Monday, February 21st, 1927.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon, the Premier, the House proceeded to the Order of business of "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions," with reference particularly to the motion for adjournment of the House moved by Mr. *Twigg* on the 18th instant.

Mr. Twigg moved, seconded by Mr. Jones,—

Whereas by declaration on oath of one John A. Gauthier, dated the 16th day of February, 1927, the said John A. Gauthier doth make statements reflecting upon the honour of certain members of this Legislature, and upon the manner in which the public business of this Province has been transacted:

And whereas the said declaration is in the words following:-

- "I, John A. Gauthier, late of 561 Eighth Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C., now of Seattle, State of Washington, U.S.A., salesman, do solemnly declare:—
- "1. That I first arrived at Vancouver, B.C., in the year 1908 and was variously engaged in business in that city until the year 1920, when I obtained the agency of various French manufactures—amongst others, for wines and liquors.
- "2. In May, 1922, whilst on the train going East from Vancouver I met John A. Buckham, M.L.A. of British Columbia for Golden, B.C., and discussed with him the quality of liquor being then sold by the Government of British Columbia in its vendors' stores.
- "3. I suggested to said Buckham that I was in a position to obtain better liquor at better prices, and he said he would take the matter up with the proper authorities.
- "4. I heard nothing more about the matter until I returned to Vancouver at the end of June, 1922, when by arrangement with said Buckham I went to Victoria and was introduced by him to Alec Manson, Attorney-General for British Columbia, in the latter's office. The question of sending me over to the Old Country was then discussed, but said Manson did not like the idea as it would interfere with existing arrangements, and mentioned that McArthur and Paterson would not like it. Said Buckham and I, after discussing the matter generally, then left his office, and said Buckham took me to Dr. Sutherland's office, said Sutherland being Minister of Public Works for British Columbia. I had never met said Sutherland before. After the advisability of my going to the Old Country to purchase liquor had been fully discussed, said Sutherland gave it as his opinion that the idea was a good one as liquors of better quality and at a cheaper price would be obtainable. I gained the impression at the time that said Sutherland was then in control of the liquor business for the Government. It was finally arranged he would look into question and let me know.
- "5. In November, 1922, by arrangement I met Dr. Sutherland in his office at Victoria and he told me to hold myself in readiness; that everything was being arranged. We also settled a code of communication. He handed me a copy of a Report of the Liquor Commissioners and asked me to go through the brands being bought and to advise him of those which were no good. I did so advise him by writing.
- "6. By arrangement I again met Dr. Sutherland and said Buckham at one Stewart's office in Vancouver; said Stewart being an Inspector of Factories. This meeting was in the beginning of January, 1923. Said Sutherland told me he was going to Ottawa in February and to be sure to meet him there, that he would have orders for 20,000 cases signed by the Purchasing Agent, and that he would have my credentials as representative of the Government to purchase liquor and make arrangements with the distilleries in the Old Country.
- "7. On or about February 12th, 1923, said Buckham informed me that orders for only 10,000 cases could be obtained, and these would be mailed to my post-office box at Vancouver by Paterson, Purchasing Agent for the Government.

"8. I shortly after received at said box said orders for 10,000 cases of Scotch whisky signed by said Paterson.

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- "9. I left Vancouver on February 22nd, 1923, for Ottawa, and on arrival there met Dr. Sutherland and I showed to him said orders, three in number, signed by said Paterson. Dr. Sutherland asked me to see Senator Bostock, but I refused until he had seen him first and arranged matters. I did not know Senator Bostock. Later, being the following day, I called at the Senate Building and saw said Bostock, and he warned me that great powers were being given to me, and that at Dr. Sutherland's request he had signed an authority which he handed to me and which had been dictated by said Sutherland as the fullest kind of credential. Said document was written in said Senator's own handwriting and was upon the Speaker of the Senate's note-paper. A true copy of said credential, save the crest at the top and the place, is now produced and shown to me marked 'Exhibit A' hereto. Said Senator also arranged as to my passport.
- "10. In addition to the orders for 10,000 cases aforesaid, it was arranged in Vancouver at the meeting in Stewart's office in January, 1923, that I should place orders for 50,000 cases of various liquors per year for the length of time the Government would be in power, estimated at two and a half years. These orders were to be subject to said Paterson's confirmation before delivery.
- "11. After seeing said Bostock as aforesaid I again met Dr. Sutherland at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa, and he wrote out an agreement between us to the effect that I was to have the whole of the commission on the said three orders for 10,000 cases of Scotch whisky plus \$3,000 on account of my expenses, but that thereafter the commission payable on any of the 50,000 cases a year arrangement was to be equally divided between said Sutherland and myself; and, further, that all commissions were to be paid by the manufacturers to my credit at the Seattle National Bank at Seattle; and, further, that later when I made withdrawals the said Sutherland was to have a representative present. Both said Sutherland and myself signed said agreement and said Sutherland retained same.
- "12. Under said arrangement I was to obtain my commissions from the manufacturers, no commissions being paid by the Government of British Columbia.
- "13, I left for England shortly after aforesaid events on board S.S. 'Montcalm' and on arrival went to Glasgow.
- "14. I placed an order for 5,000 cases Scotch whisky with Peter Dawson, carrying 5 shillings a case commission; a further order with J. & W. Hardie, of Edinburgh, for 2,500 cases of Scotch whisky with commission at 5 shillings per case; both these orders were confirmed by cable by Purchasing Agent Paterson. I placed a further order for 2,500 cases with Macdonald & Muir, of Leith, commission at 10 shillings a case, but this was not confirmed by said Paterson by cable, said Paterson cabling instead that he would confirm on arrival in Scotland. This he never did.
- "15. I cabled Buckham aforesaid of Paterson's attitude, and he cabled in reply to go ahead and place orders, everything would be all right.
- "16. I therefore proceeded to carry out my instructions as arranged in Vancouver and Victoria and visited various manufacturers in Scotland, England, and France, being also instructed by Buckham by cable to make arrangements for orders which would be confirmed and closed by Paterson on arrival. In this manner I arranged for about 50,000 cases of various liquors per year for two years. So far as I know, none of these orders were confirmed by said Paterson.
 - "17. I left for British Columbia on May 10th, 1923, and passed said Paterson at sea.
- "18. About three weeks after my arrival in Vancouver said Buckham informed me that Manson, the Attorney-General, was objecting, and had cabled the Agent-General in London repudiating my credentials. I knew in London that said Manson was objecting, but heard nothing there of repudiation.
- "19. Later in Vancouver I received letters from Peter Dawson and Hardie saying that Paterson had informed them that my credentials were bogus.
- "20. In September, 1923, I saw said Paterson by appointment with Dr. Sutherland, and said Paterson then informed me that he had told the distillers that my credentials were a forgery and bogus and he had made arrangements that I would never see a cent of the commission.

- "21. I had various meetings with Sutherland and Buckham after my said return, and, not being able to obtain any commission, said Dr. Sutherland instructed aforesaid Stewart, Inspector of Factories, to give me sums of money up to a total of \$3,000, and this the said Stewart did.
- "22. In November, 1923, said Buckham informed me that Sutherland and he could do no more, that they were in a jack-pot.
- "23. I then decided that I should take action against said Paterson for defamation of character, and I wrote to Senator Bostock and finally in March, 1924, I wrote to Premier John Oliver, stating all the facts and demanding payment of my commission. I received no reply, but very shortly after I was requested by one W. T. McArthur to call at his office in Vancouver, which I did. He asked me various questions, stating that I had written to John Oliver. He also threatened me and offered me \$1,000 in settlement of my claim for defamation against Paterson. I refused and left. The next day, in consequence of a letter I wrote said McArthur demanding an immediate settlement, said McArthur asked me to see him, and I went to his office and finally agreed to accept \$5,000 in full of my claim against Paterson and \$20,000 in full on account of commission, said \$20,000 to be paid in two months' time.
- "24. A couple of days later I met McArthur again by appointment and we went to his lawyer's office. The lawyer's name was Alex. Henderson. McArthur there produced from his pocket a receipt and a statutory declaration, paid me \$5,000 in cash, and I signed receipt and swore to declaration before said Henderson. I asked McArthur to leave said documents with said Henderson, and after McArthur had left I made copies and had them certified as correct copies by said Henderson. This all occurred on April 1st, 1924.
 - "25. I did not receive the said sum of \$20,000 in two months or at all.
- "26. In December, 1924, I again saw said McArthur and demanded payment, and he refused, saying I had no case as I had signed said receipt and declaration. He also stated that if I was going to 'cause us' any more trouble he would fix me, and went on to say they could soon frame up something against me to put me away.
- "27. When I signed the declaration on oath on April 1st, 1924, I handed to said McArthur copy of letter to John Oliver, original letters from J. & W. Hardie, Macdonald & Muir, and my copies of orders approved by Purchasing Agent Paterson. All my other documents, including Bostock's credential, had been given by me to aforesaid Buckham in Stewart's office in Vancouver in the beginning of August, 1923, and about the same time Dr. Sutherland informed me and I verily believe that he had given our agreement made in Ottawa to said Buckham.
- "And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the 'Canada Evidence Act.'

"JOHN A. GAUTHIER.

"Declared before me at the City of Seattle, State of Washington, U.S.A., this 16th day of February, 1927.

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" C. M. MAY,

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Scattle."

" A."

"February 28th, 1923.

"To whom it may concern:

"This is to certify that Mr. John A. Gauthier, of Vancouver, British Columbia, has full power to transact and make arrangement for the purchase of liquors for the Government of British Columbia; any arrangement he may make for the purchase of liquor will be confirmed at Victoria by the Purchasing Agent.

"(Signed) Hewitt A. Bostock,

Senator for British Columbia.

"This is the Exhibit 'A' referred to in the declaration of John A. Gauthier declared before me on the 16th day of February, 1927.

" C. M. MAY,

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle." Be it therefore Resolved, That a humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Royal Commission be forthwith appointed to inquire into all the matters set forth in said declaration, and any matters relating thereto, and into the truth of the allegations contained therein; and that the said Royal Commission do report its findings and make such recommendations as it may deem advisable in the premises to safeguard the interests of the people of this Province; and, further, that such Royal Commission be empowered to travel beyond the confines of British Columbia and hear evidence and determine upon the evidence taken both within and without such confines.

And, further, that such Royal Commission shall have power to summon witnesses and examine them upon oath and to order the production of documents.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver rose to a point of order relating to the responsibility of honourable members in moving a Resolution of this nature.

Mr. Twigg (the mover) and Mr. Jones (the seconder) thereupon agreed to accept such responsibility, and to the motion being amended by inserting the following words at the commencement thereof: "Whereas we are credibly informed and do believe that we will be able to establish by satisfactory evidence the truth of the allegations of one John A. Gauthier set out below."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act.' "

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Exchange of Townsite Lands of the Crown" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting Dewdney Dyking District" 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 Mr. Paterson, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Saanich" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs.

On the motion of Dr. Wrinch, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce" was discharged, and the Bill referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture with instructions that the Bill be further considered by that Committee and reported back to the House.

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

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 21st, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preambles of the undermentioned Bills have been proved, and the Bills ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Oliver, it was Resolved,—
That the transcript of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise recently sitting in Victoria and Vancouver, and used by the Select Committee appointed by Order of the House on January 31st re campaign funds, be returned to the Department of the Attorney-General.

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

- 1. What sum of money has been expended in photo-topographical surveys since April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?
- 2. What sum of money has been expended on land surveys since April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?
- 3. What sum of money has been expended on water surveys since April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

The Hon, Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:-

- "1. \$24,565.67; approximate commitment, \$30,000; field-notes not completed.
- "2. \$31,507.95; approximate commitment, \$98,000; field-notes not completed.
- "3. \$12,724.58; approximate commitment, \$14,000."

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.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. $I.\ A.\ Mackenzie$ presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 22nd, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to report as follows:-

(1.) Your Committee on Public Accounts had their attention directed to an item on page N 174 of the Public Accounts, 1925–26, which refers to a grant of \$11,268.19 made by the Depart-

ment of the Provincial Secretary to the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver. In connection with this item Mr. Thomas Menzies, Superintendent of Neglected Children, appeared before your Committee and made several grave and sweeping charges against the administration of the Society, and in particular against Mr. A. H. Hanna, the Manager of the Children's Home on Wall Street, Vancouver.

- (2.) It is unfortunate, and your Committee regret that these charges were given a great degree of prominence in the press before those responsible for the administration of the Society had an opportunity of being heard. Arrangements were made, however, to have this done and every single charge of irregularity and maladministration was thoroughly sifted and examined.
- (3.) Your Committee had the benefit of the personal representations of a number of the directors of the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver and also a memorandum in writing setting forth the views of a number of the lady directors who were unable to be present.
- (4.) Your Committee were greatly impressed with these representations, especially in view of the fact that these directors have been, at great personal sacrifice of time, money, and energy, in many cases for years, rendering consistent and devoted service to the cause of orphan and neglected children requiring assistance, and your Committee consider it a duty as a matter of public record to express their appreciation of the services rendered by these public-spirited citizens.
- (5.) Upon examination, irregularities of a somewhat serious nature were found to exist. Your Committee find that these irregularities were largely attributable to a lack of business training and a singular incapacity for business organization and business detail on the part of the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Hanna.
- (6.) Your Committee noted the strong testimony of the directors given in favour of Mr. Hanna as a specialist in child-management, and their opinion that his duties in supervising the welfare of the children may have been too strenuous to permit him paying adequate attention to correspondence and reports.
- (7.) Your Committee were advised that a very careful report on the workings of the institution was carried out by Touche & Company, Chartered Accountants. This report was produced before your Committee and we were further advised that the recommendations of the report are now being carefully carried out by the directors.
- (8.) Your Committee find there has been a very unfortunate lack of co-operation between the Secretary of the Children's Home in Vancouver and the Provincial Superintendent of Neglected Children, and respectfully point out to the directors of the Children's Aid Society and to the Department of the Provincial Secretary, with a view to requisite action, that the cause of the children is of much more importance to this Province than the personal career or personal feelings of either of these two gentlemen, and recommend that more co-operation should be manifest in the future.
- (9.) Your Committee recommend that steps be taken to ensure that, if necessary, proper assistance be provided in the Home to supervise reports, committals, and correspondence.
- (10.) Your Committee point out, although only regularly committed children are provided for by Statute, yet a very large proportion of the expenditure is incurred on behalf of non-committed children cared for by the institution, and that the care of these non-committed children is a moral if not a statutory obligation.
- (11.) Your Committee were advised that in the near future there is to be undertaken at the instigation of the directors of the Children's Aid Society, in the Province, a child-welfare survey to be conducted by specialists from the Canadian Council on Child Welfare, and recommend that no vital departure in policy be encouraged until this survey has been completed.
- (12.) Your Committee were impressed with the evidence presented as to the dangerous condition of the Children's Home as a fire-hazard, but while recommending the utmost precautions to protect against danger from fire, your Committee cannot recommend the construction of new buildings at this time, as the whole system of child-welfare work and institutional care may be drastically modified as the result of the survey above mentioned.
- (13.) Your Committee find that the present Government grant amounts to \$3 per week per capita, and, in view of the fact that this Home does such commendable work in receiving and caring for neglected and orphan children from all portions of the Mainland, recommend to the Department of the Provincial Secretary that in order to assist the cases not regularly committed,

and to enable donations to be used for other necessary purposes in the Home, and to ensure proper attention to correspondence, committals, and reports, the present *per capita* grant be increased to \$4 per week.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IAN A. MACKENZIE, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. Neelands, Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation 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. Twigg on the 21st instant relating to certain statements alleged to have been made by one John A. Gauthier relating to commission on liquor purchases.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. MacLean,-

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "humble" in the first line be struck out, and the following words inserted in substitution therefor:—

"Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Royal Commission under the authority of the 'Public Inquiries Act' be appointed to inquire into the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in the preamble hereto."

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Reported complete with amendments.

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

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Exchange of Townsite Lands of the Crown" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance 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. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 22nd, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Paterson presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 22nd, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs begs leave to report as follows:—Your Committee has examined "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Saanich," has received and heard deputations from the above-named municipality, and beg leave to report the Bill to the House without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. PATERSON, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Paterson*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Saanich" was *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Seventeenth Report 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. 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 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered. Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon, the Attorney-General the following questions:-

- 1. Has Gerald G. McGeer, K.C., rendered an account for services rendered in the year 1926 to the Provincial Government in connection with the application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for revision of railway rates and removal of discrimination against British Columbia?
- 2. If so: (a.) What is the total amount of said bill as rendered? (b.) What is the amount of fees charged in the said bill? (c.) What is the amount of disbursements charged in the said bill? (d.) What amount of disbursements so charged is for counsel fees? (e.) What amount of said disbursements represents travelling expenses? (f.) What amount of said disbursements represents living expenses? (g.) How many trips to Ottawa did the said McGeer make in connection with the said employment? (h.) What was the amount charged for each trip (1) in respect of fees and (2) in respect of disbursements? (i.) Has the said bill been taxed, and for what amount in respect of (1) fees and (2) disbursements?

The Hon, Mr. Manson replied as follows:-

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

Mr. Pooley asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

- 1. Has the Department or Game Board granted a special trapping licence and (or) fur-farm concession on Nelson Island?
 - 2. If yes, when were said concessions or either of them granted, and to whom?
- 3. Is the said Nelson Island a game reserve? If not, has it ever been a game reserve? If yes, when was the reserve cancelled?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:-

- "1. Yes; (a) to trap racoon and mink only in certain defined portions of Nelson Island, and (b) to farm muskrats on privately owned property.
- "2. (a.) Walter Wray, December 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927; John Wray, December 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927; John West, December 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927. (b.) Green Bay Fur Farm, March 31st, 1924, to December 31st, 1927.
- "3. Yes; primarily with the object of protecting deer and upland game birds, and it was to protect game birds on the reserve that special permits to trap racoon and mink have been granted for special areas, as these animals have been the cause of much damage."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Perry presented the report of the Select Committee appointed by Resolution of the House dated February 11th to inquire into certain statements re the Merville Settlement, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 21st, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly dated the 11th day of the present month to inquire as to:—

- (1.) Whether or not the Thomas Menzies referred to did make or assist in making and did sign any report to the Government or any member thereof containing the statement as alleged.
- (2.) Whether or not \$167,000 of the public moneys of British Columbia or any other amount of public money disappeared or was unaccounted for as alleged by the statement made by the member for Similkameen, supported by the member for South Okanagan and the member for Esquimalt,—

begs leave to report as follows:-

Your Committee heard evidence from Mr. W. A. McKenzie, M.L.A.; from Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.L.A.; from Mr. J. W. Jones, M.L.A.; from Mr. Thomas Menzies; from Colonel Latta, of the Land Settlement Board; from Mr. Sonley, Accountant of the Land Settlement Board; and from Mr. Wright, the Assistant Comptroller-General.

No evidence was adduced to show that Thomas Menzies did make or assist in making or did sign any report to the Government (or to any person) containing the statements as alleged to have been made by the member for Similkameen and as set out in the preamble to the Resolution appointing the Committee; on the contrary, the evidence was directly to the contrary effect.

Evidence showed that statements made in the House by Mr. W. A. McKenzie, M.L.A., had been based upon a memo, handed to Mr. J. W. Jones, M.L.A., by Mr. Menzies in 1921, who at that time was member for Comox; but Mr. Menzies stated under oath that, while not denying that he had handed the said memo, to Mr. Jones, he was not the author of the said memo, and that any writing on same had "no semblance whatever to his"; and further stated that it "was not a copy of any report he ever made," but that presumably "it was a report handed to him by some one whom he could not recall, as a statement of facts of conditions in Merville," and that in handing said memo, to Mr. Jones he had said "here is something on the Merville that you can make use of; I cannot."

No evidence was adduced to show that \$167,000 or any other sums of public moneys of British Columbia had disappeared or was unaccounted for as by the statement made by the member for Similkameen, supported by the member for South Okanagan and the member for Esquimalt. On the contrary, the evidence showed not only that no money had disappeared or was unaccounted for, but that it was absolutely impossible for it to do so.

In view of the length of time the unofficial memo, had been held by the members above referred to, your Committee regrets the said members did not bring the said statements to the attention of the Public Accounts Committee years ago, and your Committee consider that all members of the Legislature should more thoroughly inquire into the sources of and responsibility for information received by them before making statements as legislators and public men.

A transcript of the evidence is attached hereto, together was a photostat of the only report signed by Mr. Menzies made to the Government.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 23rd, 1927.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That it has further considered Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce," and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed in an amended form, a copy of which in amended form is hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. ROTHWELL, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Dr. Wrinch, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce" was Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie drew attention to the fact that the point of order raised by him on the 17th instant was still undisposed of.

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter was under consideration.

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts was adopted.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting The Yorkshire & Canadian Trust, Limited" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922'" 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. 50) intituled "An Act respecting The British Columbia Electric Power & Gas Company, Limited."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

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

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal by Exchange of Townsite Lands of the Crown,"

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Department Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act."

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting certain Defunct Railway Companies."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

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

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was again committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 71)intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting Dewdney Dyking District" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Catherwood asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:-

What was the total amount of travelling expenses of the Attorney-General from April 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—
"\$742.70."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1927.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

110. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$18,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, to 31st March, 1928.

111. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.

112. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$17,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.

113. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1928.

114. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$39,211 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1928.

115. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,948 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1928.

- 120. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$13,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 121. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$456,261 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1928.
- 122. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1928.
- 123. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1928.
- 124. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1928.
- 125. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lumber Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1928.
- 126. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1928.
- 127. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Insect Damage: Investigation and Control, to 31st March, 1928.
- 128. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1928.
- 129. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Classification, to 31st March, 1928.
- 131. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1928.
- 132. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, British Columbia Hydrometric Survey, to 31st March, 1928.
- 133. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act," Chap. 80, 1918, to 31st March, 1928.
- 134. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Surveys, to 31st March, 1928.
- 135. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Photo-topographical Surveys, to 31st March, 1928.
- 136. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lithograph Maps, to 31st March, 1928.
- 137. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act"; Refunds under "Revenue Act Amendment Act, 1920," to 31st March, 1928.
- 138. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Adjustment of Rebate on Purchase Price of Southern Okanagan Lands, to 31st March, 1928.
- 139. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Foreshore Investigations, to 31st March, 1928.
- 140. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Parks Administration, to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1927.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Two o'clock P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. Sutherland, Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway 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, Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories 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. Twigg on the 21st instant relating to certain statements alleged to have been made by one John A. Gauthier relating to commission on liquor purchases; and on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. Oliver on the 22nd instant.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

		YEAS—18.	
		Messieurs	
Creery	Manson, M.	Coventry	McKenzie, W. A.
Browne	Lyons	Peck	Jones
Bruhn	Hayward	Davie	Pooley
Wallinger	Twigg	Lister	Hinchliffe
Catherwood	Schofield		
		Nays—25.	
		Messieurs	
Neelands	Colley	Manson, A. M.	Woodward
Uphill	Rothwell	McPherson	Paterson
Burde	Mackenzie, I. A.	Harrison	Kergin
Stoddart	Smith, Mrs.	Leary	Perry
Bryan	MacLean	McRae	Barrow
Munn	Oliver	Odlum	Pattullo
Wrinch			

Mr. Hinchliffe moved, seconded by Mr. Schofield,—

That all the words in the amendment after the words "praying that" be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor: "the Royal Commission which has been appointed to inquire into campaign funds be empowered to inquire into the statements made in the said declaration, and into the matters to which such statements refer; and that, in addition to the powers conferred upon and the duties required of the said Commission by and under the 'Public Inquiries Act,' it shall have power, by and through its Chairman, to prosecute its inquiries throughout Canada, Great Britain, and France, and shall include in its report its findings upon the evidence that may be presented to it outside this Province."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. Oliver on January 28th relating to certain lands conveyed by the Province of British Columbia to the Dominion of Canada in connection with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Twigg on February 2nd.

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

Mr. Pooley moved, seconded by Mr. Hayward,-

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, documents, papers, and Orders in Council passing between the Attorney-General, or any member of the staff of the

Attorney-General's Department, and the Police Magistrate of the City of Prince George, or the Mayor or clerk of the said city, or any other person dealing with the prosecution of Constable Alexander Young, convicted of supplying liquor to a minor.

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

Mr. Hayward moved, seconded by Mr. Lyons,-

Whereas from the Province of British Columbia there is each year a large exportation of our raw logs to foreign ports:

And whereas it would appear that foreigners are fast securing control of our timber areas, with the probability that the timber thereon will also be eventually exported:

And whereas many of our citizens have been and are being forced to leave the Province to obtain employment, some following the logs to help in their manufacture into a finished product:

And whereas the manufacture of these logs into the finished product within the Province would create much employment, ensure larger pay-rolls, build up industries, put more money in circulation at home, and would tend to stop emigration:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it would be in the interests of the people of British Columbia to have our logs manufactured from the raw to the finished state within the Province, and that this House respectfully asks the Government to take such steps as may be required to stimulate and encourage such manufacture, so as to reduce the exportation of raw logs to a minimum.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Sutherland,-

That all the words of the preamble and the Resolution after the first word "Whereas" be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:—

- "the policy of the Government is (to the fullest extent of their authority) to secure the manufacture within the Province of the timber wealth of the Province in so far as such manufacture is economically and practically possible:
- "And whereas the policy of the Government is and has been not only to encourage the manufacture of our timber wealth within the Province to the fullest extent economically possible, but also to enlarge and extend to the fullest extent the markets wherein the finished products of the timber wealth of the Province can be profitably disposed of:
- "Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves of the policy of the Government as hereinbefore set out."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Second reading negatived on the following division:-

YEAS-12. Messieurs Manson, M. DavieColley Odlum Schofield Lister Mackenzie, I. A. Woodward Coventry McKenzie, W. A. Leary Perry NAYS-29. Messieurs Munn McPherson Creery TwiggWrinch Neelands UphillHarrison Browne BurdeRothwellMcRaeSmith, Mrs. Bruhn Kergin Jones MacLeanBarrowWallinger Hinchliffe Sutherland Oliver CatherwoodStoddart Bryan Manson, A. M. Pattullo Luons Hayward

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Aliens Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Employees in certain Industrial Occupations."

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

		Y	EAS—23.		
		\mathbf{M}	essieurs		
Creery	Manson, M.		Davie		Leary
Neclands	Schofield		Lister		Odlum
Browne	Uphill		McKenzie, W. A		Woodward
Bruhn	Burde		Jones		Kergin
Wallinger	Coventry		Hinchliffe		Perry
Catherwood	Peck		Mackenzie, I. A.		
		N.	AYS-19.		
		\mathbf{M}	essieurs		
Hayward	Wrinch		Oliver		Paterson
Twigg	Colley		Manson, A. M.		Barrow
Stoddart	Rothwell	•	McPherson		Sutherland
Bryan	Smith, Mrs .		Harrison		Pattullo
Munn	MacLean		McRae		
			PAIRS:		
		\mathbf{M}	essieurs		
	Pooley		Slog	42	

To be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie on the 17th instant on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce," as follows:—

" Honourable Members:

- "The honourable the fourth member for Vancouver City the other day raised several points of order in connection with Bill No. 43, 'An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce,' which at a previous Session of the House had been ordered for second reading at the next sitting of the House. The points raised were as follows:—
- "(a.) That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture were considering the Bill despite the fact that they had not, at the time, the Bill in charge.
 - "(b.) That the Bill was ultra vires the powers of this Legislature.
- "(c.) That the Bill was a Trade Bill and did not originate in the Committee of the Whole House as Trade Bills are required to do under Rule 58 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
- "The first point was not properly raised inasmuch as there was no report before the House indicating that the Committee on Agriculture was giving consideration to the Bill.
- "The second point is untenable and is not a point of order at all, but is rather a matter for the consideration of the House itself.
- "The third point gives more difficulty, but inasmuch as the Bill was introduced with the unanimous leave of the House, of which the Committee of the Whole is only a creature, and was read with the unanimous consent of the House the first time, and with the unanimous consent of the House ordered for second reading, I am disposed to rule that the Bill is properly before the House."

The Chair was sustained on appeal to the House.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 24th, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Notaries Public," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 24th, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th, 1927.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" a debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 141. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1928.
- 142. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Investigations, to 31st March, 1928.
- 143. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Immigration, to 31st March, 1928.
- 144. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1928.
- 130. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grazing: Range Improvement, to 31st March, 1928.
- 90. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 91. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$33,852 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 92. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, to 31st March, 1928.
- 93. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding 555,112 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1928.
- 94. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$119,844 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.13 p.m.

Friday, February 25th, 1927.

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.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Electric Power & Gas Company, Limited" 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. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Marketing of Fruit and other Produce."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

		1 EAS—25,	
		Messieurs	
Creery	Hayward	McKenzie, W. A.	Manson, A. M.
Neelands	Schofield	Jones	Leary
Browne	Uphill	Pooley	Paterson
Bruhn	Walkem	Hinchliffe	Perry
Wallinger	Coventry	Wrinch	Barrow
Manson, M.	Davie	Rothwell	Sutherland
Lyons	Lister	MacLean	Pattullo
		Nays-8.	
		Messieurs	
Munn	Mackenzie, I. A.	Oliver	MeRae
Colley	Smith, Mrs.	McPherson	Odlum
		PAIRS:	
		Messieurs	
	Peck	Bryan	

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor,

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

Government House,

February 25th, 1927.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'United Church of Canada 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:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 25th, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, he 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. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 25th, 1927.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pooley, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pooley, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Notaries Public" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Peck*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act."

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'United Church of Canada Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 95. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1928.
- 96. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500,871.83 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 97. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Exchange, to 31st March, 1928.
- 98. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 99. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 100. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1928.
- 101. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$775 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Premium on Insurance, Fairview Works, to 31st March, 1928.
- 102. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1928.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 11.12 p.m.

Monday, February 28th, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, seconded by the Hon. Dr. MacLean, it was Resolved,—
That the Select Committee of this House appointed on January 25th last to inquire into
the administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" and the "Workmen's Compensation Act"
be given permission to sit during the sittings of the House.

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

Mr. Twigg proceeded to state the subject-matter of the proposed motion upon which he had moved the adjournment of the House.

The Hop. Mr. Manson rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker requested Mr. Twigg to submit the proposed motion to him for consideration.

Upon Mr. Twigg declining to do this, Mr. Speaker ruled further debate on the matter out of order.

Mr. Pooley appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:-

YEAS-25.

Messieurs

Creery Wrinch
Neclands Colley
Browne Rothwell
Burde Smith, Mrs.
Stoddart MacLean
Bryan Oliver
Munn

Manson, A. M. McPherson Harrison Leary McRae Woodward

Paterson Kergin Perry Barrow Sutherland Pattullo

NAYS-15.

Messieurs

Bruhn Wallinger Manson, M. Hayward Twigg Walkem Coventry Peck

Davie Lister McKenzie, W. A. Jones

Pooley Hinchliffe Odlum

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Lyons Schofield Mackenzie, I. A.

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Department Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act."

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposal of certain Crown Lands in the Bella Coola Townsite."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting certain Defunct Railway Companies."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act."

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

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon, the Premier, the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, the Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Savings and Loan Associations" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 28th, 1927.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting therein the following as section 3 and renumbering the following sections:—

"3. Section 24 of said chapter 93 is amended by inserting after the word 'cordwood,' in the fifth line of clause (e) of subsection (2), the words 'pulp-wood, as defined by or under section 54, or fence-posts."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time.

With the leave of the House, the amendment was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act.'"

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

YEAS-25.

Messieurs

Creery Wrinch
Neclands Colley
Browne Rothwell
Burde Smith, Mrs.
Stoddart MacLean
Bryan Oliver
Munn

Manson, A. M. McPherson Harrison Leary McRae Odlum

Woodward Paterson Perry Barrow Sutherland Pattullo

Nays-14.

Messieurs

Bruhn Twigg
Wallinger Walkem
Manson, M. Coventry
Hayward Peck

Davie Lister McKenzie, W. A.

Jones Pooley Hinchliffe

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Lyons Schofield Mackenzie, I. A. Sloan

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage 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. 39) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Notaries Public."

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

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

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting Dewdney Dyking District" was committed. Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

 Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Duties of Agents in the Sale of Products of the Soil" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Dr. MacLean (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Sloan, Provincial Secretary) presented the Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1926.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, February 28th, 1927.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Amalgamation of the District of South Vancouver and the Municipality of Point Grey into the City of Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 20. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$13,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1928.
- 84. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1928.
- 73. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$103,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1928.

- 85. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$537,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, The University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1928.
- S6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Rural district school taxes, advances under sec. 26, "Public Schools Act Amendment Act," chap. 74, 1918, to 31st March, 1928.
- 61. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$64,116 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Protection, to 31st March, 1928.
- 103. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bureau of Information and Department of Industries, to 31st March, 1928.
- 104. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipalities Aid Act," Chap. 38, 1921 (Second Session), to 31st March, 1928.
- 105. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pari-mutuel Taxes, to 31st March, 1928.
- 150. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,065 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 151. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$19,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 152. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$41,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1928.
- 153. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,552 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1928.
- 154. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$13,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1928.
- 155. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12.500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1928.
- 156. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1928
- 157. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$42,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1928.
- 158. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy re Explosives to assist Bona-fide Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1928.
- 159. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising, Incidentals, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1928.
- 185. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 186. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$60,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1928.
- 187. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$107,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1928.
- 188. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1928.
- 189. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$58,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1928.
- 194. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Cariboo Highway (Toll Section), to 31st March, 1928.
- 195. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$144,448 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Repairs, etc., to Government Buildings throughout the Province (excepting Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1928.

- 160. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 161. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$18,364 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 162. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$107,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1928.
- 163. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$26,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1928.
- 164. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Libraries Act," to 31st March, 1928.
- 165. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$11,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1928.
- 166. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$659,575 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1928.
- 167. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$32,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1928.
- 168. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$239,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tubercular Hospital and Farm, to 31st March, 1928.
- 169. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$85,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial and Subnormal Boys' School, to 31st March, 1928.
- 170. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$32,480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1928.
- 171. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,076 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1928.
- 173. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1928.
- 174. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$50,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants re Civil Service, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 175. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1928.
- 176. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Registration of Voters, to 31st March, 1928.
- 177. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1928.
- 178. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1928.
- 180. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1928.
- 181. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Salaries of Members, "Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1928.
- 183. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Vancouver Publicity Bureau, to 31st March, 1928.

184. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies and Incidentals, to 31st March, 1928,

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Manson, it was Resolved,— That on all the following days of the Session there shall be three separate sittings of the Legislature each day, one from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30, one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., and the other from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st, 1927.

Two o'clock P.M.

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Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo presented the Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 172. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$360,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Hospitals and Charities, to 31st March, 1928.
- 179. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industries for Blind Adults, to 31st March, 1928.
- 182. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Historic Objects Preservation Act," to 31st March, 1928.
- 190. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1928.
- 191. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1928.
- 192. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2.341,718 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 193. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$154,258 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Ferries, to 31st March, 1928.
- 196. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$23,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, General Office, to 31st March, 1928.
- 197. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$38,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1928.
- 200. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,525,648.11 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1928.
- 201. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$210,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Redemption of Debentures, to 31st March, 1928.

- 202. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$907,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds due 15th July, 1927, and 15th January, 1928, to March 31st, 1928.
- 203. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Re deficit on Operation and Maintenance Account, and for purchase of equipment, etc., to 31st March, 1928.
- 204. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on Mortgage, to 31st March, 1928.
- 205. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Songhees Reserve (improvements), to 31st March, 1928.
- 205A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster—Replacing crib-work approach, to 31st March, 1928.
- 206. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Boys' Industrial School—Gymnasium and grounds, to 31st March, 1928.
- 207. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Lillooet Agency—New buildings, to 31st March, 1928.
- 208. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Smithers Agency—Improvement of grounds, to 31st March, 1928.
- 209. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Nelson Land Registry—New vaults, to 31st March, 1928.
- 210. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Girls' Industrial School—Gymnasium, to 31st March, 1928.
- 211. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Home for Incurables—New addition, to 31st March, 1928.
- 213. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Oakalla Prison Farm—Purchase of additional land, to 31st March, 1928.
- 21. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular Cattle—Compensation, supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 15. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, District Agriculturists, to 31st March, 1927.
- 4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.
- 23. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Fairs, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 39. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.
- 40. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants to Settlers in Aid of Purchase of Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1927.
- 24. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 42B. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grasshopper Extermination, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 42E. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Pound District Act Amendment Act, 1918," sec. 2, to 31st March, 1927.
- 45. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1927.
- 46. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

- 48. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1927.
- 56. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.
- 58. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1927.
- 66. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Motor-vehicle Act." Additional allowance to petit jury in case of Rex vs. Symington et al., to be paid out of Vote No. 70 (b), \$1,584, to 31st March, 1927.
- 71. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1927.
- 72. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1927.
- 103. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools, to 31st March, 1927.
- 107. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.
- 108. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.
- 110. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1927.
- 111. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1927.
- 113. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1.750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 117. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 119. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 120. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 121. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 124. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 130. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Merritt Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 131. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 132. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 133. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 137. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince George Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 138. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 139. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Princeton Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 140. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 142. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

- 144. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Smithers Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 145. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Stewart Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 146. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 148. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
- 149. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1927.
- 160c. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Refunds rc Lands erroneously sold at Tax Sales, to 31st March, 1927.
- 176. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$275,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1927.
- 202. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1927.
- 203. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1927.
- 215. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1927.
- 218. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital (Saanich), Colquitz, to 31st March, 1927.
- 224. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1927.
- 231. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Gratuities under Sec. 46, "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1927.
- 229. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of Indigent Persons, to 31st March, 1927.
- 227. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 232. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation (Old Allowances), to 31st March, 1927.
- 238. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1927.
- 240. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies and Incidentals, to 31st March, 1927.
- 245. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1927.
- 251. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$73,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
- 253. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Repairs, etc., to Government Buildings throughout the Province, to 31st March, 1927.
- 253A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1.000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grant to the Municipality of Langley re Local Highways, to 31st March, 1927.

255. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.

256. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$89,756 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure, "Revenue Act," Chap, 222, R.S.B.C. 1924, to 31st March, 1927.

262. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster—Replacing crib-work approach, to 31st March, 1927.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Six million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty 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. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'United Church of Canada Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Amalgamation of the District of South Vancouver and the Municipality of Point Grey into the City of Vancouver" 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. 79) intituled "An Act respecting Notaries Public."

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

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Messieurs

Creery	Twigg	Wrinch	Manson, A. M.
Neelands	Schofield	Colley	McPherson
Browne	Walkem	Rothwell	MeRae
Catherwood	Coventry	Mackenzie, I. A.	Odlum
Manson, M.	Davie	Smith, Mrs.	Barrow
Lyons	Poolcy	MacLean	Sutherland
Hayward	Hinchliffe	Oliver	Pattullo
		Nays—13.	
		Messieurs	

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Bruhn McKenzie, W. A. Bryan Paterson
Wallinger Jones Leary Kergin
Peck Stoddart Woodward Perry
Lister

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act."

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act."

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Savings and Loan Associations."

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting Dewdney Dyking District."

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

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited."

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

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited" 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 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.