
Wednesday, 24th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1921;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1920;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain Sums expended for the Public Service for the period ended 31st March, 1919, and to indemnify the several Officers and Persons for making such Expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 24th, 1920.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. W. A. McKenzie, adjourned until the next sitting:

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Thursday, 25th March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. S. Sweet.

The petition from Victoria citizens, objecting to the elimination of jitneys from Victoria City, was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. Farris—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act further to protect certain Persons protected by the War Relief Acts, 1916 to 1919."

By the Hon. Mr. Farris—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moratorium Act.'"

By Mr. Fisher—Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Ross* on 24th instant, as follows:—

That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

“That a system of semi-monthly payment of salaries to members of the Civil Service be adopted, and that the following section be added as No. 33A to the ‘Civil Service Act’:—

“33A. The provision of the “Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act, 1917,” shall apply to the payment of salaries under this Act.”

The Hon. the Premier, on a point of order, objected to the motion as involving an expenditure of public money.

Mr. Speaker *Kcen* reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Farris* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*,—

Whereas the lands comprised in Section 2A, Nelson District, Vancouver Island, were, by chapter 60, Statutes of 1913, conveyed to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company as part of the lands to be selected by the company under the Settlement Agreement made between the company and the Province in 1909, confirmed by chapter 17 of the Statutes of 1910:

And whereas E. T. Carew-Gibson, C. Carew-Gibson, H. F. Carew-Gibson, E. A. Carew-Gibson, and E. Priest (hereinafter called the “claimants”) have through E. A. Carew-Gibson petitioned the Government for relief from the said enactment on the ground that the said claimants had located coal areas on portions of said Section 2A, and that the said chapter 60 had wrongfully deprived them of their just legal rights:

And whereas the said claimants have set forth in their petition and representations the following alleged facts:—

- (1.) That C. B. Innes, J. Hunter, A. G. King, C. J. Loat, F. D. Little, O. G. Harbell, H. M. Hills, W. D. Mackintosh, and D. D. Muir received nine coal licences respectively for nine portions of said Section 2A (hereinafter called the “colliery locations”):
- (2.) That the claimants had four licences and two applications for coal licences covering portions of said Section 2A, and that these as actually staked and advertised conflicted with the said nine colliery locations, or some of them, to the extent of 1,222 acres, more or less:
- (3.) That the claimants protested continuously to the Department of Lands against the validity of the colliery locations, claiming, and now declaring, them to be nullities for non-compliance with the essential preliminaries required by the “Coal and Petroleum Act”:
- (4.) That the claimants asked the Minister of Lands for a hearing of the dispute before issuing leases based on the licences for the colliery locations, but that no such hearing was ever held:
- (5.) That no leases of the colliery locations were in fact granted prior to the passing on March 1st, 1913, of said chapter 60:
- (6.) That after notice of the rejection of the two applications for coal licences the two applicants took proceedings in the Supreme Court on January 10th, 1913, by petition, and that these proceedings were in full force and effect when said chapter 60 was passed taking away their rights to all the ground applied for:
- (7.) That the claimants duly renewed the four licences given them up to February 7th, 1914, but said chapter 60 prevented their obtaining leases for all the ground they actually staked and claimed, and from taking legal action to prove their right to the portions refused them:
- (8.) That the claimants never knew or had notice nor was any public notice ever given that the said railway company was applying under said chapter 17 of 1910 for any portions of said Section 2A; nor had they any notice that a Bill (No. 23) had been introduced into the Legislature on February 27th, 1913, until after it had finally been passed on February 28th, 1913, and had also been assented to as said chapter 60 on March 1st, 1913:

- (9.) That the claimants protested in April, 1913, to the then First Minister against said chapter 60, and asked to have their rights and lands restored, and have since from time to time continued to ask the Provincial Government to do so:
- (10.) That the nine coal licences for the colliery locations were purported to be assigned to the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited:
- (11.) That the Minister of Lands ordered the colliery locations to be surveyed for leases without regard to the location stakes, which were never found, or to the advertisements of the locations, they being surveyed as Lots 31g to 39g:
- (12.) That on or about August 21st, 1913, nine coal leases purporting to be for the colliery locations were issued to the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, for said Lots 31g to 39g, and these leases were later assigned to the said railway company, and a Crown grant thereof, including all mineral thereon, therein, and thereunder (except gold and silver), issued to the said railway company:
- (13.) Subsequent to the issue of the said Crown grant, the said railway company conveyed to said Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, all the coal and fireclay on, in, and under said Lots 31g to 39g and most of the surface thereof (excepting the right-of-way of the said railway company) for mining purposes, and the registered title thereto is now vested in said Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited:
- (14.) That all the shares of the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, were from 1910 owned by the said Canadian Collieries Company:
- (15.) That under an arrangement with the said railway company made prior to the enactment of said chapter 60 of 1913 the Canadian Collieries, Limited, was to be the real beneficiary respecting the granting of said Lots 31g to 39g:
- (16.) That two of the recitals in said chapter 60 of 1913 were very materially misleading:
- (17.) That, while all the other parcels of the 20,000 acres mentioned in said chapter 60 of 1913 were advertised as required by section 5 of the Agreement first above mentioned, none of said Lots 31g to 39g were so advertised, nor were they ever staked as required by section 3 of the said Agreement:
- (18.) That the Minister of Lands did not observe the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement first above mentioned:

And whereas the said Agreement, ratified by said chapter 17 of 1910, provided:—

By section 2, for the shape and size of the blocks of land and length of boundary-lines thereof to be selected and located to make up the 20,000 acres of lieu lands to be given the said railway company:

By section 3, for the railway company placing one or more posts on each block selected and the posting thereon of a notice of the land selected:

By section 4, for the survey of blocks selected within a reasonable time:

And by sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, as follows:—

5. Upon the completion of said surveys and deposit of the plans and field-notes as aforesaid, the company shall cause an advertisement to be published in the British Columbia Gazette and in some newspaper circulating in the district, containing a notice that the company will, within thirty (30) days from the date of said publication, apply for a Crown grant of said lands under the provisions of this Agreement and any Statute which may hereafter be passed confirming the same.
6. During the said period of thirty (30) days, but not afterwards, any person having or claiming any right to any of the lands so selected may protest against the issuance of said Crown grant to the company, and in case any such protest is filed the Chief Commissioner of Lands shall adjudicate upon the same, and shall decide whether or not the lands, or any part thereof, so selected by the company were at the time of such selection unoccupied or unalienated Crown lands or lands not then held under lease, licence, pre-emption, or application to purchase under the "Land Act."
7. At the expiration of said thirty (30) days, if no protest is filed, or within such period after said thirty (30) days as the said Commissioner shall, after adjudication upon any protest which may have been filed, decide that the lands so selected by the company are unalienated and unoccupied within the meaning of the last preceding section of this Agreement, a Crown grant of such lands shall issue to the company, or its assigns, free of all charges; and the said Crown grant shall be so worded as

to convey and shall be deemed to convey to the company and its assigns the said lands and all timber, coal, coal-oil, stone, clay, marble, slate, mines, ores (except gold and silver), minerals, and substances whatsoever thereupon, therein, and thereunder.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the company may at their option select lands already held or claimed by other persons under the provisions of any Statute in that behalf, upon arranging for the surrender to the company of the rights of such other persons in such lands or any of them, and any lands so selected shall be deemed to have been acquired by the company under the provisions of this Agreement, and the grant to the company of said lands shall convey all the rights and title mentioned in section 7 hereof.

All of which provisions remained in effect, except where modified by said chapter 60 of 1913:

And whereas, if the claimants' allegations of fact are true, a grievous wrong has been done them, and, in particular, their legal rights under sections 11 to 16 and 28 of the "Coal and Petroleum Act" have been defeated:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, W. A. McKenzie, Pauline, and Duncan*, be appointed to inquire into and determine said facts and report what (if any) relief should be granted.

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

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What was the number of names on the respective Provincial voters' lists for the various electoral constituencies at the time of the last redistribution of constituencies?
2. When were the said lists first compiled following such distribution?
3. What was the number of names on such lists at the time of the last Provincial elections?
4. What is the number of names on the respective official lists at the present time?

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

"1. Summary of voters' lists as compiled at Court of Revision, November, 1915:—

Alberni	2,144
Atlin	300
Cariboo	2,374
Chilliwack	2,405
Columbia	1,198
Comox	3,663
Cowichan	1,483
Cranbrook	1,911
Delta	2,581
Dewdney	2,671
Esquimalt	2,406
Fernie	2,869
Grand Forks	1,162
Greenwood	651
Islands	984
Kamloops	4,194
Kaslo	738
Lillooet	822
Nanaimo	2,845
Nelson	1,544
Newcastle	1,347
New Westminster	3,561
Okanagan	5,917
Revelstoke	1,885
Richmond	14,092
Rossland	905
Saanich	3,176
Similkameen	1,304

Skeena	5,989
Slocan	1,269
Vancouver	35,417
Victoria	15,450
Yale	2,169
Ymir	2,716
Total	134,142

"2. Upon dissolution of Legislative Assembly, May, 1916.

"3 and 4. Summary of voters' lists:—

	General Election, 1916.	Court of Revision, November, 1919.
Atlin	1,076	1,293*
Alberni	1,784	2,200
Cariboo	925	1,088
Chilliwack	2,435	3,488
Columbia	1,176	1,464
Comox	3,633	4,823*
Cowichan	1,531	2,386
Cranbrook	1,665	2,240*
Delta	2,662	3,812
Dewdney	2,613	3,593
Esquimalt	2,622	3,264
Fernie	3,102	4,139
Fort George	2,485	2,728
Grand Forks	1,271	1,480
Greenwood	852	971
Islands	968	1,361
Kamloops	4,023	5,671
Kaslo	2,000	1,732
Lillooet	848	972
Nanaimo	2,818	4,300
Nelson	1,886	2,761
Newcastle	1,357	2,258
New Westminster	3,386	5,608
North Okanagan	3,346	4,838
North Vancouver	3,224	4,771*
Omineca	1,461	1,511
Prince Rupert	4,050	5,117
Revelstoke	1,788	2,159*
Richmond	4,490	7,583*
Rossland	1,074	1,184*
Saanich	3,174	5,329
Similkameen	1,664	2,455*
Slocan	1,370	1,980*
South Okanagan	1,951	2,802
South Vancouver	5,403	7,854*
Trail	2,043	2,932
Vancouver City	27,578	43,937*
Victoria City	13,271	19,486*
Yale	2,251	2,565
Totals	125,256	180,135

"NOTE.—* These numbers are taken from the May revision as the November revision is not at hand."

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

1. Was a ferry built on the Quesnel River during 1919 at a point about twenty miles above Quesnel?
2. If so, what was the total cost of scows, towers, and rope?
3. When was this ferry completed?
4. When did this ferry start operations?
5. Who was Ferryman in charge, and salary paid?
6. What was the District Engineer's estimate of the cost of this work?
7. Was his estimate exceeded?
8. If so, by how much?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$1,747.87.
- "3. October 31st, 1919.
- "4. Unable to operate during winter months.
- "5. No ferryman appointed.
- "6. \$1,000, exclusive of cable.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. \$650, which included the cost of cable. The increased cost was due to being unable to get lumber in Quesnel, same having to be shipped from mill on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway; also to the difficulty in getting and holding suitable men."

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

1. Has the Government any returns showing the amount of alcohol purchased during the last three years by W. H. Malkin & Co., Limited, or any affiliated concern for the manufacture of "Malkin's Best" brand of flavouring extract?
2. What percentage of alcohol is contained in "Malkin's Best" extracts?
3. Can the Government give any figures showing the alleged alarming increase in the sale of "Malkin's Best" extracts and essence?
4. Does this extract produce what is technically known as the "jazzy jag" among its alleged large number of users?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No information; suggest your asking Mr. Malkin direct.
- "3. No information.
- "4. Not having any experience of 'jazzy jag' unable to answer; if curious, suggest you try it."

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

1. How many Government-owned ferries are operated in the Province on which fares are charged?
2. Where are these located?
3. During the past year how many (a) passengers, (b) horses and vehicles, and (c) automobiles were handled by each ferry?
4. What were the earnings of each ferry during past year?
5. What amount of money has the Government invested in each ferry?
6. What is the annual cost of each ferry to the Government?

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

- "1. One.
- "2. Fraser River, between Ladner and Woodward Landing.
- "3. January 1st to December 31st: (a) Passengers, 57,844; (b) horses and vehicles, 2,017; (c) automobiles, 17,303.
- "4. \$5,877.85, August to December, 1919.
- "5. \$48,067.68 on SS. 'Beaver.'
- "6. \$19,000."

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

1. Was the Craigflower Bridge across Victoria Arm condemned during the year 1919?
2. Why was said bridge condemned?
3. Was said bridge damaged by a motor-truck?
4. Is so, who owned said motor-truck?
5. What became of said motor-truck?
6. Did the Government buy the owner a new truck?
7. If so, why, and what was paid therefor?
8. Did the Government pay the owner moneys to cover expenses?
9. If yes, covering what particular expenses?
10. What was the amount?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. *Dougall & Clark*.
- "5. Repaired and sent to Kamloops for Public Works purposes.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. The damaged motor-truck was a new one and the owners claimed that the Government replace it with a new one; \$6,550.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Hauling truck out of water; towing truck to garage; time lost; one watch lost by driver.
- "10. \$790.70."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in certain Industries in the Province of British Columbia," and on the amendment thereto moved on 4th instant by the Hon. the Attorney-General, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the 11th instant.

Question on the amendment proposed—"Shall the word (now) proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Stewart.</i>

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	

Question proposed on the amendment to the amendment—"Shall the words (six months) proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Stewart.</i>

Question proposed on the amendment—" Shall the words (this day six months) proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.
Original motion as amended *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown" was considered.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* to amend section 5 in line 2 by striking out the first word "the" in the second line, and substituting in lieu thereof the word "any"; and inserting after the word "title" the words "held by the Crown"; and by striking out the word "any" after the word "to."

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen" was again committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many animals were condemned and slaughtered for tuberculosis in the years 1917, 1918, and 1919?

2. How many of those condemned were sold for food?

3. What sums of money were obtained from the sale of the condemned animals?

4. Are the consumers of these animals advised by the Government that this meat is that of animals condemned and slaughtered for being diseased?

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

"1. Number condemned and slaughtered: 1917, 579; 1918, 568; 1919, 567.

"2. Number on which credit was received for beef or hides (no account kept for beef as distinct from hides): 1917, 319; 1918, 336; 1919, 265.

"3. 1917, \$14,534.34; 1918, \$17,670.64; 1919, \$14,339.48.

"4. No."

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 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, 25th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918.'"

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the City of Prince George."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act further to protect certain Persons protected by the War Relief Acts, 1916 to 1919" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moratorium Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Friday, 26th March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. B. *Baugh Allen*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Twenty-fourth Report of the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 24.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 26th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 25th, 1920.

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. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining 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:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 26th, 1920.

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. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries 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. Speaker *Keen* gave his reserved decision on the point of order on the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Ross* on 24th instant, as follows:—

That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

"That a system of semi-monthly payment of salaries to members of the Civil Service be adopted, and that the following section be added as No. 33A to the 'Civil Service Act':—

"33A. The provision of the "Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act, 1917," shall apply to the payment of salaries under this Act."

As follows:—

"The motion is open to several objections. In my opinion it would certainly require the expenditure of public moneys to carry out the proposed change, but I think the more serious objection is that it dictates a fixed and binding policy to the Government affecting the Civil Service and the payment of Civil Servants.

"I must therefore rule the motion out of order. (*Sée* Speakers' Decisions, 61, 75, 77, 81, 151, and Journals, 12th March, 1918.)"

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

1. What amount of money has been paid the Northern Construction Company for the grading, embankment, protection, track-laying, telegraph-line, ballasting, fencing, surfacing, erection of buildings, and all necessary work up to March 1st on the forty-two miles, approximately, north of Clinton?

2. How many yards of material were moved by the Northern Construction Company in the grading, embankment, and protection of this forty-two miles of line?

3. What is the classification of the material moved and how many yards in each classification?

4. What unit prices were paid the Northern Construction Company for the several classifications of material moved?

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

"All payments made to the Northern Construction Company have been made on actual expenditures duly vouchered and carefully checked by the P.G.E. Railway Company officials. Quantities and unit prices will only be dealt with at the conclusion of the contract when final settlement is made."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General appear in the Privy Council last year in the case of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company *versus* Treat, and in the case of the Ritchie Contracting and Supply Company *versus* the Attorney-General, and the Canadian Pacific Railway *versus* the Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. Did any other counsel appear with the Hon. the Attorney-General to assist him?
3. If so, what were their names and the amount paid in each case?
4. What were the total expenses in connection with these appeals?
5. What were the expenses of the Attorney-General in connection with his trip to England?

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

"1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by answers to questions put to the Attorney-General by the Member for Omineca."

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

1. What cases were taken to the Privy Council by the Province when Mr. W. J. Bowser was Attorney-General?
2. What costs were incurred in each case?
3. How many were won? How many lost?
4. In what cases did the Attorney-General appear in the Privy Council last year?
5. What were names of counsel in each case?
6. What fees were paid by Province to counsel in each case?
7. What were total costs of appeal in each case?
8. In what cases did Mr. W. J. Bowser attend before Privy Council?
9. What were results in each case?
10. What were expenses of Attorney-General in his trip to England last year?
11. What were expenses of Mr. Bowser in his last trip to England in 1911?
12. What were expenses of Sir Richard McBride, etc., to England in 1911, in 1912, and in 1913?

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

"1 and 2. *E. & N. Rly. Co. vs. McGregor*, \$10,598 (won); *King vs. Burrard Power Co.*, \$12,711 (lost); *Norton vs. Fulton*, \$6,986 (lost); *Watts vs. Watts*, \$3,087 (won); *King vs. Walkem*, \$801 (lost); *Rex vs. Nakani et al.* (B.C. Immigration Act), \$2,894 (abandoned); *Fisheries Reference*, \$8,970 (lost); *Insurance Reference*, \$1,253 (lost); *Companies Reference*, \$610 (lost); *John Deere Plough Co. vs. Wharton*, \$2,849 (lost); *Cook vs. City of Vancouver*, \$208 (won); *Heinze Taxation Appeal*, \$1,381 (won).

"3. Four won, eight lost.

"4. *Attorney-General (Dominion) vs. Ritchie* and *Attorney-General (British Columbia)*; *E. & N. Rly. Co. vs. Treat* and *Attorney-General (British Columbia)*; *C.P.R. vs. Workmen's Compensation Board*.

"5. In the *Ritchie* case, *Attorney-General for British Columbia* and *Geoffrey Lawrence*; in the *E. & N.* and *Treat* case, the *Attorney-General for British Columbia* and *Oscar Bass*; in the *C.P.R.* and *Workmen's Compensation Board*, the *Attorney-General for British Columbia* and *S. S. Taylor, K.C.*

"6. In the *Ritchie* case, £128 6s. 6d. to *Geoffrey Lawrence*; in the *E. & N.* and *Treat* case, to *Oscar Bass*, counsel fees \$2,000; solicitor's fees, disbursements, travelling and subsistence expenses to *Oscar Bass*, \$2,000; in the *C.P.R.* and *Workmen's Compensation* case, to *S. S. Taylor, K.C.*, \$4,500.

"7. In the *Ritchie* case, \$1,564; in the *E. & N.* and *Treat* case, \$4,587; and in the *C.P.R.* and *Workmen's Compensation Board*, \$4,500.

"8. As far as records show, *Burrard Power Company vs. King* is the only case in which the Hon. W. J. Bowser, K.C., appeared on behalf of the Province before the Privy Council.

"9. The appeal in the *Burrard Power Company vs. King*, lost.

"10. \$3,679.

"11. \$3,500.

"12. 1911, \$11,000; 1912, \$4,536; 1913, \$5,442."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Farris* on 25th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the lands comprised in Section 2A, Nelson District, Vancouver Island, were, by chapter 60, Statutes of 1913, conveyed to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company as part

of the lands to be selected by the company under the Settlement Agreement made between the company and the Province in 1909, confirmed by chapter 17 of the Statutes of 1910:

And whereas E. T. Carew-Gibson, C. Carew-Gibson, H. F. Carew-Gibson, E. A. Carew-Gibson, and E. Priest (hereinafter called the "claimants") have through E. A. Carew-Gibson petitioned the Government for relief from the said enactment on the ground that the said claimants had located coal areas on portions of said Section 2A, and that the said chapter 60 had wrongfully deprived them of their just legal rights:

And whereas the said claimants have set forth in their petition and representations the following alleged facts:—

- (1.) That C. B. Innes, J. Hunter, A. G. King, C. J. Loat, F. D. Little, O. G. Harbell, H. M. Hills, W. D. Mackintosh, and D. D. Muir received nine coal licences respectively for nine portions of said Section 2A (hereinafter called the "colliery locations"):
- (2.) That the claimants had four licences and two applications for coal licences covering portions of said Section 2A, and that these as actually staked and advertised conflicted with the said nine colliery locations, or some of them, to the extent of 1.222 acres, more or less:
- (3.) That the claimants protested continuously to the Department of Lands against the validity of the colliery locations, claiming, and now declaring, them to be nullities for non-compliance with the essential preliminaries required by the "Coal and Petroleum Act":
- (4.) That the claimants asked the Minister of Lands for a hearing of the dispute before issuing leases based on the licences for the colliery locations, but that no such hearing was ever held:
- (5.) That no leases of the colliery locations were in fact granted prior to the passing on March 1st, 1913, of said chapter 60:
- (6.) That after notice of the rejection of the two applications for coal licences the two applicants took proceedings in the Supreme Court on January 10th, 1913, by petition, and that these proceedings were in full force and effect when said chapter 60 was passed taking away their rights to all the ground applied for:
- (7.) That the claimants duly renewed the four licences given them up to February 7th, 1914, but said chapter 60 prevented their obtaining leases for all the ground they actually staked and claimed, and from taking legal action to prove their right to the portions refused them:
- (8.) That the claimants never knew or had notice nor was any public notice ever given that the said railway company was applying under said chapter 17 of 1910 for any portions of said Section 2A; nor had they any notice that a Bill (No. 23) had been introduced into the Legislature on February 27th, 1913, until after it had finally been passed on February 28th, 1913, and had also been assented to as said chapter 60 on March 1st, 1913:
- (9.) That the claimants protested in April, 1913, to the then First Minister against said chapter 60, and asked to have their rights and lands restored, and have since from time to time continued to ask the Provincial Government to do so:
- (10.) That the nine coal licences for the colliery locations were purported to be assigned to the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited:
- (11.) That the Minister of Lands ordered the colliery locations to be surveyed for leases without regard to the location stakes, which were never found, or to the advertisements of the locations, they being surveyed as Lots 31g to 39g:
- (12.) That on or about August 21st, 1913, nine coal leases purporting to be for the colliery locations were issued to the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, for said Lots 31g to 39g, and these leases were later assigned to the said railway company, and a Crown grant thereof, including all mineral thereon, therein, and thereunder (except gold and silver), issued to the said railway company:
- (13.) Subsequent to the issue of the said Crown grant, the said railway company conveyed to said Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, all the coal and fireclay on, in, and under said Lots 31g to 39g and most of the surface thereof (excepting the

right-of-way of the said railway company) for mining purposes, and the registered title thereto is now vested in said Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited:

- (14.) That all the shares of the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, were from 1910 owned by the said Canadian Collieries Company:
- (15.) That under an arrangement with the said railway company made prior to the enactment of said chapter 60 of 1913 the Canadian Collieries, Limited, was to be the real beneficiary respecting the granting of said Lots 31g to 39g:
- (16.) That two of the recitals in said chapter 60 of 1913 were very materially misleading:
- (17.) That, while all the other parcels of the 20,000 acres mentioned in said chapter 60 of 1913 were advertised as required by section 5 of the Agreement first above mentioned, none of said Lots 31g to 39g were so advertised, nor were they ever staked as required by section 3 of the said Agreement:
- (18.) That the Minister of Lands did not observe the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement first above mentioned:

And whereas the said Agreement, ratified by said chapter 17 of 1910, provided:—

By section 2, for the shape and size of the blocks of land and length of boundary-lines thereof to be selected and located to make up the 20,000 acres of lieu lands to be given the said railway company:

By section 3, for the railway company placing one or more posts on each block selected and the posting thereon of a notice of the land selected:

By section 4, for the survey of blocks selected within a reasonable time:

And by sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, as follows:—

5. Upon the completion of said surveys and deposit of the plans and field-notes as aforesaid, the company shall cause an advertisement to be published in the British Columbia Gazette and in some newspaper circulating in the district, containing a notice that the company will, within thirty (30) days from the date of said publication, apply for a Crown grant of said lands under the provisions of this Agreement and any Statute which may hereafter be passed confirming the same.
6. During the said period of thirty (30) days, but not afterwards, any person having or claiming any right to any of the lands so selected may protest against the issuance of said Crown grant to the company, and in case any such protest is filed the Chief Commissioner of Lands shall adjudicate upon the same, and shall decide whether or not the lands, or any part thereof, so selected by the company were at the time of such selection unoccupied or unalienated Crown lands or lands not then held under lease, licence, pre-emption, or application to purchase under the "Land Act."
7. At the expiration of said thirty (30) days, if no protest is filed, or within such period after said thirty (30) days as the said Commissioner shall, after adjudication upon any protest which may have been filed, decide that the lands so selected by the company are unalienated and unoccupied within the meaning of the last preceding section of this Agreement, a Crown grant of such lands shall issue to the company, or its assigns, free of all charges; and the said Crown grant shall be so worded as to convey and shall be deemed to convey to the company and its assigns the said lands and all timber, coal, coal-oil, stone, clay, marble, slate, mines, ores (except gold and silver), minerals, and substances whatsoever thereupon, therein, and thereunder.
8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the company may at their option select lands already held or claimed by other persons under the provisions of any Statute in that behalf, upon arranging for the surrender to the company of the rights of such other persons in such lands or any of them, and any lands so selected shall be deemed to have been acquired by the company under the provisions of this Agreement, and the grant to the company of said lands shall convey all the rights and title mentioned in section 7 hereof.

All of which provisions remained in effect, except where modified by said chapter 60 of 1913:

And whereas, if the claimants' allegations of fact are true, a grievous wrong has been done them, and, in particular, their legal rights under sections 11 to 16 and 28 of the "Coal and Petroleum Act" have been defeated:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, W. A. McKenzie, Pauline,* and *Duncan*, be appointed to inquire into and determine said facts and report what (if any) relief should be granted.

Resolution agreed to.

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

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, adjourned until the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 26th, 1920.

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. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway 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. *Schofield* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Finance and the Hon. the Premier sign an Order in Council on the 29th day of August last, advancing to F. C. Wade, Agent-General in London, the sum of \$583 on account of salary?
2. Was this suggestion done at the instance of Mr. Wade?
3. If so, what reason did he give, asking the Government to pay this amount?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. At the request of Mr. Wade.
- "3. The adverse condition of exchange."

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

Through what British Columbia firms or agents have Government bonds been sold since this Government took office, giving details in each case as to dates and value of bonds sold?

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

"Douglas, Mackay & Company, Victoria, correspondents for Brent, Noxon Syndicate; April 1st, 1918; \$1,000,000. Pemberton & Son, Vancouver, representatives for Wood-Gundy Syndicate; March 5th, 1919; \$3,000,000. Pemberton & Son, Vancouver, and H. A. Ross (A. E. Ames & Company), Victoria, representatives for Wood-Gundy Syndicate; January 6th, 1920; \$2,450,000."

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

1. Did the Department promote a former Chief Clerk to the position of Assessor and Collector to the Barkerville Assessment District?
2. If so, what was his name and what date was he appointed?
3. Had he seen overseas service?
4. Is he still occupying this position?

5. If not, why not?
6. Who is the Assessor and Collector of the Barkerville Assessment District at present and when was he appointed?
7. Was he formerly connected with the Civil Service?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. John A. Stewart; May 1st, 1919.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. No.
- "5. Transferred.
- "6. William Couldwell; June 17th, 1919.
- "7. Yes, since December 26th, 1914."

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

1. Was there a convention held at Smithers last year in connection with agricultural matters?
2. If so, who composed that convention and what associations did they represent?
3. How many were at the convention, giving particulars and the localities from which they came?
4. Did the Government pay the expenses of said convention?
5. If so, what was the total cost of said convention?

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

- "1. Yes, June 23rd and 24th, 1919.
- "2. Members of Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes: James Bailey, Wm. Harrison, Lionel E. Taylor, A. D. Clyde, A. B. Smith, M. F. Nourse, A. D. Charleson, and C. E. Whitney Griffiths. Also C. E. Barnes, President British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association; H. E. Waby, President British Columbia Poultry Association; W. F. Laidman, Vice-President Vernon Fruit Union; Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture; Wm. J. Bonavia, Secretary Department of Agriculture; R. R. Walker, Land Settlement Board; and W. E. McTaggart, representing the *B.C. Farmer and Vancouver Daily Province*.

"3. All the above mentioned, together with representatives from the interior of British Columbia, including Farmers' Institute Secretaries and residents of Smithers and Telkwa Districts.

"4. Yes.

"5. \$1,386.51, including subsequent itinerary to the Nechako, Burns Lake, and Francois Lake Districts. The residents of Smithers and Telkwa Districts provided free cars for the journey to Houston and also for visiting outlying sections. This was also the case at Vanderhoof and Burns Lake. At the latter place even hotel expenses were paid by the local organizations. In addition, the Grand Trunk Railway Company gave special rates for this conference as well as providing special coaches from Vanderhoof without extra charge on return to Burns Lake."

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

1. Has the tender of the Marsh-Bourne Construction Company, Limited, been accepted for the work of reclaiming Sumas Lake?
2. If so, what was the amount of said tender?
3. Was said tender for the whole of the said work?
4. If not, for what portion of it?
5. Was the said Marsh-Bourne Construction Company, Limited, incorporated last October by M. A. Macdonald, K.C.?
6. What is the paid-up capital of said company?
7. What experience has said company had in undertaking work of this dimension?
8. What is the nominal capital of the said company?
9. What proportion has been paid up?
10. Who are the shareholders of the said company?
11. What assets has the said company?

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

"1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Not in the public interest to answer these questions at this time.
"5. This is an improper question and will not be answered."

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

1. Was one Rice, a surveyor, engaged to do work at the soldiers' settlement area at Creston?
2. If so, when was he employed and at what salary?
3. Was he dismissed from the service?
4. If so, why?
5. Did he make estimates of the acreage of this area which was unfit for cultivation?
6. If so, what is his estimate of that acreage?
7. Has any other engineer been employed to give an estimate of the barren land purchased by the Government?
8. If so, what was his name?
9. What did he estimate the total acreage at Creston that is unfit for cultivation?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. June 23rd, 1919; \$200 per month for first three months, \$250 for next three months.
- "3. Discharged November 30th, 1919; re-engaged March 6th, 1920, to complete work.
- "4. It was not considered economical or necessary to carry on survey-work during winter months.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. 1,845 acres, of which he estimated 31 per cent. as fit for pasture. Mr. Rice was engaged as Surveyor, not as Soil Expert. On that account his classification of waste land was not considered sufficiently definite. Since date of Mr. Rice's report the Board's Appraiser has examined the land said to be waste and finds that about 700 acres is actual rock and of no value, 500 acres is fit only for rough pasture, 550 acres is lower grade land but by no means waste; this latter can be subdivided into 60 to 80 acres and, with a proportion of first-class land included in each farm, will be very suitable for certain classes of farming.
- "7. No.
- "8 and 9. Answered by No. 7."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, 29th March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Arthur de B. Owen*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return in answer to the question of Mr. *Giolma* on February 6th *re* liquor sales, stock, and purchases.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 29th, 1920.

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. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury 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:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of certain Moneys to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 29th, 1920.

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. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of certain Moneys to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company," 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.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'" On the motion of Mr. *Duncan*, the debate was again adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act further to protect certain Persons protected by the War Relief Acts, 1916 to 1919" was committed.

Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moratorium Act'" was committed.
 Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of copies of all correspondence which took place between the Hon. the Premier and any member or members of the Executive Council with any member or members of the Civil Service relative to the establishment of a newspaper or periodical by the members of the Civil Service.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Gorge Bridge" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates."

Bill read a second time.
 To be committed at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
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,
March 29th, 1920.

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 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 time.
 Second reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt respecting the User of Sewers in Municipalities adjacent thereto and to grant Reciprocal Rights in respect of the same."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908.'"

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'"

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown" was read a third time and passed.

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 p.m.

Monday, 29th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

That Mr. M. A. Macdonald be Chairman of Committee (*re* Section 2A, Nelson District, Vancouver Island, British Columbia) appointed on Friday last, the 26th inst., on motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, *vice* Mr. Whiteside, resigned; and that Mr. Buckham be added to the Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 30th March, 1920.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. N. E. Smith.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Debate continued.

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 30th, 1920.

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 'Townsite Proportionate Allotment 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.

TWENTY MINUTES TO THREE 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 titles of the following Bills:—

(No. 47) An Act to amend the "Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918."

(No. 62) An Act further to protect certain Persons protected by the War Relief Acts, 1916 to 1919.

(No. 63) An Act to amend the "Moratorium Act."

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

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

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904'" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Gorge Bridge."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nelson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of certain Moneys to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company," a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Architectural Institute of British Columbia" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 30th March, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 31st March, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return to an Order of the House directing that both originals and copies of all cablegrams sent or received by any member of the Government, or by any other person on their behalf, and in any way referring to the taking or counting of the overseas votes under the provisions of the "Military Forces Voting Act" be filed with the Clerk of the House forthwith and be made a part of the record of the Votes and Proceedings of this House, and that such Order be directed to each and every person who held office as a Minister of the Crown during the period commencing the 31st day of May, 1916, and ending the 23rd day of November, 1916.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, B.C., 22nd April, 1916.

Fingener, London.

Kindly see War Office if possible allow us to vote our soldiers in France. Legislation will permit voting to be spread over period from two to three weeks.

(Chge. Premier.)*

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, April 27th, 1916.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Colonial Office through High Commissioner requests local Government advise Ottawa fully by wire asking immediate transmission message(s) to them better follow this course at once. Perley promises every assistance.

McBRIDE.

TELEGRAM.

Victoria, 28th April, 1916.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Borden has cabled Colonial Secretary.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, May 13th, 1916.

LCO Bowser, Fingener, Victoria, B.C.

War Office still delaying decision. Have asked answer Monday at latest.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

London, May 18th, 1916.

LCO Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Further conference Colonial Office voters to-day expect answer to-morrow.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

London, May 20th, 1916.

LCO Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Anerley advised authorities refuse application for voters and have cabled Ottawa accordingly would suggest you provide additional authority in proposed legislation and I will continue urging matter here.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, 31st May, 1916.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Soldiers Votes passed third reading. Allows six weeks between nomination and election. Men can be voted any time in this period. Bill allows for voting in England, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Taking matter up again with Borden. Do the best you can. Think there should be no trouble to allow us to vote in England.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, July 6th, 1916.

Bowser, Gingener, Victoria.

From latest advice War Office will not reconsider decision against collecting votes at front. Wire Ottawa secure permission troops here vote must come through Colonial Office.

McBRIDE.

NIGHT LETTERGRAM.

Victoria, B.C., 5th July, 1916.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Writs issued Nomination third August Election fourteenth September. Kindly press for early answer from War Office allowing us to vote soldiers even if only in England.

BOWSER.

(Chge. official.)

TELEGRAM.

London via U Victoria, B.C., July 6th, 1916.

Bowser, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.

From latest advice War Office will not reconsider decision against collecting votes at front. Wire Ottawa. Secure permission troops here vote must come through office.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

Fingener, London.

Borden wires matter in hands Sir George Foster. Kindly see him at once. BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, July 10th, 1916.

Premier, Victoria.

War Office will grant permission British Columbia officials take vote camps in England but decline make voting arrangements at front.

FOSTER.

CABLEGRAM.

Urgent.

London, July 10th, 1916.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Foster cabled you direct permission will be granted British Columbia officials take votes of soldiers Bramshott and Shorncliffe lists and particulars prepared by Province and forwarded commanding officers who locate polling booths military authorities take no part.

McBRIDE.

LETTER.

Office of the Agent-General for British Columbia.

British Columbia House, 1 and 3 Regent Street, S.W.,

London, 10th July, 1916.

My dear Prime Minister,—

Soldiers' Votes.

I have the honour to report that through the agency of the Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, Acting High Commissioner, the Imperial authorities have given their consent that the votes of British Columbians serving with the Overseas Forces may be collected at Bramshott and Shorncliffe Camps. I propose to have information collected at once as to the location of voters elsewhere in England to the end that permission may be given for the establishment of other polling places.

Sir George has cabled you direct and I have followed his message, copy of my wire being enclosed. Nothing will be left undone to facilitate in every way the carrying-out of the Act of last Session in this behalf.

I am, Sir, most respectfully yours,

Hon. W. J. Bowser, K.C., M.P.P.

RICHARD McBRIDE.

Prime Minister, Victoria, British Columbia.

(Encl.)

Via Commercial. Urgent.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Foster cabled you direct. Permission will be granted British Columbia Officials take votes of soldiers Bramshott and Shorncliffe. Lists and particulars prepared by Province and forwarded commanding officers who locate polling booths. Military authorities take no part.

McBRIDE.

10th July, 1916.

Agent-General for B.C.

B.C. House, 1 and 3 Regent Street, S.W.

LETTER.

July 13th, 1916.

Sir Richard McBride, K.C.M.G., K.C.,

Agent-General for British Columbia,

British Columbia House, London, E.C., England.

Dear Sir Richard.—I beg to confirm my cable of even date, reading as follows: "F. W. Welch, Vancouver, sailing St. Louis twenty-second to assist you in taking soldiers' votes."

Mr. Welch is known to you, and with his experience and knowledge of the Province should prove of material assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Prime Minister.

CABLEGRAM.

Fingener, London.

F. W. Welch, Vancouver, sailing St. Louis twenty-second to assist you in taking soldiers' votes.

W. J. BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, July 28th, 1916.

Clt Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Government has extended authority collect votes to convalescent homes admiralty will permit at headquarters expect commence voting soldiers Bramshott and Shorncliffe Thursday.

McBRIDE.

TELEGRAM.

Victoria, B.C., 17th July, 1916.

McBride, Columbarry, Piccy., London.

Acts expressed nineteenth June. Instructions mailed twenty-seventh June. F. W. Welch left for London yesterday fully instructed.

BOWSER,

(Chge Dept.)

Attorney-General.

CABLEGRAM.

London, July 27-28th, 1916.

Clt Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Acts expressed nineteenth June not yet arrived urgent have same traced.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

London, July 28th, 1916.

Leo Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Acts arrived.

McBRIDE.

(Translation of cable sent to Bowser, Victoria, 17th July, 1916.)

Have copies Acts mentioned section 15 Bill 86 been forwarded arranging printing forms general election preparations here cable instructions.

(Signed) McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

London, Aug. 4th, 1916.

Clt Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Cable regulations will be carried out expect open polls Bramshott and Shorncliffe camps early next week convalescent and hospitals later negotiations with War Office for privileges at front still pending.

McBRIDE.

TELEGRAM.

London via Victoria, B.C., Aug. 5th.

Bowser, Field, B.C. Arriving Sunday.

Expect open polls Bramshott Monday five o'clock Shorncliffe Wednesday six o'clock afternoon.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

To Fingener, London, England.

Cable name Conservative scrutineer so we can appoint him.

BOWSER.

Charge Attorney-General's Department.

Victoria, B.C.

CABLEGRAM.

(Translation of cablegram sent to Bowser, Fingener, Victoria, 23rd August, 1916.)

London, August 23rd, 1916.

Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Colonial Secretary advises unable press for permission to poll votes British Columbians at the front definite opinion Army Council adverse writing.

(Signed) McBRIDE.

Via Commercial. Bentley's Code.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1916.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Passing regulation *re* soldiers' voting particularly as to giving notice of date of voting. Better not start voting until we cable you regulations unless soldiers are going over Channel.

BOWSER.

TELEGRAM.

Deferred rate.

Victoria, 3rd August, 1916.

Think it advisable publish dates of voting in military papers as many men are continually going over from here who may not know of their right to vote.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, Sept. 5-6, 1916.

Leo Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Collection British Columbia votes at front authorized to-day.

McBRIDE.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, 3rd October.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Legal officers advise that thirteenth is first day votes can be counted. Kindly give notice accordingly and soon as count taken forward Deputy Provincial Secretary certificate and ballots under subsection 11 of section 4.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, 10th October, 1916.

McBride, 1 Regent Street, London.

Kindly reserve all envelopes in which ballots are enclosed and forward them with ballots to Deputy Provincial Secretary.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

Victoria, 30th October.

McBride, Fingener, London.

When can we expect cable called for under subsection eleven of section four Military Forces Voting Act.

BOWSER.

CABLEGRAM.

London, Nov. 5-6, 1916.

Leo Bowser, Fingener, Victoria.

Final results voting despatched Reddie Western Union second November.

McBRIDE.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works stated and informed the House that in the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 9th March, the answers to Mr. Bowser's questions on the Quesnel-Fort George Road between Quesnel and Blackwater were given for the new road between Quesnel and Fort George, east of the Fraser River. The answers to the questions on what is known as the Quesnel-Blackwater Road will be as follows:—

"1. One man employed seven days in April and three men four days each in August.

"2. Supervised by General Foreman.

"3. S. H. Patenaude, \$26.25; N. McMillan, \$18; L. Hill, \$16; H. Baker, \$16; Magnusson (horse hire), \$5."

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works informed the House that in Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 25th March, the amount stated in answer to Mr. Pooley's question No. 7 on Craigflower Bridge should be "\$6,350."

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 titles of the following Bills:—

(No. 2) An Act to amend the "Crown Lands Sub-purchasers' Indemnity Act."

(No. 3) An Act to amend the "Soldiers' Land Act."

(No. 6) An Act to amend the "Mount Robson Park Act."

(No. 9) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."

(No. 26) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."

(No. 32) An Act to amend the "Land Act."

(No. 33) An Act respecting certain Railway Subsidy Lands repurchased by the Crown.

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

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

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

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

1. How many cords of wood were contracted for by the Government Agent at Quesnel for the Quesnel Court-house for the winter of 1919-20?

2. To whom was the contract awarded, and at what price per cord?

3. Were any tenders called for this wood?

4. Has the amount contracted for been delivered?

5. If not, how many cords have been delivered?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1 to 5. The Government Agent at Quesnel reports as follows: 'I advertised for tenders for wood as usual, and accepted on October 29th the only tender received, being from Neil McMillan for fifty cords at \$4.50 per cord. The contractor found it impossible to get wood cut for delivery at that price, and to obtain the supply needed I raised the price to \$5.50 per cord. There are twenty cords still to be delivered. Wood is extremely scarce at present and the current price in Quesnel is \$6.50 to \$8 per cord.'"

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. Burde, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 31st, 1920.

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. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles," 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. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 30th, 1920.

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 to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation 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. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to disincorporate the City of Sandon," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30th, 1920.

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 disincorporate the City of Sandon," 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. K. C. MacDonald presented the First Report from the Agricultural Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 31st, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee had the privilege of meeting on five different occasions representatives of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and representatives of the United Farmers of British Columbia, and receiving from them a number of resolutions with regard to the problems of the agriculturist, which resolutions were thoroughly discussed with the representatives. Your Committee has summarized the result of its deliberations upon the said resolutions and upon the other matters deliberated upon in the following resolution:—

"Whereas in British Columbia there are vast areas of fertile but undeveloped agricultural lands situate in an equable climate:

"And whereas this Province in the year 1919 imported \$22,733,000 of agricultural products, by far the greater portion of which could be grown or produced in the Province of British Columbia:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Committee is in entire accord with the representations made to it by the representatives of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia and by the representatives of the United Farmers of British Columbia, urging upon the Government, through this Committee, the desirability of doing everything within its power by way of encouraging the settlement of our agricultural lands and by way of encouraging agricultural production; and that towards that end this Committee do respectfully urge upon the Government the desirability of considering a substantial increase in the annual appropriation for aiding in land-settlement and agricultural production, and that this Committee present to the Members of the House and of the Government, as legitimate lines along which increased expenditure may be made, the following:—

"(a.) The appointment of district agricultural representatives, bearing in mind, in making such appointment, the absolute necessity of combining in such representatives practical knowledge and tact with expert technical knowledge:

"(b.) The appropriation of such an amount as to make it possible for the Department of Agriculture to supply, through Farmers' Institutes or other well-regulated sources, to agricultural settlers, stumping-powder at a flat price of \$5 per box for land-clearing purposes:

"(c.) The tabulation and distribution, through the Land Settlement Board and through Government Agents, of more accurate information as to unoccupied agricultural lands within reasonable distance of transportation:

"(d.) The continuance and extension of the system of aiding medical practitioners, nurses, and hospitals in rural communities:

"(e.) The establishment of consolidated schools where possible, with a view to the better and more economical education of the youth of rural districts in the Province.

"And be it further Resolved, That this Committee approves the work undertaken by the Land Settlement Board, and urges that the Board be manned and officered with well-qualified and well-paid men, with a view to the extension of the Board's work, particularly in the matters of:—

"(a.) The thorough cruising of desirable agricultural settlement areas:

"(b.) The making available of all information with regard to desirable and unoccupied agricultural lands:

"(c.) The extension of the excellent work already done in connection with the formation of cattle clubs and the supplying of cattle to settlers on terms:

"(d.) The assistance of settlers through clubs or institutes in the purchase and operation of communal machinery, as, for example, ditching machinery and land-clearing machinery:

"(e.) The encouragement of silo-building:

“(f.) Generally in such other respects as may conduce to greater agricultural settlement and production.

“And, further, that this Committee disapprove of the introduction generally throughout the Province of daylight-saving.

“And, further, that the Committee draw to the attention of the Government the necessity of devising a more adequate method of exterminating noxious weeds which the Committee find in certain portions of the Province becoming a serious menace.

“And, further, that this Committee respectfully draw to the attention of the Government the desirability, in the interests of both producers and consumers, of urging upon the Federal authorities the placing of the interior lake transportation systems and the coastwise transportation systems under the control of the Railway Commission as to transportation rates.

“And, further, that it is desirable to evolve a policy which will compel the logging of timber lands adjacent to agricultural settlement in priority to timber lands more remotely situated with respect to settlement.

“And, further, that this Committee respectfully call to the attention of the Government the rapidly increasing menace to white agricultural settlers as a result of the purchase and lease by the Orientals of land, and in connection with the said menace the Committee draws attention to the following facts:—

“(a.) That it is universally agreed that the Oriental race will not assimilate with the Caucasian race:

“(b.) That substantial areas of our agricultural lands are daily passing under the control of Orientals to such an extent as to cause distinct alarm among the white agriculturists and danger to the Province:

“(c.) That the treaty with Japan with respect to immigration expires in the year 1923, and a year's notice of its denunciation by Canada is necessary:

“(d.) That it is desirable that steps be taken immediately to gather complete and accurate data as to the extent of Oriental land-control, with a view to the bringing of the said data to the attention of the Federal authorities, together with the views of the people of the Province of British Columbia.

“And, further, that the Committee draw to the attention of the Department of Health that representations have been made to it that the sanitary laws of the Province are not being observed by the Oriental population in and adjacent to some of the larger centres of population in the Province.

And, further, that the Committee draw to the attention of the Government the banking monopoly which exists in Canada, and which renders our banking system of little value in making available funds for use in the increase of agricultural production; and that the Committee suggest that in the interests of both industrial and agricultural production it is desirable that the Government very seriously consider the possibility of undertaking the handling of the savings of the people of the Province, with a view to putting the same in circulation in a manner that will conduce to greater production.”

And your Committee respectfully requests that its report may be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.

K. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 31st March, 1920.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 31st, 1920.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 31st, 1920.

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 'Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal 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. *Pattullo* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 31st, 1920.

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. 76) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915," 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.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL.

Progress reported.

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 12.33 a.m.

Thursday, 1st April, 1920.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the House of the death of Mr. *Thornton Fell*, K.C., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, it was *Resolved*,—
That out of respect to the memory of the late Clerk the House do now adjourn until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1920.

The House then adjourned at 2.05 p.m.