

Thursday, 11th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion to receive the report of the Mining Committee on the petition of R. T. Ward *re* "Bullion" mining property, and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Williams on the 10th instant.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—5.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>	<i>Callanan.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>			

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>

The report was received.

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

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

1. Has the Government issued licences to carry guns or to hunt game to any persons—farmers or others—without collecting fees?
2. If so, under what authority has such licences been issued?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:—

"1. In the year 1913-14 farmers' and prospectors' licences numbered 7,629; in the year 1914-15, farmers' licences 7,093 and prospectors' licences 2,599; 1915-16, farmers' 8,653 and prospectors' licences 2,427. From 1st April, 1916, to 10th May, farmers' licences 503 and 109 prospectors' licences have been issued.

"2. For the year 1913-14 the authority for issuing these licences was the 'Game Protection Amendment Act, 1913,' section 9, subsection (10). For subsequent years I would refer you to section 24, subsection (a), for farmers, and subsection (d) for prospectors, of the 'Game Act, 1914.' When the amendment was made to subsection (a) of section 24 in 1914 the words 'without the payment of any fee' were by mistake dropped, either in the Printing Office or in the Committee of the Whole, but under subsection (a) of section 37 a Minute of Council may be put through rectifying this error. However, under the circumstances, as it was entirely in the interests of the farmer and prospector, the Department did not consider there would be any objection if these men were given their licences free, the same as before. Of course, on the other hand, we could go to the trouble of collecting the fees in the first instance and rebate them afterwards, which would only be needless trouble and lead to a great deal of inconvenience for the farmers and prospectors."

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

1. Have there been any communications between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada in respect to the obligations of the Province of British Columbia in regard to its guarantee of the bonds of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway?

2. If so, what is the effect of such communications?

3. Has there been any default in the payment of interest by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in respect of: (a) The bonds guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia; (b) in respect to any other of its securities?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. (a.) No. (b.) Have no information.”

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to extend the Franchise to Women” was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *Cawley*, the debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 12th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. B. *Osterhout*.

Mr. *Brewster* moved, seconded by Mr. M. A. *Macdonald*,—

Whereas by the “Pacific Great Eastern Agreements Act” and amending Acts it was provided that the moneys arising from Government-guaranteed securities should be paid to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in ‘the proportion of work done and materials and supplies purchased for the said railway as compared with the whole work done and to be done thereon, pending completion of the said line’:

And whereas, in breach of the said Statutes: (a) The entire amount of such securities has been negotiated; and (b) the entire proceeds paid over to the railway company; notwithstanding that the said line is not yet completed:

And whereas the amount of publicly guaranteed money paid to the railway company is practically equal to the entire amount expended on the railway, namely: Amount expended on the railway as shown by the report of the Chief Engineer Gamble, \$18,802,805.59; amount paid over by the Government to the railway company, \$18,035,198.53; so that the promoters of the railway have been almost completely financed out of public funds:

And whereas the breaches of Statute aforesaid constitute an offence under section 160 of the Criminal Code:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the facts above set forth be laid before His Majesty's Attorney-General with a direction that every person concerned in the offences aforesaid be forthwith prosecuted according to law.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until the next sitting.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Has the Government arranged for a loan under the provisions of the "Agricultural Act"?
2. If so, what is the amount of the loan arranged for?
3. What is the period of time of such loan?
4. What is the rate of interest?
5. What is the net amount received, or to be received, from the sale of the securities?
6. What is the rate of discount allowed?
7. Is the Government arranging for any further loan?
8. If so, for what amount?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$1,000,000.
- "3. Twenty-five years.
- "4. 4½ per cent. per annum.
- "5. \$847,200 to be received.
- "6. 15.28 per cent., being the difference between 84.72 per cent. received and 100 per cent. Cost to the Province, 5.63 per cent. per annum.
- "7. No.
- "8. Answered by No. 7."

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"52. Section 417 of said chapter 52 is hereby amended by adding after the word 'accoutrements,' in the fourth line thereof, the words 'transportation facilities.'"

To renumber the following sections.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Friday, 12th May, 1916.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1916'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to authorize the Issue of a Crown Grant to Lot 113, Group 1, Cariboo District" was committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Grant made by the Corporation of the City of Victoria in Aid of the Militia" was committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Replevin Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire-insurance Policy Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting Shipping and to make Provision for Aid to the Ship-building Industry in the Province of British Columbia" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 a.m. Saturday, 13th May.

Monday, 15th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. G. Miller*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 12th instant, as follows:—

"Whereas by the 'Pacific Great Eastern Agreements Act' and amending Acts it was provided that the moneys arising from Government-guaranteed securities should be paid to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in 'the proportion of work done and materials and supplies purchased for the said railway as compared with the whole work done and to be done thereon, pending completion of the said line':

"And whereas, in breach of the said Statutes: (a) The entire amount of such securities has been negotiated; and (b) the entire proceeds paid over to the railway company; notwithstanding that the said line is not yet completed:

"And whereas the amount of publicly guaranteed money paid to the railway company is practically equal to the entire amount expended on the railway, namely: Amount expended on the railway as shown by the report of the Chief Engineer Gamble, \$18,802,805.59; amount paid over by the Government to the railway company, \$18,035,198.53; so that the promoters of the railway have been almost completely financed out of public funds:

"And whereas the breaches of Statute aforesaid constitute an offence under section 160 of the Criminal Code:

"Be it therefore Resolved, That the facts above set forth be laid before His Majesty's Attorney-General with a direction that every person concerned in the offences aforesaid be forthwith prosecuted according to law."

Resolution negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—4.

Messieurs

Place,

Williams,

Brewster,

Macdonald, M. A.

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>
<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>		

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanich Municipality Act, 1915'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to authorize the Issue of a Crown Grant to Lot 113, Group 1, Cariboo District" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Law Stamp Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise to Women" was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Forster*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Act'" called.

Mr. Speaker, having called the attention of the House to this Bill as having been irregularly introduced, gave his ruling on the question as follows:—

"A Bill of a similar nature was introduced in this House in February, 1914, and went no further than the motion to read the Bill a second time. That Bill was, according to my opinion, one affecting trade and should have been introduced by Resolution considered in a Committee of the Whole House. (*Vide* 'Speakers' Decisions,' page 164.)

"For similar reasons I am of opinion that the provisions of Bill No. 46 not having been considered in a Committee of the Whole House, is not, according to our Rule 58, properly before the House.

"D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker*."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. W. Flinton*.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Have any applications been received for the purchase of Lots 738, 740, 741, 742, 743, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 833, 834, 835, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, and 850, Sayward District?

2. If so, how were such applications acted upon?

3. Who were the applicants?

4. Who were the agents (if any) for the applicants?

5. What amount of money has been received per acre on account of each lot?

6. What was the purchase price of each lot per acre?

7. What is the amount due to the Government in respect to each lot in regard to: (a) Purchase price; (b) interest; (c) taxes?

8. Have these lots been surveyed?

9. If so, by whom were these lands surveyed?

10. What is the classification of each of said lots?

11. Are the before-mentioned lands surrounded, or practically so, by timber licensed lands?

12. What steps (if any) has the Government taken to ascertain if these lands were not timbered, as defined by Statute?

13. Does the Government know if the applicants for these lands are, or have been, offering them for sale as lands carrying 30,000 feet per acre?

14. Is it the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to investigate the fraudulent acquisition of Crown lands?

The Hon. Mr. Ross replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Favourably considered subject to survey.

"3. Arthur Rowland Best, Nanette Joseph, Minnie Kerr, Frances Gerald Hudson, John Stanislaus Carroll, Chas. O'Flynn, Isabel McKenny, Reginald Waters, Geo. Leicester Rimington, Sidney Heasman, Patrick Wm. Leslie Clark, Wm. John Whiting, William John Sullivan, Michael Young, Henry Alfred Hess, John Leonard Ryan, Walter Bedell Best, John Arthur Daly, Channing Stuart Dunbar, Wm. Peter Adams, James Bernard Dunn, Myrtle Bonnette, Joseph Henry Baer, George Chas. Stone, George Stucke, Wm. August Bischoff, John Cassidy, and Chas. Henry Best.

"4. Robert Henry Chestnut and Wilfrid Francis Brougham, Fisher M. Gaskins and H. D. Douglas, Thomas Matier and H. D. Douglas.

"5. Fifty cents per acre for acreage applied for.

"6. \$5 per acre.

7.	Lot No.	Balance of Purchase Price.	Interest to 31st Dec., 1915, approximately.	Taxes to 31st Dec., 1915.
	738	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 571 64	\$ 352 00
	740	2,880 00	658 45	384 00
	741	970 00	156 46	114 00
	742	1,945 00	314 93	213 00
	743	454 50	72 32	54 60
	750	900 00	143 21	120 00
	751	1,310 00	212 11	186 80
	752	1,220 00	197 53	183 20
	753	2,700 00	617 37	360 00
	754	3,075 00	703 12	391 80
	755	2,242 00	512 19	331 60
	833	170 00	23 44	16 00
	834	2,880 00	412 35	384 00
	835	700 00	84 00	64 00
	837	720 00	103 20	96 00
	838	1,440 00	206 17	192 00
	839	1,440 00	206 17	192 00
	840	480 00	68 80	96 00
	841	2,880 00	412 40	384 00
	842	1,405 00	178 53	126 60
	843	2,880 00	412 40	384 00
	844	720 00	85 34	64 00
	845	180 00	35 59	16 00
	846	360 00	51 54	48 00
	847	360 00	51 54	48 00
	848	700 00	98 23	96 00
	849	155 00	22 21	24 00
	850	169 00	24 22	23 56
		<u>\$37,835 50</u>	<u>\$6,635 46</u>	<u>\$4,945 56</u>

"NOTE ON TAXES.—Interest on taxes to 31st December, 1915, amounts to \$231.71, which added to total due for taxes to 31st December, 1915, makes a total of \$5,177.27.

"8. Yes.

"9. P. C. Coates, B.C.L.S.

"10. Second class.

"11. Yes.

"12. In pursuance of a policy adopted in 1912 of utilizing the field officers in the Forest Branch for examinations of vacant Crown lands, as well as lands held under purchase agreements, located in known timber localities, an examination was made of all the lots referred to above, with the exception of Lot 843. This examination disclosed that all of the said lands with the above exception carried timber in excess of 8,000 feet per acre, and a stop order was entered against each of the purchase applications examined, so that the same cannot be proceeded with.

"13. Have no information.

"14. The work of investigating the timber quantities on Crown lands sought to be acquired by purchase or pre-emption was commenced in 1912, and carried through on an extensive scale continuously until the summer of 1914, when it became necessary to make reductions in the field forces. As the result of these examinations a number of purchase applications have already been disallowed as containing timber quantities in excess of the amount permitted by the 'Land Act,' and others will be treated in a similar manner. On Vancouver Island all Crown lands were withdrawn from sale on July 2nd, 1913."

The Order for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted to consider the proposed amendment of the Hon. Mr. Ross appearing on the notice paper.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1916.'"

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Law Stamp Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to validate a certain Grant made by the Corporation of the City of Victoria in Aid of the Militia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire-insurance Policy Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 17th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting Shipping and to make Provision for Aid to the Ship-building Industry in the Province of British Columbia" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed to consider instruction regarding proposed amendment, of which notice had been given.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise to Women" was resumed.

The second reading of the Bill was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—6.

Messieurs

<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>	<i>Ellison.</i>
<i>Place,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>		

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 17th, 1916.

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. 76) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," 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. *Campbell* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

May 17th, 1916.

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. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardians 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. *Campbell* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant Special Aid for the Development of the Mining Industry of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 17th, 1916.

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. 77) intituled "An Act to grant Special Aid for the Development of the Mining Industry of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 17th, 1916.

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. 78) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many copies of the Agricultural Journal published by the Department of Agriculture are printed monthly?
2. Is the Journal printed at the Government Printing Bureau?
3. If not, by whom is it printed, and what price is paid per issue?

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

"1. The following number of copies of the Agricultural Journal were printed: March, 9,000; April, 9,000; May, 3,000.

"2. The Agricultural Journal for May has been printed by the King's Printer. The editions for March and April were printed by the Acme Press, Ltd., View Street, Victoria.

"Owing to press of work due to sessional matters, the King's Printer was unable to handle the first two editions. The price paid was as follows: March, \$138.80 (8 pages); April, \$277.60 (24 pages).

"3. Answered by No. 2."

The Hon. the Minister of Railways presented a Return to an Order of the House of copies of all Certificates authorizing the transfer of moneys (being the proceeds of the sale or hypothecation of the Government-guaranteed bonds, or any interest thereon, of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company) to the credit of the company; and also for copies of all Reports of the Government Engineer, or other authority, upon which any such releases of moneys were made, all as per clause 9, paragraph (d), of the Schedule to chapter 34, Statutes of 1912.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Thursday, 18th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. V. Venables.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act relating to the Sale of Coal" was discharged.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saamich Municipality Act, 1915,'" with the consent of the Crown, was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following words at the end of line 20, section 5:—

"But the person applying for such allotment shall, within three months of the coming into force of this Act, deposit with the Minister a statement of all sales or contracts made for the disposal of such land, the terms and present status of said contracts, and full particulars of all moneys received thereunder; and the lands so dealt with shall be deemed to have been selected and applied for under this section; and in every case where it is disclosed that a purchaser has paid in respect of any land a sum of not less than one dollar per acre, such purchaser, if unable to complete the terms of his contract, shall have the right to select from the lands contracted to be purchased such acreage as his total payments will cover, at the price that he has contracted to pay, subject hereto."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardians Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Thursday, 18th May, 1916.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses" was considered.

Dr. *Young* moved (for Mr. *Watson*) that clause 45 be struck out and subsequent sections renumbered.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act relating to Trades-unions" a point of order arose as to whether the Bill had been properly introduced and should be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled that the Bill was one relating to trade or the alteration of the laws concerning trade, and should, under Rule 58, have originated in Committee of the Whole. Rule 58 not having been complied with, the Bill is not properly before the House and cannot be proceeded with. (*Vide* "Speakers' Decisions," 164, and decisions on same point on 4th May, 1916, and 15th May, 1916.)

Mr. *Williams* appealed from said ruling to the House.

Question proposed—" Shall the Chair be sustained?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>
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Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was again committed.
Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" was again committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardians Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanich Municipality Act, 1915'" was committed.

A point of order having been raised in Committee the question was referred to the Speaker for a ruling.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
May 18th, 1916.

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. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital 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.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

Friday, 19th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Stevenson.*

On the motion of Dr. *Young*, Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Brewster* moved, seconded by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*,—

Whereas it now appears from official returns and from Minister's answers to questions that the amount of public moneys advanced to promoters of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is about equal to the total amount claimed to have been expended on such railway:

And whereas it also appears that the construction contract for said railway was awarded to one of the promoters without competition:

And whereas for the protection of the Province it is necessary to ascertain the actual disposition made of the public money advanced on the security of the railway, and owing to the lateness of the Session it will be impossible to carry out this object by a Committee:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him that a Royal Commission, consisting of the Chief Justice of British Columbia and the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, or such other judicial officers as may be selected, be appointed to investigate all the facts, figures, costs, contracts, transactions, and details relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in any way whatever, so that this Assembly shall know exactly what was done with the public moneys advanced, with power to call for and enforce the attendance and production of persons, books, and papers; to administer oaths and affirmations; and to compel obedience to every lawful

summons, subpoena, order, and direction of the said Commission in the premises, and that such Commission report to His Honour, and that His Honour will cause said report to be laid before the Legislature on the first day of the Session next ensuing after the date of such report.

The motion was negatived.

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

That this House do forthwith resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

“That it is advisable, in the opinion of this House, in order to regulate the sale of coal within the Province of British Columbia, that all coal-mine operators within the Province shall sell to any dealer having a municipal licence such coal as may be required by him in his business, at a similar price as that charged to other coal-dealers, provided that said operator shall not be bound to fill any order for less than one hundred tons at one time, and shall not be bound to sell any coal otherwise than for cash; and, further, that a Bill be brought in giving effect to this Resolution.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That it is advisable, in the opinion of this Committee, in order to regulate the sale of coal within the Province of British Columbia, that all coal-mine operators within the Province shall sell to any dealer having a municipal licence such coal as may be required by him in his business, at a similar price as that charged to other coal-dealers, provided that said operator shall not be bound to fill any order for less than one hundred tons at one time, and shall not be bound to sell any coal otherwise than for cash; and, further, that a Bill be brought in giving effect to this Resolution, and that Mr. *Pooley* do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Resolution reported and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act relating to the Sale of Coal” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sale of Goods Act.’”

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies.”

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Official Guardians Act.’”

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire-insurance Policy Act’” was again committed.

—Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act’” was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Fire Insurance Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
May 19th, 1916.

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. 79) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten 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.

Order called for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanich Municipality Act, 1915.'"

Mr. Speaker *Eberts*, on the point of order taken on the 18th instant, ruled that he would follow the decision of Mr. Speaker *Pooley* (*vide* "Speakers' Decisions," page 37), where it was held that it was not competent for a Private Member to introduce a Public Bill to amend a Private Bill without following the procedure governing the introduction of Private Bills.

The Order to further consider the Bill in Committee of the Whole was then discharged.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Friday, 19th May, 1916.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act relating to the Sale of Coal" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting Shipping and to make Provision for Aid to the Ship-building Industry in the Province of British Columbia" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

Monday, 22nd May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. A. P. Chadwick*.

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

By Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Schools Health Inspection Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*—Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanich Municipality Act, 1915.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Assignments of Book Accounts."

By Mr. *Brewster*—Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m. to-day.
And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 22nd May, 1916.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting.

It was further *Ordered* that it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the following proposed amendment:—

To amend section 17 as follows:—

Strike out the words "a joint right of purchase" in the fourth line, and substitute therefor the words "land or any estate or interest therein."

Strike out the words "the joint purchasers" in the eighth line, and substitute therefor the words "such owners."

Strike out the words "of the agreement" in the ninth line, and substitute therefor the words "entered into by them or contained in the grant, conveyance, assurance, agreement, or other instrument."

Strike out the words "property purchased" in the twelfth line, and substitute therefor the word "land."

Strike out the words "joint purchasers" in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines, and substitute therefor the word "owners."

Strike out the words "held under the agreement in all the lands included therein by" in the twenty-first and twenty-second lines, and substitute therefor the words "in such lands of."

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire-insurance Policy Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to grant Special Aid for the Development of the Mining Industry of the Province."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanch Municipality Act, 1915.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Assignments of Book Accounts."

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Campbell* moved to add the following to section 2 (interpretation clause) at the end of the definition of "Workman":—

"And, further, in respect to the industry of mining, shall include a person while he is engaged as a member of the inspection committee, appointed or elected by the workmen in the mine, or in default of such appointment or election by the workmen, if appointed by the Chief Inspector of Mines, to inspect the mine on behalf of the workmen, as required by General Rule 37, section 91 of the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,' chapter 160 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911.'"

Carried.

Mr. *Miller* moved to add to section 21 the following subsection:—

"(7.) Without in any way limiting the power of the Board under this section to supervise and provide for the furnishing of medical aid in every case where the Board is of the opinion that the exercise of such power is expedient, the Board shall under this section, in all cases where the circumstances, in the opinion of the Board, do not require the exercise of such power in order to procure prompt and efficient medical aid for the injured workman, permit medical aid to be administered, so far as the selection of a physician is concerned, by the physician who may be selected or employed by the injured workman or his employer, to the end that so far as possible all competent physicians without distinction may be employed and be available to injured workmen."

Carried.

Mr. *Williams* moved to strike out subsection (2) of section 17, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"(2.) The compensation awarded under this section shall not be less than an amount equal to five dollars per week."

Negatived.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd May, 1916.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to enable Soldiers serving in the Present War to exercise their Electoral Franchise," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 23rd, 1916.

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. 86) intituled "An Act to enable Soldiers serving in the Present War to exercise their Electoral Franchise," 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. *Bowser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
May 23rd, 1916.

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. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections 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. *Bowser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to extend the Electoral Franchise to Women," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 23rd, 1916.

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. 90) intituled "An Act to extend the Electoral Franchise to Women," 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. *Bowser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
May 23rd, 1916.

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. 88) intituled "An Act intituled the 'British Columbia Prohibition 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. *Bowser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for referring to the Electors the Questions of the Expediency of suppressing the Liquor Traffic in British Columbia by prohibiting Provincial Transactions in Liquor, and of the Extension of the Electoral Franchise to Women," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 23rd, 1916.

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. 89) intituled "An Act for referring to the Electors the Questions of the Expediency of suppressing the Liquor Traffic in British Columbia by prohibiting Provincial Transactions in Liquor, and of the Extension of the Electoral Franchise to Women," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of the Unauthorized Use of Certificates of Competency issued under the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire-insurance Policy Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment" was further considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to grant Special Aid for the Development of the Mining Industry of the Province" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ross, the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be recommitted at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Saanchich Municipality Act, 1915,' " was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Assignments of Book Accounts" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,' " was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Special Committee of the House appointed to investigate the alleged Vancouver election frauds shall have power to sit and continue its proceedings on Wednesday, the 24th day of May next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd May, 1916.

TWENTY MINUTES TO NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to enable Soldiers serving in the Present War to exercise their Electoral Franchise" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. M. A. Macdonald, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was resumed.

The House divided, and the Resolution passed in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—3.

Messieurs

Williams,

Brewster,

Macdonald, M. A.

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

Shaw,

Forster, H. E.,

Manson, Wm.

Taylor,

Watson,

Callanan,

Shatford,

Gifford,

Fraser,

Miller,

Schofield,

McGuire,

Manson, Michael,

Jackson,

Manson, Wm. J.,

Mackay,

Lucas,

Cawley,

Ross,

Behnsen.

MacLean,

Bowser,

Campbell,

The Report on Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Assignments of Book Accounts" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* moved to amend section 4, line 10, by substituting the word "books" for the word "book."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* moved to insert the word "the" between the words "of" and "creditors" in the nineteenth line of section 3.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was recommitted according to Order.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

Thursday, 25th May, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. G. Miller.*

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

1. Did a strike occur on certain road construction in the Alice Arm country on or about May 1st?
2. If so, what was the cause of said strike?

3. Were any number of police, "special" or otherwise, sent into said locality?
4. If so, what number, on what date, and on whose requisition?
5. If police were sent in, had any breach of the peace occurred prior thereto?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Dispute as to amount charged for board, etc.

"3. Yes.

"4. Chief Constable went to investigate and took with him two regular and one special constable, it being arranged to transfer one of the above regular constables to Alice Arm. On report received from constable at Granby Bay.

"5. No."

Order called for the third reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses."

Mr. *Watson* moved that the third reading of the Bill be adjourned until Thursday next, and the House so *Ordered*.

The Report on Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act relating to the Sale of Coal" was committed.
Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Assignments of Book Accounts" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to grant Special Aid for the Development of the Mining Industry of the Province" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was recommitted to consider proposed amendments under instructions.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to enable Soldiers serving in the Present War to exercise their Electoral Franchise" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act intituled the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for referring to the Electors the Questions of the Expediency of suppressing the Liquor Traffic in British Columbia by prohibiting Provincial Transactions in Liquor, and of the Extension of the Electoral Franchise to Women" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Williams*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Volunteers serving in the Forces raised by the Government of Canada in Aid of His Majesty and of other Persons" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 25th May, 1916.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act relating to the Sale of Coal" was again committed.
The Committee rose without report.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* moved to strike out of section 5, lines 5 and 6, the words "within six months after the coming into force of this Act," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1916"; and to strike out of section 5, lines 7 and 8, the words "within twelve months after the passing of this Act," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirtieth day of June, 1917."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* moved to strike out of section 5, subsection (b), lines 4 and 5, all the words after the word "allotment" in the fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1916."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* moved to strike out of section 5, subsection (c), line 1, the words "within the said six months," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1916."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* moved to strike out of section 5, subsection (d), line 1, the words "within the said six months," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1916"; and to strike out of section 5, subsection (d), lines 2 and 3, the words "within twelve months as aforesaid," and insert in lieu thereof the words "on or before the thirtieth day of June, 1917."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act intituled the 'British Columbia Prohibition 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. 89) intituled "An Act for referring to the Electors the Questions of the Expediency of suppressing the Liquor Traffic in British Columbia by prohibiting Provincial Transactions in Liquor, and of the Extension of the Electoral Franchise to Women."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to enable Soldiers serving in the Present War to exercise their Electoral Franchise" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 midnight.

Friday, 26th May, 1916.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Harold Payne*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to provide for a Weekly Half-holiday for Store Clerks."

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return, under section 13 (2) of the "Agricultural Act, 1915."

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

1. What amount of money was expended at Anahim Lake during the year 1915?
2. Who recommended this work to be done?
3. Who were the persons and for what length of time was each person employed on this work?
4. Who was the person supervising this work?
5. What was the total amount paid for inspection?
6. How many miles of road were built?

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

"1. \$911.75.

"2. Road Superintendent.

"3. J. W. Macfarlane, foreman, 45 days; J. W. Macfarlane, team, 45 days; G. Turner, labourer, 38 days; B. Thomson, labourer, 27 days; E. Gyllenspitz, labourer, 16 days; A. Schilling, labourer, 8 days; F. Chandler, 3 days.

"4. R. O. Jennings.

"5. *Nil*.

"6. Cleared 22 miles; grubbed 2½ miles; graded 1½ miles."

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

1. What was the total amount of money expended in the Bella Coola Valley in 1915?
2. Who were the foremen employed on road-work in the Bella Coola Valley in 1915?
3. What was the amount of money expended under each foreman upon: (a) Repairs; (b) new work?
4. What was the mileage of new road constructed under each foreman?
5. What was the cost per mile for road constructed under each foreman?
6. What was the total cost of Mr. J. Falls' locating work throughout the Bella Coola Valley?
7. Did Mr. J. Falls make any reports to the Government in respect of location of roads as above?
8. If so, what action did the Government take on such reports?
9. What was the total amount expended on the wharf at Bella Coola during each of the years 1914 and 1915?
10. What was the amount allowed to Road Superintendent Jennings for travelling expenses during each of the years 1914 and 1915 in connection with work in the Bella Coola Valley?

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

- "1. 1915-16, \$12,906.05 on roads, bridges, etc.
- "2. H. D. Brown, \$1,482.75; F. A. Johnson, \$1,733.62; W. E. Ratcliffe, \$991.53; A. Svisdahl, \$1,320.17; all general repair-work on roads.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Answered by No. 2.
- "6. \$206.35, including trip to Chilcotin.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. No action taken.
- "9. 1914-15, \$2,924.10; 1915-16, \$661.74.
- "10. 1914-15, \$308.75; 1915-16, \$451.10; including other sections of the Bella Coola Division."

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was again committed. Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act intituled the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" was committed.

A point of order having arisen in Committee, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker with a request for a ruling as to whether the following motion was in order:—

Mr. *Pooley* moved to strike out of section 5, lines 3 and 4, the words "part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "a special fund, to be known as the Liquor Licence Compensation Fund of the Province of British Columbia.

"In the event of this Act coming into force pursuant to the provisions of the 'Prohibition and Woman Suffrage Referendum Act,' being an Act of the present session, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall, within thirty days thereof, appoint a Royal Commission of five Commissioners, and consisting of three Appeal or Supreme Court Judges of the Province of British Columbia, one Commissioner nominated in writing by the Merchants' Protective Association of Vancouver, and one Commissioner nominated in writing by the People's Prohibition Party. Within thirty days after its appointment such Royal Commission shall sit at any place or places within the Province, and with the customary powers of a Royal Commission, and shall inquire into and settle the amount of compensation (if any) to be paid to each person or corporation affected by the coming into force of this Act. Within six months from its appointment such Commission shall report to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. All expenses lawfully

incurred in the carrying-out of this section, as well as the amount of such compensation awarded in each case, shall be paid out of the said Liquor Licence Compensation Fund of the Province of British Columbia."

Objection was taken by Mr. *M. Manson* that the motion interfered with the revenue of the Crown and required the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* referred to decisions on the same objections (*vide* 145 and 146, "Speakers' Decisions"), and, following the same, ruled the motion out of order.

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

The House divided, and the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Davey.</i>
<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>		

NAYS—5.

Messieurs

<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Thomson.</i>
<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>			

House again in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Friday, 26th May, 1916.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the French's Complex Ore Reduction Company, Limited," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 26th, 1916.

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. 96) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the French's Complex Ore Reduction Company, Limited," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented the Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the year ending 31st December, 1915, with Appendix.

Mr. *Watson* presented the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 May 26th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to report as follows:—

Report of an Investigation of the Purchase of the Court-house Site in Victoria.

Early in 1913, Attorney-General Bowser instructed H. C. Hannington, who was Inspector of Legal Offices for the Crown, to look for a favourable site for the new Court-house at Victoria.

Mr. Hannington went to Mr. Pemberton, a real-estate dealer, and got options on several properties; finally they were offered the present site for \$100,000, but succeeded in securing it for a cash payment of \$75,000, which was a price below similar properties offered in the same neighbourhood.

It was revealed that Mr. Hannington accepted, without the knowledge of the Government, a commission of \$2,000, and we understand that Mr. Hannington has since tendered his resignation as Inspector of Legal Offices.

Report dealing with Order in Council dated May 15th, 1915, directing the Registrar of Titles in Victoria and New Westminster to make certain Registrations on Payment of Reduced Fees.

This matter concerned the registration fees paid in connection with the Canada Western Lumber Company, Limited.

On April 13th, 1910, this Company gave a mortgage to the British Empire Trust Company to cover a £3,000,000 5 per cent. issue of debenture stock, which mortgage was duly registered in Victoria and New Westminster, and fees amounting to \$7,507.50 were duly paid.

After war was declared, the Canada Western Lumber Company, Limited, found it impossible to make their payments or to pay their interest, so a new arrangement with the debenture-holders was arrived at whereby a substituted trust mortgage covering the same assets, but giving the Company relief from paying further interest until after peace was declared, was executed.

The Canada Western Lumber Company, Limited, applied to the Government for special consideration in regard to fees on account of the financial crisis caused by the war, making a second registration of the same security to the same people necessary.

The Executive Council, under the Statutes, granted a registration of the mortgage for \$200; hence the Order in Council referred to was issued.

Report dealing with Construction of New Wing of the Parliament Buildings.

In 1911 the Government called for tenders, and several were submitted. Messrs. McDonald & Wilson's tender was \$970,250. A lower tender than that was received from an American firm for \$939,000. Messrs. McDonald & Wilson agreed to take \$20,000 off their tender, and the work was awarded to them.

It was shown absolutely that not a dollar of the public money was paid out in connection with the construction of the buildings without the certificate of the supervising architect. The architect, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, swore that it had never even been suggested to him that he should give any preference to any particular person or firm.

It was shown that the new wings were built as cheaply as other large structures built at that time; that the inspection of all contractors' work was rigid and exacting; that the new buildings cost, including boiler-house and library, about \$1,100,000, compared with \$800,000 for the original building, the floor space in each being practically the same; the type of construction in the new building was very much superior to that in the old, being of modern, fireproof type, and, considering the cost of labour and material, the new building did not cost more than the old.

No irregularity whatever was shown in the Department of Public Works in connection with this matter.

Renfrew Lands.

An investigation into the purchase of certain lands in the Renfrew District was made. It was disclosed that some 5,760 acres, being Lots 71, 72, 73, 74, 92, 93, 101, 113, 114, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 571A, 572, 572A, 573, 573A, 574, 574A, 575, and 725, which had been reported to the Department under oath by five different firms of surveyors as second-class land, and acquired at various times between the 25th May, 1892, and the 31st December, 1912, were disposed of at \$2.50 an acre, with the exception of one pre-emption (Lot 74).

This property came into the hands of the Puget Sound Lumber Company, whose estimate of assets shows the land to be timber land said to contain approximately 60,000 feet to the acre. A case is in the Court at the present time, in which some of the shareholders allege that this was a misleading statement.

It was shown that the only way the Department had at that time, according to the Act, of arriving at the classification of lands was by the surveyors' statement, and that until the year 1907, or 1908, there had been very little activity in lands and timber, but that such growth had taken place subsequent to that, that in 1912 the Department had instituted a Forestry Branch, whereby inspections were made before Crown grants were issued.

It was also shown that this timber was liable to royalty, and that the taxes paid under this land brought to the Consolidated Revenue a much greater sum as wild-land taxes than would be payable as ground rents under the timber licence.

It was also shown that under the new system of the Forestry Branch many applications were being disallowed.

Report dealing with certain Amounts to be written off Balance Sheet.

The attention of the Public Accounts Committee having been drawn by the Auditor-General to several items carried in the Balance Sheet of the Province as assets which are undoubtedly irrecoverable, your Committee beg to recommend that the following be written off as no longer representing realizable assets:—

Advance to farmers for seed, etc., in 1895	\$15,525 33
Abbotsford Creamery Association (old association) ("Loan Dairy Associations Act")	400 00
Thos. H. McKay, late Collector, Vancouver	835 85

Report dealing with Confirmation of Special Warrants.

Your Committee beg to present a Statement showing Special Warrants signed by the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure thereon, between the Session of 1913 and 31st March, 1913, as required by the "Revenue Act," chapter 202, section 48.

Through an inadvertence these were omitted from the Auditor-General's Report presented at the Session of 1914, such Report only embodying warrants issued under the provisions of the "Audit Act" as from 1st April, 1913, being the date the Auditor-General assumed office and the date of the coming into force of the "Audit Act."

And to recommend that the said Statement be approved and incorporated in the Sessional Papers of the House.

STATEMENT showing Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Expenditure thereon, between the Session of 1913 and 31st March, 1913, as required by the "Revenue Act," Chapter 202, Section 48.

Date of Approval.	No. of Warrant.	Service.	Amount of Warrant.	Expenditure.
1913. XII.—PUBLIC WORKS.				
March 17	16	Purchase of Site for Court-house, Victoria.....	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
March 31	17	Purchase of Indians' Rights in Kitsilano Reserve, Vancouver City	300,000	300,000
Totals			\$375,000	\$375,000

Audit Office, Victoria, B.C.,

22nd May, 1916.

W. ALLISON,

Auditor-General.

Besides the matters referred to in the Reports already submitted to the House, your Committee had before it the following matters:—

(1.) The steel supplied by the Canadian Northern Railway Company to the Westminster Bridge.

(2.) The amount of money paid to Canadian Northern Railway contractors for road-construction on the North Thompson.

(3.) Payments made to P. J. Campbell and F. A. Devereaux in Esquimalt District in connection with road-work.

(4.) The Auditor-General's Report.

(5.) The Normal School site at Victoria.

(6.) Expense accounts of Ministers.

(7.) The wiring of Government House.

All of which matters were found to be in order.

HARRY H. WATSON,

Chairman.

Mr. *Watson* moved, That the Report be received.

Mr. *Brewster* moved in amendment to add at the end of the motion the words "at the next sitting of the House."

The amendment was carried.

Motion as amended carried.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting Contracts relating to Land.'"

By Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to secure the Better Training of Midwives and to regulate their Practice."

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting Shipping and to make Provision for Aid to the Ship-building Industry in the Province of British Columbia" was adopted on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Mackay.</i>

NAYS—3.

Messieurs

Williams,

Brewster,

Macdonald, M. A.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act intituled the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY.

A point of order having been raised in Committee by Mr. *Williams*—viz., That the hour of adjournment was 12 o'clock midnight, and that the Chairman should have left the Chair at that hour. Further, that it was improper for the Committee to continue its deliberations.

The point was referred to the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts*: There is nothing in the Rules governing the questions raised. The English practice laid down in *May* does not apply, as the Rules in force in England as to giving precedence to certain Bills and motions are not in force here.

The practice of the House has been firmly established for the past twenty-six years to continue business after midnight, if necessary, until adjournment.

The motion appointing two Sessions daily, passed on 21st March, expressly states that the Evening Session is to continue from 8 p.m. until adjournment.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for referring to the Electors the Questions of the Expediency of suppressing the Liquor Traffic in British Columbia by prohibiting Provincial Transactions in Liquor, and of the Extension of the Electoral Franchise to Women" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to extend the Electoral Franchise to Women."

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the "Liquor Licence Act."

Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to provide for a Weekly Half-holiday for Store Clerks" called.

Question proposed—"That the Bill be read a second time now."

Mr. *Fraser* moved in amendment to leave out the word "now," and insert in lieu thereof the words "this day six months."

The amendment was negatived.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Volunteers serving in the Forces raised by the Government of Canada in Aid of His Majesty and of other Persons" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.20 a.m.