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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Thursday, January 31, 1974

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirtieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WALTER S. OWEN, Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 6th day of December 1973, the members took their seats.

Prayers by the Lord Archbishop of Vancouver.

The Honourable WALTER S. OWEN, Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of British Columbia.

Under legislation approved at the 1973 Fall Session of the Legislature, Ms. Phyllis Florence Young assumed full Cabinet responsibility as Minister of Consumer Services, and Lorne Nicolson as Minister of Housing. I wish the two Ministers every success in the future administration of these two new important departments.

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Clarence Wallace, wife of Colonel the Honourable Clarence Wallace, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia from 1950 to 1955. Mrs. Wallace endeared herself to all during their term of office at Government House and will be fondly remembered. The death occurred also of Herbert (Bert) Gargrave, who represented the Mackenzie Electoral District in this Legislature. We honour the memory of Mr. Gargrave, who served the Province well.

It is with much pleasure that we have received the news of the appointment of Jules Leger as Governor-General of Canada to succeed His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener. Mr. Leger was sworn to office on the 14th of this month and on this occasion indicated that he will be visiting all provinces and territories. We will be happy to welcome the new Governor-General and Mrs. Leger to this Province at an early date. On behalf of the people of the Province of British Columbia, I extend best wishes to His Excellency Roland Michener and Mrs. Michener for the outstanding contribution they have made to Canada.

My Government's considerable achievements in repatriating our economy, and recovering and repatriating alienated lands, are a source of considerable pride. The effectiveness of swift steps taken regarding British Columbia Petroleum Corporation since the last Session add to the considerable benefits these programmes mean to all the people. The ownership of resources resides with the people of this Province—that is an unarguable fact. You will be asked to take further legislative steps to make the benefits of this ownership more directly available to the people of this Province than ever before. My Government was pleased to announce the new Task Force on Forest Policy, and shortly the first recommendations of that new task force will be placed before you. This study is the first major review of this fundamental industry since the Sloan Royal Commission in the 1950's. Legislation regarding the early "temporary tenures" will be brought forward subsequent to the recommendations of the task force.

My Government is deeply concerned over national energy problems and has expressed its willingness to share our bounty with other parts of Canada if prudent and public control can be developed and maintained.

Since the last Session my Government has announced its Pharmacare programme for senior citizens. This universal programme, providing as it does essential prescription drugs free of charge to our senior citizens, is again the first programme of its kind in Canada.

Also, during this coming Session you will be asked to consider legislation covering a wide range of important matters. For a number of years now police forces and others have asked for the formation of a British Columbia Police Commission. I am pleased to say that my Government intends to bring in a Bill which will establish such a Commission with the power to set standards for police performance, recruitment policies, training programmes, ongoing research, and discipline procedures.

In addition to this initiative in the justice field, my Government intends to place before you legislation which will remove from the municipalities the financial burden of the Courts system, and it will provide a mechanism to carry on future research, reorganization, and general improvement of the administration of justice in British Columbia.

Amendments to the *Landlord and Tenant Act* and an Act respecting public disclosure will also be forthcoming. To assist the consumers of British Columbia, my Government intends to present measures designed to promote honesty and integrity in the market place. The members will also be asked to consider measures by which the Courts of this Province may be properly assisted in processing the consumer's total picture of indebtedness, thereby being in an improved condition to consider the question of discretionary relief. A fair balancing of interest will benefit honest consumers and responsible creditors alike.

Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Board Act* will be placed before you as will an Act respecting Community Resource Boards. You will be asked to complete discussions on the review started last Session on the Acts under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources.

The continuing difficulties in the housing field must still rank as one of the major problems facing our peoples. The recently created Department of Housing has for the first time committed all Federal housing funds allocated to this Province. The land banking programme will be expanded, but with greater emphasis on immediate development of Crown land in all parts of the Province.

The Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs placed before the House previously its report on the Gulf Islands. My Government now intends to proceed

to the next step dealing with this important part of British Columbia, and you will be asked to consider legislative provisions to ensure the continued protection of these unique islands.

Many of our citizens, our municipal councils, and indeed members of this House, are conscious of the difficulties surrounding the complex question of property assessment and the effects of a realistic assessment of property values, which must be the first step in a rational tax policy. This subject-matter will be referred to a special committee of the House for study during this Session so that all points of view may be heard from our legislators, elected officials, and the public generally.

The Public Accounts and the reports of the Departments of my Government will be laid before you, and you will be asked to grant to Her Majesty the ways and means of supply.

To these and all other matters which may come before you, I ask your most careful attention, praying that Divine Providence may guide you. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *Outlawries Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except Introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Ordered*—

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Economic Affairs;
3. On Agriculture;
4. On Municipal Affairs and Housing;
5. On Labour and Justice;
6. On Health, Education, and Human Resources;
7. On Transportation and Communications;
8. On Environment and Resources;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, and Messrs. *Dent*, *Bennett*, and *D. A. Anderson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Lewis*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Hartley Douglas Dent*, Member for Skeena Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered*—

That Report No. 9 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, adopted by this House on February 27, 1973, relating to oral questions, be adopted by this House for the present Session.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered*—

That on each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day: One from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., and on each Friday there will be one sitting from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary)—

Eighteenth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1973.

Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1973.

Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Fifth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *College Pension Act* for the year ended August 31, 1973.

Thirty-second Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act*, policy year, July 1, 1972, to June 30, 1973.

Library Development Commission Report for the year ended March 31, 1973.

Department of Queen's Printer Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1973, and Profit and Loss Statement for 12 months ended March 31, 1973.

Capital Improvement District Commission Financial Statement as at March 31, 1973.

By the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General)—

Fifty-first Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1973. (In manuscript form.)

Fifty-second Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Fourth Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia for the calendar year 1973. (In manuscript form.)

Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia on Landlord and Tenant Relationships (Project No. 12)—Residential Tenancies. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* (Minister of Education)—

The One Hundred and Second Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1973.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act*: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the *Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1973.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1973.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Thirty-first Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1973, to December 31, 1973.

By the Hon. *L. T. Nimsick* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources)—

Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1972.

By the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Minister of Travel Industry)—

Annual Report of the British Columbia Department of Travel Industry, 1973.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.23 p.m.

Friday, February 1, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. Holmes*.

Mr. *Liden* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gorst*—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

"We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

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

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

The Hon. *Graham Lea* (Minister of Highways) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Highways for the year ended March 31, 1973.

And then the House adjourned at 11.16 a.m.

Monday, February 4, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Wallace* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the subject of property assessments within the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker stated that the urgency motion has been refused when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly, permitting the question to be debated, and pointed out that the House was presently engaged in debating the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, during which debate all members would have an opportunity to discuss the matter raised by the Honourable Member for Oak Bay.

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

Mr. *Bennett* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Phillips*—

That the motion in reply to the Opening Speech of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding the words: "but this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour gave further indications that the Government intends to place greater centralized controls upon the people of British Columbia, while neglecting any mention of specific proposals for policy changes in the social service fields of education and health at a time when there is growing public alarm with Government policy in these fields."

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Wallace* withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper:

That the whole subject of property assessment be submitted immediately to the Standing Committee of the Legislature on Municipal Affairs and Housing, and that this Committee be instructed to bring forth recommendations to the Legislature during the current Session.

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

- 3** Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions: With respect to the Minister's Executive Assistant, Alex McLellan—
1. Was Mr. McLellan selected as Executive Assistant from among a group of applicants or candidates?
 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, did the Minister conduct interviews with any other applicants or candidates prior to the appointment of Mr. McLellan?
 3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, how many interviews were held?
 4. What is Mr. McLellan's previous experience or background in agriculture or related activities?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2 and 3. Not applicable.
- "4. *Nil.*"

- 32** Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Government made available the office space in the Douglas Building formerly occupied by the Minister of Industrial Development?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what person or persons now occupy the suite and (b) for what agency or department are they employed?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

- "1. This suite is now, as previously, occupied by the Minister of Industrial Development. (The Hon. *G. V. Lauk.*)
- "2. *See* answer to No. 1."

- 67** Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions: With respect to the ownership of agricultural land in British Columbia—
1. Has the Provincial Government commissioned or undertaken any studies of (a) Provincial ownership of agricultural land, (b) acquisition by the Provincial Government of agricultural land, or (c) the leasing of Provincially owned land to farmers?

2. If the answer to any part of No. 1 is yes, (a) by whom was each study performed and (b) how many studies are (i) complete, (ii) yet to be completed?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

- "1. The Department of Agriculture has neither commissioned nor undertaken any such studies.
- "2. Not applicable."

72 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:
With respect to the poultry-processing plant recommended for the southern Interior—

1. Has the Government definitely accepted the recommendations for establishment of the plant?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction start?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the estimated cost of construction?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. As soon as possible.

"3. Approximately \$600,000."

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* moved a subamendment, seconded by Mr. *McGeer*—

That the amendment be amended by adding the following words: "because such inattention leaves British Columbia at the mercy of the policies of the former administration."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The subamendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—6

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

NAYS—45

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Phillips</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

The debate was resumed on the amendment to the main motion.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1972.

6 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Consumer Services the following questions:

1. How many persons are now employed by the Provincial Government to carry out the functions of the Consumer Services Department?
2. Are any persons associated with the Department on a contractual or consultative basis?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what are (a) the names of the individuals so engaged, (b) what is the agreed-upon fee or payment for each person, and (c) what are the expiry dates of any such consultative service?

The Hon. *Phyllis F. Young* replied as follows:

"1. Fifteen.

"2. No. However, Ms. *Thelma Landon* was engaged as a consultant for the period from December 14, 1973, to January 28, 1974. Ms. *Landon* will receive a payment of \$1,000 (80 hours at \$10=\$800, plus \$200 for travelling expenses and secretarial services)."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beaton*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—16

Curtis
Gardom
Schroeder
Morrison

McClelland
Richter
Phillips
Wallace

Williams, L. A.
Anderson, D. A.
McGeer
Fraser

Jordan
Smith
Bennett
Chabot

NAYS—35

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Jack Radford*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	

NAYS—12

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except Introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Ordered*—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Monday, February 11, 1974

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. L. Ball*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Sessional Order "Oral Questions by Members" was suspended for this sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1972/73 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report of the Comptroller-General pursuant to the provisions of the *Audit Act*, chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1960.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1975;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1973, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

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

The Hon. *David Barrett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Burrard Inlet (Third Crossing) Fund Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Succession Duty Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Probate Fees Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Elderly Citizen Renters Grant Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 19) intituled *British Columbia Auditor General* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* (Minister of Public Works) presented the Minister of Public Works Report for the fiscal year 1972/73.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Jack Radford* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation) made some corrections for Hansard in relation to his speech delivered in the House on February 5, 1974.

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health) presented Hospital Act Regulations pursuant to the provisions of the *Hospital Act*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.01 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *J. Foley*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Crown Proceedings Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 12, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

29 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government received any applications for subscriptions to Hansard?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total number of applications received to February 1, 1974?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. 1973 paid subscriptions, 674; 1973 news departments in accordance with Order in Council 2851/73, 145; 1974 (to February 1, 1974), 383; total, 1,202. Each member of the Legislative Assembly is entitled to send Hansard to up to 20 persons, which would number approximately 1,100; grand total, 2,302."

85 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following question:

How many mercy missions involving illness or accident or air ambulance were flown by Provincial Government aircraft between October 1, 1973, and January 31, 1974?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"Sixteen."

125 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

How many women are employed as security guards at (a) the Parliament Buildings and (b) the Provincial Museum?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"(a) and (b) *Nil*. NOTE—The Public Service Commission had no female applicants on competitions for these positions."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, on behalf of the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary), presented the Report of the Royal Commission on Post-secondary Education in the Kootenay Region and Supplementary Appendices to the Report.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Annual Report to the Minister of Finance under section 75 of the *Trust Companies Act*.

And then the House adjourned at 5.31 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. B. Sparling*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the First Report of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, Bill (No. 20) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Plan* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN

Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Harbours Board Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 11, 1974*

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today:

On the motion of Mr. *McClelland*, Bill (No. 21) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Bodies Information Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *McClelland*, Bill (No. 22) intituled *Transportation Assistance Fund Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 23) intituled *Election Expenses Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 24) intituled *Air Ambulance Aid Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 25) intituled *Rural Student Aid Travel Fund Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 26) intituled *The Department of Northern British Columbia Act, 1974*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Lorne Nicolson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *N. K. Archer*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Administration of Justice Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 12, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 27) intituled *Bonded Businesses Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 28) intituled *Senior Citizens Home Repair Assistance Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 29) intituled *Training on the Job Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 4) intituled *Occupiers' Liability Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 5) intituled *Frustrated Contracts Act*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *G. H. Anderson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

33 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to ferry-design contracts awarded to the Seattle firm of Nickum and Spaulding Associates—

1. What is the target date or deadline for fulfilment of the contract?
2. Have any (a) preliminary, or (b) final drawings of any portion of the design been submitted to officials of the Provincial Government or B.C. Ferries?
3. How much money had been paid to Nickum and Spaulding Associates at the most recent date for which figures are available?
4. Has Nickum and Spaulding Associates requested any changes in deadlines or amounts or levels of payments, and have any such requests been granted?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. Approximately June 1975, when construction is completed.
- "2. Yes, all drawings and specifications for tendering are complete and have been submitted to B.C. Ferries.
- "3. As at November 30, 1973, \$63,964; payment of \$200,000, due January 15, 1974, now being processed.
- "4. No."

57 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

With respect to the educational pilot project in the Powell River School District—

1. Is the pilot project still in being and, if so, for how long does the Provincial Government intend to maintain it?

2. What has been the direct cost of the project to (a) the Department of Education and (b) the School District?

3. What, if any, requirements of the *Public Schools Act* have been waived to permit the pilot project to function?

4. When does the Provincial Government intend to evaluate the pilot project?

5. Does the Provincial Government intend to apply this pilot project concept to any other school districts and, if so, which?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

"1. There was no single pilot project in Powell River School District. The Board of School Trustees has recently approved a number of community education projects in principle and has requested assistance from the Department of Education, duration times vary from once only to six months.

"2. (a) *Nil*; requests total \$7,375 and (b) *nil*.

"3. *Nil*.

"4. As the longer projects are proceeding.

"5. Not at this time."

92 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Does it appear that any major reconditioning or major repair (other than the usual annual maintenance or refit) is required for any vessel in the British Columbia ferry fleet during the next 12 months?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the name of the vessel or vessels and what is the general nature of the work?

3. Is it intended to retire or otherwise dispose of any vessel in the ferry fleet during the same period?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the name of the vessel or vessels to be disposed of?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. *Queen of Nanaimo* now being lengthened and *Sechelt Queen* deckhead clearance on car deck to be raised and platform decks installed.

"3. No.

"4. Not applicable."

103 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to Gulf Islands ferry routes—

1. How many motor-vehicles were carried between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour in the calendar year 1973?

2. How many motor-vehicles were carried between Vesuvius and Crofton in the same year?

3. How many motor-vehicles were carried between Tsawwassen and Long Harbour (disregarding traffic between intermediate points on the last-mentioned route) in the same year?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. 104,227.
- "2. 74,084.
- "3. 29,575 (estimated on basis of 35 per cent of traffic from Tsawwassen to outer Gulf Islands)."

120 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to proposed improvements of the British Columbia Ferries' facilities at Tsawwassen—

- 1. What is the purpose of the expansion?
- 2. How many ferry docks or slips will be (a) newly constructed or (b) rebuilt or altered?
- 3. To what extent, if any, will car capacity within the compound be enlarged?
- 4. What is the estimated total cost?
- 5. Will any or all of the work be put to tender?
- 6. What are the projected commencement and completion dates of the project?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. To create one additional operational berth for Swartz Bay—Tsawwassen route to prevent current delays on the Gulf Island route due to lack of sufficient berths.

"2. (a) One and (b) none.

"3. 550 additional cars through utilization of dredged material.

"4. \$1,482,000.

"5. Yes.

"6. Commencement, February 1974; completion, September 1974."

Mr. Speaker presented the third report pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Curtis* withdrew the following Notice of Question standing in his name on the Order Paper:

45 Mr. *Curtis* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to proposals to sell or transfer to new ownership Kootenay Forest Products of Nelson—

- 1. Since November 2, 1973, have representatives of the Provincial Government discussed or carried on correspondence about the matter (a) with the present owners or (b) with any prospective buyers?
- 2. If the answer to either part of No. 1 is yes, who are the prospective buyers?
- 3. Under what, if any, conditions would the Provincial Government permit the sale or transfer of Kootenay Forest Products?
- 4. Has the Provincial Government studied the possibility of purchasing Kootenay Forest Products, in part or in whole?

By leave of the House, Mr. *Rolston* withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper:

That this House acknowledges the benefit to the agricultural community of the Government studying revisions of the present formula for cost-sharing for dykes and river-bank protection which would relieve active resident farmers of present burdens of taxation.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Friday, February 15, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Dr. *A. J. Mowatt*.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Morrison* moved that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The motion was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>		

NAYS—23

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Radford</i>	

By leave of the House, Mr. *Morrison* resumed his speech.

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

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

Mr. *Bennett* rose on a matter of privilege relating to Government announcements of intended expenditures for education not contemplated by the Budget.

Mr. Speaker stated that such additional expenditures are ordinarily made by warrant and that, in any event, the matter raised by the honourable member was currently the subject of debate in the House.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Report of the Commission in the matter of a public inquiry *re* The Corporation of the District of Surrey.

And then the House adjourned at 12.39 p.m.

Monday, February 18, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert Shafto*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members,—On the 22nd day of October 1973 Mr. *David M. Brousson*, Member for the Electoral District of North Vancouver-Capilano, announced in the House the resignation of his seat in the Legislature, effective the 23rd day of October 1973.

Pursuant to section 55 of the *Constitution Act*, being chapter 71 of the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, I did transmit to L. J. Wallace, Esq., Deputy Provincial Secretary, by warrant for the issue of a new writ for the election of a member to fill the vacancy in the said Electoral District of North Vancouver-Capilano.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a member were read by the Deputy Clerk, as follows:

“OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
“PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
“VICTORIA, B.C., February 18, 1974

“*Mr. Ian M. Horne, Q.C.*,
“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*,
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“*Re: By-election, North Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District*
“*February 5, 1974*

“DEAR SIR,—I enclose herewith certified copy of the certificate of Mr. K. L. Morton, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of *Gordon Fulerton Gibson*, to represent the North Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“L. J. WALLACE
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,
“VANCOUVER 9, B.C., February 18, 1974

“*Mr. L. J. Wallace,*
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary,*
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4*

“*Re: By-election, North Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District*
February 5, 1974

“DEAR SIR,—The resignation, effective October 23, 1973, of David Maurice Brousson, the elected Member for the North Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District, caused a vacancy to occur in the Legislative Assembly.

“A writ, calling for a by-election to fill that vacancy, was issued on January 3, 1974, polling-day being February 5, 1974.

“From the writ now returned to me, I hereby certify the election of *Gordon Fulerton Gibson* as the member to represent the North Vancouver-Capilano Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours truly,

“K. L. MORTON
“*Chief Electoral Officer*
“*and Registrar-General of Voters*”

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall* it was *Ordered*,—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a member be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Gordon Fulerton Gibson*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *D. A. Anderson* and Mr. *McGeer*, and took his seat.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. L. Hartley* (Minister of Public Works) presented the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Electrical Inspection in British Columbia.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission, January 1 to December 31, 1973.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 32) intituled *An Act Respecting the British Columbia Dietetic Association* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

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

The debate continued.

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

The House proceeded to the Order "Reading and Receiving Petitions."

Mr. *Cummings* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter*.

On the motion of Mr. *Cummings*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of the City of Vancouver was received.

Ms. *Brown* presented the petition of the British Columbia School Trustees Association for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the British Columbia School Trustees Association Incorporation Act*.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of the British Columbia School Trustees Association was received.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. *David Barrett* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review assessment procedures in British Columbia with particular emphasis on making recommendations to the House before the end of this Session respecting new assessment legislation, and, in order to assist its deliberations, this Committee shall examine existing legislation that bears upon the assessment function at the Provincial and municipal levels:

That the Special Committee appointed under Standing Order 68 be instructed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, a list of members to compose the Special Committee appointed by this resolution:

And that the Special Committee appointed by this resolution be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary.

Mr. *McClelland* moved an amendment as follows:

That the motion be amended by adding after the word "necessary" in the last line, the following words: "but that this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House forthwith for the purpose of providing the Special Committee before its review prior benefit of a discussion by the members of the Legislative Assembly on assessment procedures."

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the House reverted to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* presented the following report:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 18, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed January 31 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session, and for the Special Committee on Assessments, be as follows:

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Messrs. *G. H. Anderson, Cummings, Dent, Gabelmann, Lewis, Steves*, the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Messrs. *Smith, Morrison*, and *Gardom*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—Messrs. *Cummings, Liden, Gorst, Nunweiler, Rolston, Skelly*, Mrs. *Webster*, the Hon. *Gary Lauk*, the Hon. *Phyllis Young*, Messrs. *Fraser, Bennett, Morrison, McGeer*, and *Curtis*.

AGRICULTURE—Messrs. *G. H. Anderson, Cummings, D'Arcy, Kelly, Lewis, Liden*, the Hon. *David Stupich*, Mr. *Phillips*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Williams* and *Curtis*.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *D'Arcy, Liden, Nunweiler, Rolston*, Ms. *Sanford*, the Hon. *J. G. Lorimer*, the Hon. *L. Nicolson*, Messrs. *Phillips, Fraser, Williams*, and *Curtis*.

LABOUR AND JUSTICE—Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *G. H. Anderson, Barnes, D'Arcy, Dent, Gabelmann*, the Hon. *W. S. King*, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Messrs. *Smith, Richter*, and *D. A. Anderson*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN RESOURCES—Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *Barnes, Calder, Gabelmann, Rolston*, Mrs. *Webster*, the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, the Hon. *Eileen Dailly*, the Hon. *Norman Levi*, Messrs. *McClelland, Schroeder*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Gibson* and *Wallace*.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS—Messrs. *Calder, Gorst, Kelly, Lockstead, Skelly, Steves*, the Hon. *W. L. Hartley*, the Hon. *Graham Lea*, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, Messrs. *McClelland, Schroeder, Gibson*, and *Wallace*.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES—Messrs. *Calder, Gorst, Liden, Lockstead, Skelly, Steves*, the Hon. *L. Nimsick*, the Hon. *J. Radford*, the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, Messrs. *Smith, Chabot, D. A. Anderson*, and *Wallace*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS—Mr. *G. H. Anderson*, Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *Liden, Nunweiler*, the Hon. *G. Lauk*, the Hon. *J. Lorimer*, Messrs. *Steves, Fraser, McClelland, L. A. Williams*, and *Curtis*.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. MACDONALD, *Chairman*

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Calder.

Mr. McClelland rose on a point of privilege relating to statements alleged to have been made by an official of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would reserve his decision on the point raised.

Mr. D. A. Anderson rose on a point of privilege relating to answers given by the Minister of Transport and Communications and the Minister of Health during a previous Oral Question Period.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter raised did not qualify as a matter of privilege and quoted Beauchesne, 4th edition, page 102.

On the motion of Mr. Bennett, Bill (No. 34) intituled *British Columbia Public Trustee Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Mineral Royalties Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

14 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

With respect to the proposed extension of Blanshard Street through the vicinity of the Town and Country Shopping Centre—

1. Have any (a) preliminary or (b) final designs been submitted for approval?
2. What is the expected completion date for design preparation?
3. Has any tentative date for the start of construction been selected and, if so, what date?

The Hon. *G. R. Lea* replied as follows:

- "1. (a) Yes and (b) no.
- "2. Late 1974, subject to unforeseen problems.
- "3. No."

66 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health the following questions:

With respect to the use of Cessna Citation aircraft as air ambulances—

1. How many such aircraft are presently being operated by the Provincial Government?
2. Were they purchased on the basis of any objective, impartial, and technical analysis of their qualities as compared to other aircraft of roughly similar size, cost, or performance characteristics?
3. Has the Provincial Government received any complaints about the aircraft on the grounds of (a) safety, (b) cost, (c) dependability, and (d) medical suitability?
4. Is any re-evaluation of the role of the aircraft being contemplated and, if so, what is the target date for completion of the re-evaluation?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"The above questions are not applicable to this Department."

104 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

With respect to the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board—

1. Has the Provincial Government, through the Department of Agriculture, agreed to financially assist activities undertaken by the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board in its submissions to Ottawa with respect to tariff and trade discussions?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the amount of such assistance?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, is the Minister considering any Government financial assistance in this connection?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. As of February 4, 1974, a total of \$400.
- "3. Not applicable."

By leave of the House, Mr. *Morrison* withdrew the following Notice of Questions standing in his name on the Order Paper:

131 Mr. *Morrison* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Has the Government employed any company for the purposes of audit with respect to the operation of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was the auditor employed through open competitive bid and (b) what is the estimated cost of the audit services for the first fiscal year of the Corporation?

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members.—The Honourable Member for Langley complains of words printed in this morning's *Province*. He does not produce on the table the newspaper, other than to state that the newspaper concerned refers to "a cheap two-bit politician". The House is therefore not provided with the prerequisites upon which it might consider the matter or upon which the Speaker can proceed. He neither identifies the member impugned nor provides evidence against the person he attacks.

May's 18th edition, page 159, states: "When complaint is made of something published in a newspaper, a copy of the newspaper must be delivered at the table by the member who makes the complaint and, if they have not been read to the House by the member, or the passages complained of read aloud by the Clerk for the information of the House, before any proceedings are had in relation to the complaint."

May at the same page states: "When it appeared that a member who was complaining of the manner in which a speech of his was reported in a newspaper had no copy of the newspaper on which to found his complaint, he was stopped by the Speaker."

In the present complaint there is nothing before the House as is required for such a matter to be raised, no newspaper, no evidence of what member it is who is entitled to raise a complaint on the ground he is the person aggrieved, and no motion is proposed by which the House may take cognizance of it should it be considered a *prima facie* matter for consideration.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. J. Calkins*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Administration Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 18, 1974*

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 35) intituled *Incapacitated Voters' Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 36) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Phillips* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance relating to the matter of trading in the shares of Dunhill Development Corporation.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in his opinion, the matter raised by the honourable member involved the ordinary administration of justice and, as such, was not a matter necessitating the interruption of the business of the House, and quoted the 17th edition of May at page 366.

Mr. *McClelland* rose on a matter of personal privilege relating to a matter previously raised by him, namely, statements alleged to have been made by an official of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker stated that, as the honourable member had now brought the matter before the House in accordance with the proper practice, he would give it further study and, accordingly, reserved his ruling.

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

The debate continued.

By leave, Mr. *Phillips* tabled documents relating to the Dunhill Development Corporation.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 1974

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *L. A. Williams*—

That the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply" be amended by adding the following words: "but this House regrets that in the opinion of this House the Hon. the Minister of Finance has failed to make adequate financial provision for the needs of cities and municipalities, and for the needs of the educational system in the Province of British Columbia."

The debate continued.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—15

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	

NAYS—34

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>		

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

On the motion of the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, the debate on the main motion was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Phillips* tabled further material relating to the Dunhill Development Corporation.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.05 a.m.

Thursday, February 21, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. R. D. Robertson*.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members,—The Honourable Member for Langley has raised the question of privilege relating to words contained in *The Province* newspaper for February 19, 1974, which he has laid on the table in accordance with the procedure outlined in May, 18th edition, page 159, and it has been read out to the House.

The newspaper article relates to charges made by the honourable member concerning one Gordon Root and an alleged conflict of interest involving that person as the publisher of a newspaper in which it is alleged an advertisement was published by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, of which Corporation Mr. Root is a director.

It then gives the following alleged reply from Mr. Root to the newspaper:

"In comment on McClelland's charge, Root said Monday night that the M.L.A. is a 'cheap, two-bit politician'."

"I have nothing to do with the placement of any advertising by ICBC," Root said. "I had no knowledge of this advertising being placed until it appeared in the paper."

The question of privilege raised by the honourable member is that he has been attacked in the public press and insulted by Mr. Root. He proposes that Mr. Root be forced by the Minister concerned publicly to apologize and "perhaps because it's such a serious breach of conduct," to resign.

I have had an opportunity to consider the matter closely and to consult with learned advisers and to review May, Beauchesne, and Speakers' decisions bearing on the subject of comments made outside the House reflecting on a member.

The question of the relationship of the press to Parliament is a vital and important one, balancing on the one hand the freedom of the press to comment objectively as it chooses, as against unjustified assaults and contempts against Parliament on the other hand.

One could recite many alleged breaches of privilege to be noted in the press in its day-by-day continuing account of parliamentary matters. The test can best be illustrated as follows: A privileges committee could well say that a calculating insult

against members by a commentator, although actionable in the Courts, does not impair their legislative functions, whereas the same commentator by alleging falsely that a member was quitting politics could well impair the ability of the member to deal with his constituents' needs or indeed to serve them effectively.

Where the matter involves press reports of attacks by individuals against a member, May states in the 18th edition at page 163:

“. . . it may be doubted whether it is entirely consistent with the general practice of the House or with natural justice for the House on the strength of a report in a newspaper, and without hearing the accused party, to declare that the offence has been committed.” That issue would usually devolve upon a committee.

To quote the Hon. Lucien Lamoureux in the House of Commons votes and proceedings on June 9, 1969:

“It is clear that parliamentary privilege includes the right of Honourable Members of the House of Commons to exercise their responsibilities and to discharge their duties as members without undue interference. The question is whether the newspaper comments referred to by the Honourable Member for St. John's East constitute such undue interference as to be tantamount to a breach of privilege.

“Privilege has been defined as the sum of the fundamental rights enjoyed by each House collectively and by members of each House individually without which they could not discharge their functions and which exceed those possessed by other bodies or individuals. May, in the 17th edition of his *Parliamentary Practice*, page 43, states: ‘When any of these rights and immunities, both of the members, individually, and of the assembly in its collective capacity, which are known by the general name of privileges, are disregarded or attacked by any individual or authority, the offence is called a breach of privilege, and is punishable under the law of Parliament.’

“Generally speaking, the newspaper articles considered to exceed the bounds of fair comment on parliamentary activities have been judged over the years as being in the nature of contempt of Court and have been held to constitute breaches of parliamentary privilege. The question is to determine whether in this particular case the article quoted by the Honourable Member for St. John's East goes beyond the limits of fair comment, whether it offends the privileges of Parliament, or whether it interferes with the rights and immunities of individual members in the exercise of their parliamentary duties.

“Citation 113 of Beauchesne's 4th edition states that: ‘An attack in a newspaper article is not a breach of privilege, unless it comes within the definition of privileges. . . .’

“Beauchesne then gives the following examples of breaches of privilege: ‘Libels upon members and aspersions upon them in relation to Parliament and interference of any kind with their official duties, are breaches of the privileges of members.’

“In paragraph (3) of citation 108 Beauchesne says: ‘. . . but to constitute a breach of privilege they must concern the character or conduct of members in that capacity, and the libel must be based on matters arising in the actual transaction of the business of the House.’

“Paragraph (4) of that same citation: ‘Scandalous charges or imputations directed against members of a Select Committee are equivalent to libellous charges brought against the House itself. . . .’

“I indicated this afternoon that when one considers the matter of parliamentary privilege in relation to newspaper comments, two conflicting interests must be taken into account. The first is the privilege of honourable members to exercise their duties free from undue interference. The second is the freedom of the press in

relation to its reporting of parliamentary activities. On this point I should like to refer to a ruling of Mr. Speaker Macnaughton reported at page 4434 of Hansard of June 18, 1964. This ruling reads, in part, as follows: 'It seems to me that if this editorial referred in general terms to Members of Parliament none of us, I suppose, would be so thin-skinned that we could not accept some rather healthy criticism. . . .'

"At the same time I would suggest that the language used is very strong and might well be considered to constitute contempt of Parliament. Against this there has to be weighed the requirements of a free press reporting and commenting objectively on parliamentary activities."

It is not the Speaker's function to decide whether or not the matter complained of constitutes a breach of privilege or contempt, but only to determine whether or not the complaint meets the conditions which justify its taking precedence over all other business. A matter of privilege may also be raised by way of motion, of which notice is required, in which case it takes its place in the normal order of business, and it is open to a member to proceed in such a way should his complaint be found by the Speaker not to justify cessation of routine matters to take it up.

The boundary between breach of privilege and legitimate political comment has in recent times become narrow.

In the British House in 1963, in dealing with a complaint alleging a libel of members, a Committee of Privileges reported:

"Your Committee recognise that it is the duty of the House to deal with such reflections upon members as tend, or may tend, to undermine public respect for and confidence in the House itself as an institution. But they think that when the effect of particular imputations is under consideration, regard must be had to the importance of preserving freedom of speech in matters of political controversy and also, in cases of ambiguity, to the intention of the Speaker. It seems to them particularly important that the law of parliamentary privilege should not, except in the clearest case, be invoked so as to inhibit or discourage the formation and free expression of opinion outside the House by members equally with other citizens in relation to the conduct of the affairs of the nation.

"It has long been accepted that neither House of Parliament has any power to create new privileges. Your Committee believe that it would be contrary to the interest of the House and of the public to widen the interpretation of its privileges especially in matters affecting freedom of speech. Your Committee and the House are not concerned with setting standards for political controversy or for the propriety, accuracy or taste of speeches made on public platforms outside Parliament. They are concerned only with the protection of the reputation, the character and the good name of the House itself. It is in that respect only and for that limited purpose that they are concerned with imputations against the conduct of individual members. (H.C. 246, 1963-64.)"

A Select Committee appointed to examine the whole question in the British House recommended *inter alia*, that "where a member has a remedy in the Courts he should not be permitted to invoke the penal jurisdiction of the House" and "complaints of a trivial character should be dismissed without benefit of investigation" (see *An Encyclopedia of Parliament*, 4th edition, page 599.)

Be that as it may, reflecting on a member in the fashion complained of here still can be treated as a libel and a violation of the rights of the House. The gravity or otherwise of the calumny may be judged in due course by the House or indeed by a civil Court since it occurred out of doors. The question is, should the Speaker consider it so emergent as to justify cessation of the priority matters now in process?

Bourinot says at page 306, 4th edition:

“The Speakers of the English Commons have decided that ‘in order to entitle a question of privilege to precedence over the Orders of the Day, it should be some subject which has recently arisen, and which clearly involves the privileges of the House and calls for its immediate interposition.’”

In a case involving charges in a newspaper against certain members of the House, the motion brought forward was ruled not to be a motion of privilege because it was not a matter requiring immediate consideration (*see* Bourinot, page 307).

May’s 18th edition at page 226 states:

“Under usage when a complaint of breach of privilege is raised the Speaker has to decide whether a *prima facie* case has been made out which would justify such proceedings taking precedence over the other business of the House.”

The cases listed as examples in May 18th edition, page 148, all relate to members in relation to their discharge of duties, be it the Speaker, Chairmen of Committees, or allegations of corruption against members in the execution of their duties, but it is to be noted that the key is that the reflections may tend to interfere with the member’s capacity to carry out his or her duties.

The imputation complained of by the Honourable Member for Langley cannot be said to require the suspension of other routine or precedent matters to deal with it other than by normal motion. It is for the House to consider the gravity or disposition of this manner of insult in the normal course of House proceedings, but the sting of insult displayed in this newspaper, although strong, could hardly deter the honourable member or any member from carrying out his or her duties.

There are many examples in the press of gratuitous insults to members and were the business of the House set aside to deal with each of them not much else would be pursued.

Although the words complained of would be unparliamentary if uttered here, I must find that they do not fulfil the urgency aspect required by the cases cited. They nonetheless could well find a place on the motion paper for deliberation in the normal course of proceedings of the House.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today:

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, Bill (No. 37) intituled *Affirmative Action Plan Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 38) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Jack Radford*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Phillips* tabled further material relating to the Dunhill Development Corporation.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Friday, February 22, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. C. Johnson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 39) intituled *Rivers Protection Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *Phillips* tabled documents relating to Government financing.

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) presented the 1973 Annual Report of the British Columbia Railway, and the British Columbia Railway Company Statement of Accounts as at December 31, 1973.

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the annual return for the calendar year 1973 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

19 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

In each school district in the Province which has rural components, what were the total sums collectable under the *Public Schools Act* in each rural component for the school budget-year of 1973?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"Total sums collectable under the *Public Schools Act* were as follows:

Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1973 School Requisition \$	Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1973 School Requisition \$
No. 1 Fernie	1,537,824	No. 46 Sechelt	1,706,005
No. 2 Cranbrook	486,381	No. 47 Powell River	731,347
No. 3 Kimberley	543,580	No. 48 Howe Sound	1,253,395
No. 4 Windermere	569,746	No. 49 Ocean Falls	451,864
No. 7 Nelson	1,197,600	No. 50 Queen Charlotte	559,125
No. 9 Castlegar	483,124	No. 52 Prince Rupert	285,338
No. 10 Arrow Lakes	344,697	No. 54 Smithers	283,349
No. 11 Trail	815,196	No. 55 Burns Lake	897,740
No. 12 Grand Forks	310,527	No. 56 Vanderhoof*	1,121,519
No. 13 Kettle Valley	174,957	No. 57 Prince George	4,085,357
No. 14 Southern Okanagan	685,241	No. 59 Peace River South	1,145,191
No. 15 Penticton	329,555	No. 60 Peace River North	2,354,205
No. 16 Keremeos	169,222	No. 61 Greater Victoria	313,930
No. 17 Princeton	500,986	No. 62 Sooke	2,186,166
No. 18 Golden	256,325	No. 63 Saanich	64,395
No. 19 Revelstoke	433,604	No. 64 Gulf Islands	843,089
No. 22 Vernon	885,453	No. 65 Cowichan	1,306,289
No. 23 Central Okanagan	1,474,537	No. 66 Lake Cowichan	1,210,303
No. 24 Kamloops	2,128,280	No. 68 Nanaimo	4,415,116
No. 26 North Thompson	654,615	No. 69 Qualicum	728,494
No. 27 Williams Lake	1,838,197	No. 70 Alberni	1,286,505
No. 28 Quesnel	1,565,077	No. 71 Courtenay	1,450,051
No. 29 Lillooet	948,135	No. 72 Campbell River	1,371,950
No. 30 South Cariboo	880,528	No. 75 Mission	278,596
No. 31 Merritt	554,232	No. 76 Agassiz-Harrison	98,736
No. 32 Hope	662,347	No. 77 Summerland	25,011
No. 33 Chilliwack	365,923	No. 80 Kitimat	76,828
No. 34 Abbotsford	21,026	No. 81 Fort Nelson	861,975
No. 36 Surrey	14,941	No. 84 Vancouver Island West	156,074
No. 39 Vancouver	390,718	No. 85 Vancouver Island North	527,715
No. 42 Maple Ridge	33,525	No. 86 Creston-Kaslo	733,536
No. 43 Coquitlam	2,241,224	No. 87 Stikine	283,634
No. 44 North Vancouver	9,293	No. 88 Skeena-Cassiar	800,240
No. 45 West Vancouver	34,649	No. 89 Shuswap	1,142,145

* No. 56 Nechako, July 1, 1973."

26 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With reference to the Home-acquisition grant—

1. What is the total number of grants made under the Act since its coming into force?
2. What is the total amount of money granted under the Act since its inception?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. To January 31, 1974, 89,493.

"2. \$53,600,000."

30 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the *Succession Duty Act*—

1. What were the monthly collections during 1973?
2. What number of estates were involved?
3. What number of estates were valued below \$100,000?
4. What number of estates were valued between \$200,000 and \$500,000?

5. What number of estates were valued between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000?
6. What number of estates were valued over \$1,000,000?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. January, \$1,595,798.19; February, \$1,591,182.36; March, \$2,028,214.16; April, \$1,110,377.04; May, \$3,748,464.06; June, \$2,503,825.26; July, \$1,856,259.32; August, \$2,770,915.04; September, \$927,053.01; October, \$2,194,360.08; November, \$2,791,935.08; December, \$2,762,692.31.

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This statistical information not maintained."

79 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
With respect to property taxation and assessment—

1. How many appeals against assessments were received by the Provincial Assessment Commissioner for the 1973 tax-year?
2. How many appeals against assessments have been received by the Provincial Assessment Commissioner for the 1974 tax-year?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. None, appeals are made to Courts of Revision."

134 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

With respect to capital expenditures proposed by or on behalf of Pacific Poultry Producers Co-operative Association for improvements or expansions—

1. Have any requests for such expenditures been submitted to the Provincial Government?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, then (a) (i) what total sums have been requested and (ii) what are the proposed uses of the sums requested and (b) (i) what requests in what amounts have been granted and (ii) what are the proposed uses of the amounts granted?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. Not applicable."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* made a statement relating to a proposed symposium on Canadian-American Relations to be held next September, which was contained in a statement made by Governor Daniel Evans of the State of Washington.

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 1.24 p.m.