

Wednesday, November 25th, 1925.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Browne* on 19th instant, as follows:—

Whereas it would appear that organizers from foreign parts have recently entered this Province for the purposes of organizing a secret society of the name of the Ku Klux Klan:

And whereas this Legislature is of the opinion that it is not in the interests of this Province nor of Canada that the formation of an organization such as the Ku Klux Klan be encouraged:

And whereas it is not desirable that such aforementioned organizers be admitted to Canada:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That this House express its disapproval of the organization of such a society in Canada; and that this House further is of the opinion that Federal immigration authorities should debar persons coming into Canada for the purposes of organizing the aforementioned society or one to be conducted on similar lines.

Mr. *Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Odlum*,—

That all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"any Resolution which this House might pass, whether in condemnation or approval of any society or organization, would be abortive in so far as affecting the incorporation, existence, or civil rights of such society or organization, for the reason that such matters rest upon the laws of this Province and of Canada as now in force:

"And whereas it is not in the public interest that the time of this House should be taken up with the discussion of measures which can result in neither binding nor legal effect:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature places itself upon record as being opposed in principle to the introduction of resolutions which can have no practical effect, application, or force, and in particular such resolutions as are calculated to stir up religious and racial dissension."

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

Yeas, 15.

Nays, 28.

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

Yeas, 27.

Nays, 15.

The Resolution as amended was carried on the following division:—

Yeas, 24.

Nays, 20.

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

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 25th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

The promoters of the Bill urged on your Committee that a section be embodied in the Bill reading as follows:—

"Section 163 of said chapter 55 is amended by adding as subsection (126a) the following:—

"(126a.) And for defining, classifying, or differentiating between persons carrying on the business of a retail merchant or trader, and for providing and authorizing that the Council may differentiate and discriminate according to such classification as designated in said by-law between such persons and businesses so carried on in respect of the amount of said licence fee which may be imposed thereon."

In view of the fact that the proposed amendment had not been advertised and that the Rules had not been complied with in that regard, and as the subject-matter of the amendment was of importance to the retail merchants and traders of Vancouver, your Committee, while sympathetic with the proposal, advise against this amendment being introduced this year.

The promoters have withdrawn section 5 of the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. Perry, Report No. 11 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

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

Whereas paragraph 4 of the Terms of Union recites as follows: "The Dominion will provide an efficient mail service fortnightly by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia, the vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers":

And whereas from information received it would appear that the Federal Government has been paying to the Pacific Steamship Company for the service hereinbefore mentioned between San Francisco and Victoria a yearly subsidy of \$3,000, and that the said subsidy may now be discontinued without injury to the public service:

And whereas it has been intimated that, if the Province of British Columbia consented to the discontinuance of the before-named subsidy, the Federal Government would be willing to transfer the amount of the said subsidy to the improvement of the mail service on inland waters in British Columbia:

And whereas it is believed that the transference of this subsidy from the Pacific Steamship Company to the improvement of mail service on inland waters of British Columbia would result in greater benefit to the Province of British Columbia than is now being obtained:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the transference of the said subsidy as hereinbefore indicated would be in the interest of the Province of British Columbia.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act,'" the Hon. Mr. Manson moved in amendment as follows:—

Insert the following as section 2 of the Bill and renumber the following sections:—

"2. Section 2 of the 'Special Surveys Act,' being chapter 249 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924,' is amended by adding to the definition of 'registered' the words 'but when used with respect to the ownership of lands held by the Crown includes the Crown whether so registered or not.'"

The amendment was carried.

Report as amended to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to Marine Insurance" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Did your Department receive a numerously signed petition from residents of the Town of Lillooet and surrounding vicinity requesting that the Liquor Store in that town be closed?
2. Do you intend to comply with the petitioners' request?

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

"1. A petition with ninety signatures was received by the Liquor Control Board on November 23rd.

"2. The subject-matter of the petition is being investigated."

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* gave the following corrected answer to Question No. 4, asked by Mr. *Hayward* (see Votes and Proceedings No. 14, page 11):—

"4. No; the coal tendered on by the lowest bidder was not considered suitable."

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

1. On what date was the beer licence in respect of Halfway House, Esquimalt, issued to G. H. Patton?
2. On what date was the transfer made to R. J. A. McGuinness of the licence issued to J. M. Morgan in respect of the Coach and Horses, Esquimalt?

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

"1. June 13th, 1925.

"2. April 28th, 1925."

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

1. What officials are employed as Lumber Commissioners, whether in the Province or in Eastern Canada or England?
2. What are the respective salaries paid?

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

"1. None. Commissioners in England and Toronto resigned from service. Meantime, Toronto office in charge of Assistant Lumber Commissioner.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many copies of the School Survey have been printed?
2. How have said copies been distributed?
3. How many copies were available for use of the general public, and at what price per copy?
4. Does the Minister think that the copies already printed are sufficient to reach the interested public?
5. Is it the intention of the Minister to have more copies printed?
6. If yes, will the cost per copy to the public be reduced?
7. How many school-teachers are there in the Province of British Columbia?

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

"1. 3,200.

"2. Copies have already been sent or will be sent to the following: Members of the Legislature; Provincial Inspectors; Municipal Inspectors; Normal School Instructors; School Trustees in cities and municipalities; Municipal Councils; Executive of the Teachers' Federation; Executive of the Parent-Teacher Federation; high and public school libraries for the use of teachers in cities and rural municipalities. Upon application copies are sent to Rural School Boards and teachers of the Province; the press of the Province; libraries of the Province; and to representative bodies or individuals who appeared before the Commission or assisted it in the work. Copies were also sent to the universities and the Departments of Education of Canada.

"3. About 700 copies at \$2 each.

"4. Yes.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. 3,294."

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

1. Upon what date was the Forestry Office at Cranbrook closed as such?
2. Was the staff, furniture, etc., transferred to the Forestry Office at Nelson?
3. What was the cost of such transfer?
4. Was such transfer effected because of representations originating from parties in the Nelson and Kaslo-Slocan Ridings?
5. Upon what date was the Forestry Headquarters at Vernon transferred to Nelson?
6. What was the cost?
7. Was such transfer made at the request of parties in the Nelson and Kaslo-Slocan Ridings?

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

"1. Office not closed. Reorganized under Supervisor.

"2. Partially.

"3. \$139.54.

"4. No.

"5. April 1st, 1925.

"6. \$238.35.

"7. No."

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Lands purchase during the year 1924?
2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased?
3. What price was paid in each case?
4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Department of Lands as at November 1st, 1925?

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

"1. Forty-four; thirty-seven of which were replacements.

"2. Forty Fords, two Stars, one Chevrolet, one Dodge.

"3. Fords, average \$615 each; Stars, \$836 each; Chevrolet, \$862; Dodge, \$1,403.

"4. Eighty-four cars and two trucks. Of the cars, eighty are Fords, five of which are five-passenger and seventy-five of the light-delivery type."

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

1. Has the Forestry or any other Department recently leased a building in Nelson known as the Sunnyside Hotel?
2. If so, from whom was the building leased?
3. If so, what are the terms as to length of tenure, monthly rentals, etc.?
4. For what purpose is the building to be used?
5. Prior to renting the Sunnyside Hotel at Nelson did the Forestry Department officials inspect or make inquiries regarding any other premises?
6. If yes, what premises? Where were they situated in the City of Nelson?
7. Who were the owners thereof, and what rentals were asked?
8. What are the dimensions of the buildings in each case?
9. Has the Department any Inspectors' reports or reports from departmental officials thereon? If so, what is the nature of such reports?
10. Were any alterations required to the Sunnyside Hotel in order to meet the Department's requirements? If yes, what was the nature thereof, and what is the estimated cost of such alterations?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Forest Branch has rented a building known as the Sunnyside Hotel at Nelson.
- "2. Rented from K. John Campbell.
- "3. Month to month at \$30 monthly.
- "4. Storage for fire-fighting equipment.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Forestry officials searched the whole town and could not find suitable building.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Answered by No. 6.
- "9. No.
- "10. Yes. Alterations carried out by owner at his own expense. Department has no knowledge of what alterations cost."

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

What has been the total sum of money expended on the Southern Okanagan Land Project up to November 1st, 1925, including purchase of lands, together with interest on moneys invested?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"\$3,991,997.99."

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Agriculture purchase during the year 1924?
2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased?
3. What price was paid in each case?
4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Department of Agriculture as at November 1st, 1925?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. Eight touring-cars; no trucks; no tractors.
- "2. Ford.
- "3. \$590; \$628; \$636; \$630; \$636; \$635; \$628; \$636.
- "4. Twenty-nine Ford touring-cars, one Ford truck, one Overland touring."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 26th, 1925.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *Clay*.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 12 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Bryan*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 26th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
With the leave of the House, the Bill was read a second time and committed.
Bill reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—
(No. 2) An Act respecting certain Appointments to the Executive Council and Departments of the Executive Government of the Province.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to such Bill.

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

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1927;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1926;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1925, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 26th, 1925.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. How many years was H. B. Hicks in the employ of the Provincial Government?
2. Did he volunteer during the war and return with rank of major?
3. Was he retired involuntarily, and why?
4. Who is doing the work of the water engineer's department for the Cranbrook, Columbia, and Fernie Districts?
5. What has been the cost to date of Major Hicks's successor, including salary, hotel and other expenses?

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

"1. 13½ years (approximately), less time overseas.

"2. Volunteered for active service and according to records of Department was discharged with rank of captain.

"3. Yes. Cranbrook office closed.

"4. Under jurisdiction Nelson office field-work during summer carried on by Wm. Blane, engaged in making surveys in districts formerly under jurisdiction Cranbrook office.

"5. No successor appointed."

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

1. What sum has been expended since April 1st, 1925, from the Forest Protection Fund?
2. What is the estimate of the outstanding liabilities remaining to be defrayed from the said fund?
3. What was the expenditure for the fire seasons 1916, 1920, 1922, and 1924, respectively?
4. What is the total amount at credit of Forest Protection Fund as at November 1st, 1925?

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

"1. \$816,712.10.

"2. \$160,000.

"3. 1910, \$219,493; 1911, \$144,590; 1912, \$115,743; 1913, \$338,693; 1914, \$403,198; 1915, \$182,032; 1916, \$155,122; 1917, \$211,885; 1918, \$246,236; 1919, \$392,258; 1920, \$645,842; 1921,

\$471,341; 1922, \$841,407; 1923, \$433,370; 1924, \$633,674; 1925; \$958,610. Years 1910, 1914, 1920, 1922, 1924, and 1925 are recognized as years of abnormal hazard. Fire hazard greatly increased during past ten years, due to increased logging operations and recreational use of forests. Logging operations in 1910 numbered 350; in 1924, 3,167. Motor-cars in 1910 numbered 1,026; in 1925, 54,799. Fire-fighting costs in States of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California in 1917 totalled \$1,780,000; costs in 1925 totalled \$5,099,000. Area patrolled in these States, 131,000,000 acres; area patrolled in British Columbia, 125,000,000 acres.

"4. None."

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

1. Has Major J. W. Clark been in the employ of the Government during the present year? If so, in what capacity?

2. If so, when did he receive such appointment?

3. Is he still employed by the Government; and, if so, in what capacity?

4. What salary is he in receipt of?

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

"1. Yes. In charge of planting and improvement of Development Area on Government Irrigation Project, South Okanagan.

"2. Assigned to this work on return from England.

"3. Yes. Still employed in connection with project.

"4. \$250 per month."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Friday, November 27th, 1925.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1925.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—
That on this and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

1. Were tenders called for cafeteria tables and chairs at the University of British Columbia?
2. If so, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?
3. Who was awarded the contract?
4. Was the lowest tenderer awarded the contract?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Clines, Ltd., \$7,476.12; Almonds, Ltd., \$7,478.
- "3. Clines, Ltd.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. How much has the Finance Department allowed off in each of the financial years 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924 on account "Arrears Assessed Taxes" as being uncollectable?
2. How many tax sales (if any) has the Government instituted during the above years?
3. What has been the cost of advertising such sales (if any) during each of said years?
4. What is the net proceeds received from said tax sales during each of these periods?

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

"1. Amount written off: 1921, \$1,596,471; 1922, \$2,001,566.82; 1923, \$2,119,206; 1924, \$1,635,170.12.

"2. In the years 1921, 1922, and 1924.

"3. 1921, \$9,269.16; 1922, \$14,808.89; 1924, \$13,358.48.

"4. 1921, \$26,454.35; 1922, \$35,551.14; 1924, \$33,809.49.

"NOTE.—The direct proceeds are no evidence of the effect on revenue of a tax sale, as many thousands of delinquent taxpayers rush to pay their taxes as soon as the public notice of the tax sale appears in the press."

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

What has been the total amount of money loaned by the Land Settlement Board up to November 1st, 1925: (a) The amount loaned farmers; (b) the amount loaned Sumas Dyking Commissioners; (c) the amount loaned all others, specifying in detail?

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

"See Votes and Proceedings of Monday, November 23rd, 1925. (a) \$1,013,855.21; (b) \$3,643,466.79, which is the gross amount shown on the books of the Land Settlement Board, but there are credits to the amount of \$180,333.41 to be deducted, making a net total of \$3,463,133.38; (c) \$108,851.05. Cameron Drainage District, \$8,400; Surrey Dyking District, \$30,000; West Nicomen Dyking District, \$70,451.05; total, \$108,851.05."

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

1. When was the Upper Rock Creek School District formed?
2. Has a school been opened in that district? If so, when? And what is the name of the teacher in charge?
3. How many children of school age were residing in the district at time application for teacher was made?
4. Did the Department secure building to be used as a teacher's residence?
5. If so, did the owner of the building give his consent to having building used as teacher's residence? If so, when?

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

- "1. School district formed in 1918.
- "2. School was opened October 5th, 1925, and is in charge of Mrs. Caroline MacDonald, the holder of a teacher's certificate of the first class.
- "3. When school was opened ten children were residing in the district.
- "4. No.
- "5. No information in possession of Department regarding the arrangements which have been made by the teacher in the matter of a residence."

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

Was one Archie Bremner employed as Road Foreman in the Creston Electoral District at any time during the years 1924 and 1925? If so, during what months, at what salary, and on what roads was he employed?

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

"Yes. Fiscal year 1924-25, each of the following months, April to November, on the following roads: Erie Townsite, Kootenay River, Molly Mine, Nelson-Ymir, Nelson-United States Boundary, Nelson-Waneta, Pend d'Oreille, Yellowstone, Hudson's Bay Company, Emerald Mine Company, Reno, Wildhorse Creek. Fiscal year 1925-26, each of the following months, April to July, on the following roads: Nelson-United States Boundary, Salmo-Trail, Second Relief, Sheep Creek, Pend d'Oreille Trail, Ymir, Reno. Salary, \$5 per day."

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

1. What has been the total sum of money spent on the Merville Settlement Area with interest up to November 1st, 1925?
2. What has been the total sum of money spent on the Christian Ranch with interest up to November 1st, 1925?
3. What has been the total sum of money spent on Creston Settlement Area with interest up to November 1st, 1925?

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

- "1. See Votes and Proceedings of Monday, November 23rd, 1925.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. What sum of money was expended on roads during the year 1925 on Anarchist Mountain, in the Similkameen Riding?
2. To whom were such moneys paid, with amounts in each case?

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

- "1. \$1,080.79 between April 1st and November 1st, 1925.
- "2. G. Higginbottom, \$216.75; Fred Newman, \$68.25; Tom Burnett, \$29.75; B. L. Hammett, \$96.25; James Kehoe, \$72.75; C. Higginbottom, \$211.50; Joe LePage, \$57.75; Geo. Winters, \$51; John Graham, \$42.75; Joseph Smith, \$48; J. A. Macdonald, \$12.25; John Turner, \$37.50; Hugh Gillis, \$33.75; W. Wilson, \$17.50."

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

What is the proposed expenditure for roads, streets, and trails in the various electoral ridings for the year 1926?

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

"Alberni, \$47,500; Atlin, \$50,000; Burnaby, \$10,000; Cariboo, \$70,000; Chilliwack, \$31,000; Columbia, \$40,000; Comox, \$55,000; Cowichan-Newcastle, \$40,000; Cranbrook, \$50,000; Creston, \$50,000; Delta, \$25,000; Dewdney, \$40,000; Esquimalt, \$40,000; Fernie, \$35,000; Fort George, \$68,000; Grand Forks-Greenwood, \$45,000; Islands, \$33,000; Kamloops, \$50,000; Kaslo-Slocan, \$68,000; Lillooet, \$48,000; Mackenzie, \$25,000; Nanaimo, \$15,000; Nelson, \$3,000; New Westminster, \$1,800; North Okanagan, \$45,000; North Vancouver, \$2,500; Omineca, \$70,000; Prince

Rupert, \$27,000; Revelstoke, \$38,000; Richmond-Point Grey, \$12,000; Rossland-Trail, \$18,650; Saanich, \$6,000; Salmon Arm, \$28,000; Similkameen, \$40,000; Skeena, \$50,000; South Okanagan, \$40,000; South Vancouver, \$3,500; Yale, \$50,000."

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

What was the total cost of the Crawford's Hill diversion in the Creston Electoral District, including construction and upkeep to date?

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

"\$5,039.66."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Monday, November 30th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 30th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 30th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for reporting Bills to the House be extended from November 30th to December 8th, 1925.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 27th, 1925.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 27th, 1925.

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. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Harrison*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Neelands* moved, seconded by Mr. *Browne*,—

Whereas at its 1924 Session this Legislature unanimously went on record as approving the principle of old-age pensions, and as being in favour of the Dominion Government enacting legislation which will bring the same into effect at an early date:

And whereas the Dominion Government has expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Provinces in establishing an old-age pension scheme:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House reaffirms its decision of last year; that the necessary steps be taken to formulate some plan, in conjunction with the Dominion Government, to provide old-age pensions; and that the other Provinces of the Dominion be requested to take similar action.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada and the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces this Preamble and Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Lyons*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas a Resolution was passed by this Legislative Assembly in 1924 in the following terms:—

"Whereas the Parliament of Canada, recognizing the evils resulting from the opium and narcotic drug traffic in Canada, with a view to preventing this traffic, has from time to time amended the 'Opium and Narcotic Drug Act,' providing for increasingly severe punishment for offenders convicted of this traffic:

"And whereas the Province of British Columbia, occupying as it does a position in which it is more exposed to the importation of narcotic drugs from the Far East than other Provinces of Canada, is vitally interested in the suppression of this traffic:

"And whereas by the amendment of 1922 to the said Act it is provided that any person who unlawfully sells, gives away, or distributes any drug, as defined in aforementioned Act, to a minor, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to be whipped, but does not provide for the lash on conviction for any other infraction of the said Act:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that an amendment should be passed to the 'Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, 1923,' providing that any person convicted of selling, giving away, or distributing any drug, as defined in aforementioned Act, to any person without first obtaining a licence from the Minister presiding over the Department of Health shall, in the discretion of the Judge, be liable to be whipped in addition to the penalties already provided by the said Act:

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa":

And whereas no amendment has been made in line with the foregoing Resolution:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House reaffirm the foregoing Resolution.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

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

The Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What amounts have been advanced to date to M. B. Jackson on account expenses in the Janet Smith case, giving particulars to date?

2. What amounts (if any) are still owing to the said M. B. Jackson on account of disbursements in the Janet Smith case?

3. On what date did the duties of M. B. Jackson on the Janet Smith case terminate?

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

"1. \$1,000, August 18th, 1925; same to be accounted for when bill rendered.

"2. Not yet determined as account not rendered.

"3. The greater portion of Mr. Jackson's work in this connection occurred in the months of November and December, 1924, and January, 1925. Since then work has been done intermittently on a lesser scale as developments warranted. Though Mr. Jackson's retainer was not formally closed, his work practically ended some months ago, and under date of November 15th, 1925, Mr. Jackson formally asked that his retainer be closed."

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

In view of the alleged congestion of traffic on the New Westminster Bridge over the Fraser River, and in view of the fact that there is an agitation for another traffic bridge to relieve said congestion, has the Government made any investigation or considered the question of making the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission City into a combined traffic and railway bridge?

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

"Government has not considered construction of another bridge and has no jurisdiction over the Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge at Mission City."

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

1. What was the cost of preliminary survey for proposed branch line starting at or near Pavilion Station, on Pacific Great Eastern Railway, to Hat Creek Coal-mine?

2. What justification had your Department for making said survey?

3. Who paid the bill?

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

"1. \$4,484.55.

"2. Prospective traffic.

"3. Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

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

Has the Department of Public Works entered into any arrangement with the Standfast Bible Students for the building of a road from Horton, Renfrew District? If so, give length, place of termination, cost or estimated cost of said road and estimated cost of any bridges which may be necessary, and who is to pay the same.

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

"The Department of Public Works has set aside the sum of \$5,000 for road-construction at San Juan in connection with the new settlement area of Star Construction Company, Bible Students, \$1,000 of this amount being available for immediate expenditure. Length, 1½ to 1¾ miles from the end of present road from Port Renfrew Wharf to small lake on San Juan River; no bridges included."

Mr. *Davie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What was the cost in 1924 to the Province per head of children attending schools in the rural districts?

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

“The cost per child in rural and assisted school districts averaged \$47.25 for the school-year 1924-25, ending June 30th.”

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

1. What has been the total cost of the Sumas reclamation-works to November 1st, 1925, including interest?

2. What is the amount of unpaid accounts (if any) in connection with this work, and to whom due?

3. How many acres of reclaimed land have been sold by the Government, and the value of acreage sold?

4. What amount of money has been expended by the Government in farming operations during 1924 and 1925 on the Sumas Project?

5. What amount has been received from these farming operations during 1924 and 1925, respectively?

6. What has been the total cost of operating the reclamation-works for year up to November 1st?

7. Have the farmers under the reclamation project accepted the liability for costs involved? If not, why not?

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

“1. \$3,463,133.38 to November 1st, 1925. Interest computed to December 31st, 1924.

“2. All accounts that are due have been paid.

“3. None.

“4. 1924, \$27,094.55; 1925, \$20,400.15, includes the seeding down to timothy of 4,500 acres of lake-bottom lands and approximately 1,000 acres to clover on marginal lake-bottom lands.

“5. 1924: Cash returns, \$4,626.02; value of crop held back for own use, \$3,784. 1925: Cash returns to date, \$8,440.09; value of produce on hand, \$9,250 (allowing for handling and depreciation).

“6. Capital expenditure, \$69,219.93; maintenance, \$61,657.41; total, \$130,877.34.

“7. No. Legislation has now been prepared covering the points at issue and an opportunity is being given to farmers to present their ideas before a Committee of the House.”

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Attorney-General's Department purchase during the year 1924?

2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased?

3. What price was paid in each case?

4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Attorney-General's Department as at November 1st, 1925?

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

“1. British Columbia Police, 14 automobiles, 1 motor-cycle; Game Conservation, 1 automobile.

“2 and 3. Make and price paid as follows: Harley-Davidson motor-cycle No. 24 JE11700, \$541, less \$100 allowed on old Indian motor-cycle from Nanaimo, net \$441; Stutz No. C1910, \$1,125; Ford No. C481446, \$632, less \$100 on old car at Mission, net \$532; Ford No. C496042, \$636, less \$325 on Chevrolet No. 41507 and Ford No. C166928, net \$311; Ford No. C498414, \$735; Ford No. C499333, \$667.45, less \$115 on Ford No. C248438, net \$552.45; Ford No. C48260, \$636, less \$175 on Ford No. C262724, net \$461; Ford No. C497769, \$628, less \$250 on Ford No. C252755, net \$378; Star No. 203891, \$862.52, less \$675 on Star No. 12632 and Ford No. C288081; Star No. T205110, \$915, less \$300 on Ford No. C291611, net \$615; Dodge No. A136356, \$1,460, less \$130 on Ford No. C48498, net \$1,330; Dodge No. 53008, \$1,477, less \$400 on Ford No. C351895, net \$1,077; McLaughlin No. 85346, \$1,844, less \$300 on old McLaughlin No. 25263, net \$1,544; Hudson No. 514007, \$2,398.41, less \$1,282.50 on Studebaker No. 43094, net \$1,115.91; Dodge No. A72856, \$1,424, less \$150 on Ford No. C342906, net \$1,274.

“4. Fifty-eight.”

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

1. What proportion of the area of the lake-bottom at Sumas has been cultivated?
2. What crops were sold (if any)?
3. What portion of the crop was harvested?
4. Was any part of it sold? If so, what did it realize?
5. What portion of the crop was lost in the last harvest?
6. Is the whole of the area of the old lake-bottom entirely free from water: (a) In the summer-time; (b) in the fall; (c) in the winter; (d) in the spring?
7. What depth of water covers the said portion of the area of the old lake-bottom: (a) In the summer-time; (b) in the fall; (c) in the winter; (d) in the spring?
8. From the statement appearing in the press it is reported that a large portion of this area is covered with willow scrub and poplar scrub. Is this correct? If so, what is affected thereby?
9. Has the Department had an analysis of the soil of the lake-bottom made? If so, when?
10. Is there a seepage through any of the dykes at Sumas? If so, which dyke, and what is the extent of the seepage?
11. In how many places does the seepage occur?

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

"1. A very small proportion has actually been cultivated, principally for experimental purposes. Most of the lake-bottom was sown to timothy without special cultivation.

"2. Unable to segregate as from crops grown on marginal lands. (For further information see answer to question 5 given to Mr. Jones this date.)

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. Approximately 50 acres of barley and oats sown as nurse-crop to red clover on raw land.

"6. (a.) Yes. (b.) Yes. (c.) Yes, excepting during periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall. (d.) Ditches now under construction will keep greater part of lake-bottom free from water next spring. As all lateral ditches are not yet constructed, approximately half of the area only was entirely free from water last spring.

"7. (a.) None. (b.) None. (c.) It depends entirely on rainfall. Pumping plant can take care of any average flood within a short time. (d.) Wherever lateral ditches are not yet constructed a film of water lies on the ground, probably as much as a few inches of water in low places.

"8. Yes. Willow-growth started immediately after the lake-bottom was drained dry. It has practically all been cut off once by mower or ploughed under. Will require constant attention for another season at least to eradicate the willow pest.

"9. Yes. April 28th, 1924; August 16th, 1925. Since reclamation.

"10. Not to any great extent. Seepage comes through ground underneath the dykes, especially in the lower elevations. Vedder Dykes and Fraser River Dyke are subject to seepage in this way during high-water time. The extent depends entirely on the height of the Fraser River during spring-freshet period.

"11. It is impossible to answer the question in this form. The nature of the soil in the Fraser Valley is such that seepage occurs to a greater or lesser degree under almost any dyke that can be constructed. In the case of the Sumas Dykes the pumping plant and the internal drainage system is designed to take care of this situation. Up to the present time same has been found adequate, excepting in one or two places where the local ditching-work is not completed."

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

Referring to Nos. 4 and 5 of the questions asked by Mr. *Schofield* and answered by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary as set forth on page 5 of the Votes and Proceedings of November 16th, 1925:—

1. Does W. H. MacInnes, Civil Service Commissioner, pay income-tax on his salary?
2. Give years (if any) for which he has not paid income-tax and amounts now due for each year on that account?
3. If income-tax has not been paid on his salary by the said W. H. MacInnes, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No amounts due.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What proportion of the beer purchased by the Liquor Board is secured from the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency of British Columbia, Limited?
2. Who are the shareholders of the said Amalgamated Brewers?
3. Are the orders of the persons operating beer-parlours for any particular brand of beer filled?
4. If not, in what way is the distribution to such parlours determined?
5. By whom is such distribution determined?
6. If this is not determined by the Liquor Board, is it with the sanction of the Board?
7. Is there any agreement or understanding between the Liquor Board and the Amalgamated Brewers relating to the distribution of beer?
8. Has Hugh Davidson, Liquor Commissioner, stated that it would be a breach of faith to order beer contrary to the present arrangement?
9. If so, is his statement correct?
10. Is there an agreement, verbal or otherwise, between the Amalgamated Brewers and the Government relating to the present price of beer?
11. What is the present price of beer per barrel of 10 dozen pints?
12. When was this price fixed?
13. From what date was it made payable?
14. Was it an increase over the former price; and, if so, how much?
15. Was the increased price made applicable to beer already sold to the Liquor Board; and, if so, for what period and how much additional was paid?
16. Have any offers been received from brewers or brewing companies, within or without British Columbia, to sell beer at a price less than the present current price?
17. If so, from what or on behalf of what breweries were such prices received, and what were the prices?
18. What action was taken by the Liquor Board or Commissioner in each case?
19. Since the establishment of the Liquor Control Board, what price has it paid from time to time for beer?
20. Has the Liquor Board records or reports as to price paid by the Liquor Board or Commission of the Province of Quebec for barrels of 10 dozen pints of beer; and, if so, what is the last price so paid according to such reports or records?

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

- "1. See Votes and Proceedings No. 14, dated November 23rd, 1925, page 8.
- "2. According to latest information on file in office of Registrar of Companies: Victoria Phoenix Brewing Company, Ltd.; Silver Spring Brewery, Ltd.; Vancouver Breweries, Ltd.; Westminster Brewery, Ltd.; Rainier Brewery Company of Canada, Ltd.; Nels Nelson, Harry Maynard, Robert Fiddes, H. E. Newton, and Henry Reifel.
- "3. Yes, where practicable.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. By the Board.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. The Amalgamated Brewers' Agency distributes beer purchased from it pursuant to instructions from the Board.
- "8. No.
- "9. Answered by No. 8.
- "10. Yes, in respect of the beer purchased through this concern, but no time limit.
- "11. \$16.50, including sales-tax at 5 per cent., delivered at Victoria, Vancouver, North Vancouver, South Vancouver, New Westminster, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Duncan, Maillardville, and a proportionate price delivered to other places.
- "12. February 28th, 1924.
- "13. March 1st, 1924.
- "14. Yes. \$1.50 per barrel of 10 dozen pints or 6 dozen quarts.
- "15. No.
- "16. Answered by No. 17.
- "17. From J. A. Kenning, under date of September 30th, 1925, as the authorized sales agent of the Nanaimo Breweries, Limited, who quoted a price of \$16 per barrel of 10 dozen pints; and

from Hall & O'Halloran, under date of November 4th, 1925, as solicitors for the Nanaimo Breweries, Limited, who quoted a price of \$15.50. But in neither offer was sales-tax or delivery charges included; nor was sample of beer submitted for analysis and testing.

"18. None. This brewery (Nanaimo Breweries, Limited) was not in operation at the time the offers were made, nor is it now in operation.

"19. June, 1921, to May 23rd, 1922, \$14; May 24th, 1922, to February 28th, 1924, \$15; March 1st, 1924, to date, \$16.50 (per barrel of 10 dozen pints or 6 dozen quarts).

"20. Quebec breweries sell to trade direct."

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

1. Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway own a right-of-way east from Lonsdale Avenue through the City of North Vancouver and the Municipality of North Vancouver to the Second Narrows Bridge?

2. If not, has an estimate been made of the cost of such right-of-way?

3. Has the Government received an estimate on the cost of constructing the Pacific Great Eastern from Whytecliff to Squamish? What is the cost of such construction?

4. Does such cost of construction of the Pacific Great Eastern as set out in question No. 3 include the estimated cost of terminals at North Vancouver or at Vancouver?

5. What is the estimated cost of constructing terminals at North Vancouver or in the City of Vancouver?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company owns portions of a right-of-way between Lonsdale Avenue and St. David Street, comprising nine separate lots, but no land between St. David Street and the bridge.

"2. No information.

"3. Yes. Approximate cost \$2,300,000.

"4. No.

"5. No information."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1st, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland presented a report on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway problem by a committee of the nominees of representative engineering societies and business organizations of the cities and localities of the Province.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act,'" as introduced earlier in the day, was discharged.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 1st, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies 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. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 30th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the motion, with the leave of the House, that the Bill be read a second time, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 13 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Catherwood*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What is the occupation of parents of students enrolled in the University of British Columbia, grouped under professional, business, labour, retired, and other classifications?

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

“Accountant, 34; architect, 6; artist, 1; auto-dealer, 3; baker, 1; banker, 9; barber, 2; barrister and lawyer, 30; biochemist, 1; blacksmith, 2; boat-builder, 2; boiler-maker, 2; book-binder, 1; booker, 1; bricklayer, 2; broker, 33; butcher, 2; buyer, 3; canneryman, 9; carpenter, 24; chauffeur, 2; checker, 1; civic, municipal, and government employees, 51; civil engineer, 17; claims investigator, 1; cleaner, 1; clergyman, 37; clerical work, 11; clothier, 3; commission agent, 2; contractor, 37; coppersmith, 1; cook, 4; dairyman, 5; dentist, 10; doctor, 54; druggist, 13; electrician, 5; engineer, 48; farmer, rancher, 77; florist, 2; funeral director, 2; garageman, 2; grocer, 11; hairdresser, 1; hotelman, 8; importer, 6; insurance, 15; janitor, 4; jeweller, 8; judge, 8; labourer, 9; librarian, 1; logger, 3; longshoreman, 3; lumberman, 25; machinist, 2; magistrate, 1; manager, etc., 41; manufacturer, 20; manufacturer's agent, 9; marine employee, 22; mason, 4; mechanic, 8; merchant, 85; mill employee, 20; mine employee, 25; missionary, 1; motorman, 5; moulder, 1; newspaper-man, 6; oil-refiner, 1; optician, 2; organist, 1; painter, 8; paper-ruler, 1; plasterer, 2; plumber, 1; printer, 7; railroad employee, 32; realtor, 11; receiver, 2; salesman, 27; saw-filer, 2; scaler, 2; school-teacher, 38; shipper, 2; shoe-repairer, 2; soldier, 1; stationer, 2; stevedore, 4; storekeeper, 4; tailor, 4; teamster, 3; telegrapher, 4; timber-cruiser, 1; transfer, 3; traveller, 8; university faculty, 7; upholsterer, 1; veterinary inspector, 1; vocal teacher, 1; ware-houseman, 2; wharfinger, 1; wire-nailer, 1; retired, 79; unspecified, 113; deceased, 110.”

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

1. Did the Government call for tenders for the building of Court-houses at Clinton and Mission City?

2. If so, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?

3. Who were the successful tenderers?

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

“1. Tenders were called for Government building at Clinton and lock-up at Mission City.

“2. Clinton Government Building: Kamloops Construction Company, \$12,052; E. C. Fromey, \$13,390; Rodger & Purdy, \$13,468; McBeth & Miller, \$13,975; Wm. Orr, \$14,875. Lock-up, Mission City: A. B. Catherwood, \$5,500; R. P. Wardrop, \$5,940; Turley Bros., \$5,980; M. J. Dunphy, \$6,300; F. P. Rogers, \$6,593. Department's estimate, \$6,000.

“3. Clinton Government Building work postponed until spring. Lock-up, Mission City, awarded to R. P. Wardrop, as work recently performed for Department by lowest tenderer was unsatisfactory, and it was known by Department's experience elsewhere that the building as specified could not be satisfactorily constructed for any sum less than that of the accepted bid.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Government Liquor Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Vancouver Water District Act, 1924’” was introduced and read a first time.

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

That Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" be referred for consideration to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Woodward, McRae, Walkem, Creery, Neelands, Browne*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Bryan, Odlum*, and *I. A. Mackenzie*: such Committee to have the powers of calling witnesses, taking evidence, and reporting its findings to the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water 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.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault."

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance."

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

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

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

1. Have negotiations been in progress between the City of Vancouver and the Department of Lands with a view to acquiring timber at present held by the Crown, such acquisition being in order to safeguard the watershed?

2. Has such timber been preserved intact since the negotiations were first entered upon?

3. Has any damage been caused to such timber by fire or by logging? If by fire, through what cause and origin? If by logging, at whose hands?

4. Are negotiations to purchase the timber still in progress?

5. Will allowance be made by the Department should such purchase be still entertained by the City of Vancouver for loss by fire or by logging operations, or by both?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes, except from fire.

"3. Yes. Fire spread from adjoining logging operations.

"4. Matter in abeyance.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

What is the total cost of the work done by Wm. Blane in the Cranbrook Water District from April 1st last to November 1st instant, including hotel, transportation, and other expenses?

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

"Total cost of work done by William Blane from April 1st to November 1st, 1925, was \$2,622.51. This work covered Fernie, Windermere, and Golden Water Districts, as well as Cranbrook Water District. Sum was not segregated between these four districts."

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

1. How much public money has been expended on account of the British Columbia University to date?

2. What is the estimated amount of further commitments in this behalf?

3. How much land was reserved or granted for endowment purposes?

4. What amount of land has been substituted for the original grant?

5. How much has been realized by sales or otherwise by virtue of such endowments?

6. What was the estimated value of the lands originally granted or set aside for the purposes of the University, and what is the present estimated value of such lands or the lands substituted therefor?

7. Under the present contract for construction, what expenditure (if any) has been authorized by the University authorities without the previous authority of the Governor in Council?

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

"1. \$3,451,347.01, including townsite area.

"2. \$750,680.89 required to complete payments on all authorized work, including townsite area.

"3, 4, 5, and 6. Under jurisdiction of Minister of Lands.

"7. The University authorities do not authorize expenditures."

Mr. *Colley* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. On what date did the Government assume control of the Alexandra Ranch, Tranquille?
2. What was the value of the said farm, including improvements and live stock: (a) At the time the Government took over the property; (b) at March 31st, 1925?
3. What was the quantity production of Alexandra Ranch of milk, roots and vegetables, hay and ensilage respectively for: (a) The year immediately prior to which the Government took over the property; (b) the year ended March 31st, 1925?
4. What was the value of the live stock for the said years?
5. What were the number and variety of the cattle for the said years?
6. Is the growing of additional grain-crops contemplated?
7. Does the Farm Account show a profit or a loss?

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

- "1. April 1st, 1921.
- "2. (a) \$76,698; (b) \$228,546, including Cooney Ranch.
- "3. (a.) Milk, 372,000 lb.; roots and vegetables, 45 tons; hay, 350 tons; ensilage, 140 tons. (b.) Milk, 554,221 lb.; roots and vegetables, 91 tons; hay, 787 tons; ensilage, 650 tons.
- "4. (a) \$26,370; (b) \$43,813.50.
- "5. (a) 11 pure-bred, 34 grade dairy cows, 40 young stock, 206 range cattle; (b) 51 pure-bred, 9 grade dairy cows, 22 young stock; range cattle, 60 pure-bred and 294 grade.
- "6. All irrigated land available is already under crop.
- "7. Profit."

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

1. Under the Act of Union, 1870, by which British Columbia entered Confederation, or under the Carnarvon Terms, or by reason of any other agreement or agreements between the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia since 1870, did the Dominion of Canada agree to construct a wagon-road from the Coast through British Columbia to the Prairies?
2. Was the said undertaking or agreement (if any) abrogated?
3. If so, when?
4. If not, has any effort been made by the Government to have such agreement or undertaking carried into effect?

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

"1, 2, 3, and 4. I know of no existing obligation requiring the Government of Canada to construct a wagon-road from the Coast through British Columbia to the Prairies, consequently no action has been taken by the Government."

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

1. What arrangement (if any) has the Department of Industries made with the Standfast Bible Students for the occupation of lands near Port Renfrew? Give particulars.
2. Has the Department of Industries leased any lands from the Godman Estate near Port Renfrew? If so, give particulars, with dates and for what purpose was lease obtained.
3. Has the Department of Industries advanced any money to the said Bible Students? If so, for what purpose? Give particulars.

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

- "1. No arrangements.
- "2. No. Equity in a lease to the San Juan Box Company, Limited, on 5 acres and buildings has reverted to the Department.
- "3. No."

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

What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works for engineering-work (other than that done by District Engineers) from December 1st, 1923, to November 1st, 1925?

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

"\$212,173.72; this includes the sum of \$28,122.48 for the University."

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

1. Have any firm offers been received for any of the industries that have reverted to the Department of Industries?
2. If yes, for which firms?
3. How much was offered in each case?
4. Why were the offers refused?
5. What is the Department's lowest price for each reverted industry?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Not in public interest to give this information publicly.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What sum of money taken from Vote 252A, \$150,000 (relief of unemployment), was expended in each electoral riding?
2. Has the total vote been expended?

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

- "1 and 2. See Report of Minister of Public Works for fiscal year 1924-25."

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

1. Did the Government undertake any relief-work on the site commonly known as the Songhees Industrial Area, Victoria, during the period December 1st, 1924, to March 31st, 1925?
2. Is the Songhees Area within the boundaries of Victoria City?
3. How many persons (if any) were employed on said relief-work from December 1st, 1924, to March 31st, 1925?
4. Has the Department any record from what district or districts these persons came from, if employment was given? If so, from what districts did they come from?
5. By what method were these men employed; that is, through the Government Bureau, the unemployed registered at the Victoria City Hall, or at random?
6. Who was foreman of the work (if any)?
7. What he a *bona-fide* resident of Victoria City?
8. What amount of money (if any) was spent for relief on the Songhees Area during the above period?

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

- "1. Yes. This undertaking was a part of the development of the Songhees Reserve being carried out for the Lands Department by the Public Works Department, and a certain amount of relief was afforded thereon to the needy of Victoria and vicinity.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Eighty-seven.
- "4 and 5. Through Provincial Government Employment Office, who were asked to furnish labourers and workmen, giving preference to family men in great need. Men were employed in two-week shifts.
- "6. For early part of December, 1924, H. Pike (residence, Langford), and for months of January, February, and March, T. Phillips (residence, Gorge Road).
- "7. Both native sons and elderly family men.
- "8. \$8,121.05."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.