

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1916

Thursday, 2nd March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour FRANK STILLMAN BARNARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 3rd day of February, 1916, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour FRANK STILLMAN BARNARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the final session of the Thirteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

The war in which the Empire has been engaged since August 4th, 1914, still continues, and without any definite hopes of an early termination. The Dominion of Canada, along with British possessions, has been contributing to the utmost of its ability in support of Great Britain and her Allies, and I am very pleased that British Columbia has taken so prominent a part, both in men and money, in furthering the common cause. I am sure I express a sentiment unanimous among its people that they will continue determinedly to the end in cordial co-operation with all other portions of the Empire to bring about ultimate and decisive victory.

Since you last met, a reconstruction of the Government has taken place owing to the resignation of Sir Richard McBride, who has accepted the important post of Agent-General for British Columbia in London, England. It is fitting here to express appreciation of the long and invaluable services rendered to the Province by that gentleman as First Minister. A measure will be submitted making suitable allowance for Mr. Turner, late Agent-General, in his retirement, in recognition of faithful and efficient work for fourteen years.

It is a pleasure to state that, while the Province has not fully recovered from the conditions brought on by the war, the great natural industries of the country are prosperous and that production has remained normal. The timber industry, which was in a depressed state owing to lack of facilities for being marketed, gives promise of coming speedily to the front again; and in this connection the members of my Government have been giving careful consideration to the best means of supplying transportation by water, and will provide guarantees to assist in the matter of supplying ships for the purpose.

It is the intention of the Government to bring into operation as speedily as possible the provisions of the "Agricultural Act," passed at your last session, and arrangements are now about completed for the necessary loan.

A measure will be submitted amending the "Constitution Act," providing for the appointment of a Minister of Agriculture apart from the portfolio of Minister of Finance.

It is the intention also to make provision for the establishment of public markets.

The Estimates will contain provision for the development of the Songhees Reserve as a railway terminus and for assisting in the construction of Johnson Street bridge as a necessary part of the plans.

A measure for Workmen's Compensation, which was submitted tentatively to the Legislature of 1915, has in the meantime been under consideration by a Commission appointed for the purpose, and will be placed before you in a fully revised form for the purpose of becoming law this session.

You will have laid before you a measure for the prohibition of the sale of liquor in the Province, which will become operative on January 1st, 1917, subject to approval by popular vote. To meet conditions created by the war, amendments to the "Liquor Act" will be submitted, further restricting and regulating the sale of liquor until peace has been declared.

Authority will be taken for the purpose of rendering assistance by way of loan, looking towards speedily completing the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which has been delayed owing to financial conditions.

Careful consideration has been given to the requirements of the mining industry, looking to further and higher development; and also to the necessities of the returned soldiers on a basis of land-settlement in suitable localities and under favourable conditions, and both these matters will have your attention.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure of the coming year will be duly laid before you.

I now leave you to your deliberations with confidence that in all your acts and discussions you will be governed by a high sense of duty in respect of Provincial interests.

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

Prayers by His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia.

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday next.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received certificates of the election of *Malcolm Archibald Macdonald*, Esquire, to represent the Vancouver City Electoral District, and of the election of the Honourable *Lorne Argyle Campbell* to represent the Rossland City Electoral District.

The said documents were *Ordered* to be entered on the Journals of the House, and are as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"1st March, 1916.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance of office by *Charles Edward Tisdall*, one of the Members representing the Vancouver City Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 12th day of February, 1916, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said District:

"Now I do hereby certify the return of the Writ with the certificate of the Returning Officer duly endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *Malcolm Archibald Macdonald* to represent the Vancouver City Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"2nd March, 1916.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance of office by *Lorne Argyle Campbell*, late Member for the Rossland City Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 10th of February, 1916, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said District:

"Now I do hereby certify the return of the Writ with the certificate of the Returning Officer duly endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen the Honourable *Lorne Argyle Campbell* to represent the Rossland City Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

Malcolm Archibald Macdonald, Esquire, the Member elected to represent the Vancouver City Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser* and *Parker Williams*, Esquire, and took his seat.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—A Return *re* amendment to the "Inspection and Sale Act" *re* marking of eggs coming from China or other foreign lands.

By the Hon. the Premier—The Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1915.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Friday, 3rd March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Watson—From the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain debentures. (No. 5.)

By Mr. Watson—From Peter Wallace and William Wallace, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the City of Port Mann. (No. 7.)

By Mr. Mackay—From the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill dealing with certain by-laws. (No. 1.)

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the Resolution of the House, the report of the Speakers' Decisions covering the period 1872 to 1914 has been completed and printed, and he had pleasure in presenting a copy to the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Thomson (Victoria City) moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser (Cariboo),—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further assuring His Honour that:—

1. We observe that the war in which the Empire has been engaged since August 4th, 1914, still continues, and without any definite hopes of an early termination, and that the Dominion of Canada, along with British possessions, has been contributing to the utmost of its ability in support of Great Britain and her Allies, and that you are pleased that British Columbia has taken so prominent a part, both in men and money, in furthering the common cause. We observe also that you express a sentiment unanimous among the people that they will continue determinedly to the end in cordial co-operation with all other portions of the Empire to bring about ultimate and decisive victory.

2. We note that since we last met, a reconstruction of the Government has taken place owing to the resignation of Sir Richard McBride, who has accepted the important post of Agent-General for British Columbia in London, England, and that you regard it as fitting to express appreciation of the long and invaluable services rendered to the Province by that gentleman as First Minister. Also that a measure will be submitted making suitable allowance for Mr. Turner, late Agent-General, in his retirement, in recognition of faithful and efficient work for fourteen years.

3. It is gratifying to know that, while the Province has not fully recovered from the conditions brought on by the war, the great natural industries of the country are prosperous and that production has remained normal. It is also gratifying that the timber industry, which was in a depressed state owing to lack of facilities for being marketed, gives promise of coming speedily to the front again; and that, in this connection, the members of the Government have been giving careful consideration to the best means of supplying transportation by water, and will provide guarantees to assist in the matter of supplying ships for the purpose.

4. We observe that it is the intention of the Government to bring into operation as speedily as possible the provisions of the "Agricultural Act," passed at the last session, and that arrangements are now about completed for the necessary loan.

5. We note that a measure will be submitted amending the "Constitution Act," providing for the appointment of a Minister of Agriculture apart from the portfolio of Minister of Finance.

6. It is observed that it is the intention also to make provision for the establishment of public markets.

7. We note that the Estimates will contain provision for the development of the Songhees Reserve as a railway terminus and for assisting in the construction of Johnson Street bridge as a necessary part of the plans.

8. We observe that a measure for Workmen's Compensation, which was submitted tentatively to the Legislature of 1915, has in the meantime been under consideration by a Commission appointed for the purpose, and that it will be placed before us in a fully revised form for the purpose of becoming law this session.

9. It is noted that we will have laid before us a measure for the prohibition of the sale of liquor in the Province, which will become operative on January 1st, 1917, subject to approval by popular vote, and that, to meet conditions created by the war, amendments to the "Liquor Act" will be submitted, further restricting and regulating the sale of liquor until peace has been declared.

10. We observe that authority will be taken for the purpose of rendering assistance by way of loan, looking towards speedily completing the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which has been delayed owing to financial conditions.

11. It is observed that careful consideration has been given to the requirements of the mining industry, looking to further and higher development; and also to the necessities of the returned soldiers on a basis of land-settlement in suitable localities and under favourable conditions, and that both these matters will have our attention.

12. We note that the Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure of the coming year will be duly laid before us.

13. These and all other matters which may be brought before us will receive our careful and earnest attention.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Lands, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Lytton Wilmot Shatford*, Esquire, Member for Similkameen, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1915,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 3rd, 1916.

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. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1915,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Monday, 6th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *Schofield*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend and validate certain by-laws. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the British Columbia Telephone Company, Ltd., for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate an agreement between the Company and the City of Victoria. (No. 6.)

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain debentures. (No. 5.)

From Peter Wallace and William Wallace, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the City of Port Mann. (No. 7.)

From the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill dealing with certain by-laws. (No. 1.)

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *A. H. B. Macgowan*, Esquire, Member for the City of Vancouver, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the House.

With leave of the House, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1915,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

QUARTER TO SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 2) An Act to amend the "Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1915."

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *Schofield*.

The following petition was presented:—

By Mr. *Watson*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Charter Act. (No. 2.)

The following petitions were received:—

From the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend and validate certain by-laws. (No. 3.)

From the British Columbia Telephone Company, Ltd., for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate an agreement between the Company and the City of Victoria. (No. 6.)

The Clerk of the House stated that he had received a certificate of the election of *Harlan Carey Brewster*, Esquire, to represent the Victoria City Electoral District.

The said document was *Ordered* to be entered on the Journals of the House, and is as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“7th March, 1916.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of Sir *Richard McBride* of his seat as one of the Members representing the Victoria City Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 21st day of February, 1916, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said District:

“Now I do hereby certify the return of the Writ with the certificate of the Returning Officer duly endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *Harlan Carey Brewster* to represent the Victoria City Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

Harlan Carey Brewster, Esquire, the Member elected to represent the Victoria City Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by *M. A. Macdonald*, Esquire, and *Parker Williams*, Esquire, and took his seat.

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

On the motion of Mr. *M. Manson*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the following papers:—

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1914-15.

The Report from the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1915.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Machinery for the year 1915.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *J. B. Warnicker*.

The following petition was received:—

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its Charter Act. (No. 2.)

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

On the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The following papers were presented by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary:—

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals of the Province for 1915.

Third Annual Report of the Botanical Office of the Province for 1915.

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

The following petition was presented:—

By Mr. *Miller*—From The Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the Company's Charter Act. (No. 4.)

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Thursday, 9th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *J. W. Flinton*.

The following petition was received:—

From The Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the Company's Charter Act. (No. 4.)

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

Mr. *Brewster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*,—

That the Resolution be amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:—

“In view of the result of the three by-elections recently held, it is quite apparent that Your Honour's Advisers no longer possess the confidence of the electorate, and we are of the opinion that the Legislature should be at once dissolved and the wishes of the electorate ascertained.

“We regret that your First Minister has announced his intention of continuing his legislative programme, notwithstanding that two of Your Honour's Advisers have been defeated at the polls by unprecedented majorities, and a third of Your Honour's Ministers failed in receiving a majority of the votes cast, and it is still a matter of doubt if a recount will not result in his defeat.

“We regret that Your Honour is being advised to continue the administration of Provincial affairs without the advice and assistance of the full number of Ministers required by law, and

especially in view of the fact that Your Honour considers it necessary to still further increase the number of your Advisers.

"We regret that Your Honour's Ministers have aided in the acquisition of large areas of the most fertile and easily accessible Crown lands of the Province by speculators in a manner which the highest Courts in Canada have declared to be a 'fraud upon the Land Act.'

"We regret that Your Honour's Ministers have not advised you to cause an investigation under the 'Public Inquiries Act' into the matter of the fraudulent acquisition of Crown lands.

"We regret that Your Honour's Ministers, during their long tenure of office, have taken no effective measures to increase our agricultural production, but that such production has been seriously hindered by their encouragement of speculative holdings of agricultural lands in immense areas.

"We regret that Your Honour's Ministers have not seen fit to advise Your Honour to recommend to this House legislation which would secure their holdings to those members of the Allied Forces engaged in their country's service (or, in case of death, to their heirs) who may by reason of such service be rendered incapable of completing their duties under the 'Mineral Act,' the 'Placer-mining Act,' or as pre-emptors under the 'Land Act.'

"In view of the fact that Your Honour's Minister of Mines stated publicly at Rossland that the coal-miners' strike on Vancouver Island (which cost the Province such a large amount of money, and which entailed such an enormous loss and suffering) was brought about by an 'American' mine-owner, who, unable to make the property pay, took that method of covering it up, and in view of the further fact that a request for an inquiry was made to Your Honour's Ministers before the difficulties became acute, we regret that your Ministers did not cause a thorough inquiry to be made into all the circumstances so as to have avoided the loss and damage which subsequently ensued.

"In view of the enormous decrease in the revenue (over \$4,500,000 in two years), and in view of the fact that a still further decrease is anticipated by your Ministers, we regret the waste and extravagance indulged in by your Ministers, as witnessed by the startling increase of over 450 per cent. in the salary list during the last ten years; in the reckless waste shown in connection with the purchase of the Songhees Indian Reserve and the Kitsilano Reserve, and expenditures on public works throughout the Province; and in the enormous sums paid out of the Treasury in connection with Royal Commissions. We would also call to Your Honour's attention the fact that certain members of this Legislature have received large sums from the Treasury, and are sitting as members of this House by virtue only of special legislation."

Debate on the amendment continued, and on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, adjourned until to-morrow.

The Standing Committees for the Session were appointed as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Pooley, Lucas, Shaw, McGuire, Brewster, Williams, and M. A. Macdonald.*

Mining—Messrs. *Hunter, M. A. Macdonald, MacLean, Callanan, Jackson, Forster, Manson (Comox), Place, and Williams.*

Railways—Messrs. *Caven, Cawley, Behnsen, Manson (Dewdney), and Brewster.*

Public Accounts—Messrs. *Watson, Fraser, Mackay, Thomson, Brewster, M. A. Macdonald, and Place.*

Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Schofield, MacKenzie, Davey, Cawley, MacLean, Gifford, and M. A. Macdonald.*

Agriculture—Messrs. *Lucas, Shaw, MacKenzie, Shatford, Williams, and M. A. Macdonald.*

Printing—Messrs. *Mackay, Miller, and Forster.*

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of the Water Rights Branch of the Department of Lands.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Friday, 10th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Mr. Pooley presented the First and Second Reports from the Private Bills and Standing Orders Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the following petitions have complied with the Standing Orders:—

No. 1—City of Prince Rupert.

No. 3—City of Victoria.

No. 4—Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway.

No. 5—Corporation of District of Burnaby.

No. 6—Victoria City and B.C. Telephone Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 10th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit be extended for presenting petitions to the House from March 13th to March 20th, 1916.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

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

That the Public Accounts be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Brewster on the 9th instant.

The debate was again adjourned, on the motion of Mr. Place, until Monday next.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Auditor-General of the Province for the year 1915-16.

On the motion of Mr. Mackay, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and

Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Monday, 13th March, 1916.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. C. T. Scott.

The following petition was presented:—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 8.)

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

By Mr. *Thomson*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith."

By Mr. *Thomson*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting certain Local Improvement Assessment By-laws of the City of Victoria."

By Mr. *Watson*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

The debate was again adjourned, on the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911,'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th March, 1916.

QUARTER TO FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. T. Scott*.

The following petition was received:—

From the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 8.)

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

The debate was again adjourned, on the motion of Mr. *Watson*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 11 of the Statutes of 1913," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 14th, 1916.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 11 of the Statutes of 1913," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. the Attorney-General asked leave to move the second reading of the Bill forthwith, under Rule 64, on the ground of urgency.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the matter to be one of extreme urgency, and proposed to the House the question,—

"Shall the second reading of the Bill be forthwith proceeded with?"

The House divided, and the question was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Maggowan,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Carley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>
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On the second reading of the Bill a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at six o'clock.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

Debate resumed.

Moved by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Place*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and that the following words be substituted: "this House has no confidence in the Government."

A point of order having arisen, Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that the proposed amendment had no reference or relevancy to the Bill; it declared no principle adverse to or differing from the principles, policy, or provision of the Bill, nor did it express any opinion as to any circumstances connected with its introduction or prosecution or otherwise opposed to its progress. (See *May*, 11th ed., 472; Speakers' Decisions, 21.)

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Pooley* moved the "previous question," which was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Müller,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>Darcy,</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Behusen.</i>
<i>Forster, H. E.,</i>			

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.</i>
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Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole.

Reported without amendment.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

That the Public Accounts and the Report of the Auditor-General for the years ending March 31st, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and that the Committee be empowered to call for persons, letters, and other papers, telegrams and telephone messages, plans, specifications, and documents, and to take evidence under oath; and that they be instructed to report the evidence and their findings to the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 a.m.

Wednesday, 15th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. G. H. Andrews.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Forster*.

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

1. When was the "Soldiers Aid Commission" appointed?
2. By whom was it appointed?
3. What are the duties of the said Commission?
4. How many salaried persons are there in connection with said Commission?
5. What are the names of the salaried persons on said Commission?
6. What are the respective salaries paid to the persons on said Commission?
7. What amount has been paid out to aid returned soldiers?

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

"1. The Returned Soldiers Aid Commission (British Columbia) was appointed by Order in Council dated 26th November, 1915, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor 29th November, 1915.

"2. Appointed by the Executive Council of the Provincial Government to work in conjunction with the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada in regard to the provision for the care and employment of members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force upon their return to Canada.

"3. Duties of the Commission:—

"(a.) The finding of immediate employment for those discharged soldiers already returning to Canada who are able to work:

"(b.) The provision of any special or technical training or treatment necessary to assist disabled soldiers who may be unable to take up their former employment to secure other employment:

"(c.) The devising of a practical method of placing returned soldiers on the land under such conditions as will enable them to provide comfortably for themselves and families:

"(d.) The finding of employment for the large number of soldiers who, within a short space of time, will return to Canada upon the conclusion of the war.

"4. Salaried persons, two.

"5. James H. Hill, Secretary; M. A. Erskine, Stenographer.

"6. \$100 per month; \$45 per month.

"7. Moneys paid to date have been borne by the Dominion Government."

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

1. Has the Government any record of a town called "Anyox," in the Province of British Columbia?

2. If so, what is the estimated population of said town?

3. If so, is said town located on any or all of the following district lots, Cassiar: 308, 479, 898, and 899?

4. By whom are said lots owned?

5. What is the average assessment valuation of said lots?

6. What is the acreage of District Lot 766, Cassiar?

7. What is the estimated population resident on said district lots?

8. After deducting the Government's quarter interest, what would the aggregate assessed valuation of said district lot amount to on the acre?

9. Are all lots indicated in the foregoing questions situated in same immediate locality?

10. Is the lands of Lot 766 owned by various individuals throughout the Province?

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

"1. There is no official record of a town called 'Anyox' in the Province. It is a local name given to a place on Goose Bay, in the Prince Rupert Assessment District.

"2. There are approximately 1,500 persons on the place locally known as 'Anyox.'

"3. The place called 'Anyox' is located on portions of District Lots 308, 479, 898, and 899, Cassiar District, and is not subdivided into town lots.

"4. The assessed owners of said district lots are the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company, Limited.

"5. The average assessed value of said lots is \$7.50 per acre, but, on investigation, it has been found that the Assessor has omitted to assess certain improvements, he having erroneously concluded that section 155 of the 'Taxation Act' gave him authority to exempt said improvements. A reassessment of the property will at once be ordered.

"6. The acreage of District Lot 766, Cassiar, as Crown-granted, is 30 acres.

"7. There is no official record of the estimated resident population.

"8. This property is assessed as the townsite of 'Granby Bay,' containing about 350 irregularly sized lots, of which the Government own about 80, the assessed valuation being \$12,930.

"9. Yes.

"10. Yes."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What amounts have been received by the Province of British Columbia, under their proper headings (but with "wild land," "timber land," and "coal land" taxes segregated), for the period from April 1st, 1915, to date, as near as possible?

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

"Wild-land taxes from April 1st to December 31st, 1915: Total, \$503,886.06, segregated as follows:—

Wild land	\$317,572 37
Coal land	45,609 73
Timber land	140,703 96
	\$503,886 06

"Total revenue of the Province for the period from April 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915, is shown in the Auditor-General's Report."

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

TEN MINUTES TO FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 3) An Act to amend Chapter 11 of the Statutes of 1913.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Thursday, 16th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. H. Andrews*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Third and Fourth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit be extended for receiving petitions to the House to the 27th day of March, 1916.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the petition prays for legislation giving the power to repeal certain by-laws, viz.: By-laws Nos. 1214, 1216, and 1244, not included in the published notices, and to pass new by-laws in lieu thereof; but as proof has been produced to the Committee that the said matters have been discussed in the City Council and petitioned for by the ratepayers affected thereby, and as it appears of considerable importance and urgency to the City of Vancouver, your Committee would recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

No. 2—An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

With the unanimous consent of the House, and on the ground of urgency, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Miller* presented a petition from Robert T. Ward, praying for an inquiry into the facts in connection with certain mining properties situate on the South Fork of the Quesnel River, Cariboo District.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Watson*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow, on the motion of Mr. *MacKenzie*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

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

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return of alienations of Indian Reserves, under section 127, chapter 129, Revised Statutes.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Friday, 17th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

The petition from Robert T. Ward, praying for an inquiry into the facts in connection with certain mining properties situate on the South Fork of the Quesnel River, Cariboo District, was received.

Referred to the Mining Committee.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported to the House with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY,

Chairman.

The report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the debate was again adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Brewster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government or any member thereof and any other person or persons in any way relating to the construction of or settlement of accounts in connection with the new wing to the Parliament Buildings.

On the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, seconded by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of a petition forwarded to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. John Oliver, praying for an inquiry into frauds in connection with the sale of Crown lands.

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

What quantity of saw-logs and shingle-bolts cut on Provincial Crown lands have been exported from the Province during the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915?

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

“During the calendar years 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915 the following quantities of saw-logs were exported from the Province from Provincial Crown lands, that is to say, Crown lands as defined in section 2 of the ‘Forest Act,’ chapter 17 of the Statutes of 1912, namely: Licences, leases, timber-sales, and hand-logger licences:—

1912	None.
1913	None.
1914	16,813,289 feet B.M.
1915	70,264,135 feet B.M.

“No shingle-bolts have been exported from Crown lands.

“From the above-mentioned lands and other classes of lands the total booms exported have been as follows:—

1913	43,356,676 feet B.M.—621 cords shingle-bolts.
1914	59,741,817 feet B.M.—269 cords shingle-bolts.
1915	106,917,847 feet B.M.—38 cords shingle-bolts.”

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

How much money has been received at the Treasury during the financial years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 on account of royalty on pulp timber manufactured in the Province?

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

“The amounts received for royalty on timber cut or purchased by pulp companies by fiscal years, ending March 31st in each year, are as follows:—

1910-11	\$ 5,539 86
1911-12	8,103 91
1912-13	30,277 53
1913-14	9,490 96
1914-15	19,992 76

“I would point out that these amounts are for pulp and saw timber combined, not merely for pulp timber; the scale and royalty accounts not showing segregation of timber except in so far as is necessary for revenue purposes.”

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

1. Was any person or persons arrested and charged with supplying intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours during the election held in the City of Victoria on Saturday, March 4th, last past?

2. Was any beer or other intoxicating liquors seized by the police in or on unlicensed premises between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 4th, last past?

3. What beer or other liquor (if any) was so seized?

4. Upon what premises were such arrests (if any) made?

5. Upon what premises was such beer or other liquor (if any) seized?

6. What is the name or names of the person or persons (if any) arrested?

7. Was the person or persons (if any) arrested brought into Court before Magistrate George Jay on Monday, March 6th?

8. Was any evidence available in support of the charges made?

9. Was such evidence (if any) brought before the Court?

10. Was any evidence in this case heard by Magistrate Jay?

11. Did Magistrate Jay consent to the persons arrested passing from the custody of the Court to the custody of the military authorities without hearing any sworn evidence?

12. Under what authority did Magistrate Jay release the persons arrested without disposing of the case?

13. Was any action taken by the military authorities in respect to the alleged offence of the persons arrested?

14. If so, what action was so taken by the military authorities?

15. Have the persons arrested been released without any hearing of the evidence against them in connection with the alleged offence?

16. If the persons arrested have been discharged without hearing the evidence against them, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to enforce the provisions of the Statute and to prosecute the alleged offenders?

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

“1-15. The only information I have is what I have read in the newspapers.

“16. The police of the City of Victoria are by Statute under the control of the Board of Police Commissioners, and under section 418 of the ‘Municipal Act’ it is the duty of the municipality to bear the expense of administering justice therein, including the prosecution of offenders triable summarily. The City of Victoria has a Police Magistrate and a City Prosecutor who are fully competent to discharge their duties.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Monday, 20th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. D. MacKenzie Naughton*.

The Hon. *Lorne Argyle Campbell*, the Minister elected to represent Rossland City Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and *H. B. Thomson*, Esquire, and took his seat.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Campbell*, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act.’” was introduced, read a first time, and referred to Committee on Municipal Matters.

On the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Brewster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas it appears from the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31st, 1913 (page C 349, Vote 192B), that there was paid out of the Public Treasury the sum of \$300,000 on account of the (alleged) purchase of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve:

And whereas a search of the records of this House fails to disclose that any such sum of money was voted by the Legislature for that purpose:

And whereas it appears that such \$300,000 was paid out of the Treasury without the authority of the Legislature:

And whereas it appears as if the Public Accounts had been falsified by including in the items of expenditure the sum of \$300,000 under the heading of Vote 192B:

And whereas it appears from sworn testimony adduced in the suit of *Cole vs. Read* that out of the sum of \$300,000 before mentioned approximately \$220,000 was divided amongst the Indians concerned, and that the remainder, approximating \$80,000, was divided between Mr. H. O. Alexander (who at that time was in the employ of the Government as Stipendiary Magistrate, and also as Official Guardian) and Mr. Hamilton Read (who admittedly was, up to a very short time previous to this transaction, in the employ of the law firm of which the present Premier of British Columbia is the head):

And whereas it appears that, notwithstanding the payment of the \$300,000 from the Public Treasury, the Province has no title to the lands comprising the Kitsilano Indian Reserve:

And whereas the circumstances attendant upon the payment of this money have not been inquired into by the Public Accounts Committee of this House:

Be it therefore Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of five members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Müller, Gifford, Shatford, Williams*, and the mover—be appointed to inquire whether or no the expenditure of this \$300,000 was authorized by the Legislature;

Whether or no the Public Accounts have been falsified in connection therewith;

Whether or no the Province has acquired a good and sufficient title to the lands comprising the Kitsilano Indian Reserve;

What sum of money was paid to the Indians in connection with the alleged purchase of their lands;

What sum of money (if any) was received by Mr. H. O. Alexander, directly or indirectly, over and above that paid to the Indians in connection with this transaction;

What sum of money (if any) was received by Mr. Hamilton Read, directly or indirectly, in connection with this transaction;

What sum of money (if any) was received by Mr. Joseph Cole, directly or indirectly, in connection with this transaction;

What was the final disposition of the moneys paid out in this connection over and above the amount paid to the Indians.

And the said Committee shall have power to call for persons, papers, documents, telegraph and telephone messages, and to examine witnesses and take evidence under oath, and shall report (either interim or final) the evidence and their findings to this House, and shall prosecute such inquiry with diligence.

On the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, seconded by Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing receipts and expenditures for the Province of British Columbia, under their proper headings (but with "wild land," "timber land," and "coal land" taxes segregated), for the period from April 1st, 1915, to date, as near as possible.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Was Mr. P. R. Flemming employed by the Government as Relief Officer at any time during the years 1913, 1914, or 1915?
2. If so, did the said Mr. P. R. Flemming, acting as Relief Officer, cause, aid, or assist in the removal of coal-miners from any district within the Province of British Columbia to any place outside of the Province?
3. What number of coal-miners have been so removed?
4. Where have said miners removed, or been removed, to?
5. Have any Provincial moneys been expended in connection with such removal?
6. If so, how much?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes, at the request of the miners and the local representative of the United Mine Workers of America.

"3. Forty-four.

"4. Six to Tabor, twenty-two to Belleview, three to Hillcrest, thirteen to Coleman.

"5. Yes.

"6. \$1,429.80, \$300 of which has been repaid."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has Mr. E. Jacobs been employed by the Government in any capacity during the last four years?

2. If so, in what capacity is or was Mr. Jacobs employed?

3. For what length of time has Mr. Jacobs been employed?

4. What amount of remuneration has Mr. Jacobs received (or to receive) for his services?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Temporarily employed as correspondent for leading mining publications in Canada, United States, and London, giving greater publicity to the progress of mining in British Columbia; and collecting data and assisting the Provincial Mineralogist in the preparation of the annual "Preliminary Reviews and Estimates of Mineral Production"; and aiding the Department of Mines in the preparation of a brief history of mining in the early days of Fraser River and Cariboo, for the Kamloops centenary celebration in 1912; and acting as Secretary to the Reception Committee for the International Geological Congress in 1913; and also distributing mining literature and representing Department of Mines at the American Mining Congress in Spokane in 1912. •

"3. From May 1st, 1911, to date.

"4. Remuneration for services and travelling expenses during above period, \$5,499.87."

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

Who are the members of the "Soldiers Aid Commission"?

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

"The following gentlemen comprise the Returned Soldiers Aid Commission: Dr. H. E. Young, M.P.P., representing the Government of British Columbia (Chairman); His Worship Mayor A. Stewart, representing the City of Victoria; His Worship Mayor A. W. Gray, representing the City of New Westminster; A. E. Planta, Esq., representing the City of Nanaimo; Alderman R. H. Gale, representing the City of Vancouver (appointed by Order in Council approved by the Lieutenant-Governor February 9th, 1916, to be a member of the Commission to represent the City of Vancouver in the place of Alderman Joseph Hoskins, resigned); A. C. Burdick, Esq., representing the Returned Soldiers Employment Committee, of Victoria; E. W. Hamber, Esq., representing the Returned Soldiers Committee of the Canadian Club, of Vancouver."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What persons were employed by the Government upon the Greeley Creek Wagon-road (Revelstoke District) during each of the months of May and June, 1912?

2. What time was each of such persons employed during each of such months?

3. What amount of money was paid to each of such persons on account of services for each of such months?

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

"1, 2, and 3 answered as follows:—

"May, 1912—John M. Haner, foreman, 13 days, \$52; Thomas Gibson, labourer, 11 days, \$33; Grey Metzler, labourer, 9 days, \$27; Oscar Albertson, labourer, 2 5/9 days, \$7.65; Frank Marino, labourer, 6 days, \$18; Andrew Lakusta, labourer, 9 4/9 days, \$28.35; Michael M. Collins, labourer, 4 4/9 days, \$13.35; John R. Haner, team, 13 days, \$91; Ivan McClaffin, team, 13 days, \$91; Frank Marino, team, 4 days, \$28; William E. Smith, foreman, 13 4/9 days, \$53.75; William Watson, Jr., labourer, 13 4/9 days, \$40.35; Frank Stump, labourer, 13 4/9 days, \$40.35; Arthur Campbell, labourer, 1 5/9 days, \$4.65; John Middleton, labourer, 2 days, \$6; William E. Smith, team, 11 4/9 days, \$80.10; Arthur Campbell, team, 8 4/9 days, \$59.10.

"June, 1912--William E. Smith, foreman, 23 7/9 days, \$95.10; William Watson, labourer, 23 7/9 days, \$71.35; Frank Stump, labourer, 5 days, \$15; Dominick Mecelli, labourer, 20 7/9 days, \$62.35; Arthur Campbell, labourer, 9 4/9 days, \$28.35; John Middleton, labourer, 9 days, \$27; William E. Smith, team, 23 7/9 days, \$166.45; Arthur Campbell, team, 23 7/9 days, \$166.45; John M. Haner, foreman, 23 5/9 days, \$94.20; Thomas Gibson, labourer, 6 4/9 days, \$19.35; Andrew Lakusta, labourer, 13 days, \$39; Michael M. Collins, labourer, 2 days, \$6; George Somes, labourer, 21 3/9 days, \$64; Charles G. Allen, labourer, 21 3/9 days, \$64; Nicholas Zenni, labourer, 21 1/9 days, \$63.35; Grove Lilly, labourer, 5 days, \$15; Samuel Belinsky, labourer, 16 days, \$48; Harry Hayward, labourer, 14 4/9 days, \$43.35; Joseph Fittante, labourer, 4/9 day, \$1.35; George H. Carter, labourer, 7 7/9 days, \$23.35; John R. Haner, team, 22 1/9 days, \$154.75; Ivan McClafin, team, 9 2/9 days, \$64.55; Frank Marino, team, 22 7/9 days, \$159.45."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Premier—The Eleventh Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden.

By the Hon. the Premier—The Second Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Home for Girls.

By the Hon. the Premier—The Eleventh Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial School for Boys.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—Return of a copy of a petition forwarded to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. John Oliver, praying for an inquiry into frauds in connection with the sale of Crown lands.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 21st March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. G. Inkster.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented the Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Province, 1915 (business transacted in 1914).

Mr. Pooley presented the Sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 21st, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Brewster* on the 9th instant.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Place*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise to Women" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government or any member thereof and any other person or persons in any way relating to the construction of or settlement of accounts in connection with the new wing to the Parliament Buildings.

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

1. Has the Government entered into any agreement, tentative or otherwise, with the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company for the construction of any wooden sailing-vessels?
2. If so, what are the particulars of such contract or arrangements; and
3. What authority has the Government for making such contract or arrangement?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No authority without the sanction of the Legislature."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Was the interests of F. A. Heinze in the subsidy lands granted to the Columbia and Western Railway Company assessed during the whole or any portion of the period of time from 1901 to 1913, inclusive?
2. Has the interest of F. A. Heinze in such lands been assessed since the year 1913?
3. If so, what amount of taxes have been assessed and collected on account of such lands?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes.

"3. 1914, \$11,556.17; 1915, \$11,556.17; 1916, \$11,556.17. These are the amounts assessed each year; the 1916 taxes are subject to a discount of 10 per cent., if paid on or before the 30th June next. No taxes have yet been collected. Solicitors of Heinze Estate inform the Government that estate is prepared to pay before any steps are taken to advertise the lands for sale at the next public tax sale of lands for delinquent taxes. The taxes delinquent for 1914 and 1915 are subject to interest at 6 per cent. from the dates of delinquency."

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

1. Has the Government in its possession reliable statistics showing the extent of the operations within British Columbia of accident insurance companies?
2. If so, will the Government place such information before the Members of the Legislature at the earliest possible date?

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

"1. Yes. For 1913 returns see Report of Superintendent of Insurance in Volume II., Sessional Papers, 1914; for 1914 returns see Fourth Annual Report of Superintendent. The 1915 returns, which must be deposited with the Superintendent before March 31st, 1916, are being received and compiled.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What amount of taxes were assessed and collected on account of each year's assessment during the period 1902 to 1912, inclusive, on account of the subsidy lands granted to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company?
2. What was the total amount of taxes from the payment of which the British Columbia Southern Railway Company was released by virtue of chapter 37, 1912?

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

- "1. The amount of taxes assessed were: For 1908, \$64,228; 1909, \$64,228; 1910, \$61,802; 1911, \$61,655. No taxes were collected.
- "2. The total amount of taxes from which the company was released in virtue of chapter 37, 1912, was \$251,913."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Were the subsidy lands of the Columbia and Western Railway Company (apart from the Heinze interests) at any time assessed and taxed?
2. If so, when were such lands assessed and what was the amount of taxes imposed?
3. What was the amount (if any) of the taxes collected?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. For the year 1912, \$43,094.45.
- "3. No taxes collected."

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

1. What is the estimated population of the following "towns" respectively: (a) Powell River; (b) Bevan; (c) Britannia?
2. What is the assessed value—land and improvements—per acre of each of these towns?
3. What is the assessed value per acre of "Chinatown" and "Japtown," Cumberland?

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

"1. No official record of 'towns' called: (a) Powell River, (b) Bevan, (c) Britannia; but in the Comox Assessment District there are places locally called: (a) Powell River, estimated population 2,000; (b) Bevan, estimated population 700; and in Vancouver Assessment District a place locally called (c) Britannia, estimated population 1,200.

"2. The assessed value of land and improvements per acre is as follows: (a) Powell River, \$810; (b) Bevan, \$344; (c) Britannia, \$333. As these places are not subdivided by any registered plan, but form part of district lots, the assessed values given are the averages of the district lot.

"3. No official record of 'Chinatown' and 'Japtown,' but in the Assessment District of Comox, near Cumberland, there are places locally known as 'Chinatown' and 'Japtown.' The assessed value per acre thereof is \$52. As these places are not subdivided by any registered plan, they form part of Section 24, Nelson District; the assessed value given being the average of that section."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.

Mr. Pooley presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 22nd, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the advertising has not been fully completed in the newspaper published in the electoral district affected, or in the British Columbia Gazette; but as proof has been produced to the Committee that the matters have been discussed in the Municipal Council and referred to in the daily press, and that the by-law sought to be validated was submitted to the electors of the municipality on the 28th day of February, 1916, and assented to by a majority of the electors who voted thereon, and as it appears that the matter is of great importance and urgency to the municipality, your Committee would recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed without requiring any further publication.

No. 8—Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Macgowan, Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to validate a By-law of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, being 'By-law for Temporarily Diverting Special By-law Moneys, 1916,'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Brewster on the 9th instant.

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

YEAS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Place,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>
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Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm. J.,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Manson, Wm.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Manson, Michael,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Behnsen.</i>
<i>Callanan,</i>			

Original question put and carried.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

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

1. What has been the revenue from timber royalties for each of the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, and the nine months ending December 31st, 1915?
2. What has been the revenue from timber licences for each of the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, and the nine months ending December 31st, 1915?

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

“1. The revenue from timber royalties has been as follows:—

Fiscal year 1910-11	\$435,888 71
Fiscal year 1911-12	422,116 84
Fiscal year 1912-13	517,672 19
Fiscal year 1913-14	454,444 97
Fiscal year 1914-15	373,451 41
Nine months ending December 31st, 1915	280,558 62

“2. The revenue from timber licences has been as follows:—

Fiscal year 1910-11	\$1,922,062 61
Fiscal year 1911-12	1,878,146 44
Fiscal year 1912-13	1,939,457 18
Fiscal year 1913-14	1,971,128 75
Fiscal year 1914-15	1,385,063 64
Nine months ending December 31st, 1915	863,527 83

“I should point out that the forest revenue includes other items which, while not technically described as royalties or licence fees, are somewhat of the same nature, as, for example, stumpage on timber sold. Stumpage has been paid as follows:—

Fiscal year 1912-13	\$ 4,430 00
Fiscal year 1913-14	19,521 83
Fiscal year 1914-15	44,826 49
Nine months ending December 31st, 1915	57,927 79.”

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the year 1915.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, 23rd March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. B. *Warnicker*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 23rd, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds instead of Sinking Fund Deben-

tures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to secure a Record of all Importations of Workmen" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Watson*, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Registered Nurses" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday next, March 24th.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.
