them must therefore be shared by the public as well as by the political parties; for it is the opinion of the Committee that the people themselves show a regrettable apathy towards public affairs except when aroused by costly and intensive campaigns, while campaign organizations, on the other hand, are charged exorbitant prices for the services they purchase or hire.

13. In view of the evidence given before the Royal Commission, special significance attaches to campaign funds contributed by the liquor interests, both because of the size of such contributions and because of the continuous business transactions necessarily carried on between the liquor interests and the Government relating to the purchases of liquor for the Liquor Control Board. Even if paid without any understanding, promise, or consideration, they have a tendency to create public distrust as to the integrity of men in public life, and to establish an atmosphere in which the seeds of suspicion and wrongdoing may be too easily sown. For that reason they should be rigidly prohibited, and those participating in them, either by giving or receiving contributions, should be singled out for especially severe penalties.

14. Certain evidence laid before the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise indicated heavy payments in connection with the export of liquor. This evidence relates to violation of Dominion laws and concerns Federal officials and authorities, with whom alone any collusion, if collusion there was, could have been effective. As the Federal Government is already carrying on an investigation through the agency of the Royal Commission referred to, the Committee does not deem it advisable to recommend to the Legislature any action to further investigate those particular matters.

15. The Committee, therefore, submits the following recommendations for the consideration of the House:—

- (a.) That, supplementing the Federal laws, which already make contributions from corporations illegal, special Provincial legislation be passed aimed directly at political contributions from those persons or corporations engaged in the liquor business; and that an adequate punishment, including imprisonment, be imposed for any offence thereunder.
- (b.) That a Royal Commission, under the "Public Inquiries Act," be issued for the purpose of inquiring:—

(1.) Whether or not the agreement made in 1924 for the increase in the price of beer from \$15 per barrel to \$16.50 per barrel on sales by the breweries to the Liquor Control Board was brought about or influenced by any contribution given

or promised by brewers or others interested in the liquor business, to the campaign funds of any political party or parties, or to any official or representative of the Government.

(2.) Whether or not any contribution given by brewers or others interested in the liquor business to the campaign funds of any political party or parties or to any candidate or candidates, either before or after their election to the House, had any and, if so, what effect or influence in bringing about the enactment of legislation authorizing the sale of beer by the glass.

(3.) Whether or not undue prices have been paid for liquor purchased by the Liquor Control Board, and, if so, what improper influence, if any, was employed to cause such prices to be paid.

(4.) Whether or not any "Assurance and Protection," such as that suggested in the evidence given by the brewers before the Royal Commission on Customs, and set out in the account carried in their books under that name, was in fact actually contracted for and delivered by any political party or parties, or by any persons or public officials, to any person or corporation contributing to the campaign funds of any political party or parties, or to any person or persons connected therein.

(c.) That the "Elections Act" be amended to embody more stringent regulations for the control of election expenditures, and to include penalties so severe as to make the danger of incurring them such a grave matter as to act as an effective restraint on political organizations.

16. The Committee expresses its sincere regret that the honourable member for Similkameen has not seen fit to participate in its deliberations. While it has endeavoured to discharge its duty conscientiously, it recognizes that it would have been materially assisted had he been present.

17. The Committee submits with this Report a transcript of the evidence given by witnesses examined by this Committee, as Appendix No. 2.

18. The Committee will hold further sittings and make further reports as occasion arises. All of which is respectfully submitted.

VICTOR W. ODUM,
Chairman.
R. H. NEELANDS,
H. C. WRINCH,
D. McPHERSON,
Members.

The report was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Pound District Act Amendment Act, 1918," Sec. 2, to 31st March, 1928.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Demonstration Train—Agricultural Exhibits, etc., to 31st March, 1928.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Ploughing-matches, to 31st March, 1928.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Bonus to Winning Exhibitors at Chicago International Exposition, to 31st March, 1928.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Bee-keepers' Associations, to 31st March, 1928.

39A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Dairymen's Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39b. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Entomological Society, to 31st March, 1928.

39c. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39d. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Goat-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39e. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Poultry Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39f. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Poultry Association—World's Poultry Congress Exhibit, to 31st March, 1928.

39g. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Stock-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39h. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Certified Seed-potato Growers' Association, to 31st March, 1928.

39i. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Wool-growers' Associations, to 31st March, 1928.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Promotion of Sheep Industry, to 31st March, 1928.

40a. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Promotion of Swine Industry, to 31st March, 1928.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Employees in certain Industrial Occupations" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'"

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, and it was accordingly *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce," Mr. I. A. Mackenzie rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Aliens Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act respecting Taxation of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Act, 1895'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to alter and readjust the Boundaries of The Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack and The Corporation of the District of Sumas" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson—Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1927.

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. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Finance from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

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

"\$1,838.55. This included: April, 1926, trip to Montreal to attend general meeting of National Council of Education; May, 1927, trip to Ottawa to attend Interprovincial Conference of Provincial Premiers and Cabinet Ministers."

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

1. Was the road from the end of Palmer Bros.' contract to Lytton built by day-labour?
2. If so, what is the mileage and between what points?
3. What was the estimated cost?
4. What is the cost to date?
5. What is the estimated cost to surface and complete?
6. What is the cost to date of the heaviest mile between Hope and Lytton, and where is it located?

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

- "1. Yes, with the exception of Tilton Creek Diversion. See answer to questions 17, January, 1927.
- "2. Mileage, Boothroyd end of Palmers' contract to Lytton, 22 miles.
- "3. Estimated cost to partly complete road so that traffic could get through last summer, \$182,700, exclusive of bridges.
- "4. \$284,889, including Tilton Creek Diversion and bridges.
- "5. Construction, \$100,622; surfacing, \$12,000.
- "6. Cost segregated by sections; heaviest mile located in section between Mile 18.6 and Mile 23. Average cost per mile in this section, \$59,500, including bridges, tunnel, and surfacing."

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

1. Has the Dominion Government completed the protection-work on Nicomen Island which they agreed with this Government to do some years ago?
2. Does this Government intend to raise the Slough Road on West Nicomen Island this year?

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

"1. Dominion Government carried out a scheme of protection-works on Fraser River in vicinity of Nicomen Island. This Department is unable to state if said scheme is finally completed.

"2. Under consideration."

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Lands purchase during the year 1926?
2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased, from whom was each purchased, and where is such firm doing business?
3. What price was paid for each?
4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in the possession of the Department of Lands as at November 1st, 1926?

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

- “1. Thirty-five motor-cars, one Ford truck; twenty-six of which are replacements.
- “2. Thirty-one Fords, five Stars; bought from local agents in each case.
- “3. Fords, average price, \$645; Stars, average price, \$905.
- “4. Ninety-two cars, three trucks. Of the cars, seventy-six are Fords and twelve are Stars; of the Fords, sixty-seven are of the light-delivery type.”

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Lands from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

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

“\$1,773.45.”

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

With reference to answers to questions 7 and 8 in Votes and Proceedings No. 5, pages 5 and 6, relative to portion of University lands to Valhalla:—

1. What was the amount paid to G. A. McLoney through his attorney, W. S. West?
2. Was any amount paid to any person or persons or corporation by way of commission in connection with the original sale of said property to Valhalla Company?
3. If so, (a) to whom and (b) in what amounts?

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

- “1. \$12,269.88.
- “2. Yes.
- “3. (a) W. S. West; (b) \$2,730.12.”

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Mines from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

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

“\$288.18.”

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 6 p.m.

Friday, February 18th, 1927.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Twiggy* moved the adjournment of the House on a question of urgency, and nine members rose in their places in support of the motion.

By agreement the motion was stood over until the sitting of the House on Monday, February 21st.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1928.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1928.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,365 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1928.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1928.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,890 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1928.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$161,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1928.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1928.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$587,607 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1928.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,823 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Motor-vehicle Act." to 31st March, 1928.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,569 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1928.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1928.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$106,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1928.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1928.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1928.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1928.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1928.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Mothers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1928.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,882 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1928.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1928.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1928.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1928.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1928.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,549,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, to 31st March, 1928.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$672,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, to 31st March, 1928.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Buildings, to 31st March, 1928.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants to Libraries, to 31st March, 1928.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of Teachers and High School Entrance Classes, to 31st March, 1928.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1928.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools, to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

With reference to answers respecting District Engineer's clerk at 150-Mile House which appear in the Votes and Proceedings of February 4th, 1927:—

1. Did the Department write the District Engineer in October, 1924, to the effect that with a view to economy the services of the clerk were to be dispensed with at the end of October?

2. What were the circumstances leading up to an investigation referred to in the note appended to the answers?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Personal appeal from this clerk."

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Public Works purchase during the year 1926?

2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased, from whom was each purchased, and where is such firm doing business?

3. What price was paid for each?

4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in the possession of the Department of Public Works as at November 1st, 1926?

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

"1. Motor-cars, 16; trucks, 38; tractors, 12; tractor graders, 12.

"2 and 3. *Motor-cars*.—Chevrolet, Prince George Motors, Ltd., Prince George, \$837 less \$250 on used car; Chevrolet, Nelson Transfer Co., Nelson, \$829 less \$100 on used car; Chevrolet, K. C. McRae, Revelstoke, \$901; Chevrolet, Weeks Motors, Nanaimo, \$858 less \$235 on used car; Chevrolet, Begg Motor Co., Victoria, \$854 less \$150 on used car; Chevrolet, T. Pitt, Ltd., Duncan, \$855 less \$450 on used car; Chevrolet, Johnston Bros.' Garage, Quesnel, \$926 less \$340 on used car; Chevrolet, Kootenay Garage, Cranbrook, \$923 less \$175 on used car; Oakland, Kootenay Garage, Cranbrook, \$1,801 less \$650 on used car; Ford, Ford agent, Spirit River, Alta., \$650 less \$215 on used car; Star, Alberni Garage, Alberni, \$930 less \$350 on used car; Dodge, McPherson's Garage Co., Grand Forks, \$1,348 less \$225 on used car; Dodge, A. C. Hamilton, Golden, \$1,317 less \$290 on used car; Dodge, Kamloops Motor Co., Ltd., Kamloops, \$1,357 less \$920 on used car;

McLaughlin, MacInnes Garage, Penticton, \$1,850 less \$500 on used car; Studebaker, Jameson Motor Co., Victoria, \$2,224 less \$1,200 on used car.

"*Trucks*.—Ford, Hanson Garage, Craubrook, \$755 less \$50 on used car; Ford, Bratt's Garage, Chilliwack, \$867 less \$150 on used truck; Ford, Brait's Garage, Chilliwack, \$867 less \$275 on used truck; Ford, Fraser Motors, Ltd., New Westminster, \$1,141 less \$205 on used truck; Ford, R. Buerge, Needles, \$929; Ford, Corfield Motors, Ltd., Courtenay, \$906; Ford, W. S. Henry, Smithers, \$1,066; Ford, Monat Bros. Co., Ltd., Ganges, \$752; Ford, S. E. Parker, Ltd., Prince Rupert, \$1,109; Ford, Mark Dumond, Ashcroft, \$709; Ford, Dearborn Motors, Ltd., Salmon Arm, \$1,045 less \$125 on used truck; three Fords, Duncan Garage, Duncan, \$2,502 less \$320 on three used trucks; Ford, Nicola Valley Garage, Merritt, \$713; Ford, Alberni Garage, Alberni, \$724; Ford, McPherson Garage Co., Ltd., Grand Forks, \$1,050; Ford, Fernie Garage, Fernie, \$770; Chevrolet, A. J. Smith Garage Co., Kelowna, \$873 less \$285 on used car; Chevrolet, B. Kerr, Burns Lake, \$913; Chevrolet, Prince George Motors, Ltd., Prince George, \$907; Chevrolet, Prince George Motors, Ltd., Prince George, \$962; Chevrolet, Hatt Bros., Terrace, \$1,424; Chevrolet, Lillie's Garage, Chilliwack, \$827; Chevrolet, G. A. Rands, Enderby, \$1,245; Chevrolet, MacInnes Garage, Penticton, \$1,145; Chevrolet, MacInnes Garage, Penticton, \$1,122; G.M.C., MacInnes Garage, Penticton, \$3,952; G.M.C., B. MacDonald, Kelowna, \$5,707; G.M.C., F. E. Henderson, Kamloops, \$5,707; Reo, F. E. Henderson, Kamloops, \$2,044 less \$500 on used truck; Day, Elder, McMorran's Garage, Victoria, \$5,095; Federal, Federal Motor Co. Ltd., Vancouver, \$5,460; International, International Harvester Co., Vancouver, \$4,859; International, International Harvester Co., Vancouver, \$2,626 less \$350 on two used trucks; International, International Harvester Co., Vancouver, \$2,550 less \$1,500 on used truck; two Internationals, International Harvester Co., Vancouver, \$5,100 less \$1,200 on used truck.

"*Tractors*.—Twelve Holts, Kaufman-Morrison Co., Vancouver, \$30,228 (\$2,519 each).

"*Tractor Graders*.—Wehr-Fordson, S. E. Parker, Ltd., Prince Rupert, \$2,888; nine Sawyer-Massey-Fordsons, Willard Equipment Co., Vancouver, \$26,298 (\$2,922 each); two Spears-Wells, National Machinery Co., Vancouver, \$5,698 (\$2,849 each).

"4. Motor-cars, 51; trucks, 167; tractors, 67; tractor graders, 21."

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

1. What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Public Works from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

2. What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. \$1,564.83, including expenses as Minister of Railways.

"2. \$886.01."

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

With reference to answers relating to Ladner-Woodward's Landing ferry-boat which appear in the Votes and Proceedings of February 3rd, 1927:—

1. Was the contractor penalized for not completing his contract within the specified time as provided for in the contract?

2. If so, what did the penalty amount to?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. No. Additional work approved by the Naval Architect automatically extended time-limit."

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

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Minister of Railways from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"Nil. Included in answer to question No. 5 on Order Paper No. 29."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.