

Wednesday, April 3rd, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. W. Hardy.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1947.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1947.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1947.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$149,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1947.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,712 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1947.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,580 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1947.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1947.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$575,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants *re* "Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act," to 31st March, 1947.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Aid to School Districts, to 31st March, 1947.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children, to 31st March, 1947.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests, to 31st March, 1947.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$245,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Services, to 31st March, 1947.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1947.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1947.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference, to 31st March, 1947.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$352,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1947.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1947.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Direction and Supervision, to 31st March, 1947.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1947.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$96,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Libraries, to 31st March, 1947.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1947.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1947.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$845,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1947.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1947.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* on March 27th on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the collection of tolls on certain bridges, ferries, and roads in British Columbia acts as a deterrent to travel and places an added financial burden on those transporting produce and goods:

And whereas the greater utilization, development, and enjoyment of Provincial resources would be accelerated by removal of tolls:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss the entire situation relative to tolls:

And be it further Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole discuss the advisability of recommending to the Government consideration of early executive action to remove tolls from bridges, ferries, and roads owned or controlled by the Province.

*Honourable Members*,—I have given consideration to the point of order raised with respect to motion No. 3, standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

On a number of occasions motions for the setting-up of a Special Committee or that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss certain matters have been held in order on the ground that the terms of the motion were such as to give the Committee a wide discretion and to preclude the Speaker from assuming that the Committee would present a report which would itself be out of order. Examples will be found in Speakers' Decisions, Volume II., page 25, and Volume III., page 55. I agree with those decisions and followed them myself in a decision which will be found in Speakers' Decisions, Volume III., page 80.

Where, however, the Committee, in complying with the order of reference, would necessarily bring in a report interfering with the policy of the Government, entailing public expenditure or interfering with Crown prerogatives, the motion for the Committee is out of order.

The motion under review reads in part as follows: "And be it further Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole discuss the advisability of recommending to the Government consideration of early executive action to remove tolls from the bridges, ferries, and roads owned and controlled by the Province."

This is, in effect, an instruction to the Committee as to the nature of the recommendation to be made by the Committee to the Government. Such a recommendation would deal with Government policy and would affect Crown revenues. In my opinion the motion is out of order under earlier decisions to be found in Speakers' Decisions, Volume I., page 63; Volume II., pages 35 and 60; and Volume III., pages 64, 68, and 81.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. H. E. Winch appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

On the question being put to the House, the Chair was sustained.

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What is the average cost of discovering a case of tuberculosis on first examination?
2. What is the average cost of discovering a case of tuberculosis requiring sanatorium treatment?
3. What is the average cost of sanatorium treatment of a tubercular patient?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1. The cost of examining an individual through the mass X-ray surveys is 22 cents. This initial examination separates the negative case from those that are not negative. The 'not negative' group goes to a diagnostic clinic for detailed study and final diagnosis. The average cost of examination in a diagnostic clinic is \$1.99. In the search for tuberculosis other conditions of the chest are noted incidentally and reported through the diagnostic clinics. Taking only the cases of tuberculosis discovered through X-ray surveys and finally diagnosed in the diagnostic clinics of the Division of Tuberculosis Control the average cost to find a case of tuberculosis in the fiscal year 1944-45 was \$105.85.

"2. Of those cases of tuberculosis that are diagnosed through X-ray surveys and diagnostic clinics approximately 50 per cent. require sanatorium care. The other 50 per cent. are in a stage that is apparently healed or it is deemed satisfactory to follow them up through out-patient clinics. Thus the cost to discover a case of tuberculosis

requiring sanatorium care is approximately twice the cost of finding all cases, namely, \$216.56.

"3. This question is somewhat difficult to answer without considerable explanation. The cost of treating a case of tuberculosis depends upon the stage at which the disease is found and the location of the disease in the patient's body. Referring strictly to pulmonary tuberculosis, taking the basis of the average length of stay of a patient multiplied by the *per capita* cost the average cost is \$1,116.79. This is not a true basis for calculating the cost of treating a particular case, but does give an average picture. Some cases, however, require shorter sanatorium care and others much longer. Some cases following discharge break down and are readmitted. Cases with pneumothorax may be discharged early and receive treatment as out-patients. A more advanced case may require prolonged sanatorium care ending in complicated surgical procedures, costing a considerable amount. Various attempts have been made to estimate the average cost in this regard and a compilation of analyses has shown that a minimal case costs between \$1,200 and \$1,500, a moderately advanced case, approximately \$2,000, and a far advanced case up to \$5,000."

Mrs. *Rolston* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. How many schools in Vancouver provide hot lunches for the children?
2. How much more would it cost the Province—(a) in specially trained teachers, (b) in nursing service, (c) in transportation, and (d) in equipment for rooms—if all children of 2 years and up to 6 were admitted to school?

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

"1. Eighteen.

"2. The Department is not in possession of the details necessary to make an accurate estimate of the cost. Vancouver City has made an investigation on the basis of 80 per cent. of the births during the years 1941 to 1944 inclusive. It would involve a total of 16,700 additional pupils. To accommodate this additional enrolment the capital expenditure necessary would be \$8,000,000 and operating costs would approximate \$4,000,000 a year. The total cost of education in Vancouver City alone would be doubled. The total number in this age-group in the Province as a whole is approximately 70,000, so that the total costs involved in the Province would be approximately four times the Vancouver cost."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 1946.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,045 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1947.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$157,170 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1947.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1947.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1947.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance, to 31st March, 1947.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1947.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, grants, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Exhibition Association, to 31st March, 1947.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1947.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1947.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1947.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1947.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1947.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dominion-Provincial Emergency Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1939,' and to make other Provisions" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Change of Name Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 3rd, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Several meetings of this Committee were duly held.

The executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeared before the Committee and presented amendments to the "Municipal Act," as requested by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Further proposed amendments were submitted by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Interested parties were given a hearing, after which a number of amendments were approved and will, in due course, be submitted to this Legislature for enactment.

The Municipal Department also submitted proposed amendments to the "Village Municipalities Act" and those approved will be submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for their assistance and advice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Putnam, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Carson, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by a committee representing the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes; to discuss matters affecting the dairy industry; to call representatives of the British Columbia agrologists, members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, and such other Department officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province; and to report its findings to this House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.43 p.m.

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Thursday, April 4th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. L. W. McLean.

The Hon. Mr. Hart announced that the Hon. Mr. Wismer, second member for Vancouver Centre Electoral District, had been sworn in as Attorney-General and would immediately take over the duties of that Department.



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

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

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act regarding Provisions for the Granting of Assistance to the Beef Cattle Producers in the Province."

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 4th, 1946.*

*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 'Veterans' Land Settlement Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 4th, 1946.*

*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 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 4th, 1946.*

*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 'Municipal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

## REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 4th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" as referred to this Committee by Order of the House on March 15th, 1946, was duly considered by the Committee.

The Committee reports favourably upon the principle of the Bill and recommends that the Bill be proceeded with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Kennedy* presented the Report of the Forest Service for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

1. Has any work been carried out on Great Central Lake Road since March 31st, 1945?

2. If yes, what was the nature of the work undertaken?

3. What was the cost of such work?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Grading, gravelling, ditching, widening, and bituminous surfacing; total cost, \$13,114.38.”

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

1. What work, if any, was carried out on the Tofino-Ucluelet Road since March 31st, 1945?

2. If yes, what was the nature of the work undertaken?

3. What was the amount of money expended on such work?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Grading, gravelling, ditching, and replacing various bridges with cement pipe culverts and fills; total cost, \$4,931.18.”

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

1. Since April 1st, 1945, has any work been done on Beaver Creek Road in the Alberni Electoral District?

2. If yes, what was the nature of the work undertaken?

3. What was the cost of such work?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Grading, gravelling, ditching, and bituminous surfacing; total cost, \$11,652.16.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

Friday, April 5th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act’” be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

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

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

- Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act.'"
- Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Veterans' Land Settlement Act.'"
- Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"
- Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act.'"
- Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"
- Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"
- Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Enforcement in British Columbia of Maintenance Orders made in England and Northern Ireland and other Parts of His Majesty's Dominions and Protectorates and vice versa" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the District of Burnaby" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act regarding Provisions for the Granting of Assistance to the Beef Cattle Producers in the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Corsbie*, the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1946.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

1. Section 12 (of the Bill)—

Amend paragraph (i.) of clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 57 of the principal Act by inserting after "grades," in the first line, the words "of cedar, cypress, fir, spruce, pine, and cottonwood."

2. Section 12 (of the Bill)—

Further amend said clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 57 of the principal Act by inserting the following as paragraph (ii.):—

"(ii.) Upon No. 1 and No. 2 grades of hemlock as specified in the table in the Schedule, if cut upon lands situate within the Vancouver Forest District, west of the Cascade Mountains, as established by notice in the Gazette of August ninth, 1923, one dollar and fifty cents per thousand feet board-measure and one dollar per thousand feet board-measure respectively or, alternatively, one dollar per one hundred cubic feet and sixty-five cents per one hundred cubic feet respectively, and if cut upon lands situate within the Prince Rupert Forest District, west of the Cascade Mountains as established by notice in the Gazette of August ninth, 1923, one dollar and twenty-five cents and ninety cents per thousand feet board-measure respectively or, alternatively, eighty-five cents and sixty cents per hundred cubic feet respectively."

3. Section 12 (of the Bill)—

Renumber the present paragraph (ii.) of clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 12 of the Bill as paragraph (iii.).

4. New section 22 (to be inserted in the Bill as section 22)—

Amend Bill (No. 19) by inserting the following as section 22:—

“22. Section 99 is amended by adding to subsection (1) the words ‘or any peat or shrub lands.’”

5. Renumbering—

Renumber all the sections of Bill (No. 19) accordingly.

6. Section 22 (of the Bill as numbered at present)—

Amend section 22 by striking out subsection (9) and substituting the following:—

“(9.) The number of acres in the area involved in subsections (7) and (8) shall be determined by the Deputy Minister.”

7. Section 26 (of the Bill as numbered at present)—

Section 26 of the Bill is struck out.

8. Section 33 (of the Bill as numbered at present)—

Strike out section 33.

9. New section 36 (but the number will depend on the renumbering)—

Said chapter 102 is amended by adding the following as section 162:—

“162. Where this Act empowers the Deputy Minister or any officer of the Forest Service to make any decision or determination there shall be an appeal from the decision or determination to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

10. Section 36 (of the Bill as numbered at present)—

Amend Bill (No. 19) by striking out section 36 and substituting the following:—

“36. The table of grades of timber in the Schedule is amended by adding the following:—

“HEMLOCK.

“No. 1.—Logs 16 feet and over in length, 26 inches and over in diameter, that will cut out 50 per centum or over of their scaled contents in No. 2 clear, B, or better grade of lumber, and that are free from spiral grain or twist to the extent of a variation of not more than 1 inch per lineal foot for logs 35 inches in diameter and under, and not more than 1½ inches per lineal foot for logs 36 inches in diameter and over for the entire length of the log.

“No. 2.—Logs not less than 20 inches in diameter and not less than 16 feet in length that will cut out 65 per centum or over of their scaled contents in merchantable or better grade of lumber or 20 per centum or better of a clear grade of lumber with only slight spiral grain or twist in logs 20 inches to 25 inches in diameter, logs 26 inches to 35 inches in diameter, not over 1 inch per lineal foot, and logs 36 inches in diameter and over, not over 1½ inches per lineal foot for the entire length of the log.

“No. 3.—Logs lower in grade than No. 2, suitable for the manufacture of pulp and lumber.

“Logs containing less than 50 per centum of their gross scale in sound wood content shall be graded No. 3.

“Culls.—Logs containing less than one-third of their gross scale in sound wood content shall be classed as culls.”

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*April 5th, 1946.*

*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 'Health Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*April 5th, 1946.*

*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 respecting the Department of Health and Welfare," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gargrave*:—

1. How many liquor permits were issued by the Liquor Control Board for 1945?
2. How many liquor permits were issued in the first two months of 1945 and for the first two months of 1946?
3. How much gin was sold by the Liquor Control Board for 1945?

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

1. Have any regulations been passed this year governing the stamping of beaver-pelts before they are placed on the market?
2. If so, who has authority to stamp beaver-pelts under such regulations?

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

“1. Regulations governing the stamping of beaver-pelts were passed on August 2nd, 1945.

“2. Any person authorized by the Game Commission.”

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

1. What action, if any, has been taken to assure that beer-parlour operators serve a uniform glass of beer?
2. If none, is any contemplated?

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

“1. The shape, size, and capacity of glasses used in beer-parlours and the quantity of beer served therein has been the subject of consideration and investigation by the Liquor Control Board for a considerable time. The matter has also been the subject of discussion between the Liquor Commissions of the various Provinces and the British Columbia Hotels Association in as far as British Columbia is concerned. Arrangements have been made to standardize glasses in licensed premises throughout the Province and the glass used will be stamped with the Board's official approval together with a foam line thereon. Production of the glass is now in the hands of the glass manufacturers and it is anticipated that same will be ready for use by June 1st, 1946.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, April 8th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. H. McAllister*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.



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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

*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 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

*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 'Companies Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

*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 Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

*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 5.23 p.m.

**Monday, April 8th, 1946.**

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Colouring of Gasoline for Consumption by Farmers, Fishermen, and other Non-highway Users," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to provide for the Colouring of Gasoline for Consumption by Farmers, Fishermen, and other Non-highway Users," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

*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. 85) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 8th, 1946.*

*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. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 5th, 1946.*

*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. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Canty Gold Mines (Hedley), Limited (N.P.L.)," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 6th, 1946.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Cauty Gold Mines (Hedley), Limited (N.P.L.)," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (N.P.L.)," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 6th, 1946.*

*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 provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (N.P.L.)," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Tuesday next, the 9th instant, and all following days of this Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, as follows: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

What was the sum total revenue received by the Provincial Treasury from mining and smelting operations in the Grand Forks Mining District during the period January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1940, in the way of (a) licences, (b) fees, (c) royalties, and (d) taxation?

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

"Unable to answer question in its present form as revenue accruals are not segregated in accordance with yields by districts, areas, or divisions."

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

1. Have the necessary funds been earmarked or set aside for the Department of Public Works to build an additional ferry between Kelowna and Westbank?
2. If yes, state date that money was made available, stating amount.

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. \$200,000; on February 20th, 1946.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.11 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 9th, 1946.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. H. Kerley*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 19) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Forest Act ’ ” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Public Schools Act ’ ” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Notaries Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act respecting Probation Officers ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Game Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Land Registry Act, ’ ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935, ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921, ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled “ An Act to amend ‘ The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904, ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor having received for assent Bill No. 47, being "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act,'" which passed its third reading on the fifth day of April, 1946, transmits same to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation that the following be added as section 5:—

"5. Said chapter 190 is amended by inserting the following as section 5A:—

"5A. (1.) Where the Board exercises a power conferred upon it by any other Act of the Legislature to permit the working-hours of an employee to exceed the limit prescribed by any law of the Province, the Board may make an order under this Act fixing a minimum wage to be paid for the overtime.

"(2.) In respect of an order made under subsection (1) the following provisions shall apply:—

"(a.) The power exercisable by the Board under subsection (1) may also be exercised by the Chairman of the Board as well as by any person on whom the said power is conferred in writing by the Chairman on the Board's behalf:

"(b.) An order may be made without an inquiry or other formalities:

"(c.) It shall not be necessary to publish the order in the Gazette:

"(d.) The order shall take effect at the time when it is made or other time fixed therein and shall continue to have effect for the time expressed therein:

"(e.) The order shall apply only to those employees in respect of whom overtime has been permitted:

"(f.) An order may be made notwithstanding that a general order has already been made affecting the same employees under section 5:

"(g.) An order may be made notwithstanding that no order has been made under section 5 affecting the group or class of employees or the industry, business, trade, or occupation to which the employees specified in the order belong.

"(3.) Where an overtime rate of pay has been established by union agreement between the employer and employees to whom an order made by the Board under this section applies, the minimum wage prescribed by the Board in such order shall in no case be less than the overtime rate of pay so established."

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.



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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor having received for assent Bill No. 49, being "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act,'" which passed its third reading on the fifth day of April, 1946, transmits same to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation that the following be added as section 4:—

"4. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation, but if no Proclamation has been made before the first day of July, 1946, this Act shall come into operation on that day."

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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 that the Bill be amended in the terms of the said Message.

Resolution and amendment reported.  
Report adopted.  
Bill as amended read a third time and passed.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 1st, 1946.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting the following as subsections (2) and (3) respectively of the new section 29A, and by renumbering the other subsections accordingly:—

"(2.) Every holder of a licence under subsection (1) shall pay to His Majesty for the public uses of the Province a royalty on all kelp and other aquatic plants harvested by the holder of the licence.

"(3.) The royalty payable under subsection (2) shall be in such amount and shall be levied, collected, and paid in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act.'"

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What percentage of the total inmates of Essondale Mental Hospital suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis can be accommodated and cared for in isolation, according to the most recent figures and reports available?

2. What records, if any, are kept of the tuberculosis history of patients admitted to Essondale Mental Hospital?

3. What is the average length of time of residence of mental patients at Essondale before symptoms of cases of tuberculosis are discovered?

4. Are chest X-rays of all patients of the Essondale Mental Hospital taken at regular intervals?

5. If yes, at what intervals?

6. What facilities for sun-bathing will be provided in any new buildings under construction, or to be constructed in the future, at Essondale Mental Hospital?

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

"1. At the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale segregation of female patients suffering from tuberculosis has been made available by setting aside a ward for these active cases. Isolation precautions are carried out and the usual treatment routine

as outlined by the Division of Tuberculosis Control. Less adequate arrangements, due to overcrowding, have been made for the care of tubercular cases on the male side by setting aside a small ward for the treatment of active cases where they are isolated and the customary treatment is carried out. This ward accommodates only fifty-three patients and the beds are full at all times. Owing to the overcrowding of this particular unit it is the policy to accommodate only those cases which are active. Some bed space is urgently needed in this service.

"2. Notice of Tuberculosis Form T.B. 16, the appropriate form, provided by the Provincial Board of Health, is filled out in each and every case giving all the history details of the individual, the date and place of original diagnosis, the stage and development of the disease, and family contacts. Triplicate copies are made of these cards, one going to the Tuberculosis Unit, one to the patient's clinical file, and the other kept with our own tuberculosis records. A card system has been developed within the hospital regarding all cases of tuberculosis on which is abstracted physical examination, patient's weight, and X-ray findings.

"3. The following illustrates the incidence of tuberculosis in relation to length of residence in the hospital:—Diagnosed tubercular on admission: 1944, 14; 1945, 7; and 1946, 1. Diagnosed tubercular one year after admission: 1944, 2; 1945 and 1946, none. Diagnosed tubercular two years after admission: 1944, none; 1945, 2; and 1946, 2. Diagnosed tubercular three or more years after admission: 1944, 17; 1945, 22; and 1946, 15. Total: 1944, 33; 1945, 31; and 1946, 18.

"4 and 5. All patients admitted to Essondale Mental Hospital have chest X-ray at the time of admission. All patients have chest X-ray annually. This procedure was adopted last year and complete survey has just been completed. All patients have chest X-ray whenever indicated as a diagnostic measure. Patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis are X-rayed every six months or more often if indicated.

"6. All wards with the exception of those which, due to overcrowding, are now in basement and attic quarters are provided with open air grill sun porches to which all patients have access. During the spring, summer, and fall months patients have access to outdoor activities and airing court privileges as their condition permits. The same type of verandah is being provided in new buildings under construction with the exception of the Home for the Aged. No special facilities for sun-bathing other than the above are being provided."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Are there lists of applicants awaiting attention at the Vancouver and Victoria psychiatric clinics?

2. If yes, what is the number awaiting at each clinic and the time estimated to be required to catch up with the waiting-lists?

3. What provision, if any, is being made to ensure in future prompt attention when application is made?

4. What provision, if any, is being made to provide adequate psychiatric clinical facilities at other major populated centres throughout the Province?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The Vancouver Clinic is booked up until May 31st except for special appointment times allotted to the Boys' Industrial, the Girls' Industrial, the Juvenile and Family Courts, adult probation services, and the Children's Aid Societies. There are over and above this twenty-five names of patients on the emergency list and which will take six weeks when we have the second psychologist vacancy on the present staff filled. The Victoria Clinic is booked up until June 26th except for three appointment

vacancies kept for emergencies. In addition there are seven in the Victoria area who need appointments.

"3. It is preferred that appointments should be two weeks in advance; this tends to assist in more careful selection of patients coming to the clinic. As soon as personnel become available it is planned to have two psychiatric teams stationed in Vancouver and one in Victoria. A psychiatric team, according to the standard of the American Psychiatric Association, should consist of one psychiatrist, two psychologists, three psychiatric social workers, and one psychiatric social worker who would be on case work as supervisor, plus three clerical help.

"4. It is planned that centres on Vancouver Island at Duncan, Nanaimo, Courtenay, and Port Alberni will be visited by the psychiatric team stationed permanently in Victoria. It is planned to have a travelling psychiatric team visit on the regular schedule throughout the mainland. Clinics have already been held in New Westminster, Chilliwack, Penticton, and Vernon. Arrangements have already been completed for a visit to Kamloops. It must be emphasized that up to the present these visits have been of one day's duration only, but, in spite of this, there has been a marked response and numerous requests from interested groups such as teachers, Public Health departments, Social Assistance workers, and private doctors, etc., have been received. The nature of the work requires a great deal of organization and consultive service for the senior psychiatrist and the Provincial Supervisor of psychiatric social work."

*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 5.49 p.m.

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**Tuesday, April 9th, 1946.**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *R. H. Carson* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 9th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee held four meetings and all requests for information were complied with and several departmental officials were interviewed with regard to the same.

Several Departments applied for permission to destroy accumulating documents as authorized under "Public Documents Disposal Act," chapter 233, R.S.B.C. 1936, and these applications were granted, with a proviso that the Provincial Archivist be allowed to inspect same before disposal.

The King's Printer reported the extreme shortage of paper with indications that the situation would become even more serious. Accordingly, the Committee urged that every precaution be taken to relieve this situation.

Because of the impending retirement of Mr. Charles F. Banfield, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, your Committee desires to express to him their appre-

ciation of his long and faithful service and the efficient organization he has built up during his term of office. Your Committee wishes to extend the hope that he may have many long and happy years left to him to enjoy his well earned and most deserved rest.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mrs. *Hodges* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 9th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education begs leave to report as follows:—

That it has held five meetings and received numerous representations on the matters covered within the terms of reference.

Arthritis.—Your Committee recommends that, in view of the serious social and economic problem involved in the increasing incidence of arthritis and other rheumatoid diseases in Canada, the Provincial Government press the Federal Government for the establishment of the widest research facilities and the gathering together of all available information from all parts of the world as to the causes, treatment, and prevention of these diseases.

Further, that the Provincial Government on its own initiative should take steps to provide more facilities for diagnostic service, to increase facilities in existing hospitals for the more advanced methods of treatment for both indoor and outdoor patients, and the development of rest homes at suitable locations where all sound measures to help arthritis might be applied.

Cancer.—Your Committee would also recommend the earliest possible extension of the Provincial Health Department's programme to educate the public as to the imperative need for early diagnosis of cancer by the dissemination of information through the medium of trained local personnel and travelling consultants, as well as by means of bulletins and other material.

Salacious Literature.—It having been disclosed to your Committee that news-stands are obliged—under their contracts—to accept a certain percentage of magazines which your Committee feels can only be defined as salacious and harmful, many of which are published in Toronto and Montreal, your Committee recommends that, in the interests of youth and decency, the Provincial Government should strongly impress upon the Federal authorities the immediate need for a closer supervision and stricter censorship of all such magazines produced in Canada, particularly of the various sex, crime, romance, and adventure periodicals.

Sordid Films.—Your Committee is also of the opinion that the recent showing of certain sordid films in this Province calls for a tightening of the censorship in British Columbia as a protection for our young people, together with a stricter classification of all films coming into this Province, and therefore recommends that immediate steps be taken to this end.

Furthermore, believing that the final answer to many of these problems lies in the creation of healthy minds in healthy bodies, your Committee would recommend that the House urge the Provincial Government to lend every possible encouragement to the establishment and development of community centres, and the greater use of

school buildings for recreational, physical education, and other leisure-time purposes under the leadership of trained personnel.

Blind Pensions.—Your Committee also recommends that this House ask the Government to make strong representation at the forthcoming Dominion-Provincial Conference on behalf of blind persons urging the Federal authorities to increase their pensions to a standard more commensurate with their serious handicap and the present high cost of living, and to reduce the age of qualification to twenty-one years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NANCY HODGES, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pharmacy Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Poll Tax Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Abbotsford School District Act’ and Amending Acts.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936,’ and Amendment Act.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 90) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Village Municipalities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act.’”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General’s Office, to 31st March, 1947.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1947.



29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1947.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,845 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1947.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,016 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1947.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1947.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1947.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238,435 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1947.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,085 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1947.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$976,670 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1947.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$254,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1947.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$281,155 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1947.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1947.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1947.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1947.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1947.

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46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1947.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders, to 31st March, 1947.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 9th, 1946.*

*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. 92) intituled "An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *LeBourdais* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 9th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—  
Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly to consider specific matters connected with the agricultural industry, held five sittings.

The Government's land-clearing scheme was fully discussed with Mr. William MacGillivray, Director of the Land-clearing Branch, and it was suggested that when an application for land-clearing is accepted terms required for payment of land-clearing under the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act" shall be arranged between the land-owner and the Committee hereafter named and may be spread over any period but not in excess of ten years, such arrangement to be subject to the approval of the Director.

The advisory board of Farmers' Institutes presented to our Committee eleven resolutions dealing with the following: Stumping-powder, cancer clinic, dental services in remote areas, school taxes, working out taxes, old-age pensions, system of land tenure, Christmas trees, Adams River power development, the fish reduction plant in Central British Columbia, and one dealing with the "Motor-vehicle Act."

The stumping-powder resolution requesting increase of rebates to twenty cases in any one fiscal year was approved, as also was the one urging the setting-up of free cancer clinics, the working-out of taxes, the Adams River power development, payment of adequate old-age pensions, fish reduction plants, and the appointment of additional District Agriculturists. It was recommended that a committee be set up to investigate all phases of the proposed agricultural schools, while the holding of travelling dental clinics in remote areas of the Province was strongly approved. The resolution asking for specific action with regard to fertilizers was referred to the Provincial Fertilizers Board and the one requesting greater consideration in the matter of granting Christmas tree permits was sent to the Forestry Committee and the resolution respecting the movement of trailers and tractors hauling agricultural machinery was recommended to the officials responsible for the administration of the "Motor-vehicle Act." Only the resolutions dealing with school taxes and land tenure systems were tabled or not recommended.

At one session of our Committee the specific question of dealing with an "Agrologists Act" and another Bill known as the "Creamery Act" was thoroughly canvassed and it was decided that both of these Bills should be withheld. It was moved and seconded that the proposed Bill requested by the agrologists be held over for further study and resubmitted to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture at the next Session, and it was further recommended that the outline of this Bill be referred, during the course of the year, to recognized farm bodies throughout the Province. The Act for the regulation of creameries and dairies was referred to recognized farm bodies for further consideration during the year.

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture at one of its sessions received a report from the Agricultural Production Committee relative to its activities in the past and its intentions with respect to promoting agricultural production for the current year. This committee, which is composed of the chiefs of the several branches, has done excellent work in keeping the public informed and advising farmers on agricultural needs.

Your Committee wishes to commend them for their work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS LEBOURDAIS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Upon completion of the Pine Pass Highway will licensing of commercial cars, trucks, and buses wishing to operate on this road be restricted to certain companies?
2. If yes, what companies?

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

"1. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is considering a proposal to place buses on this highway.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.22 p.m.