

Tuesday, December 15th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 11th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 14th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first and second time.
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:—

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 10th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,' a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first and second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of certain Public Lands in Aid of the Construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 15th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of certain Public Lands in Aid of the Construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway," 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.

Dr. *Wrinch* presented the report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" and Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act,'" as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 15th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" and Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" begs to report as follows:—

Re Bill No. 46: Your Committee recommends as follows:—

That subsection (4) of section 2 be struck out, and that a new subsection (4) be substituted therefor, the new subsection to include provision for:—

- (a.) A review of all existing notarial commissions and cancellation of such of them as shall be found non-active:
- (b.) In future notarial commissions to be issued only after examination of applicant:
- (c.) Exclusion from notarial powers the drawing of wills, chattel mortgages, and bills of sale.

Re Bill No. 45: In view of the fact that the above recommended amendments to Bill No. 46 do not require an amendment to the "Legal Professions Act" in order to be made effective, your Committee recommends that Bill No. 45 be withdrawn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. WRINCH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

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

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act.'"

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment to strike out the figure "4" in the second subsection of section 15, and substitute therefor the figure "3."

The amendment was carried.

The Report as amended was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wallinger*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Historic Objects."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Issue and Renewal of Licences under the 'Water Act,' authorizing the Storage or the Diversion and Use of the Waters of Bridge River for the Generation of Electrical Energy."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to provide for the Delegation of Duties and Powers to a Municipal Official."

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Town Planning."

On the third reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment," Mr. *Pooley* moved as follows:—

That the Order for the third reading be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering this proposed amendment, namely: Strike out all the words after the letter (*e*) at the beginning of the fifth paragraph of section 2.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

Walkem

Hayward

Davie

Jones

Bruhn

Twigg

Cochrane

Pooley

Wallinger

Schofield

Lister

Hinchliffe

Manson, Michael

Coventry

McKenzie, W. A.

Stoddart

Lyons

Peck

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

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| <i>Creery</i> | <i>Wrinch</i> | <i>Manson, A. M.</i> | <i>Woodward</i> |
| <i>Neelands</i> | <i>Colley</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Paterson</i> |
| <i>Broune</i> | <i>Rothwell</i> | <i>McPherson</i> | <i>Kergin</i> |
| <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i> | <i>Harrison</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Burde</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>McRae</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Bryan</i> | <i>MacLean</i> | <i>Odlum</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> |
| <i>Munn</i> | <i>Oliver</i> | | |

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 15th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Twigg*:—

1. Did the Provincial Police, or the law-enforcement officers of the Liquor Control Board, institute during 1924 or 1925 a prosecution against one James Conley in respect to alleged breaches of the "Liquor Control Act," or regulations of such Act, in or about the Town of Hope?
2. What was the outcome of such prosecution, if any?
3. Was the case dismissed? And, if so, what remarks, if any, did the Judge make respecting the prosecution against Conley?
4. Was Conley present at Hope when the alleged offence was committed?

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Davie*:—

1. What was the estimated expenditure upon roads in the Cowichan District (naming the roads) south of the Cowichan River for years 1923, 1924, and 1925?
2. What was the actual expenditure on each of the roads for the said years?
3. Who were the persons employed in connection with road-work on said roads in the area named for said period?

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

1. How many lots in the Oliver Irrigation Project have been planted in fruit-trees and cultivated by the Government as demonstration plots?
2. What is the acreage in each lot?
3. What was the date and year that each lot was planted?
4. What has been the total cost of these demonstration plots to November 1st, 1925?
5. What proportion of the total amount has been involved in the purchase, planting, and replanting of fruit-trees?

6. What number of fruit-trees have been planted in these demonstration plots since the commencement of this undertaking?

7. Have any of these demonstration plots been sold? If so, give: (a) Number of lot and acreage; (b) what price was received for each lot; (c) does the said price include original sale price and improvements? If not, what has been the loss on each lot?

8. How many of these demonstration lots are still unsold and the acreage in each?

9. What price has the Department placed upon each unsold lot?

10. Will this price cover cost of land and improvements to date?

11. What has been the total amount expended on demonstration plots during 1925, including salary of Superintendent?

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

"1. Thirty-two lots comprise area known as 'Development Area.'

"2. Acreage varies; average is 11.25 acres.

"3. Twenty-seven lots planted in spring of 1922 and five lots planted in spring of 1923.

"4. Total charges to date, including water rates, etc., \$108,255.54.

"5. 34.8 per cent.

"6. 40,060.

"7. Yes. (a.) Part Lot 211, 9.55 acres. (b.) \$2,472.55. (c.) No. Price includes price of land as reduced on April 1st, 1925, plus valuation of improvements made to April 1st, 1925, plus actual cost of improvements made from April 1st to date of sale. \$1,179.19, which includes water rates and all expenses.

"8. 31½ lots, with average acreage of 11.25 acres each.

"9. Prices not yet set.

"10. See No. 9.

"11. \$25,712.38."

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.

Tuesday, December 15th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the report of one Moore made on the Pacific Coast Coal Mining Company's property in or about the years 1921 or 1922 and the sale of the property by the Sheriff; also for a Return of the correspondence pertaining thereto covering the actions of the Hon. the Attorney-General consequent upon receipt of the said report.

Pursuant to such Order, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return.

Mr. *Coventry* moved, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*,—

Whereas in regard to eggs, butter, cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables, and other farm products produced in Canada, the foreign tariffs thereon are higher than the corresponding Canadian tariffs on similar articles produced in such foreign countries and imported into Canada:

And whereas this has resulted in a serious diminution in export of such products from Canada into the said United States:

And whereas the farmers and producers of British Columbia are suffering loss thereby:

And whereas it is advisable that the position of the farmers of British Columbia should be strengthened and the Canadian market preserved for them as far as possible:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada that the Canadian

tariffs upon said farm products be raised to at least an equality with the tariffs of foreign countries on similar products.

Mr. *Coventry* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Catherwood*.—

That the following words be added after clause 3:—

“And whereas by the Australian Treaty approved at the Session of the Parliament of Canada held in 1925 preferential tariff treatment is given to Australian products of said nature entering Canada as against similar Canadian products entering Australia:

“And whereas the farmers and producers of such products in British Columbia are suffering through said preferential tariff treatment.”

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to provide for the Preservation of Historic Objects” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act respecting the Issue and Renewal of Licences under the ‘Water Act,’ authorizing the Storage or the Diversion and Use of the Waters of Bridge River for the Generation of Electrical Energy,” 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. 65) intituled “An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties.”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Taxation Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1927.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1927.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,710 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, “Public Libraries Act,” to 31st March, 1927.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1927.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,674 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1927.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$353,002 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1927.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$178,184 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Colony Farm and Nursery, Essondale, to 31st March, 1927.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,836 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Home (Saanich), Colquitz, to 31st March, 1927.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1927.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$194,960 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium, to 31st March, 1927.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium Farm, to 31st March, 1927.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Boys' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1927.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1927.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,478 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1927.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$235,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1927.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Refuge Homes, Aid Societies, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 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.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1927.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of indigent persons, to 31st March, 1927.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Gratuities under sec. 45, "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1927.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation (old allowances), to 31st March, 1927.

233. *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, 1927.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1927.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.

235. *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, 1927.

236. *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, 1927.

237. *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, 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.

239. *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, 1927.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies and incidentals, to 31st March, 1927.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 16th, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" and Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" was adopted.

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

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act relating to the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, and the Corporation of the City of Victoria" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Water Works Company" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Short Form of Mortgages Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Historic Objects."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Issue and Renewal of Licences under the 'Water Act,' authorizing the Storage or the Diversion and Use of the Waters of Bridge River for the Generation of Electrical Energy."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of certain Public Lands in Aid of the Construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Woodward*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Pursuant to an Order of the House of the 14th instant, the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented a Return of letters, telegrams, and all documents relating to the leasing of the Casorso Block in the City of Kelowna.

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

1. To what extent has the sum of \$3,200,000 voted by the Legislature in 1924 for roads and bridges been committed?
2. Has this amount been over-committed?
3. If yes, to what extent?

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

"1. \$3,054,964.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What is the total road mileage between Quesnel to Prince George?
2. What sum of money has been expended on this road from the year 1918 to December 1st, 1925?
3. What sum of money is required to complete this road?

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

"1. 75 miles.

"2. \$285,257.77.

"3. Road was complete for through traffic last summer (widening and surfacing required in places)."

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

1. When did the Government let a contract or contracts for building a road from Golden to Yoho National Park?
2. What was the estimated total cost of this work at time tenders were called?
3. By whom were the estimates prepared?
4. What is the mileage between Golden and Yoho National Park?
5. Were tenders called for this work?
6. If so, who tendered, and what were the amounts of each tender?
7. Which tender was accepted?
8. Has the work been completed? If not, what sum of money is required to complete it?
9. What amount of money has been paid out to the contractors to date?
10. What amount is owing to the contractors (if any) on work already done as at December 1st, 1925?

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

"1. 1923, 1924, 1925.

"2. W. P. Tierney & Company, contract 1923 (*see Journals*, 1923, page 80); F. J. Dawson, contract 1924 (*see Journals*, 1924, pages 19 and 114); Cotton Company, Ltd., contract 1925, \$89,000 (estimated).

"3. H. C. Whittaker and D. McMillan.

"4. 17 miles to westerly boundary of park.

"5. Yes.

"6. 1925 work: Cotton Company, Ltd., \$75,552.54; Dutton, Mannix & Grant, \$76,572.49; Stewart & Barber, \$80,534.11; Dawson & Wade, \$82,491.45; Dartt & Patterson, \$104,135.75; B. D. Griffin Company, \$75,548.66 (latter bid not complete for whole work, items omitted estimated at \$10,000).

"7. Cotton Company, Ltd.

"8. Work is completed.

"9. \$69,856.66.

"10. \$12,227.64."

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

1. Who is the Road Foreman on the Oliver-Osoyoos Road?
2. What amount of money has been expended on the Oliver-Osoyoos Road since April 1st, 1925, to December 1st, 1925?
3. To whom were such moneys paid?

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

"1. David Orr.

"2. \$558.33.

"3. David Orr, \$123.35; B. Skelton, \$74.25; F. Wadman, \$13.95; G. McDougall, \$14.20; H. Parsons, \$96.81; R. S. Edwards, \$55.95; W. McCoid, \$52.25; J. Pickthall, \$8.07; F. Schuman, \$21.30; H. Foster, \$8.55; R. McPherson, \$79.65; H. Emrick, \$10."

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

1. How many Hebrideans came out from Scotland under the assisted immigration policy of the Government?
2. What was the amount of money spent thereon?
3. How many Hebrideans were brought out?
4. Where were they placed?
5. When did they arrive?
6. Have they expressed any dissatisfaction with their lot?
7. How are they progressing at the present time?

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

- "1. Negotiations discontinued.
"2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Department an Inspector on the ground to look after the construction of the lock-up at Mission City?
2. If so, who is the Inspector, and what remuneration does he receive?

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

- "1. Yes; part-time visits averaging one day's work per week.
- "2. Robt. MacRae; \$8 per week."

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 5.34 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mrs. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Colley*,—

Whereas frequent and repeated representations have been made from time to time to honourable members of this House regarding the advisability of establishing an iron and steel industry in the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the Executive Council has been on several occasions requested to assist in the establishment of an iron and steel industry in British Columbia:

And whereas in a memorandum dated August 4th, 1922, the Honourable John Oliver, Premier of British Columbia, undertook conditionally a guarantee of one-third of the amount required to establish an iron and steel producing plant in British Columbia; such guarantee not to exceed \$800,000, or its equivalent in Canadian dollars.

Following is the memo.:—

"VICTORIA, August 4th, 1922.

"Re *Coast Range Steel, Limited*.

"Representatives of the Coast Range Steel Company had a long interview with the Executive Council this morning, at the conclusion of which the Premier made the following statement:—

"That the Government would be prepared at the next session to submit legislation which would make the iron-ore bodies of the Province available for use either on a percentage, tonnage, or royalty basis:

"That the present legislation providing for a bounty on pig-iron produced in British Columbia would be repealed.

"That the Government would promote legislation authorizing a guarantee of the Company's bonds to the extent of one-third of the amount required to establish an iron-smelting plant in British Columbia.

"This guarantee would be conditioned upon the Dominion Government and the Imperial Trade Facilities Committee guaranteeing the other two-thirds of the capital required; and

further conditioned upon a thorough investigation covering raw material, plans, specifications, locations, contracts, conduct, management, and financing of the Company and probabilities of success satisfactory to the Government.

"The Government of the Province to have security for its guarantee ranking equal with the security of the Dominion Government and the Facilities Committee, the same being a first mortgage on all the assets of the Company.

"Further conditioned that the authorized capital, the subscribed capital, and the paid-up capital shares of the Company be satisfactory to the Government, the understanding being that if the operation of the blast-furnace to be established was fully satisfactory the before-mentioned guarantees would be extended to include the establishment of a steel-producing plant and also rolling-mills; the whole of the guarantee of the Province which would be proportionately divided according to the work undertaken not to exceed £800,000 sterling, or its equivalent in Canadian dollars.

"The Minister of Mines was authorized to confer with the Dominion authorities and with the Facilities Committee of the Imperial Board of Trade and to employ such expert officers as would be found necessary to investigate thoroughly every detail of the proposal, the Government being determined that, so far as humanly possible, both the Province and the investing public should be fully protected.

"(Sgd.) JOHN OLIVER."

And whereas the following factors have retarded complete success:—

(1.) Want of confidence in our resources of ironstone, limestone, coal for coking purposes, and other quantities necessary to produce a good pig-iron and high-grade steel, and this notwithstanding many favourable reports extending over many years by competent engineers available to any one interested:

(2.) Want of confidence in a market for the products of an iron and steel industry in Western Canada:

(3.) Want of confidence in the probability of such an industry being able to compete even in our Canadian market with the big steel mergers in the United States:

(4.) The need that the inception of this industry shall be in the hands of iron and steel masters experienced in investigating sources of supply, production, markets, etc., and supplying necessary working capital to establish a successful industry:

(5.) The lack of such capital and experienced iron and steel masters in Canada:

(6.) The hesitancy of the Governments of Canada and Great Britain to endorse our resources and the need for the establishment of this industry; and the great advantages to Canada, Great Britain, and British Columbia to be derived therefrom:

And whereas it has been represented the Advisory Committee under the "Trade Facilities Act" has also undertaken conditionally a guarantee of one-third of the amount required to establish such an industry:

And whereas it is alleged that British ironmasters of undoubted standing and repute and in particular the United Steel Companies, Limited, of Great Britain are anxious to assist in this undertaking:

And whereas it is advisable to have iron and steel engineers and financiers satisfactory to the Advisory Committee under the "Trade Facilities Act" to examine and report on our ironstone, limestone, coal, and other resources:

And whereas honourable members of this House without regard to partisan affiliations are anxious to promote the development of our natural resources:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House respectfully recommends to the Executive Council that:—

(1.) Representatives of the British Ironmasters be invited to send to British Columbia their most eminent experts and engineers to make a survey of our ironstone, limestone, coal, and other resources:

(2.) That the terms of the memo. of the Premier of August 4th, 1922, be proceeded with and the necessary guarantees given at this session of the Legislative Assembly, the proposed Act to be so worded that no obligation is incurred unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

Provided:—

(a.) That the findings of such experts and engineers are favourable to the establishment of such a project:

- (b.) The British Ironmasters are prepared themselves to raise private working capital for investment in British Columbia at least equal in amount to £800,000:
- (c.) The Advisory Committee is prepared to proceed with its conditional guarantee of £800,000:
- (d.) The Federal Government is prepared to proceed with a conditional guarantee of £800,000, one-third of amount required:
- (e.) The above three conditional guarantees have equality of security.

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

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Water Works Company" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 16th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Amendment to Section 5 of Sumas Act, 1925.

Strike out section 10A, and substitute therefor the following section:—

"10A. The powers of the Commissioners to levy taxes shall be subject to and governed by the following provisions:—

"(a.) During the period of eight years beginning the first day of January, 1926, no taxes shall be levied to raise moneys for repayment of the moneys borrowed by the Commissioners and secured under sections 9 and 9A:

"(b.) During the period of eight years beginning the first day of January, 1926, the taxes levied on account of interest on the moneys so borrowed shall be computed beginning with the rate of two per centum per annum for the first year and continuing with annual increases of one-half of one per centum per annum, and ending with the rate of five and one-half per centum per annum for the eighth year:

"(c.) In addition to the taxes levied under subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioners shall levy annually upon the said lands taxes to raise moneys for the purposes set out in subsections (b) and (h) of section 35 of the principal Act:

"(d.) From and after the first day of January, 1934, the Commissioners shall levy taxes in addition to those provided to be levied under subsection (c) hereof, (1) to provide interest at the rate of five and one-half per centum per annum on all moneys then borrowed as to which the levy of taxes is postponed by clause (a) hereof, as well as on all accumulated arrears of interest and any deficiency otherwise arising which under this Act or the principal Act the Commissioners are authorized to provide for, and also (2) to provide for the creation of a sinking fund for the redemption of moneys borrowed as aforesaid and accumulated interest thereon at the rate of five and one-half per centum per annum, save such sum as has been hereinbefore provided for and collected by the Commissioners on account thereof, as well as to provide for any deficiency as aforesaid. The annual levy for such purpose to be such sum as shall equal as nearly as may be one per centum of the total of such moneys."

Memo. re Sumas.

Insert after the figure "9," in the fifth line of subsection (3) of section 2, the following words: "(the said lands being hereinafter referred to as the 'Lake Area')."

Subsection (2) of section 3 to be amended by adding thereto the following proviso, namely:—

"Provided that all moneys realized from the sale, lease, or other disposal of any minerals or mineral rights conveyed or to be conveyed by the Crown in the right of the Dominion to the

Crown in the right of the Province in the lands included in the said Lake Area shall be applied in reduction of the moneys secured under sections 9 and 9A of the said chapter 87 as enacted by section 3 of this Act."

Amend section 9A by adding thereto the following: "and the conditions and manner of the release from the said security from time to time of portions of the said lands disposed of by the Commissioners."

Strike out subsection (g) of subsection (1) of section 9B.

Amend section 9c by inserting after the word "but," in the sixth line thereof, the words "save when released by the Commissioners under the provisions of section 8 thereof."

"Section 8. The Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of any of the lands comprised in said Lake Area or other lands acquired by or forfeited to the Commissioners for such price and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed proper, free from all future assessments, taxes, and rates, save taxes to be levied annually under subsections (b) and (h) of section 35 of the principal Act."

The report was received.

E. J. ROTHWELL, *Chairman.*

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

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was adopted. Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties" 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. 70) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of certain Public Lands in Aid of the Construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway."

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 16th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Phosphate Mines," 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.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was discharged and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act.'"

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, the Order for the second reading of the said Bill was discharged and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting a Minimum Wage for Employees in the Lumbering Industry" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *J. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" and Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" were *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,580 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1927.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$117,415 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1927.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1927.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1927.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Boiler Inspection and Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1927.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Retiring allowance, H. H. Hobbs, late Clerk in office of Inspector of Dykes, to 31st March, 1927.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,087,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$272,543 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridge-tenders, to 31st March, 1927.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$134,500 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.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,790 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1927.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1927.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,648 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.18 a.m.

Thursday, December 17th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, the Orders for second reading of the following Bills were discharged, and the Bills *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper:—

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

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

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act'" was introduced, read a first and second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to provide for the Delegation of Duties and Powers to a Municipal Official" 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. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

The debate continuing, the House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

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| <i>Walkem</i> | <i>Catherwood</i> | <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Lister</i> |
| <i>Creery</i> | <i>Manson, Michael</i> | <i>Burde</i> | <i>McKenzie, W. A.</i> |
| <i>Neelands</i> | <i>Lyons</i> | <i>Coventry</i> | <i>Jones</i> |
| <i>Browne</i> | <i>Hayward</i> | <i>Peck</i> | <i>Pooley</i> |
| <i>Bruhn</i> | <i>Twigg</i> | <i>Davie</i> | <i>Hinchliffe</i> |
| <i>Wallinger</i> | <i>Schofield</i> | <i>Cochrane</i> | <i>Perry</i> |

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

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| <i>Stoddart</i> | <i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i> | <i>McPherson</i> | <i>Paterson</i> |
| <i>Bryan</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> | <i>Harrison</i> | <i>Kergin</i> |
| <i>Munn</i> | <i>MacLean</i> | <i>Leary</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Wrinch</i> | <i>Oliver</i> | <i>McRae</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Colley</i> | <i>Manson, A. M.</i> | <i>Odlum</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> |
| <i>Rothwell</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Woodward</i> | |

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting a Minimum Wage for Employees in the Lumbering Industry."

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

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties."

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to provide for the Granting of certain Public Lands in Aid of the Construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway."

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Phosphate Mines" was read a second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University 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. *Oliver* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 79) 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 and second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development 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. *Barrow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 17th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection 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. *Catherwood* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Was one Cummins employed by the Game Board?
2. What position did he fill?
3. Is he still employed by the Game Board?
4. If so, where?
5. What are his duties?
6. Has his salary been increased or decreased?

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

"1 and 2. No. He was a Provincial Game Warden from August 1st, 1906, to April 12th, 1918. From that date to present time Constable and Game Warden in charge of Colquitz Game Farm.

"3 and 4. No; still a member of the Provincial Police Force employed in game-work in Victoria District.

"5. Game Warden, Victoria District.

"6. Formerly received \$110 a month and a house on the Game Farm. On closing of Colquitz Farm his salary increased to \$130, as he now finds his own quarters."

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

1. From whom was the dredge "Tobin" rented and used in connection with Sumas reclamation-work?
2. What was the duty paid passing through the Customs?
3. What was the monthly rental paid for use of dredge?
4. What length of time was dredge "Tobin" used in connection with this work?
5. What was total amount paid, Customs charges, and rentals for dredge "Tobin"?

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

"1. The dredge 'Tobin' was brought in and used by the Marsh Construction Company, contractors for the reclamation-works at Sumas, having been rented from the Dredging Contractors, Limited, Vancouver, B.C. The Land Settlement Board as Dyking Commissioners entered into the transaction only in so far as they guaranteed payment of rentals, etc. Payments were made on the order of the Marsh Construction Company and deducted from moneys due under progress estimates.

"2. \$9,025.89 paid on the order of the contractors.

"3. \$50,000 per year, payable at the rate of \$4,166.60 per month, with a reduction to \$3,500 per month at end of first year.

"4. From July, 1921, to June, 1923.

"5. Customs charges, \$9,025.89; rentals, \$86,450.70."

Mr. *Twigg* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What amount of liquor has been purchased by the Liquor Control Board from the Westminster Distillery during the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925?

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

"June 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922: See First Annual Report, Appendix A, pages 22 and 32. April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923: See Second Annual Report, Appendix A, pages 26 and 40. April 1st, 1923, to March 31st, 1924: See Third Annual Report, Appendix A, pages 22 and 36. April 1st, 1924, to March 31st, 1925: See Fourth Annual Report, Appendix A, pages 26 and 44. April 1st, 1925, to November 30th, 1925: Pure Grain Alcohol, 1,127.9 gallons; B.C. Rye Whisky, 6,404.4 gallons; B.C. Special Rye Whisky, 16-oz., 3,600 cases; B.C. Special Rye Whisky,

R.Q., 700 cases; B.C. Special Rye Whisky, I.Q., 600 cases; Caledonia Whisky, 2,080.4 gallons; Caledonia Whisky, R.Q., 3,300 cases; Caledonia Whisky, I.Q., 1,000 cases; Three Star Rye Whisky, R.Q., 1,100 cases; D.D. Rye Whisky, R.Q., 150 cases; D.D. Rye Whisky, I.Q., 50 cases."

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

1. What sum of money has been expended towards maintaining the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of British Columbia since its organization up to March 31st, 1925?
2. Of the total amount expended, what portion has been applied to (a) maintenance and (b) capital account for the same period?
3. What was the total cost of the new semi-permanent Agriculture Buildings at University at Point Grey: (a) Buildings; (b) equipment?
4. What number of students have graduated from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of British Columbia during the same period?
5. Of the total number of students graduated, what number are following agricultural pursuits in: (a) British Columbia; (b) Canada?
6. What number of students are taking the Course in Agriculture at the University of British Columbia during the present term?
7. What is the total acreage of land set aside for agricultural purposes in connection with the Faculty of Agriculture?
8. How many professors and teachers have been employed in the Faculty of Agriculture during each of the years from inception, including the present term?
9. What number of: (a) Horses; (b) cattle; (c) sheep; (d) hogs, are kept in connection with the Faculty of Agriculture?
10. What sum of money has been expended by purchase of implements, live stock, and fencing respectively?
11. What is the total sum of money paid for feed for farm stock from inception up to March 31st, 1925?
12. What is the total sum of money expended on chemical fertilizer on land from date of inception?
13. What sum of money has been paid for land-clearing operations from inception to date?
14. What sum of money has been paid each year from inception for labour in connection with Faculty of Agriculture?

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

- "1. \$1,022,847.26.
- "2. (a) \$845,330.02; (b) \$177,517.24.
- "3. Referred to Public Works Department.
- "4. Fifty-eight.
- "5. (a) Forty-two; (b) nine.
- "6. Fifty-two.
- "7. 250 acres.
- "8. 1914, 1 professor; 1915, 1 professor; 1916-17, 4 professors; 1917-18, 4 professors; 1918-19, 6 professors; 1919-20, 8 professors; 1920-21, 10 (9 professors, 1 assistant); 1921-22, 15 (11 professors, 1 lecturer, 3 assistants); 1922-23, 16 (12 professors, 1 lecturer, 3 assistants); 1923-24, 15 (12 professors, 1 lecturer, 2 assistants); 1924-25, 18 (12 professors, 1 lecturer, 5 assistants); 1925-26, 18 (13 professors, 1 lecturer, 4 assistants).
- "9. (a) Nineteen; (b) sixty-six; (c) sixty-five; (d) forty-eight.
- "10. Amount expended on implements and equipment, \$37,906.46; amount expended on live stock, \$18,313.28; amount expended on fencing, draining, etc., \$3,446.06.
- "11. \$78,580.52.
- "12. \$4,992.69.
- "13. \$24,951.76.
- "14. 1914-15, \$1,782.89; 1915-16, \$3,538.03; 1916-17, \$17,216.27; 1917-18, \$21,905.28; 1918-19, \$14,133.11; 1919-20, \$27,658.85; 1920-21, \$36,158.91; 1921-22, \$34,693.14; 1922-23, \$36,242.95; 1923-24, \$36,635.34; 1924-25, \$35,212.34."

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.