

Friday, February 1st, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Wrinch* on January 29th, as follows:—

Whereas by Resolution under date of March 14th, 1928, it was resolved by the then Legislative Assembly, "That a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, consisting of five members, be appointed, whose duties shall be: (1) To inquire into the workings of any systems of health insurance and of maternity benefits wherever such systems can be found in effective operation; (2) to report its findings to the Legislature":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly reaffirms the terms of the Resolution hereinbefore recited.

And be it further Resolved, That a Committee of this Legislative Assembly be appointed, whose duties shall be: (1) To inquire into the workings of any systems of health insurance and of maternity benefits wherever such systems can be found in effective operation; (2) to report its findings to the Legislature.

Mr. *Rutledge* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cornett*,—

That all the words after the first word "Whereas" be deleted, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"it is advisable, in the interests of the people of this Province, that this Legislature should be in possession of authentic, full, and up-to-date information regarding the subjects of maternity benefits and health insurance:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Commission composed of members of the Legislature, who shall serve without salary, be appointed under the 'Public Inquiries Act' to inquire as to what laws relating to the subjects of maternity benefits and health insurance are in force in other Provinces of Canada or any other countries; to collect facts as to the actual operation of such laws and as to how far they have been found satisfactory; to inquire as to whether and to what extent the public interest requires the introduction of similar laws into the Province of British Columbia; to estimate what would be the total annual cost to the people of the Province in regard to each of these subjects, and what portion of the annual cost would fall upon (a) employers of labour, (b) prospective beneficiaries, and (c) the general taxpayers; to suggest methods by which the annual cost might be collected from the employers, prospective beneficiaries, and general taxpayers respectively; and generally to inquire into any or all matters affecting the said subjects respectively; and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature at its next Session."

Amendment agreed to.

Main motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Lister* moved, seconded by Mr. *Borden*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (a) All persons in the Civil Service who have resigned, been dismissed, or had their services dispensed with since August 21st, 1928; (b) date of their leaving the Service; (c) reason for their dismissal or services being dispensed with.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *Wrinch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Has the Government made any representation to the Dominion Government as to the proposed conference between Canada and the United States concerning the conservation of salmon; and, if so, what?

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

"Fishery officials of the Dominion Government have been informed that the Province advocates the exchange of a treaty between Canada and the United States to conserve the sockeye-salmon fisheries of the Fraser River system."

Mr. *Hanna* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Has the Government made any representation to the Dominion authorities as to the elimination of cannery licences; and, if so, what?

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

"No.

"NOTE.—The whole fisheries question is under consideration by the Government."

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

1. What sum of money has the Government invested in the Christian Ranch, near Kelowna, with accrued interest to January 1st, 1929?
2. What is the total acreage in this area?
3. What acreage (if any) has been sold?
4. What arrangements has the Government made in looking after this property?
5. What rent (if any) does the Government receive per annum?
6. Has the Government taken steps to secure water for irrigation purposes? If so, what has been done?

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

"1. \$56,268.15.

"2. 440 acres.

"3. None.

"4. Leased to Meldrum and Scott.

"5. Rented at \$800 per annum.

"6. No."

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

1. What is the total investment of the Government in the Merville Soldier Settlement Area, including cost of lands, development, maintenance, with interest up to January 1st, 1929?
2. What has been the total acreage sold in this area to settlers?
3. What was the value of the land sold?
4. What has been the total sum of money received from the sale of these lands?
5. What sum of money has been rebated from the value of the lands sold, either by arrangement or agreement?
6. What are the arrears of payment due on sales as at January 1st, 1929, including principal and interest?
7. What percentage of rebate was allowed from purchase price?
8. What further rebates were allowed settlers in this area?
9. What was the total rebates allowed settlers in this area?
10. How many of the original settlers are living on this area?
11. What is the total number of settlers now residing on this area?

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

- " 1. \$688,422.07.
- " 2. 5,806.8 acres.
- " 3. \$98,230.58 after deducting all rebates.
- " 4. \$27,578.98.
- " 5. 1923 reappraisal rebates, \$70,499.71; returned soldier rebates, \$33,573.78; total, \$104,073.49.
- " 6. Arrears: Principal, \$4,174.09; interest, \$2,694.61; total, \$6,868.70.
- " 7. 35 per cent. from 1926 purchase price.
- " 8. In 1927: 35 per cent. rebate, \$29,993.97; interest cancelled, \$33,686.69; total, \$63,680.66.
- " 9. \$165,565.33.
- " 10. Sixty.
- " 11. 100."

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

1. What is the total investment of the Government in the Creston Soldier Settlement Area, including cost of lands, development, maintenance, with interest up to January 1st, 1929?
2. What has been the total acreage sold in this area to settlers?
3. What was the value of the lands sold?
4. What has been the total sum of money received from the sale of these lands?
5. What sum of money has been rebated from the value of lands sold, either by arrangement or agreement?
6. What are the arrears of payment due on sales as at January 1st, 1929, including principal and interest?
7. What percentage of rebate was allowed from purchase price?
8. What further rebates were allowed settlers in this area?
9. What were the total rebates allowed settlers in this area?
10. What is the number of original settlers living on this area?
11. What is the total number of settlers living on this area?
12. Has the Government at any time investigated the matter of a domestic water-supply for this area; and, if so, what is the estimated cost of same?
13. By whom was such investigation made, and will the Minister table a copy of the report made in consequence thereof?

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

- " 1. \$835,334.76.
- " 2. 1,274.62 acres.
- " 3. Net value after deducting rebates, \$71,622.15.
- " 4. \$34,139.06.
- " 5. Returned soldier rebates, \$9,500; rebates, principal, \$41,057.49; rebates, interest, \$20,865.13; total, \$71,422.62.
- " 6. Arrears at December 31st, 1928: On principal, \$3,014.16; on interest, \$1,494.77; total, \$4,508.93.
- " 7. 50 per cent.
- " 8. Answered by question No. 5.
- " 9. Answered by question No. 5.
- " 10. Twenty-one originals.
- " 11. Fifty-one purchasers.
- " 12. Yes; \$50,000.
- " 13. Department of Lands, Water Rights Branch. Yes."

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 5.22 p.m.

Monday, February 4th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Father Wood.

Mr. Kingston presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, stating certain objections to Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited, Act, 1897.'"

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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. McKenzie (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pooley, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision upon the question of a notice of motion relating to certain election matters:—

"On Wednesday afternoon my attention was drawn to a proposed notice of motion in the name of the honourable member for Omineca. In view of its importance, I have given it every consideration in the meantime. Only under special circumstances should proposed notices be withheld from the Order Paper.

"Dealing with this proposed notice of motion, I find that the Legislature in its wisdom has provided legislation to cover such cases as that provided in this motion. See chapter 76, R.S.B.C. 1924, section 191 and those following, where it is set out that any voter may file a petition complaining of an undue return or undue election of a member to serve in the Legislature. Section 191 of this Act provides that no election or return to a writ of an election shall be questioned except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

"Further, let me draw the member's attention to the fact that the Legislature has decided upon several occasions that the functions of the Courts shall not be interfered with until every recourse had failed. For instance, the case of Jos. Keene; also the Westholme Lumber Co. It has not been shown to me that either the defeated candidates or any other elector has taken any steps to question these elections or returns to writs of elections under the provisions of this Statute, and until it can be shown that all avenues of redress as provided for therein have been resorted to, I am of the opinion that any attempt to bring the question on to the floor of the House is entirely out of order. And I so rule."

Mr. A. M. Manson appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

Mackenzie, R.	Beatty	Shelly	Schofield
Rutledge	Spencer	Tolmie	Kennedy
Carson	Walkem	Pooley	Davie
Cornett	Peck	Hinchliffe	Bruhn
Kingston	Hayward	Michell	Burden
Berry	Twigg	Dick	Atkinson
Borden	Maitland	MacNaughton	Lougheed
Kirk	Howe	Manson, M.	McKenzie, W. A.
Lister			

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Buckham</i>

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
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The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 1st, 1929.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. What has been the total sum of money expended on the Southern Okanagan Land Project up to January 1st, 1929, including purchase of land, developments, irrigation system, and cultivation, together with interest on all moneys invested?
2. What is the total acreage under the irrigation system?
3. What was the acreage irrigated in 1927 and 1928?
4. What has been the total acreage of lands sold?
5. What was the value of lands sold?
6. What amount of cash has been received from lands sold to January 1st, 1929?
7. What amount of cash has been received from sale of town lots at Oliver and Osoyoos to January 1st, 1929?
8. What has been the total amount of rebates given the purchasers of lands in the project, principal and interest, up to January 1st, 1929?
9. What rebates of irrigation rates have been given the water-users in this project up to January 1st, 1929?

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

"1. Principal, \$3,343,354.66; interest, approximately \$1,357,000.

"2. Approximately 13,000 acres.

"3. 1927, 2,353.42 acres; 1928, 2,629.72 acres.

"4. Net acreage sold, 2,866.25 acres; net acreage leased, 571.23 acres.

"5. \$483,093.15.

"6. \$156,131.28.

"7. \$22,897.03.

"8. \$30,486.73.

"9. Nil."

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

1. How many lots in the Southern Okanagan Land Project have been planted in fruit-trees and cultivated by the Government?
2. What is the total acreage of these lots?
3. What has been the total cost of cultivation, irrigation, and caring for these lots up to January 1st, 1929?
4. What sum of money has been incurred in the purchase, planting, and replanting of fruit-trees?
5. What has been the total number of fruit-trees planted on these lots since first planting was undertaken by the Government?
6. How many of these lots have been sold: (a) The acreage; (b) the price received?
7. What has been the total sum expended on these lots during 1928, including salary of Superintendent?

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

- "1. Forty.
- "2. 439.85 acres.
- "3. \$166,593.11, including irrigation rates and care of reverted lots.
- "4. \$43,900.
- "5. 59,205.
- "6. Two: (a) 19.58 acres; (b) sale price, including improvements, \$6,399.55.
- "7. \$17,230."

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

1. Has the Government entered into any arrangement or agreement with the British or Canadian Governments in respect of immigration as it affects British Columbia; and, if so, what?
2. Have any proposals been submitted by the Provincial Government to the British Government or the Canadian Government in respect of immigration; and, if so, what?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No."

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

1. Has the Minister received any assurances that a pulp and paper mill will be constructed at or near Prince George?
2. If so, what assurances, and when will construction commence?
3. Has the Government offered any special or any concessions toward the establishment of such an undertaking; and, if so, what?

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

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

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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

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

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Second and Third Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with:—

No. 2—Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company.

No. 7—John Samuel Henry Matson.

No. 8—The Corporation of Delta.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver Act, 1899,'" has not been proved, for the reasons following:—

Your Committee had the opportunity of hearing the promoters of the Bill and has given most careful consideration to the arguments submitted. The Bill seeks to authorize an existing partnership to assume a corporate capacity to carry on lines of business for which companies are ordinarily incorporated under the "Companies Act," but without using the word "Limited" as a part of its corporate name, although the liability of its members for the debts of the company is to be limited to the shares held in the company.

Your Committee has come to the conclusion that it is not in the public interest for the Legislature to depart from the principle established in the "Companies Act" that a company of this nature, having the liability of its members limited by Statute, should in carrying on its business be compelled to use the word "Limited" as part of its corporate name.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to ratify and confirm By-law No. 408 of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and an Agreement and a Confirmatory Agreement both made on the 19th Day of July, 1928, between The Corporation of the District of Saanich and John Samuel Henry Matson.”

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act respecting the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Berry*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act respecting the Municipality of Delta.”

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill* for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia,”

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 6th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills 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. 52) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906.’”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Shelly* presented the following papers:—

Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

Interim Report of Messrs. Helliwell, Maclachlan & Co. on the Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of January, 1929, between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, and to authorize the Discontinuance of Railway Service upon the North Shore District Line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 5th, 1929.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of January, 1929, between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, and to authorize the Discontinuance of Railway Service upon the North Shore District Line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a draft of the new Standing Orders as prepared by the Clerk of the House and approved by the Hon. the Attorney-General, in accordance with a Resolution of the House passed March 13th, 1928.

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

That the Hon. Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, Mr. *Twigg*, Mr. *A. M. Manson*, and the Clerk of the House be appointed a Select Committee to consider the draft of the revision of the Rules, Orders, and Form of Procedure of the Legislative Assembly as presented to this House in accordance with the Resolution passed last Session in that behalf, and to submit to this House during the present Session a report thereon, with such changes and recommendations as such Committee may deem advisable.

Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *Uphill*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause all Orders in Council, or certified copies thereof, to be made available for perusal by any one at any time during office hours within the General Office of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

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

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

1. Is Mr. Montague Harbard in the employ of the Government?
2. If so, for what purpose is he employed?
3. What remuneration does he receive?
4. Is his employment of a permanent or temporary nature?

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

"1. No.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Thursday, February 7th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1928.

Annual Report of Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1928.

Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Fifteen Months ended December 31st, 1928.

To lie upon the table.

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.

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

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

1. Is Alan Paul employed by the Public Works Department in Alberni?
2. If not, when was he discharged?
3. If discharged, why?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Discharged October 31st, 1928.
- "3. In the interests of efficiency."

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

1. Who is the Assistant District Public Works Engineer of Alberni District?
2. Where is he residing?
3. Who was his predecessor in office?
4. When was the change in Assistant District Engineer made?
5. Why was the change made?

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

- "1. H. C. Mann.
- "2. Qualicum.
- "3. H. M. Bigwood.
- "4. September 24th, 1928.
- "5. Reorganization of staff on Vancouver Island."

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

1. Who is the Road Foreman in the Wellington section of the Alberni District?
2. Who was his predecessor in position?
3. Why was this change made?

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

- "1. William D. Gordon, Wellington.
- "2. James Rumsby, Wellington.
- "3. In interests of efficiency."

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 5.35 p.m.

Friday, February 8th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

Resolution agreed to.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* on February 5th on the motion of Mr. *Uphill* for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia," as follows:—

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS,—On the 5th instant the honourable member for Fernie asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia.'

"A point of order was raised by the Attorney-General as to the procedure, the question being whether the Bill should properly be introduced to the House as a Public Bill in the hands of a private member, or whether the Bill was not, strictly speaking, a Private Bill. I reserved my decision.

"I have taken pains to consult all authorities on the point and I must say I find the matter very involved, and *May* states that considerable difficulty often arises in determining to what class Bills properly belong.

"Our own Speakers' Decisions do not settle the point, many of them conflicting, and the procedure in this House has varied from time to time. I find in the last few years that some Bills have been introduced as Public Bills, which might properly be held by some authorities to be Private Bills.

"In my opinion it would facilitate the work of this House if this question was put on some definite basis. The promoters of the Bill in question can hardly be stated to be at fault in presenting the Bill to the House in the manner in which they have done, in view of the conflict of opinions as expressed in the authorities on the subject.

"I am of the opinion, in the circumstances, this Bill should be allowed to proceed; that it should be referred to a Select Committee of the House, with power to the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the House.

"May I say, further, that in view of the fact that the Rules are now before the House for amendment and revision, this question can very properly be cleared up and the present Rule 76 be redrafted so as to ensure that the same difficulties do not arise in future."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Lister* on February 1st, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (a) All persons in the Civil Service who have resigned, been dismissed, or had their services dispensed with since August 21st, 1928; (b) date of their leaving the Service; (c) reason for their dismissal or services being dispensed with.

Mr. *Pattullo* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gillis*,—

That the Resolution be amended as follows:—

By adding after the word "showing," in the first line, the figure "1."

And by adding after the word "with," in the last line, the following:—

"2. That said Return be filed within ten days of the passing of this Resolution.

"3. That said Return be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of this House."

The amendment was negatived.

Main motion agreed to.

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Fifth and Sixth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 8th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amalgamation of its water systems, and other powers incidental thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 8th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition:—

Petition No. 5—Municipality of Burnaby.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 7th, 1929.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved. That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Companies," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Gillis* moved, seconded by Mr. *MacPherson*,—

1. That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (a) All persons who have been appointed in any capacity of public service under the Statutes of British Columbia, other than the Civil Service, who have resigned, been dismissed, or had their services dispensed with

since August 21st, 1928; (b) date of their leaving such service; (c) reason for their dismissal or services dispensed with.

2. That said Return be filed within ten days of the passing of this Resolution.
3. That said Return be published in the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

With the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. M. Manson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all documents and correspondence passing between any Minister or departmental official of the late Liberal Government, or any member thereof, and one H. C. Wrinch, or any person or persons acting in his behalf, relating to the refund of certain taxes pertaining to the East Half of Lot 104, Cassiar District.

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

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burnaby Municipality Act, 1923'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount of long-term securities of the Province sold since August 20th, 1928?
2. In what amounts were such securities sold, when sold, and at what prices?
3. Were the issues or any portion thereof sold outright to the fiscal agents of the Province, and in what amounts?
4. What allowances were made (if any) under sections 2 and 5 of agreement between the Province and the fiscal agents?
5. Was 1 per cent. of total face value of securities sold retained by said fiscal agents?
6. Were any of the securities aforesaid offered to the City of Greater Vancouver or any other corporation at a lower price than offered to the public generally? If so, at what price?
7. What was the term of such securities sold?
8. What is the annual percentage cost of the issues to the Province, including fee of 1 per cent. to fiscal agents?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows:—

"1. \$12,417,000.

"2. \$6,000,000 were offered and sold to twenty-five institutions by Fiscal Agency between the dates of September 12th and September 26th at 93.75 per 100. \$6,417,000 were offered and sold by Fiscal Agency to institutions, dealers, and general public between the dates of January 16th to January 25th at following prices: To institutions and dealers at 94.69 per 100 less 1 per cent., and to general public at 94.69 net. Any bonds sold to general public by Fiscal Agency will net the Province 93.69. At present time full details of quantity so sold not at hand. The maximum spread to Fiscal Agency being 1 per cent. only, Province getting the benefit of extra price on retail sales.

"3. None.

"4. Under section 2 of agreement: Answered by No. 2. Under section 5 of agreement: 1 per cent.

"5. Net proceeds of sales received by Province and commission of 1 per cent. paid from Consolidated Revenue.

"6. No information, but presumed they would come under category of institutions and would be entitled to 1 per cent. off 94.69.

"7. \$6,000,000 dated October 1st, 1928, 25 years, 4½ per cent.; \$6,417,000 dated January 23rd, 1929, 40 years, 4½ per cent.

"8. 5.01 per cent. on first issue; 4.92 per cent. on second issue.

"NOTE.—Average spread of sales by public tender between 1922 and 1928 from \$2.08 minimum to \$2.41 maximum per \$100. Under the Fiscal Agency, the spread between cost and sales price by sale through Fiscal Agency averages less than \$1.50 per \$100."

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

1. Has one Albert F. Griffiths, an architect of Victoria, been employed by the Attorney-General to investigate irregularities in the Liquor Control Board?
2. What is the amount of money that has been paid to the said Albert F. Griffiths to date?
3. Will the information found by the said Albert F. Griffiths be brought down to the House for consideration?
4. If irregularities are found, will the Government prosecute?

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

"1. Investigations of the operations of the 'Government Liquor Act' are being made. It is not deemed advisable in the public interests to give any further information on the subject.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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 5.25 p.m.

Monday, February 11th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Chadwick*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *Dick*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas Percy Williams, Esquire, a native son of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, won the 100-metre and 200-metre events at the 1928 Olympic Games:

And whereas Percy Williams, Esquire, on Saturday, February 9th, 1929, led the Canadian team to victory at the International Melrose Games at Madison Square Garden, New York, and there gained a further victory as a Canadian representative:

And whereas the said Percy Williams has brought honour and distinction to his native Province by establishing world records in athletic events:

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That this House express its appreciation of the splendid victories won for Canada by Percy Williams, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to him.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. *Cornett* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "West Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1920," and for other powers.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1928.

To lie upon the table.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 6th, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause all Orders in Council, or certified copies thereof, to be made available for

perusal by any one at any time during office hours within the General Office of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

With the leave of the House, Mr *Wrinch* (Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* being absent) moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gillis*,—

To strike out the word "one" in the third line of said Resolution, and add the following words: "person who is registered as an elector under the 'Provincial Elections Act,' being chapter 76, Statutes of 1924, and amendments thereto."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *M. Manson* on February 5th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all documents and correspondence passing between any Minister or departmental official of the late Liberal Government, or any member thereof, and one H. C. *Wrinch*, or any person or persons acting in his behalf, relating to the refund of certain taxes pertaining to the East Half of Lot 104, Cassiar District.

Mr. *A. M. Manson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gillis*,—

To add the following words: "and for a Return of a certified copy of the Order in Council relating thereto."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to indemnify and relieve Captain James Fitzsimmons respecting his Election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. *A. M. Manson* moved an amendment.

A point of order was taken by the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe*.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order.

Mr. *Pattullo* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Shelly</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Davie</i>
<i>Cornett</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Burden</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Dick</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Beatty</i>			

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>

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

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

That the names of the honourable second member for Vancouver City and the honourable member for North Vancouver be added as members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Hon. Mr. *Shelly*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of the honourable member for Alberni be added as a member of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

1. Was one John Dunford appointed to look after land-settlement schemes throughout the Province?

2. How much has he been paid up to date?

3. Has he been guaranteed a steady position, and at how much per month?

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

“1. No.

“2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “West Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1920,” and for other purposes, was received.

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill No. 50—Provincial Telephone Company, the name of which has been amended to read “North-west Telephone Company.”

Bill No. 56—Saanich Transportation By-law Confirmatory Act, 1929.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, Report No. 3 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills was adopted.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 5th, 1929.

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 5th, 1929.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Taxation Exemption Act Amendment Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 12th, 1929.

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 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Taxation Exemption Act Amendment Act,' a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia" 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. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Shelly*, it was *Resolved*.—

That the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Hairdressers of British Columbia" be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Borden*, *Dick*, and *Hanna*, with power to report its findings and recommendations to the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 6th, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause all Orders in Council, or certified copies thereof, to be made available for perusal by any one at any time during office hours within the General Office of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Wrinch* on February 11th, as follows:—

To strike out the word "one" in the third line of said Resolution, and add the following words: "person who is registered as an elector under the 'Provincial Elections Act,' being chapter 76, Statutes of 1924, and amendments thereto."

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

Resolved in the negative.

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

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>MacPherson</i>			

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Davie</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Cornett</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Burden</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Dick</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Beatty</i>	<i>Shelly</i>		

The Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*.—

To strike out all the words of the said motion after the initial word "That," and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"this Legislature, while appreciating and commending the courteous action of the Government in allowing the Leader of the Opposition to have access to Orders in Council, recognizes

the inalienable and unrestricted right of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to deal with Orders in Council as he may deem fit."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Quarries" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, that a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

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

1. Was one Harry Houstin appointed Sheriff of the County of Kootenay, except those portions comprised in the Revelstoke and Columbia Electoral Districts?

2. Did said Houstin subsequently decline acceptance of appointment, and for what reasons?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes. No reason given."

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 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 13th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioner to proceed with the Bill, and that the penalty fee of \$300 paid by the promoters be remitted.

Petition No. 9—Municipality of West Vancouver.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Cornett*, Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate North-west Telephone Company" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of January, 1929, between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, and to authorize the Discontinuance of Railway Service upon the North Shore District Line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway."

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Companies."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Pursuant to an Order of the House dated the 11th instant, the Hon. Mr. *Shelly* presented a Return relating to refund of taxes to the East Half of Lot 104, Cassiar District.

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

1. What is the total construction cost, including interest and maintenance, of the Sumas Drainage and Dyking Scheme to December 31st, 1928?

2. What has been the total sum of money advanced by the Land Settlement Board to the Sumas drainage and dyking reclamation up to December 31st, 1928, including interest and all moneys advanced?

3. For what work or improvement was this sum expended, and what was the amount expended on each?

4. What acreage supervised by the Dyking Commissioner was cropped during 1928?

5. What was the quantity of products produced?

6. What returns in cash have been received?

7. What was the total expense of the farming operations carried on under supervision of the Dyking Commissioner?

8. Did the Dyking Commissioner make a profit or loss in these operations?

9. Has the Land Settlement Board and the Dyking Commissioner made any profit or loss in operating this project since 1924? If so, how much, and to whom is this debited or credited?

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

"1. Organization expenses and preliminaries, including expenses of Commissioners prior to appointment of Land Settlement Board, \$94,500; contract price paid, \$2,899,500; maintenance and development, \$436,507.58; interest on advances, \$1,242,901.88; total, \$4,673,409.46.

"2. \$5,004,311.41 less credits and payments, \$330,901.95; net advances, \$4,673,409.46.

"3. See answer No. 1.

"4. 6,241 acres.

"5. Oats, 745 tons; barley, 277 tons; wheat, 5 tons; rye, 1 ton; Tangier pea, ½ ton; Manchurian pea, 5 tons; hay, 454 tons; clover-straw, 296 tons; red-clover seed, 18 tons 1,650 lb.; alsike-seed, 6 tons.

"6. Returns in cash, \$25,375.83; stock on hand, valued \$23,286.79.

"7 and 8. Loss on farming operations for year ended December 31st, 1928, \$45,437.85.

"9. Deficit on income on project operation to January 1st, 1928, \$2,829.68; deficit for 1928, \$36,881.06; total deficit in income account to December 31st, 1928, \$39,710.74."

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

1. Was a reserve placed upon certain lands in the Cariboo and Cassiar Districts on the Finlay and Parsnip Rivers?
2. If so, what is the purpose of the reserve, and at whose instance was reserve made?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. In order to have a cruise made of the timber and examination of the land. The Northern Cross Development Company, Limited.”

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 5.36 p.m.

Thursday, February 14th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Ninth and Tenth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills 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 ‘Burnaby Municipality Act, 1923.’”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for presenting reports be extended to the 26th instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Stock-brands Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Burden*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Surveyors Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Inquiries Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development," a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Kergin*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to indemnify and relieve Captain James Fitzsimmons respecting his Election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Quarries" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of January, 1929, between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, and to authorize the Discontinuance of Railway Service upon the North Shore District Line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with reference to the proposed amendment moved by Mr. A. M. Manson on February 11th during the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to indemnify and relieve Captain James Fitzsimmons respecting his Election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly":—

" February 14th, 1929.

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,—At the sitting on Monday afternoon during the debate on Bill No. 4, 'An Act to indemnify and relieve Captain James Fitzsimmons respecting his Election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly,' an amendment was moved by the honourable member for Omineca.

"I ruled the amendment out of order on the ground of irrelevancy (see *May*, page 285). On an appeal to the House against my decision the Chair was sustained.

"The amendment was not printed in the Votes and Proceedings because I found on examination that it was not signed and therefore not properly seconded as required by Rule 50, which says: 'All motions except a motion to adjourn and the "previous question" shall be written in ink and seconded and signed by the mover and seconder before being debated or put from the Chair.'

"*May*, page 271, 13th ed., says: 'When a motion or amendment is not seconded or the seconder's speech is not finished at the time for the interruption of the debate, no entry appears in the Votes and Proceedings as the House is not put in possession of it and *res gestæ* only are entered.'

"*Bourinot*, page 297, says: 'If a motion is not seconded, no entry appears in the Votes and Proceedings as the House is not in possession of it.'

The Hon. Mr. *Shelley* presented a Return pursuant to section 43 (1) of the "Revenue Act," chapter 222, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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 p.m.

Friday, February 15th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 15th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills 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. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Delta."

And that the penalty fee of \$300 paid by the promoter under Rule 72 be refunded to it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bruhn*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm By-law No. 408 of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and an Agreement and a Confirmatory Agreement both made on the 19th day of July, 1928, between The Corporation of the District of Saanich and John Samuel Henry Matson" be discharged, and the Bill referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 6th, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause all Orders in Council, or certified copies thereof, to be made available for perusal by any one at any time during office hours within the General Office of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe* on February 12th, as follows:—

To strike out all the words of the said motion after the initial word "That," and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"this Legislature, whilst appreciating and commending the courteous action of the Government in allowing the Leader of the Opposition to have access to Orders in Council, recognizes the inalienable and unrestricted right of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to deal with Orders in Council as he may deem fit."

The debate continued.

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

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Beatty</i>	<i>Shelly</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Davie</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Burden</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>
<i>Cornett</i>	<i>Gray</i>

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

Resolved in the affirmative on the same division.

And the question being put on the main motion as amended, it was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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 5.17 p.m.

Monday, February 18th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. W. J. Sipprell.

TWENTY-THREE MINUTES PAST 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 titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 3) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."

(No. 4) An Act to indemnify and relieve Captain James Fitzsimmons respecting his Election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

(No. 5) An Act to amend the "Ferries Act."

(No. 14) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."

(No. 20) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."

(No. 24) An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of January, 1929, between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, and to authorize the Discontinuance of Railway Service upon the North Shore District Line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

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

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 18th, 1929.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (acting for the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1929.

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. 29) 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.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills."

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, adjourned to 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 'Land Surveyors Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.